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Visitors move in

By Caroline Hammat

Local accommodation providers are experiencing an increase in visitor numbers in response to recent flood waters impacting towns along the Murray River.

Caravan parks and motels in Beachport, Southend and Millicent have been steadily booked out since Christmas with any vacancies becoming available reserved quickly.

Jules Taylor has been working the desk at the Beachport Caravan Park and Motor Inn during the busy time.

"We are totally booked out since Boxing Day and probably through to near the end of January" Ms Taylor said.

"We've got the odd free night here or there but not for a couple of nights stay or anything like that.

"The Motor inn is fully booked and again there is an odd night here and there up until that Australia Day holiday."

Manager of the Wattle Range Council owned Southern Ocean Tourist Park Heidi Prouse said they too had been booked out.

"We've been extremely busy, since pre-Christmas numbers were high, and then fully booked out," she said.

"We may have a few spots here and there and then after VACSWIM week we see some holes in the system."

Southend Tourist Park and bush camp also owned by WRC has been busy with bookings as well.

Caroline Hill, Wattle Range Council (WRC) Manager Community Development, said it had been "flat out."

"As soon as one site is empty there is another one backing in to it quite quickly," she said.

"There is a lot of people from Victoria and return guests coming back.

"But there are lots of new faces and really young families making the most of the area as well.



Jules Taylor greets Victorian visitors Darragh Loftus and Tamara Day who were lucky to secure the last remaining vacancy at the Beachport Caravan Park Saturday afternoon.

"Many said they have come this way because they can't go to the Murray River and that's what is being reflected from staff at the visitor information centres (VIC).

"The Southend bush camp has been packed,

there are lots of groups and families making the most of that and commenting on the great work that's been done there.

Feedback from local VIC's has shown 4 wheel driving and local walking trails have

been popular. Interest is coming from people who have not been to the region before and are only now discovering what it has to offer, with many expected to return in the future

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Glamping progress

By Aidan Curtis

A Proposal to turn Port MacDonnell's Dingley Dell Conservation Park into a tourist hotspot and events space is moving forward.

Coonawarra Bush Holiday Park owner Steven Moignard gained council approval for the proposal after appearing before the Limestone Coast Southern Regional Assessment Panel.

The plans include turning the site into a camping and events facility alongside the historic museum site, adding 20 glamping tents, camping amenities, an activity centre and an outdoor events space.

Mr Moignard said the meeting with the panel went really well, but he was quite nervous going into it.

"They [meetings] can be a fairly hostile sort of thing because you've got whoever doesn't want a project to go ahead - generally neighbours or people who feel personally affected by a proposal," he said.

"They get the chance to raise any objections that they want and you've got to point them in the direction of the solutions or defences to those objections.

"We did all that, everyone had their chance to have their say, and the members voted three to one in favour of approving the Dingley Dell proposal with added conditions about the events."

Mr Moignard said one of the main issues raised in the proposal came from the events, and the panel approved with conditions including a cap on the number of events per year and the need for a community event management plan.

"It's still a highly conditional development proposal; the consents are there, but you can see a very, very long list of things we have to comply with in order for the development to proceed," he said.

"I'm glad we've got to this stage and I'm really looking forward to the final bits of paper from the government so we can start actually ordering things and start working on some of the marketing and online stuff."

It was not all smooth sailing for Mr Moignard, though, with plenty of vocal opposition to the proposal during the meeting with the panel.



The National Bank closed in 2008 and the State Heritage Listed building is now as a residence.

Banking on Penola as regional centre

In association with State Heritage, Penola's branch of National Trust SA has developed a mobile phone app called SA Heritage, to enable people to learn more about historic sites within Penola on self guided tours.

The following is one of the subjects from this app.

NATIONAL BANK

The potential for Penola to become the centre of the South East of South Australia was recognised in the late 1850s and early 1860s.

In September 1859, the National Bank, being then less than a year old, resolved to open branches at Robe and neighbouring towns.

But their intentions became known, and the rival SA Banking Company secretly chartered the steamer "Ant" in Adelaide and despatched her down the coast with staff and bank furniture on board.

As soon as the National Bank realised that it had been forestalled, it retaliated.

The new overland telegraph from Adelaide

to Melbourne had just been laid through Robe, and the bank wired its supporters there that it would be opening as soon as possible.

Quickly, the Adelaide chairman of the bank, Abraham Scott, a wiry little figure with a long black moustache, rode overland in the coach to Robe, followed by staff with safes and cash and ledgers.

They arrived only a few days after the steamer had landed the men of the rival bank.

They had not yet lost the race. On Sept 8, 1859, the National Bank opened at Robe.

After two days in the saddle, visiting properties on the way, Scott reached Penola, then a straggling village of stone houses and wooden huts.

He persuaded the storekeeper and postmaster, Allan Clark Coleman, to act as agent of the National Bank at 50 pounds a year.

The opening of the town's first bank was a noteworthy event.

In 1865 the bank converted the Penola agency into a full branch, and not long afterwards erected this spacious two-storey building of local stone.

The top storey was the manager's residence. Tragedy occurred in 1875 when a servant girl Margaret Balfour lost her life in a fire lighting accident.

Although later described as aboriginal in The Penola Pennant of October 30 1958, she was indeed Scottish.

Margaret was the 1st cousin three times removed of Margaret Hume, who visited the Local History Centre in recent years.

The National Bank offered a complete banking service for all sections of the community until it closed in 2008.

Purchased privately following the departure of the last resident manager, this State Heritage Listed building remains as a residence.



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Andrew Lesslie, representing the Millicent Community Builders, presented the cheque to IMAG group members Sandra Melrose, Steph Barton, Chris Hollingsworth and Lisa Braes.

Boost for Millicent murals

By Caroline Hammat

A local arts group have become the recipient of a generous donation from the Millicent Community Builders (MBC) group who decided to fold the organisation 12-18 months ago due to ageing membership.

After discussing what to do with their remaining funds, some of which was sitting in a term deposit, MBC members decided to donate the money to the Imagine Millicent Arts Group (IMAG).

Andrew Lesslie, representative of the MCB, said they wanted to keep funds local.

"We chose IMAG because we wanted to do something that was in the town. The money came from the town so it stays in the town," he said.

The MCB were active for around 15 years and in that time greened many areas around Millicent.

"We did Mr Foster's trees on the corner of Davenport and Glen Streets, the roses at the roundabout, two lots of trees at the football and cricket ovals and tree planting with kids out on Lossie Road."

IMAG group members, Sandra Melrose, Chris Hollingsworth, Steph Barton and Lisa Braes were delighted with the donation which totalled just over \$10,000.

"We are so grateful that we have this money behind us, we just want to give back to the community" Ms Melrose said.



Mike Makatron and Conrad Bizjak completed their brightly coloured parrot mural on the side of TDH Partners in 2021.

"We certainly acknowledge the community builders, because every year we scramble for money and to have this is a very kind and generous thing."

Ms Hollingsworth said "It gives us a bit of security, we will still continue fundraising but before we were fundraising from this base level, now it is going to be a lot easier."

The latest injection of funds will go toward a large mural planned for the rear wall of the Ignition Fitness yard being painted by Mike Makatron and Conrad Bizjak.

IMAG has recently secured a \$5,000 grant from Stand Like Stone toward the project and Ignition Fitness owners Adam Weise and Roxanne Wallis were successful in their application for a Wattle Range Council (WRC) grant.

The \$5,000 WRC Public Art on Private Assets grant is one of two recently granted with the other successful applicant Beachport Brewing Co.

Recipients of the grant are obligated to match the funding provided by WRC and fit the wind and water theme promoted by council. A mentoring component will be part of the contract undertaken by Mr Makatron and Mr Bizjak.

"At this stage we don't know how the mentoring will be done, whether we get students or local artists, we really don't know until Mike gets back to us to confirm some details" Ms Hollingsworth said.

The Ignition Fitness wall will be the third IMAG mural for Millicent painted by Mr Makatron and the second for Mr Bizjak.

The Melbourne based duo previously collaborated on the brightly coloured parrot mural on the side of TDH Partners in George Street and Mr Makatron is the artist responsible for the Beehive mural on the Ducky's Surf building.

Floodwaters along the Murray send tourists south

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"Our (VIC) staff were run off their feet with all the guests coming in, there's been lots of interest in the region" Ms Hill said.

"One VIC staff member reported, in his 15 years in Beachport, it is the busiest he has ever seen it from Boxing Day until now.

"Beachport has felt the impact of huge visitor numbers with local businesses saying it is fantastic to see and the numbers here are still very good.

Millicent caravan parks and motels have also found themselves booked out over the previous two or three weeks.

Lakeside Caravan Park manager Derek Sparkes has had to turn away tourists recently but they are finally seeing a slowing down of bookings.

The nearby Lakeside takeaway shop also run by the Sparkes family has had supply issues causing an unplanned shutdown of the busy store.

"The shop was flat out until we ran out of chips, we've shut the chip shop for a few days" Mr Sparkes said.

"We tried opening with potato cakes but people want chips."

Mr Sparkes was expecting 10 boxes of fro-

zen chips to arrive on Wednesday and another delivery on Friday in time for the weekend trade.

Alan Withers from Hillview Caravan Park had noticed an influx of Victorian visitors with many choosing the Limestone Coast over the flooded Riverland this year.

"They are looking for a place that's safer to go and they are ok down here" he said.

"We've always had the overflow from the coast but it would be one of our busiest years.

"People are saying they will come back again, they don't realise what we've got until they visit."

Supply issues have not just hampered hot chip supplies with some local fuel outlets running out of Premium, unleaded and diesel in their bowlers for short periods.

A local supermarket ordered double the amount of bread for the New Year in comparison to last year but still sold out by 8.30am.

Many hospitality businesses are reporting their busiest season ever with some restricting opening hours due to being understaffed.

Visitor information centre statistics have shown 815 visitors from outside the region to Beachport and 417 visitors from outside the region have stopped in at the MVIC during the first nine days of 2023.

Beachport market bustling

By Caroline Hammat

Beachport experienced one of their busiest weekends with a record 80 stalls booked for the annual January market.

Crowds flocked to Railway Terrace with traders reporting a successful day in perfect weather conditions.

The Pool of Siloam duck race held that afternoon sold a record breaking 1634 plastic ducks before the race.

It is the first time in 22 years of running the event that the Beachport District Development Association (BDDA) sold out of all ducks on hand. The popular Beachport Lions donut van, parked on the foreshore, is always busy at this time of year and members are grateful for the extra support from Kangaroo Inn Area School students, taking pressure of Lions club members to manage the van.

Students from the school, in partnership with a parent, are helping to sell donuts.

In return for the support a donation will be made by the Lions club toward the school's 2024 camp.

Beachport Rivoli Bay Lions Club member Damien Green said it was a good partnership.

"It's working very well and the kids are really enjoying it, I think the parents are getting a fair bit out of it too, it's a bit of a laugh," he said.

The Jetty to Jetty run also went ahead on market day with 30 runners taking on the 18km Southend to Beachport challenge.

Organiser of the sand run event, Brad Tilley, said about half of the participants walked the track and the other half ran, with the fastest time going to Owen Williams from Lake Leake who finished the course in 1 hour, 10 minutes.

Winners of the 2023 duck race were Lotti Crase with her yellow duck the first to cross the finish line, 2nd Kyla Carruthers, 3rd Rhys Fishwick, 4th Damien Green, 5th Hannah Walker, 6th Adalyn Hann, 7th Oscar Slape and 8th Clover.



William and Kate Bradley holidaying from Victoria put their hands up to volunteer at the popular Lions donut van with Damien Green.

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12 January

- Coonawarra Vignerons Cup

14 & 15 January

- Inflatable Obstacle Course - Nangwarry Pool

21 January

- Penola Rodeo

4 & 5 February

- Inflatable Obstacle Course - Millicent Swimming Lake

11 & 12 February

- Inflatable Obstacle Course - Nangwarry Pool

17-19 March

- Penola and Coonawarra Acoustic Music Gathering

8 April, 2023

- Beachport Easter Market Day

REGULAR EVENTS

Every Monday

- Senior Citizens, Millicent RSL
- Yoga at Beachport
- Ukulele classes at Penola RSL
- National Karate Academies, Penola Primary School Hall
- Millicent Choral Society practice, High School music room
- Penola Lions Bus to Mount Gambier
- Leggo's Boxing Training, Penola Basketball Stadium

Every Tuesday

- Red Cross Community Shuttle from Millicent to Mount Gambier
- Yoga at Millicent, Community Learning Centre
- Dance to Keep Fit, Beachport
- Millicent Men's Shed
- Melody's Performing Arts classes, Rymill Hall, Penola
- South East Junction Activities

Every Wednesday

- St Mary's Op Shop, Penola
- Millicent Art & Craft Group, Pottery



- Penola Men's Shed
- Social Bowls, Penola
- Ladies only Burlesque classes, Nangwarry
- Social tennis, Penola
- Fun exercise classes, Millicent Uniting Church
- Leggo's Boxing Training, Penola Basketball Stadium
- South East Junction Activities
- Cards at Beachport Cinema
- Lions Club of Wattle Range Lioness Bookshop, 47 George Street, Millicent

Every Thursday

- St Mary's Op Shop, Penola
- Seniors Online, Millicent Library
- Craft at Beachport Cinema
- Millicent Men's Shed
- Ladies only Burlesque classes, Nangwarry
- Red Cross shuttle from Millicent to Mount Gambier
- Beachport Ukulele Group
- Indoor Social Bowls, Millicent Uniting Church
- Family connections program, Penola
- Craft at Beachport Cinema
- Beachport Twilight Golf and Twilight Bowls

Every Friday

- Lego Club, Millicent Public Library
- Lions Club of Wattle Range Lioness Bookshop, 47 George Street, Millicent
- St Mary's Op-Shop, Penola
- Seniors Online, Millicent Library
- Penola Bowls women's competition
- Millicent RSL Open

- Fun exercise classes, Millicent Uniting Church
- Dance classes, Penola
- Bar open Coonawarra Community Club

Every Saturday

- Kalangadoo Farmers Market
- St Mary's Op Shop, Penola
- Millicent Art & Craft Group
- Penola Bowls Club men's competition
- Penola Croquet Club
- Aqua aerobics, Penola pool
- Lions Club of Wattle Range Lioness Bookshop @ 47 George Street, Millicent

Every Sunday

- Beachport Ladies Golf Day
- Millicent Men's Shed

2nd Tuesday of the month

- Wattle Range Council meeting, Millicent Council Chambers

First and third Thursday of the month

- Book Club, Millicent Library

2nd & 4th Thursday of the month

- Scribblers Writing workshop, Millicent Library

3rd Tuesday of the month

- Millicent Local History, Library
- Penola Probus Club

Last Friday of the month

- Coonawarra Hall tea night

3rd Sunday of the month

- Beachport Hotel family fun day and jam session

4th Thursday of the month

- South East Family History Group meeting

4th Friday of the month

- Beachport Film Society showing

Last Monday of the month

- Penola Leo Club

Last Tuesday of the month

- Millicent Cancer Support Group meeting

Pup reunited with owners

By Caroline Hammat

The determination and persistence of three children ensured a nine month old golden retriever was reunited with her owners after spending three nights lost in scrubland between Lake George and the coastline.

Lexi and her owners Jesse Truee and Chloe Pitcher from Melbourne were camping with friends near Lake George.

The couple had enjoyed New Years in the same spot last year and decided to return with their new pup.

Expecting fireworks could go off at midnight the couple zipped Lexi in to her own swag.

They returned five minutes later to check on her after a large group of campers nearby set off fireworks.

In that short time Lexi had busted through the canvas swag and bolted.

"We got straight in the cars and basically searched the entire night" Ms Pitcher said.

"It was so hard because everyone was letting off fireworks at that time of night, they kept going and were in multiple different directions."

Unable to find Lexi Ms Pitcher and Mr Truee reached out on social media for help as the temperature climbed into the mid 30's on New Years Day.

The Facebook post went viral with assistance and advice offered from across the state and the couple trying everything suggested.

One man went looking at 11pm hoping to see her eyes in a spotlight, another sent up a drone which found footprints possibly belonging to the dog.

Even Mr Truee's parents from Melbourne and Ms Pitcher's sister and boyfriend from Torquay drove to Beachport to help look for Lexi.

Hampering the search was poor mobile service in the region with the only sighting coming from a Melbourne man who saw the missing dog posts after returning home.

He told the couple Lexi had run through their campsite around midnight on New Years eve and they heard howling at times.

"He sent me the location of their camp spot and we moved to where they were that night to see if we could hear her" Mr Truee said.

"We didn't hear anything so we went back into Beachport."

It was at the point where the couple hadn't slept or eaten properly for three days when two Melbourne families camping near The Bluff at Nora Creina spotted a dog about 5 kilometres from where Lexi had gone missing.

The Herselman and Senekal families had limited mobile service and were completely unaware of the viral social media campaign surrounding the lost dog.

11 year old McKenzie Herselman told The South Eastern Times that it was her dad who first saw the loose dog, with lead and collar attached, on the dunes.

"It was the day we were packing up to go home," McKenzie said.

"I see Lexi is running up the sand dune, she



McKenzie, Alec and Roux ensured Lexi had water and food while waiting for her worried owners to arrive.

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runs around a little mound of trees at the top and then runs behind the forest.

"My dad starts getting very worried about the dog and we see her again about 45 minutes later."

Lexi began to bark at them from the top of the dune and McKenzie and her friend, Roux (9) and younger brother Alec (6) decide to take water and dog treats in an attempt to befriend the dog.

While the parents continued to pack up the campsite the children spent over an hour in the dunes playing a game of cat and mouse with Lexi, who was laying low under bushes hiding.

At one stage McKenzie walked right by her without noticing.

"I almost didn't see her because she was under a bush," McKenzie said.

"When I did see her I froze because she looked so scared and full of fear, I felt really bad for her.

"I quickly get on my knees so I don't look big and scary and I go further away from her.

"I yelled for Roux to tell him I had found her, he comes and also gets on his knees because our parents told us to do that so she doesn't get scared.

The children still did not know the dog's name so used different phrases to try and befriend her.

Lexi responded to the word treats but wouldn't come to them or take any of the snacks thrown toward her and eventually the dog moved further away.

McKenzie's mum, Jeanie Herselman, was worried about the frightened dog and prepared her daughter for the likely possibility of having to leave her in the dunes, assuring her they would alert the ranger of her location once they were within mobile range.

Eventually the children decided there was nothing more they could do and began to head back to camp.

"I look behind and see she starts following us and I look at her name tag and see Lexi so I say 'Hi Lexi'" McKenzie said.

"I let her sniff my hand and immediately she let me pat her so I grabbed her lead.

"I started walking down the dune and my mum says she was really shocked to see me holding her lead."

Ms Herselman had their two Australian bulldogs with them which were put in the car with the air conditioning on so Lexi could come into camp.

After three nights in the scrub, Lexi was dehydrated and drank several bowls of water the children gave her, eventually eating some food.

With one mobile phone between the four adults offering service from the top of a sand dune they could phone Lexi's owners from the number on her collar.

"We were very happy to reunite her, she was so happy to see her family, you could just see they love her immensely" Ms Herselman said.

"I would've had sleepless nights knowing we left a dog in the dunes, so we were really happy to get her back to her family.

"But these kids didn't give up, even after we told them to not get their hopes up they continued trying so we are really proud of them."

Ms Pitcher and Mr Truee received the phone call that Lexi had been found while they were talking to a pet detective about the possibility of getting sniffer dogs and thermal drones out to find her.

"I was going to wait until we had finished with the pet detective but it kept ringing so I answered it and got the news this lady had a



Lexi the nine month old golden retriever camping before going missing for three nights.

hold of Lexi." Mr Truee said.

Ms Pitcher said it was "the best news in the world."

"We just wanted to get there straight away," she said.

The couple praised the children who persevered with Lexi making sure she was safely reunited and are thankful to the Beachport community for the assistance and support they received.

The couple look forward to returning to Beachport in the future with Lexi.



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Cottage gets a spruce-up

Wilson Cottage will soon be inviting visitors to Penola, as the work to turn it into a cozy B&B continues.

The cottage, which is part of the historic Petticoat Lane, is a four-roomed stone cottage built by William Wilson.

It was built after William returned from the goldfields.

The building was donated to the Penola Branch of the National Trust of Australia in 1985, and it was the home of Jill's Vintage for many years.

Now, the house is being carefully renovated to allow for a new lease on life, as a B&B.

Penola National Trust branch secretary Kerry DeGaris said the building was heritage listed, and renovations were being done to keep in line with the heritage of the cottage.

They include the installation of a detached bathroom, and a kitchenette.

"Basically, this will be like what looks like a galvanised iron tank back here, with a little walkway into the bathroom," she said.

The work is being funded through a \$30,000 grant received from the State Government, which was matched by the local branch, and generous donations from locals.

"The intention is that we hope that someone will rent it as a B&B and come and take it over as a business," Ms De Garis said.

"There used to be Jill's Vintage here and before that it was the linen shop, but the days of having an actual shop down Petticoat Lane, is over.

"So we thought 'what can we do with these buildings?'

"Obviously, if you can get a building being used, it's going to be maintained better than it is at the moment, and we acknowledge that.

"If we can generate some income, it just means that we can then put it back into the buildings owned by the Penola National Trust, which is one of our major remits.

Donations for the project are welcome, and



Kerry DeGaris is excited to see work begin on Wilson Cottage.

all donations will be tax deductible.

Please contact The Penola National Trust.

There are three categories - Bronze \$100,

Silver \$250 and Gold \$1,000 and donors will be acknowledged on a plaque to be placed near the cottage.

William Wilson has many descendants in the region, including the Balnaves, Redman and Brand families.

What are you looking forward to most this year?

By Kathy Fennell



Di said living and enjoying life day by day.



Alana said she wants a fresh start and to go on a family holiday, while Bec is looking forward to some creative ideas and meeting new people.



Nicole is looking forward to a return to business without disruption, the return of events and continued visitation to our region.



Ella Hutchesson said I am going to uni this year in Adelaide so I hope 2023 is good to me.

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Nurses quarters upgrade

By Caroline Hammat

A group of dedicated volunteers have put the call out to the community for support in upgrading the Millicent Hospital's nurses quarters.

The building currently offers accommodation for trainee nurses who stay for a six week period while training at the hospital.

Millicent and Surrounds Health Support Group (MASHSG) member, Trevor Sinclair, explained the goal behind the project.

"We need the students nurses to leave Millicent with a really positive impression" he said.

"Even if they just come back to visit that would be a win, if they come back for employment that would be absolutely brilliant.

"Every town is trying to attract medical professionals, doctors and nurses.

"You've got to be up with the field, a point of difference is even better and to make sure people leave here with a positive impression."

The current Millicent Hospital and what was known as the Matrons House opened in 1964.

Over the years the modest accommodation built for the matron has been expanded and become student accommodation for individuals undertaking nursing studies.

The building consists of five bedrooms, one bathroom that includes a single toilet, kitchen, lounge room and study area.

The unit is neat and tidy but in need of a complete overhaul to make it more comfortable and accommodating for five students of mixed gender.

Stage one of the three stage project is underway and concentrates on the student's sleeping quarters with an estimated budget of \$3,000 for each room.

MASHSG and Millicent Hospital Health Advisory Council (HAC) volunteers began



MASHSG volunteers Simone Berry, Trevor Sinclair, Ron Wood and Darryl Looker in the kitchen they plan to upgrade later in the year.

work on the project on December 28, with a group of 10 removing the furniture, gutting the premises and painting walls and doors over three days.

Simone Berry is a MASHSG volunteer and was onsite Tuesday with her sleeves rolled up and paintbrush in hand.

Penola Rodeo back on the calendar after five years

"We believe if you've got somewhere nice to sleep everything else is ok, so we are in the middle of doing stage one at the moment" she said

"The carpets go in today for the five bedrooms but we actually need funds for new furniture.

"Each room will include a study desk, wardrobe, side table, bed, mattress, lamps and

new window furnishings.

"We've painted everything except the kitchen and the bathroom because they are massive jobs and we don't want to touch them until we've got everything ready to roll out."

Stage two of the project is the dining, kitchen and living areas with the group open to the possibility of using a second hand kitchen if one becomes available.

The accommodation is booked continually with the exception of a single two week period later in the year making it available to replace the existing kitchen during that time.

"It will be all hands on deck, we will have the electricians and plumbers lined up" Ms Berry said.

"Everything will be lined up as much as we can because we will only have a week to do it."

"The final stage of the project is the bathroom that will not be started until the end of the year.

"There is a fair bit of work to do there but we have a bit more time, we have about four weeks to do that."

The two volunteer groups are relying on donations of money, labour, services or goods from businesses, service clubs and benefactors to see the project through to fruition.

Initial funding has been secured to commence stage one and South East Property Sales has been the first business to offer financial support with further funds needed to complete the project.

For more details contact Darrell Looker 0436 300 081, Ron Wood 0407 262 728 or Simone Berry 0417 237 025.

Penola Rodeo back on the calendar after five years

By Kathy Fennell

All plans are well in hand for the Penola and district rodeo which is scheduled for Saturday, January 21 at McCorquindale Park, the Penola Showgrounds.

The gates at this hugely popular family event will open at 3pm.

Entry to the public is from the southern gate and security will patrol the whole oval and surrounds and will not hesitate to nab anyone that has not paid the admission fee.

Once the admission fee has been by paid patrons they will be issued with a wrist band.

Rodeo committee President Scott Hetherington said the whole district is pumped to

see another rodeo in the town.

"We haven't had a rodeo for five years due to Covid.

Many kids in the area have never seen a rodeo so they are all very excited," he said.

The event is full catered for with a variety of food available and a bar will be in operation. There will also be a bucking bull in operation for patrons to try their bull riding skills, along with live music.

You can also watch the action on the big screen.

"All we need is a good night weather wise to attract patrons and I think we will have a boomer of a night," Scott said.



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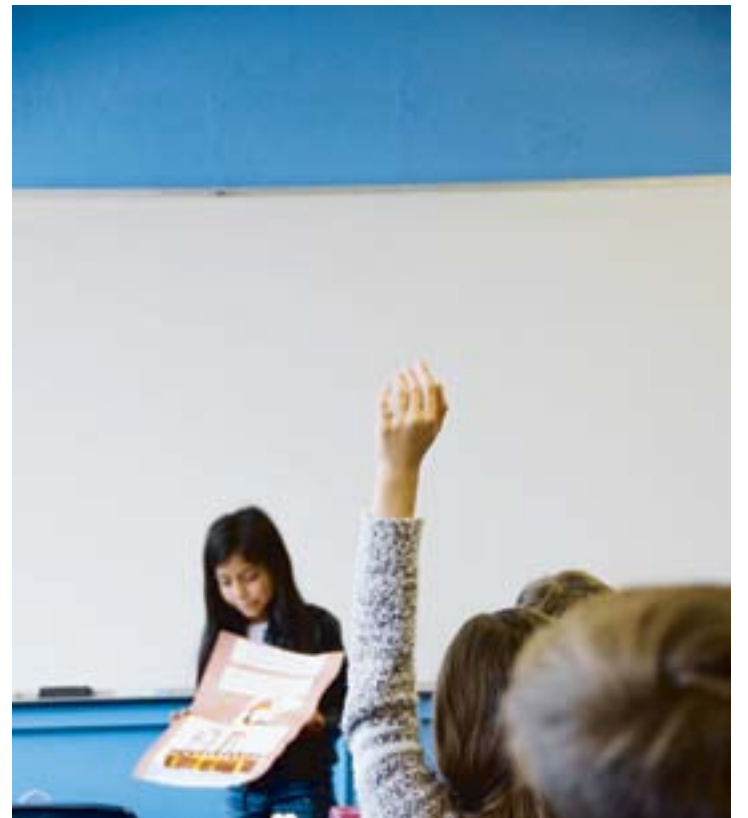
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Ensure back-to-school shopping won't break the bank

Financial Educator and Money Expert Vanessa Stoykov has shared some Back to School Tips.

"As a mum of three boys, I know how challenging shopping for a new school year can be," she said.

"After the holiday season and with more families feeling financial pressure heading into 2023, my advice is to plan ahead, shop online and shop early to make sure you're getting the best deals.

"With a clear plan, you can invest in qual-

ity items that will last the year ahead, while also saving money on supplies we all know kids will inevitably lose, break or wear out!"

Vanessa's tips:

- Buy in bulk when the savings are good. When you see a bargain, it's smart to grab an extra one you know you will need later down the track. Buying on sale and storing it can save you serious dollars in the long run. But remember, it's only good value if you can afford it at the time.
- Buy bigger, so it lasts longer. While it's not

recommended to do with items like shoes, with clothes, it is often smart to go up a size. Kids grow fast, so having slightly baggy uniforms for a little while can pay off.

- Shop online. This will allow you to focus on shopping for the things you need and nothing you don't. When shopping online at BIG W, you can select "Pick up" your order from your local store for no extra fee, saving you both time and money.
- Change your language. Instead of saying, "Do not lose this" to your kids, say some-

thing like... "You've grown up a lot this year. I bet you are going to be so much more careful". Or "You make me so happy when you bring home your lunch box!" Positive language really works to encourage positive behaviour.

- Shop to your values as well as looking for value. What is important to you and your family? Once you cut out the noise of what everyone is doing, it makes spending a lot more targeted. You can look for good value in products that align to you and your kids needs.

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Kaylah Farrell and Bec Clark from Mount Gambier purchasing their ducks for the Pool of Siloam race from Alice Polkinghorne and BDDA member Margaret Bowman.



Jacinta Carr (third left) with Matt, Michaela and Kym Simmons who were visiting for the first time in four years since moving to Uruguay to operate a bed and breakfast.



Nicole Zhao and Adam Lewis from Adelaide soak up the country market atmosphere.

Crowds flock to Beachport

By Caroline Hammat

The weather was perfect for Beachport's annual January market and duck race organised by the Beachport Development District Association.

Crowds flocked to the seaside town to wander through the highest number of market stalls ever lining the streets with traders reporting a successful day.

The Pool of Siloam duck race held later in the afternoon attracted the traditional large crowds who waited patiently for the race to begin.

A new record was set by the fundraiser as 1634 ducks were sold, making it the first time in 22 years the ducks completely sold out.

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Oscar Slape's duck came seventh winning him a wine pack for mum and a Toy Kingdom voucher for himself.



Melbourne visitors Alanah and Karen Calleja with Mindy, Lulu and Archie.



Children swarm into the Pool of Siloam at the end of the race to collect handfuls of plastic ducks to take home.



For 22 years Jeffrey Briggs and Darren Smith have supplied the truck and audio equipment for Beachports annual duck race.

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Nikki Crase with her daughter Lotti whose duck was first to cross the finish line winning her a Mini Jumbuck pack, Di Giorgio wine and a Toy Kingdom voucher.



Georgia, Sara and Meg Gray from Millicent at the Beachport market.



Rivoli Bay Lions club members had the important task of judging first across the line.



Tarsh Bellinger, Steph VanSchaik and Nikki Crase busy keeping up with the children Tessa, Dakota, Immy, Paige and Lotti.



Patiently waiting for the duck race to begin are Matt, Jack and Sophie Sporer, Rylee Wilson and Michelle Robinson.



Duck race organiser Dianne Roach with Ralph Adamo who MC'ed the annual duck race for the 22nd time.



The punt releases a record number of plastic ducks in the lake to start the race.

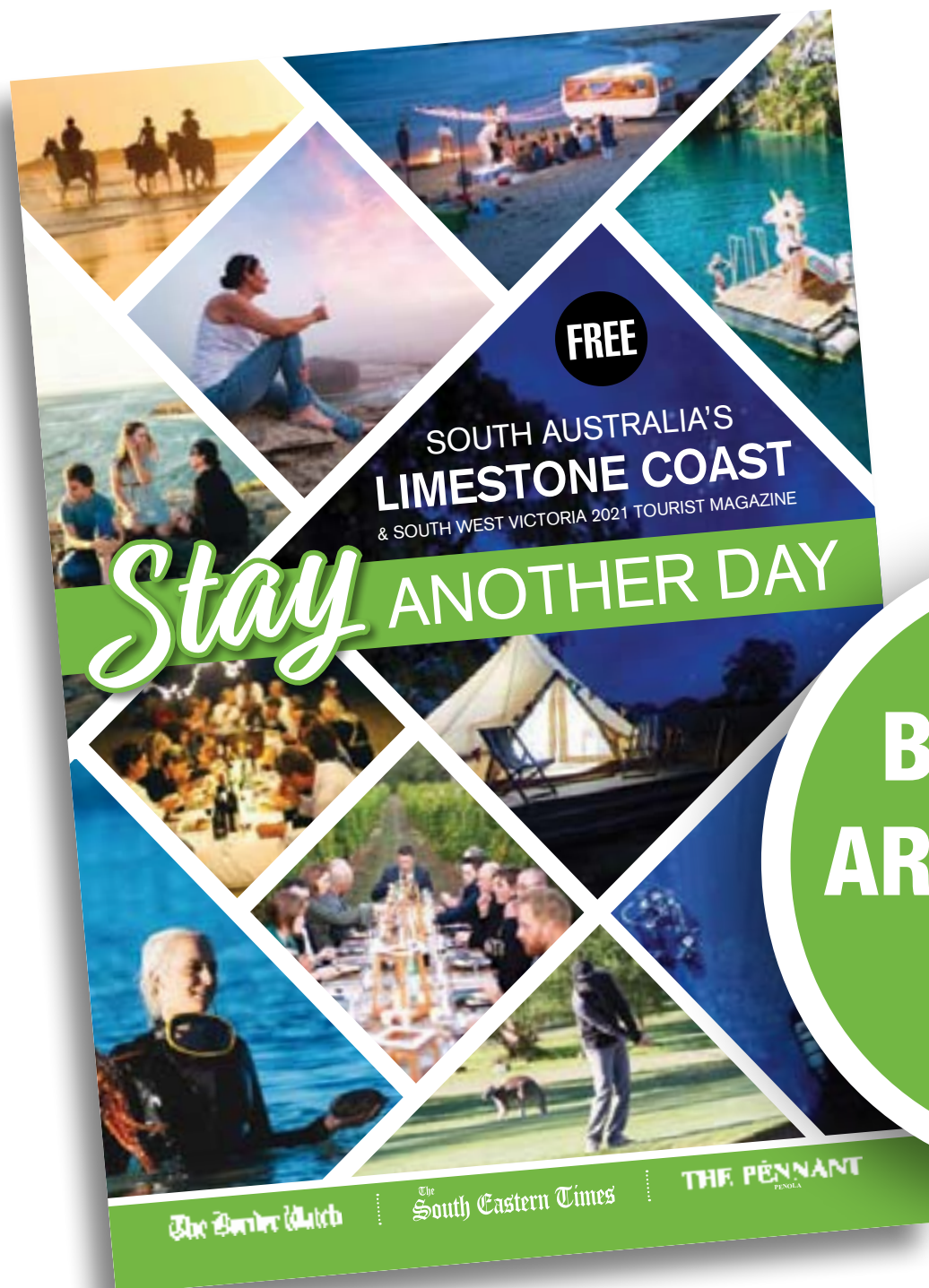


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Angus enjoying some fun with the floating duck.



Having fun with the floating shark is Xavier with the life guard

Penola pool the place to be

By Kathy Fennell

With the recent stint of warm weather the Penola swimming pool has been a popular destination for both locals and tourists.



Arabella and Jock Redman enjoying the pool



Mates enjoying some fun at the pool.



Hannah and Zoe enjoy pool time at Penola.



Siblings Makenna, Ruby and Fletcher Williams cooling down at the pool.



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Lamb ad questions identity

Following the launch of the annual summer Australian Lamb ad, Aussie Lamb is back to challenge the term “Un-Australian” and remind the world that it’s all our differences, along with our delicious lamb, that unites us.

Research conducted by Australian Lamb found that almost half (45 per cent) of Aussies have been called out for an “Un-Australian” act, while over half (52 per cent) have used the term to describe someone or something. It seems it is most popular among Millennials, with the majority (60 per cent) having called someone or something “Un-Australian” or been called it themselves (59 per cent).

Unsurprisingly perhaps, the rise in living costs over the last 12 months have dominated the list of the most “Un-Australian” things to have happened in 2022. However, aside from the lettuce hitting the headlines, it’s the \$34 watermelon causing the most uproar (55 per cent), above both rising rent / property prices

(36 per cent) and rising interest rates (32 per cent).

Now though, it seems that these call outs have gone too far. More than half (53 per cent) of Australians believe that the term “Un-Australian” has become so overused in 2022 – it’s hard to know what is or isn’t Australian anymore. Interestingly, more men than women (61 per cent versus 46 per cent) believe this to be the case.

The latest advert from Australian Lamb imagines an alternate reality which sees people being called out for being “Un-Australian” before being banished to “Un-Australia” – an infinite cultural exile.

In the lifeless desert, we meet Aussies who’ve committed offences from switching off the test cricket, eating a meat pie with a knife and fork, to not knowing the second verse to Khe Sanh.

When Lambassador Sam Kekovich appears

in a cloud of smoke, alongside a sizzling BBQ and perfectly searing lamb, it’s clear all this “Un-Australian” accusing has gone too far.

Graeme Yardy, Domestic Market Manager at MLA says: “The use of “Un-Australian” has got out of control, everything from how you eat your pie to having a wedding on Grand Final day is on the chopping block. Chances are you’ll be viewed as “Un-Australian” by someone! What makes Australia great is that we celebrate our differences. Lamb is famous for bringing Aussies together, so what better way to cut through this division and help us come together over these collective differences than with a good lamb BBQ.”

“As ever, this campaign is topical, tongue in cheek and positions lamb as the meat of choice to unite us.”

The research confirmed that our national foods and eating habits are also sacred, with a Bunnings with no sausage sizzle (28 per cent),

eating a pie with a knife and fork (27 per cent) and toasting fairy bread (24 per cent) all being called out as “Un-Australian”.

Our behaviours are also not exempt from scrutiny, with some of the top actions deemed “Un-Australian” being:

1. Admitting to not knowing who Shane Warne is (47 per cent)
2. Having a wedding on Grand Final Day (44 per cent)
3. Supporting New Zealand against ANY other team (39 per cent)
4. Not knowing who’s playing State of Origin (30 per cent)

This years’ ad launched across free to air and subscription TV nationally last week. You can watch the film via the Australian Lamb Facebook and YouTube page or view the content and access lamb recipes at australian-lamb.com.au.

Water allocation review underway

By Aidan Curtis

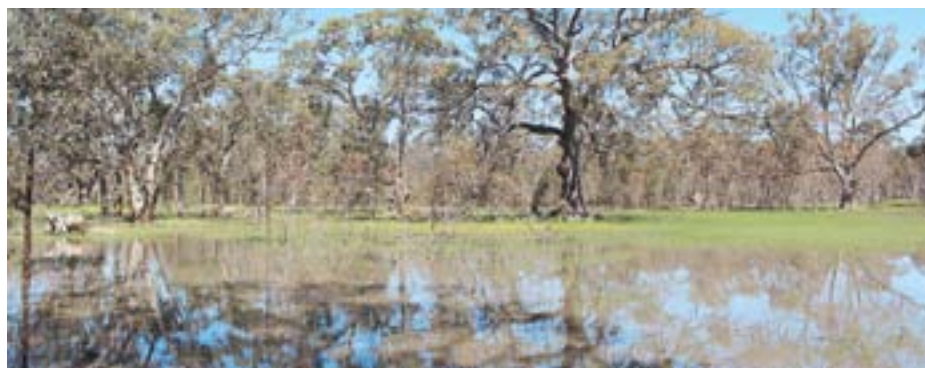
Limestone Coast Landscape Board (LCLB) has started its review in the the Lower Limestone Coast Water Allocation Program (WAP).

LCLB chair Penny Schulz told The Border Watch that the review has been under way for around three months now and is expected to be completed by the end of 2023.

“It’s quite a controversial water allocation plan, and that’s partly because it’s such a complex water resource with lots of different industries in it,” she said.

“We’re pretty excited that’s underway, we’ve got a fantastic stakeholder advisory group that’s already met twice and they’re working through that challenging work.”

Updates on the review and what it will



Water Allocation: Water is one of the most vital resources to Limestone Coast properties.

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mean for water permit holders is expected later in the year.

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www.landscape.sa.gov.au/lc/water-and-coast/water-allocation-plans/lower-limestone-coast

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Motoring

The Ford Everest Sport V6

By Ewan Kennedy, Marque Motoring

Ford recently updated its Everest with improvements to safety and comfort, so it was a good opportunity to carry out another road test and see what this popular model is like now.

There are four variants: Ambiente, Trend, Sport and Platinum. The first two come with the choice of rear- or four-wheel drive the other two are RWD only.

Our test vehicle was the Everest Sport with four-wheel drive. It has a recommend retail price of \$69,090, to which on-road costs have to be added.

STYLING

Everest is a great looking SUV with a frontal appearance that certainly leaves no doubt this is a tough vehicle aimed at owners who want to make a statement that they are serious about what they're driving.

The large black grille has a chrome-look horizontal centre that extends almost the full width of the vehicle. Outside of the grille are high-tech-look headlights and squared-off daytime running lights.

There are indents in the doors that probably add to the strength but are also there to add style. Wheel arches are rounded in traditional 4WD fashion. The neat rear has a lip spoiler that probably helps keep rain off it but it also suits the styling.

INTERIOR

This Everest is equally large inside. The front seats are wide and comfortable to provide good support during moderately hard cornering, though obviously it's not a sporty vehicle. The middle row seats can carry three but there's a sensible emphasis on the two outer rears being set up for comfort for two.

The floor is almost flat in the second row which adds to the comfort factor.

The rearmost pair of seats aren't easy to get into and out of for adults but are fine for kids. And the kids will love to travel there to be as far from mum and dad as possible...

INFOTAINMENT

The Everest Sport we tested had a 12-inch infotainment display, which is larger than the 10-inch on the lower spec'd models. It has wireless Apple CarPlay and Android Auto.

Ford's new SYNC 4 architecture has a lot of features and functionality and is easy to use.

There's a wireless charging pad, digital radio and FordPass connectivity that lets you use remote start, location services and locking/unlocking.

ENGINES / TRANSMISSIONS

The Everest Sport we tested was powered by a 3.0-litre V6 turbo-diesel that develops up to 184 kilowatts of power, and a very strong 600Nm of torque.

Everest is offered with two drivetrain options: a 4x2 driving the rear wheels is only available on the 2.0-litre Ambiente and Trend variants.

The 4x4 is offered across the complete range and has an advanced full-time four-wheel drive system that uses an electronically controlled on-demand two-speed electromechanical transfer case with selectable drive modes.

Everest's e-Shift has optimised performance for different surfaces, road conditions and vehicle usage.

There are four On-Road Drive Modes (Normal, Eco, Tow/Haul and Slippery) and two Off-Road Drive Modes (Sand and Mud/Ruts).

SAFETY

Ford Everest has a 2022 five-star ANCAP safety rating. Standard features in the Trend include seven airbags, including driver's knee airbag, pre-collision assist and pedestrian detection, autonomous emergency braking and traffic sign recognition.

There's also dynamic stability control with roll stability control, ABS anti-skid brakes with



Ford's large Everest is an impressive vehicle inside and out.

electronic brake force distribution, traction control and emergency brake assist are constantly active when on the move.

Parking is made easy with the use of a rear-view camera, plus audible sensors front and rear.

DRIVING

This is a large vehicle that's quite easy to drive despite the real estate it offers for carting people. It can take up almost the full width of traffic lanes on some narrower multi-lane roads so the driver has to pay attention to keep it from leaving its own lane.

On motorways it's fine as the roads are wider and the big Ford is in its intended territory, the US of A.

Throttle response is pretty good for the engine type but you do have to think ahead at times.

Handling is good and the steering feels as though it has been set up for those who enjoy driving. We suspect that there's some Aussie input in this as Ford engineers in this country pass our thoughts and desires back to head office in the USA.

Rough road surfaces can be quite noisy but on smooth concrete motorways everything becomes very peaceful.

Parking can be a hassle, especially in tight underground car parks where sometimes it will be necessary to go back and forward to get into some spots.

SUMMING UP

Ford Everest is a large 4WD that can be used as a people mover, off-road exploring and everything in between. You get a lot of vehicle for your money and this big Ford certainly deserves a place high on your list of possible buys.

RATINGS:

- Looks: 8/10
- Performance: 7/10
- Safety: 8/10
- Thirst: 7/10



Ford's large Everest has an impressive interior.

- Practicality: 8/10
- Comfort: 9/10
- Tech: 8/10
- Value: 8/10

MODEL RANGE

- 2.0 Ambiente RWD: \$52,990
- 2.0 Ambiente 4WD: \$57,990
- 2.0 Trend RWD: \$60,290
- 2.0 Trend 4WD: \$65,290
- 3.0 Sport 4WD: \$69,090
- 3.0 Platinum 4WD: \$76,880

Note: These prices do not include government or dealer delivery charges. Contact your local Ford dealer for drive-away prices.

SPECIFICATIONS (Ford Everest 3.0-litre turbo-diesel five-door wagon)

ENGINE:

- Capacity: 3.0 litres
- Configuration: V6
- Maximum Power: 184 kW @ 3250rpm
- Maximum Torque: 600 Nm from 1750 to 2500rpm
- Fuel Type: Diesel
- Combined Fuel Cycle (ADR 81/02): 8.5 L/100km
- CO2 Emissions: 224 g/km

DRIVELINE:

- All-Wheel Drive

WEATHER

FORECAST

Warnings

See www.bom.gov.au/australia/warnings

SOUTH AUSTRALIA:

State Forecast:

Dry apart from showers and possible storms in the far northeast. Mild to warm about southern coasts, hot to very hot remainder. Light to moderate southeast to northeasterly winds. Moderate afternoon sea breezes.

Friday. Dry apart from showers and possible storms in the far northeast. Warm to hot about coastal areas and hot to very hot inland. Light to moderate southeast to northeasterly winds.

Saturday. Hot to very hot with moderate to fresh northeast to northwesterly winds, ahead of a milder, fresh to strong southerly change in the west and south later, extending northwards on Sunday but remaining mostly hot over the Pastoral and Flinders districts. Isolated showers. Possible storms over the Pastoral and Flinders districts and northern agricultural area.

Upper South East District:

Mostly sunny. Light winds becoming south to southwesterly 20 to 30 km/h during the day then becoming light during the evening.

Friday. Sunny. Light winds becoming southwesterly 15 to 25 km/h during the afternoon then tending southerly 15 to 20 km/h during the evening.

Lower South East District:

Cloud clearing. Light winds becoming southerly 20 to 30 km/h during the day then becoming light during the evening.

Friday. Mostly sunny. The chance of morning fog in the south. Winds southeasterly 15 to 20 km/h tending southeast to southwesterly 15 to 25 km/h during the afternoon then becoming light during the evening.

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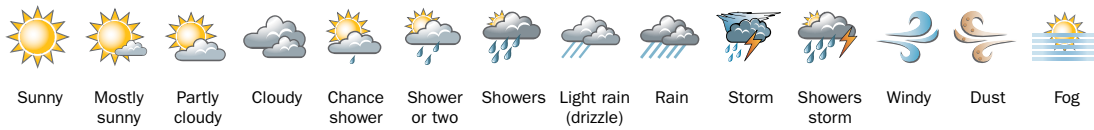
South West District:

Partly cloudy. The chance of fog in the morning, mainly in the south. Light winds becoming southerly 15 to 25 km/h during the morning.

Friday. The chance of morning fog. Sunny afternoon. Winds east to southeasterly 15 to 20 km/h tending south to southeasterly 15 to 25 km/h during the afternoon then tending east to southeasterly 15 to 20 km/h during the evening.

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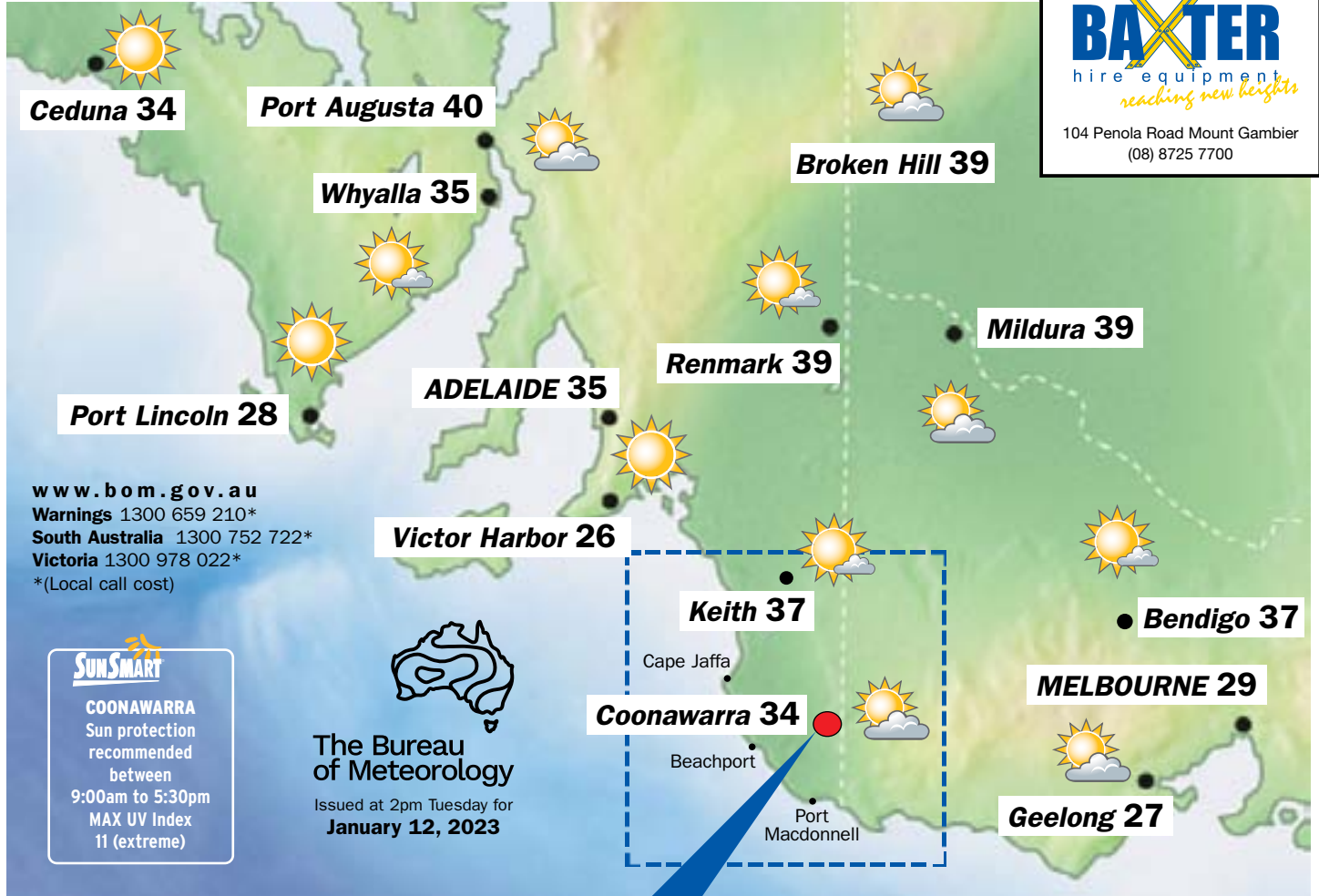
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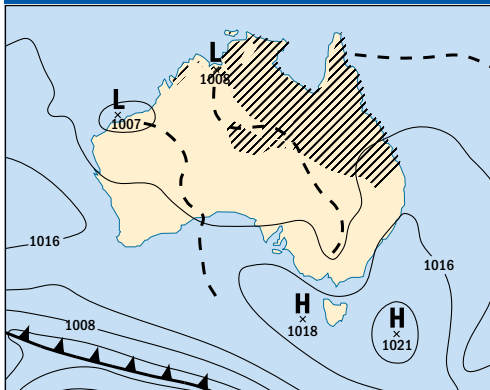


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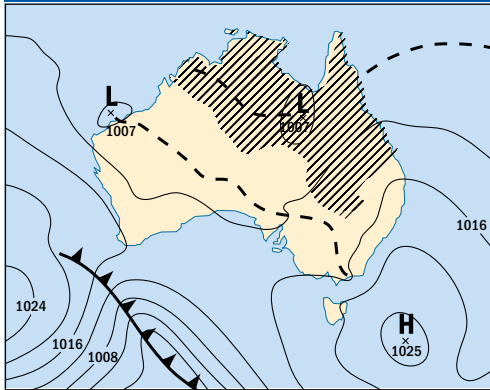
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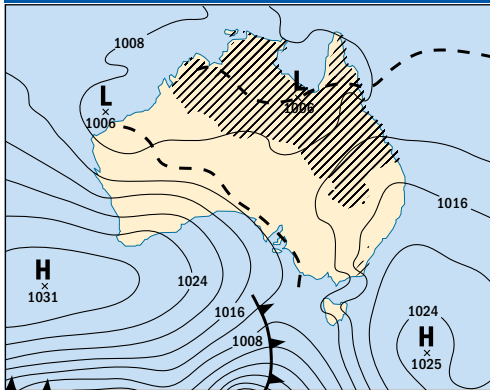
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TOMORROW 10AM



SATURDAY 10AM



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- - - trough
▲ cold front
▲ warm front

COASTAL WATERS

South Central Coastal Waters:

Winds: Southeasterly 15 to 20 knots. Seas: Around 1 metre. Swell: Southwesterly 1.5 to 2 metres, decreasing to 1.5 metres during the morning. Weather: Mostly sunny.

Upper South East Coastal Waters:

Murray Mouth to Cape Jaffa
Winds: South to southeasterly 15 to 20 knots. Seas: Around 1 metre, increasing to 1 to 1.5 metres south of Salt Creek during the evening. Swell: Southwesterly 1.5 to 2 metres, decreasing to 1.5 metres during the morning. Weather: Cloud clearing.

Lower South East Coastal Waters:

Cape Jaffa to SA-Vic Border
Winds: Southeasterly 15 to 20 knots. Seas: Below 1 metre, increasing to 1 to 1.5 metres north of Port MacDonnell during the evening. Swell: Southwesterly 1.5 to 2 metres. Weather: Partly cloudy.

West Victoria Coastal Waters:

SA-Vic Border to Cape Otway
Winds: Southeasterly 10 to 15 knots. Seas: Below 1 metre. 1st Swell: Southwesterly 1.5 to 2 metres, decreasing to 1.5 metres during the afternoon or evening. 2nd Swell: East to southeasterly around 1 metre. Weather: Cloudy.

CAPITAL CITIES

| City | Condition | Max |
|-----------|----------------|-----|
| Adelaide | Sunny. | 35 |
| Brisbane | Partly cloudy. | 30 |
| Canberra | Partly cloudy. | 33 |
| Darwin | Partly cloudy. | 32 |
| Hobart | Partly cloudy. | 23 |
| Melbourne | Partly cloudy. | 29 |
| Perth | Sunny. | 30 |
| Sydney | Cloudy. | 27 |

SUN & MOON

| | Sunrise | Sunset | Moonrise | Moonset |
|----------|---------|--------|----------|---------|
| Thursday | 5:59am | 8:30pm | 11:39pm | 10:29am |
| Friday | 6:00am | 8:30pm | Nil | 11:28am |
| Saturday | 6:01am | 8:30pm | 12:02am | 12:28pm |
| Sunday | 6:02am | 8:29pm | 12:26am | 1:30pm |
| Monday | 6:03am | 8:29pm | 12:51am | 2:35pm |
| Tuesday | 6:05am | 8:28pm | 1:20am | 3:44pm |

TIDES

Beachport

Today:
H: 3:37am 0.9m
L: 10:27am 0.3m
H: 3:17pm 0.5m
L: 8:53pm 0.2m

Tomorrow:

H: 3:58am 0.8m
L: 10:47am 0.3m
H: 3:58pm 0.5m
L: 9:22pm 0.3m

Saturday:

H: 4:16am 0.8m
L: 11:07am 0.3m
H: 4:52pm 0.5m
L: 9:53pm 0.4m

Sunday:

H: 4:26am 0.7m
L: 11:26am 0.3m
H: 6:19pm 0.6m
L: 10:26pm 0.5m

Monday:

H: 4:16am 0.6m
L: 11:43am 0.3m
H: 9:53pm 0.6m

Tuesday:

L: 12:01pm 0.3m
H: 11:29pm 0.8m

Port Macdonnell

Today:
H: 4:45am 1.2m
L: 11:38am 0.5m
H: 4:17pm 0.7m
L: 9:48pm 0.4m

Tomorrow:

H: 4:58am 1.1m
L: 11:48am 0.5m
H: 4:53pm 0.7m
L: 10:16pm 0.4m

Saturday:

H: 5:08am 1.1m
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H: 5:31pm 0.8m
L: 10:46pm 0.5m

Sunday:

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Monday:

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Tuesday:

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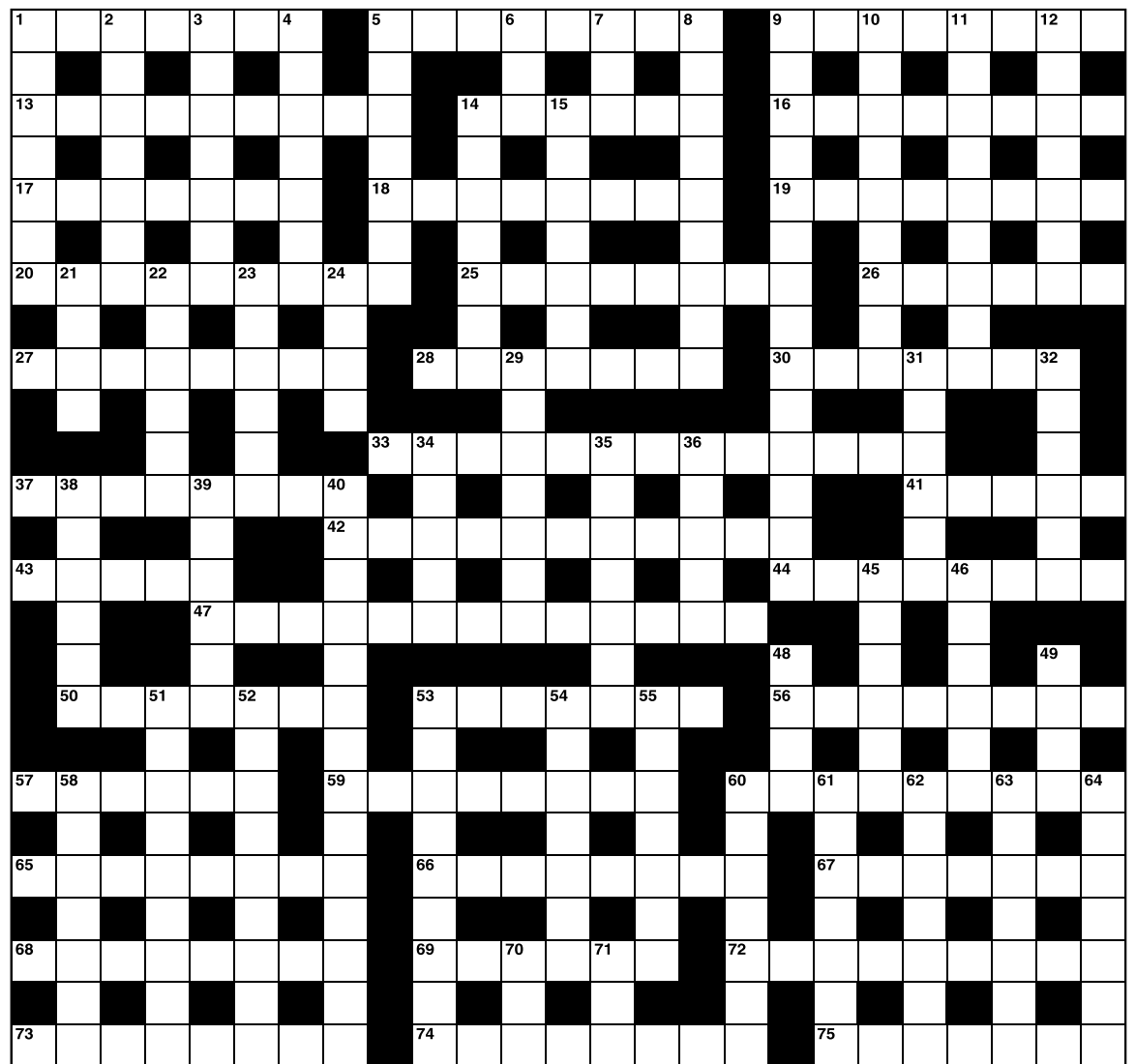
THE WORLD

World conditions yesterday

| City | Weather | Max | Min |
|--------------|---------|-----|-----|
| Athens | fine | 15 | 5 |
| Auckland | windy | 23 | 17 |
| Bangkok | rain | 30 | 26 |
| Beijing | cloudy | 5 | -6 |
| Berlin | rain | 10 | 3 |
| Christchurch | showers | 21 | 14 |
| Denpasar | cloudy | 33 | 26 |
| Dublin | showers | 7 | 5 |
| Hong Kong | rain | 21 | 18 |
| Honolulu | showers | 27 | 19 |
| Jakarta | fine | 31 | 24 |
| Johannesburg | fine | 31 | 17 |
| Kuala Lumpur | storms | 32 | 24 |
| London | sunny | 10 | 7 |
| Los Angeles | sunny | 17 | 8 |
| Madrid | cloudy | 11 | 5 |
| Moscow | mist | -16 | -19 |
| New Delhi | fog | 19 | 6 |
| New York | sunny | 6 | 2 |
| Noumea | fine | 28 | 22 |
| Paris | rain | 12 | 9 |
| Auckland | windy | 23 | 17 |
| Port Vila | fine | 31 | 23 |
| Seoul | fine | 8 | -2 |
| Singapore | storms | 33 | 24 |
| Suva | storms | 32 | 25 |
| Tel Aviv | fine | 19 | 11 |
| Tokyo | fine | 11 | 1 |
| Vancouver | showers | 9 | 4 |
| Wellington | windy | 18 | 14 |

GIANT CROSSWORD

No. 079



ACROSS

- 1 Second thoughts (7)
- 5 Superficial (8)
- 9 Guarantee, assurance (8)
- 13 Wayfarer (9)
- 14 Reach (6)
- 16 The Western nations (8)
- 17 Decaying (7)
- 18 Baked mix of sugar and beaten egg-whites (8)
- 19 Regularity (8)
- 20 Sideways somersault (9)
- 25 Equine training (8)
- 26 Concerning an ethnic group (6)
- 27 Periodical (8)
- 28 Ruin (7)
- 30 Renew (7)
- 33 Salt coating on porous materials (13)
- 37 Variety of pasta (8)
- 41 Type of element (5)
- 42 Lipid (11)
- 43 Loops, laces (5)
- 44 You (8)
- 47 Highest male singing voices (13)
- 50 Young goose (7)
- 53 Stockings and socks (7)
- 56 Strict taskmaster (8)
- 57 Choice (6)
- 59 Graze (8)
- 60 Mentally taxing (9)
- 65 Scientific enquiry (8)
- 66 Crab fat in the US (8)
- 67 Moving body of ice (7)
- 68 To do with the Earth's crust (8)
- 69 Warning (6)
- 72 Unreadable (9)

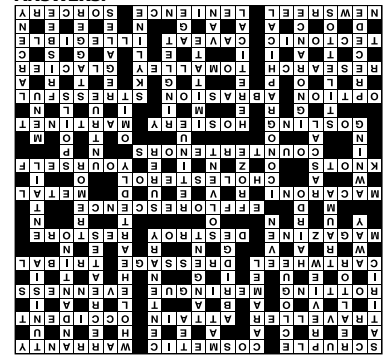
- 73 Short film of current affairs (8)
- 74 Clemency (8)
- 75 Use of black magic (7)

DOWN

- 1 Mocking, ironic (7)
- 2 Estate agent (7)
- 3 Sneak peek (7)
- 4 Pastoral poem (7)
- 5 Sweet derived from burnt sugar (7)
- 6 Tangle (3)
- 7 Hot beverage (3)
- 8 100-year anniversary (9)
- 9 In a sincere or enthusiastic manner (14)
- 10 Makes again (9)
- 11 Musical direction (9)
- 12 A country in North Africa (7)
- 14 Cut back (on text) (7)
- 15 Sudden divergence (7)
- 21 Absent (4)
- 22 Powerful shock with long-lasting effect (6)
- 23 Mullet or beehive (6)
- 24 Level (4)
- 29 Having cash in the bank (7)
- 31 Involuntary quivering movement (6)
- 32 Necessitate (6)
- 34 Turned to ice (5)
- 35 Entourage (7)
- 36 More certain (5)
- 38 Protective overhead structure (6)
- 39 Mischievous person (6)
- 40 Relating to icons (14)
- 45 Traitorous (6)

- 46 Loot (6)
- 48 Leave out (4)
- 49 Bill of fare (4)
- 51 Short daggers with tapering blades (9)
- 52 Lack of knowledge (9)
- 53 Dissenting (9)
- 54 Mirror (7)
- 55 Curl (7)
- 58 Go before (7)
- 60 Outline of buildings against the sky (7)
- 61 Entertains agreeably (7)
- 62 Walk or move unsteadily (7)
- 63 Flat throwing disc (7)
- 64 Theft (7)
- 70 A vehicle (3)
- 71 Era (3)

ANSWERS:

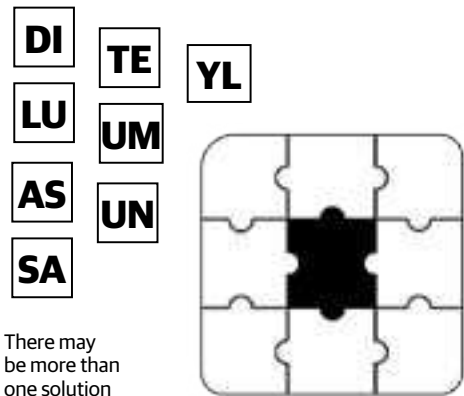


EDGEWORD

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pm ORIGINAL PUZZLE

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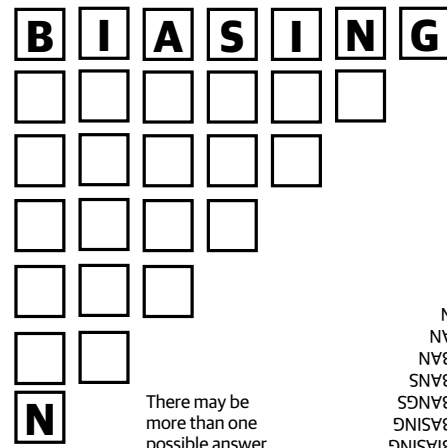
There may be more than one solution

ANSWERS: SAVUNAS, SALUTE, ASYLUM, TEDIUM

DROP DOWN

No. 075

Starting with the seven-letter word, drop a letter and form a six-letter word. Continue in this manner until you reach the single letter at the bottom. You can rearrange the letters in each step, if necessary.



There may be more than one possible answer.

ANSWERS: N, AN, BAN, BANS, BANGS, BANGS, BASING, BASING, BIASING

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW...

Bette Midler

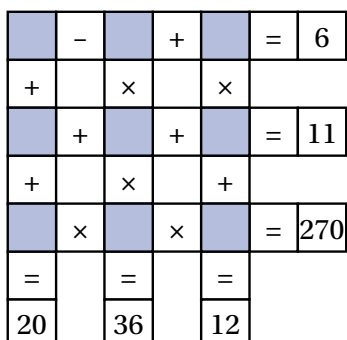
1. Which sitcom star played the young version of Midler's character in *Beaches*?
A. Debra Messing
B. Lisa Kudrow
C. Sara Gilbert
D. Mayim Bialik
2. What is her character's job title in *The Politician*?
A. Press secretary
B. Chief of staff
C. Political strategist
D. Senator
3. What was the name of her short-lived semi-autobiographical sitcom?
A. *Bette*
B. *Midler*
C. *The Divine Miss M*
D. *The Rose*
4. For which film did she receive an Oscar nomination?
A. *The Stepford Wives*
B. *Hocus Pocus*
C. *Beaches*
D. *The Rose*
5. On which reality singing show has she appeared?
A. *American Idol*
B. *X-Factor*
C. *The Voice*
D. *The Masked Singer*



ANSWERS: ID, 2B, 3A, 4D, 5C

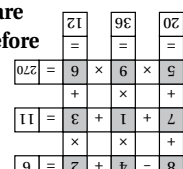
CROSSMATH

No. 079



Insert each number from 1 to 9 in the shaded squares to solve all the horizontal and vertical equations.

Multiplication and division are performed before addition and subtraction.



WORD TRIANGLE

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The starting letter could be in any segment, and all subsequent letters are able to be connected following a path through the gaps in the walls. You may only enter each of the segments once, and all letters must be used.

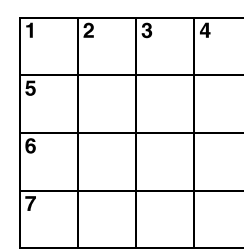


HINT: The answer is a word.

ANSWER: PALAEOONTOLOGIST

4x4

No. 075



ANSWERS: 1. Bass, 5. Alot, 6. Role, 7. Seep, 8. Role, 7. Seep, 9. Sole, 4. Step.

ACROSS

- 1 Singer (4)
- 5 Large amount (1,3)
- 6 Part in a play (4)
- 7 Ooze (4)

DOWN

- 1 Blocks (4)
- 2 Drug-yielding plant (4)
- 3 Lone (4)
- 4 Pace (4)



Police Gratitude: Limestone Coast Police Superintendent Campbell Hill thanked communities in the region for celebrating in a safe way. Picture: AIDAN CURTIS

Cops happy with locals

By Aidan Curtis

Limestone Coast Police have expressed their gratitude to the region for doing the right thing over an extremely busy New Year's period.

Superintendent Campbell Hill said police in the area were "really pleased" with how celebrations have panned out over the holidays so far, especially on New Year's Eve.

"We had done a lot of planning in the lead-up, and we do every year, so we know that Southern Ports, Robe and Beachport are a destination of choice for a lot of locals and people outside the region as well," Supt Hill said.

"It was our first year post-Covid restrictions and everything, so this was the first real business as usual year.

"Having given it a couple of weeks post-New Year's as well now, the reality is locally, despite what was a huge volume in visitors to the region, from a policing lens and a road safety lens, we were really pleased with the overall behaviour of visitors and locals."

Supt Hill said it was especially good to see how patient people were on the roads and how they had prepared ahead of time to make

sure everyone was safe during celebrations.

"The driver behaviour is fantastic, the patience on our roads is absolutely brilliant, the engagement of the community across the region has been really good as well - it couldn't have been any better," he said.

"We weren't completely incident free, but proportionate to the amount of people in the region, we were absolutely rapt with how people conducted themselves and they went at it with the spirit they should have.

"Everybody that came here was able to go home again, which was ultimately what we wanted."

Supt Hill said it was a real success story and thanks for that had to go to the local communities for looking after each other during celebrations.

"We had no fatal crashes, which was absolutely brilliant," he said.

"We had very few, if any, serious injury crashes.

"As the coordinator of emergencies down in the region, we are really, really thankful for that."

Limestone Coast cop briefs

DRINK DRIVER

A disqualified driver will face court after being detected drink driving yesterday at Naracoorte.

Just before 2pm, Monday, January 9, Highway patrols stopped a Holden sedan on Stewart Terrace and breath tested the driver.

He returned an alleged blood alcohol reading of 0.249. Further enquiries revealed the man was currently disqualified. The 38-year-old local man was reported for drink driving and drive disqualified and will be summonsed to appear in court at a date to be set.

The driver was also issued with an additional 12 month immediate loss of licence and his car was impounded.

HIGH SPEEDS

A man has been issued a hefty fine for speeding near Bordertown over the weekend.

About 11.30pm on Saturday, January 7, police were travelling on Dukes Highway at Cannawigara, when they saw a vehicle being driven erratically and at high speeds.

Patrols stopped the Subaru Impreza shortly after and spoke to the driver, a 20-year-old man from Victoria.

A check on the driver revealed he was the holder of a probationary driver's licence.

He was issued a fine totalling \$2832 for excessive speed, failing to display 'P' plates and breaching his probationary licence conditions. He also accrued 9 demerit points and was also issued with a six month immediate loss of licence.



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Clevon Brown provided a strong tall target for the Pioneers in season 2022.

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Tom Kubank always showed plenty of desire for the Pioneers.



Jordan Rawls proved a solid part of the Pioneers roster.



Nick Marshall became a pivotal part of the Pioneers' success.

Pioneers all class in 2022

By Trevor Jackson

The Mount Gambier Pioneers men's basketball team has been one of the most successful in recent history in the now-defunct South East Australian Basketball League.

The Pioneers all-but dominated the competition before its collapse and reformation to what is now the NBL1 South league.

The Pioneers were not allowed in the original season, but returned for 2020, when Covid put an end to play before it started.

2021 was also disrupted by the virus, but this year all went ahead unhindered and the Pioneers returned to their best.

The Pioneers finished the season runners-up to a strong Hobart Chargers outfit.

They won 16 of 22 regular-season games, with just the six losses on the journey.

But it was the excitement they brought back to the Icehouse which will be remembered for a long time.

Little of the original lineup from the SEABL successful seasons remained, with captain Tom Daly a notable exclusion for much of the season due to the Covid virus and its long-term effects.

Exciting young players such as Nick Marshall and Michael Harris joined Daly and veteran Erik Burdon, along with Mount Gambier's own Kane deWit and several other aspiring players.

Another youngster in Tom Kubank began to make his mark, along with import Clevon Brown and fellow American Jordan Rawls.

The full roster proved too difficult for many an opposition side under the tutelage of the experienced Richard Hill.

A fast and exciting brand of basketball built around the pace of the young roster provided plenty of interest for the strong crowds which filled the Icehouse and they were not disappointed.

Harris returned figures of 23.83 points per game, Marshall 21.46 and Kubank 13.64.

Marshall was also strong around the boards, with 8.58 rebounds per game, while in his 18 games, Brown pulled down and average of 7.95.

In the absence of Daly, deWit stepped up at the point to control the play, with the experience of Burdon always on the outside ready for a long shot.

In the end it turned out to be the perfect blend of old and new, experience and youth, which almost went all the way.



Opposition teams found it tough to contain the pace of Michael Harris.



Sherrie Calleia provided plenty of energy during the 2022 season. Pictures: TBW FILE



Hannah Young was always a danger outside the three-point arc.



Shakera Reilly controlled the floor well for the Pioneers.

Women forge their own path

By Trevor Jackson

Recently on the scene and with little history to draw on, the Mount Gambier Pioneers women made a splash in the 2022 NBL1 South basketball competition.

Formed just a few short years ago under the tutelage of former Pioneers men's captain Matt Sutton, the women went about creating their own history with a blistering season that fell short on ultimate success by just a handful of games.

The Pioneers finished in third place after racking up a 15/7 win/loss record.

They sat near the pointy end of the ladder throughout the season, with every chance to go all the way in what has become a tough women's competition.

Many NBL players grace the courts and there are no easy games, which showed the desire of the Pioneers to taste success.

Several returning players were joined by a

couple of imports and some young guns keen on tasting competition at a high level.

Back were the likes of locals Jasmin Howe, Maddie Wormald and Olivia Wormald, joined by former Pioneers Shakera Reilly, Sherrie Calleia and Hannah Young.

Canadian Cassandra Brown and American Haliogh Reinoehl were valuable inclusions and the team gelled from the outset.

The firepower was evident, as Brown's driving style returned an average of 19.42 points per game, along with 7.71 rebounds.

Calleia's energetic style produced 15.36 points per game, Young 11.96, Reinoehl 11.05 and Howe 10.08.

Young topped the rebounds with eight per game, while Calleia handed off the most assists, with 4.95.

Overall it was an impressive season, as the Pioneers reached the finals but fell short of the ultimate success.



Jasmin Howe proved a tough customer for the Pioneers.



Cassandra Brown showed plenty of class for the Pioneers.

Epic battle for top honours

Hot weather greeted 24 players in the Millicent Bowls Club's annual Men's Singles Championships over the weekend.

By the end of play on Saturday, players had been eliminated down to the final four and going into the semi-final were Wayne Ross against Peter Scanlon and Derk Pietersma against Jim Campbell.

By the seventh end in the Pietersma/Campbell game both players sat on seven shots, but by the 13th end Campbell had taken the lead by three – 17 to 14.

At the 15th end Campbell reached the 21 shots to book a grand final berth.

In the remaining semi-final, Ross and Scanlon were also tied at seven shots each by the seventh end.

However, by the 15th end Scanlon was able to reach the target of 21 shots to give him a spot in the grand final.

With the grand final format required the winner to reach 25 shots first and a neck-and-neck battle ensued.

In a tight contest, by the 13th end were both players sat on eight shots each.

Campbell the won the next five ends to put the score at 20-8 and looked set to claim the title.

However, the tide then turned in the next eight ends and Campbell led by a solitary point – 20-19, with the result up in the air.

The final six ends were close and after a battle, but Campbell finally sealed the victory 25-22 to claim the singles title after a three-hour battle.



Millicent Bowls Club men's singles winner Jim Campbell and runner-up Peter Scanlon.

Picture: SUBMITTED

Lampkin signs on for Pioneers

The Castec Rural Pioneers have this week announced another signing, with 206 cm (6-foot-9 inches), 26-year-old Jacob Lampkin, from the Keilor Thunder joining the club for the upcoming NBL1 South season.

Lampkin will add significant depth of experience to the Pioneers roster, having played for the University of Pacific and University of Alaska prior to joining the Keilor Thunder in the NBL1 South competition in 2022, but most recently has played in the starting five in the Serbian league.

In the 2022 NBL1 South competition, Lampkin averaged 19.5 points per game at an impressive 59.73 per cent from the field, together with an average of three assists and 10 rebounds per game.

Lampkin is another important signing for the Pioneers.

Head coach Richard Hill said he is pleased to see Lampkin in the Pioneers colours.

"Jacob brings exactly what we need to our front court, a solid defender and high-level rebounder to compliment a well-rounded and very efficient offensive game," he said.

"He probably slipped under the radar a little last season playing on a bottom-half team, but he was very effective and statistically one of the premier big men in the competition.

"I love his no fuss attitude and unselfishness."

The Castec Rural Pioneers and the One-FortyOne Pioneers will commence their 2022 NBL1 South campaigns in April 2023.



Big man Jacob Lampkin will join the Pioneers from the Keilor Thunder for the upcoming NBL1 South season.

Picture: IAN KNIGHT PHOTOGRAPHY

Players return to the Millicent greens

The Millicent Bowls Club enjoyed an influx of players last week, with fine weather and people returning from holidays attracting 36 to the greens.

Joy Warren and Carl Schapel claimed the 2-4-2 win with a score of 33+20 shots up.

Runners-up were John Eldridge and Terry Barnes with a score of 33+15.

Other winning teams for the day: Aaron Emonson/Ian Ross 33+15 missing out for second place on a count back; Steve Skeer/Iain Campbell 32+11; Denis Clif-

ford/Derk Pietersma 32+8; Malcolm Wright/Lyn Scudds 32+7; Heather-Carthew/Eddie Hann 30+8; Mary Clifford/David Reichelt 30+7; Peter Dunn-cliff/John Scudds 29+5.



Winners, Joy Warren and Carl Schapel.

Picture: SUBMITTED

Stunning weather for bites

By Jamie Coates

A hot but calm weekend across the Limestone Coast was taken advantage of by plenty of people wishing to wet a line, with a steady flow of fishing reports and pictures filtering in.

The offshore anglers have been waiting for a weekend like this for what feels like forever.

I have seen plenty of pictures and videos from the weekend and the seas were just about as good as they get.

It did not matter where anglers chose to fish, there were results from all over.

Lots of anglers took the opportunity to head wide and chase fish over the shelf and by all reports there were plenty caught.

The blue eye were on the chew for those who found them and although they were not monsters, the numbers made up for it.

There were also a few pink ling, the odd hapuka and a few makos caught out wide, so it is great to see things are happening.

In a bit closer around that 80m through to 120m mark we have seen some excellent bottom fishing and there has been a real fisherman's basket caught out there.

Gummy shark, school shark, red snapper, blue morwong, knife jaw, terakhi, snapper, flathead and latchet fish all made an appearance and a few other bits and pieces too.

Kingston and Cape Jaffa have both been red hot over the summer period.

I have seen kingfish, tuna, snapper, shark and plenty of other species from that way and although I am not super familiar with the area myself, the guys at the Kingston Ampol will be able to help you out.

Surf fishing was hugely popular over the weekend while the temperatures were up and the winds were down.

To top it off, there were quite a few fish caught.

Starting off locally, quite a few fishos headed for Piccininni, Paradise and Browns Beach.

There were snapper, gummy shark, small mulloway and some big sea bream beached right along there.

Further around the coast there has been some nice fish caught at Nene Valley and off the rocks at Blackfellows Caves, along with Carpenter Rocks and Canunda NP.

There has been plenty of surf fishing this week between Beachport and Southend and the guys up there have been finding some reasonable mulloway.

There have been a few I have heard of now between 82cm and 100cm – throw in a few shark, some snapper and salmon and it sounds like everyone up that way is having a ball.

While we are on the topic of surf fishing, the entries for the Kingston SE Lions Club surf fishing contest are in store now and they are flying out the door.

There have been quite a few fish caught up that way recently which is starting to get revelers a bit hot and sweaty.

Gummy shark have dominated the news by a long shot, but mulloway, bronze whalers, flathead and salmon have all copped a mention.

While the sea was dead flat, plenty of snor-



Xavia Bell, with Bliss and Rory McCallum and a nice pair of crays.



Parker Davis with a nice feed of whiting.

kellers and divers jumped in and went for a look around the reef.

There were some cracking crays caught by the swimmers and some lovely abalone too.

Local Beachport guns Xavia Bell, Bliss and Rory McCallum found a few beauties while swimming just off the beach and those in boats drop netting found some absolute monsters.

Crays over 3kg were the norm when you can get into the hairy areas, so make the most of it when the weather allows.

Whiting fishos this weekend have had an absolute field day.

They have thrived with that stir we had last week and that made for unreal fishing.

Our usual haunts all produced some nice fish, including Danger Point, Port MacDonnell breakwater, Cape Douglas, Nene Valley and Carpenter Rocks.

The size has been impressive through most parts and the numbers have been nothing to grizzle about either.

Beachport whiting fishos have been sharing in the same success and finding both great numbers and sizes.

Joel Davis did manage a sneaky by-catch, a thumping 80cm flathead and their boat limit of whiting.

The garfishing over the last week or so has been excellent, with many anglers loving the reprieve from the wind.

The numbers and size are still fairly impressive, which has been great to see.

Waders have found success at the Petrified

Forest, Hutt Bay, Livingstons Bay and Pelican Point, while the boaties have done well in Racecourse Bay, Nene Valley and Livingstons.

There have been a few tommy ruff and mullet in the same spots for a few weeks – it is just now we are seeing a bit of size in them.

There have been a few non-target species caught over the weekend by the gar guys.

I have seen whiting to 48cm, snapper, trevally, bream and even a small elephant shark.

You just never know what might come swimming up the burley trail.

The Glenelg River is still a lot dirtier than it should be at this time of year, but the bream and perch have not minded one bit.

The mulloway are still patchy and hard to track down, but there have been small fish caught up as high as Sapling Creek over the past week on baits from the jetty, so the fact they are starting to spread out and feed a bit more is encouraging.

There have been some nice mullet caught again this week in the river and those doing well have just been keeping the burley up to them and fishing cut pilchard or cockles down on the bottom.

Ben Jeffrey has been into the bream again this week down there, with the cranka crab still his weapon of choice, but if plastics are more your thing, powerbait nemesis or any 2.5inch grub will get the job done for you.

The weather is set to heat up again for the weekend, but the swell is low, the winds are definitely fishable and hopefully the fish are cooperative.

Until next week, safe fishing.



Joel Davis with a big flathead.

Pictures: SUBMITTED

Robe bowlers return for summer action

The Robe Bowling Club's Men's Singles Championships were played on Saturday with 16 competitors taking part.

The closest game of the first round was between Glenn Wright and Ken Smith.

Wright started strongly and led until the ninth end, where Smith equalised to make the score 9-9.

The game was a see-saw contest with the lead changing hands and with one end left to play, scores were tied at 19-19.

Smith scored a three on the final end to claim a narrow 22-19 cored a 3 on the next end to win the first round 22-19.

The other matches saw Steve Farrell defeat Paul Truelove, Harold Manton down Bill Cook, David Robinson defeat Adrian Bermingham, while Errol Jennings, Rob Lawrie

and Stephen Kennett all claimed victories.

Round 2 saw Smith fall short to Kennett in another close contest, with the final score 22-18.

Robinson, Jennings and Farrell all claimed wins in their games to proceed to the semi-final.

The penultimate round of fixtures saw Farrell claim a comfortable win against Jennings, while Robinson overcame Kennett to win 21-19.

In the final, Farrell proved too good for Robinson and sealed the championship with a 25-12 win.

Social bowls has been well attended over the new year period, with Dean Burgoyne, Leanne Cameron and Jim Grayon claiming the win on December 29.

The raffle prizes went to Judy Bermingham and Marg Dolan.

On January 5, Darren Grant, Josh Waddell and Robbie Dahler were winners with 52 points ahead of Harold Manton, Pete de Laine and Nola Peel on 51 points. The raffle winners were Barb Brown and Josh Waddell.

The Robe bowling club has been busy with full fields for twilight bowls on Wednesday and Thursday evenings.

Open Pennants resume this Saturday with Robe playing away.

Division 1 will play at Millicent, while Division 2 will play at Kalanagadoo.

The Women's Fours Championships and Men's Triples Championships will be held on January 22.



Men's Singles Championship winner Steve Farrell with runner-up David Robinson.

Picture: LACHLAN ONIONS



Aidán Rigby showed plenty of pace all weekend and despite some issues Saturday night, claimed the National Junior Sedans title at the Borderline Speedway.

Pictures: TREVOR JACKSON

Young drivers tear it up

By Trevor Jackson

After a big weekend of racing, Queensland state champion Aidán Rigby was crowned the 2023 SSA National Junior Sedan Champion at the Borderline Speedway.

Rigby set the scene on Friday night, with an unbeaten run through the heats to show his real pace.

He continued that on Saturday in the heat night, after a scorching day, which was multiplied by the 77 competitors who nominated for the national title.

However, he did not have it all his own way, with an entertaining battle with Western Australian champion Beau Oldfield.

Not only that, engine troubles in his final heat saw Rigby needing an engine change before lining up on pole position for the A Main final.

Oldfield started alongside Rigby and claimed the lead from the start, as the final ran smoothly for the first half.

Rigby then claimed the lead and had to hold off Oldfield, with lapped traffic playing a major role and almost upsetting the Queenslanders' hopes of the national crown.

Oldfield pushed right to the final laps, but a late restart favoured Rigby and he went on to claim the national honours.

Rigby greeted the chequered flag half-a-second ahead of Oldfield and Western Australian Zach Munro.

Along the way Rigby also claimed the fastest lap, with a hot time of 16.761 seconds.

The event began in earnest on Friday night, after Thursday night's practice runs.

Friday included the SA Speedcar Title, which provided plenty of fast and furious action between heats of the Junior Sedans.

Western Australian Tom Payet claimed the title, ahead of Victorians Travis Mills and Mick Parker.

However, it was the young sedan drivers everyone came to see and they did not disappoint.

The pace was hot across the weekend, with bumper-to-bumper racing showing the skills of the Juniors.

Restarts were common as drivers jockeyed for position, with panel damage building as the weekend unfolded.



Zach Munro was a worthy contender, finishing third in the National Junior Sedans title on Saturday night.



After an exciting A Main feature race, Beau Oldfield finished second in the National Junior title, less than a second behind the eventual winner.



Kurtis Peall was on the pace with a fifth place at the National Junior Sedans title.



Liken Patterson drove his way to fourth place in the National Junior Sedans title.

The A Main certainly turned it on Saturday night, with a good display of skills worthy of a national title.

Street Stocks joined the Juniors on Saturday night to add to the weekend of racing.

National Junior Sedan Title results: Q28

Aidán Rigby, W84 Beau Oldfield, W138 Zach Munro, V48 Linken Paterson, Q11 Kurtis Peall, Q12 Brodie Hollyman, W29 Hunter Downs, V47 River Paterson, V18 Miller Throckmorton, V4 Jayden Lock, N23 Harry Fowler, Q27 Cooper Flynn, VA51 Kiarna Barton, S46 Lucas Warnett, N51 Jaiden Santin.

DNF: V10 Bree Simpson (22 laps), VA14 Cameron Smith (22), Q2 Billy Macdonald (20), Q7 Jayden Hancock (18), WA22 Zak Turner (18), V35 James Oliver (15), W3 Donny Davis (10).

Winning Margin: 0.510; **Fastest Lap:** 16.761s, Q28 Aidán Rigby.

Another winner for Katsiris

By David Lewis

It was on April 7 last year owner-trainer Michael Katsiris was last successful at Tara Raceway.

That was the day White Surprise ran a quick 22.92 seconds when defeating Lana Roads in the Commercial Hotel 5+Wins Stake over 400 metres.

Katsiris was back in Mount Gambier for last Thursday's time-graded meeting And recently-purchased Larry And Harry was lining up from box one in the Progryhoundtips.com Stake (400metres).

This was the first of five heats of the monthly Fast Forward 1-4 wins series.

Advancing to the following week's \$1535 final would be the fastest eight greyhounds, irrespective of their finishing positions in their heats.

Larry And Harry made sure Katsiris would make the trip back to Mount Gambier from the Melbourne suburb of Thomastown when scoring a dashing 4¼ length win over Cadillac Patch in 22.90 seconds – the quickest 400-metre time run all day.

By Moreira out of Alanna Banana, the former NSW-based black dog had been purchased from Colin Miller a month ago after having raced on only five occasions at Maitland, Wentworth Park and Richmond.

"I purchased him on the back of a quick maiden win at Richmond back in July," Katsiris said.

"I guess the only query was that when I got him he hadn't raced since the end of July.

"But I'm taking a chance that he will hold together."

Berringa trainer Michael Niele will be chasing consecutive Fast Forward wins after rising five-year-old Gizmo Osti won the December series.

This month it will be with Stormin' Frank.

In a keenly-contested final heat – the Rocks Tavern Stake – the son of My Redeemer and Mystic Moon finished strongly to defeat Compton Daisy by 1¼ lengths in a personal best time of 23.27 seconds.

Portland training team, Nicole Stanley and



Nifty Lenehan with Fast Forward final qualifier Master Shameem.

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Nifty Lenehan, have two runners through to the final – Master Shameem and Shot Of Brandy – qualifying in times of 23.21 seconds and 23.31 seconds respectively in the Greg Martlew Autos Stake and the Carlin and Gazzard MG Stake.

Owned by Malcolm Keenan of Tarpeena, the Stanley-trained Master Shameem, a son of

My Redeemer and Raz's Girl, overcame a slow start before running down tearaway leader Cadillac Star to win by a half-length.

Shot Of Brandy, a daughter of Mount Gambier Anniversary Cup winner Lektra Brandy, turned in a big effort for Lenehan after finding her share of trouble in running and then defeating Crusoe Kid by 1½

lengths in 23.31 seconds.

Edenhope training duo, Captain Abbott and Kerry Hawker, also have two runners into the final – Cadillac Patch and Cadillac Star.

Both greyhounds finished second, but with times of 23.20 seconds and 23.25 seconds, this looks like being an interesting Fast Forward final.

Mid South Eastern Football League 2023 fixture drops

Round 1

■ April 15: Kalangadoo v Kongorong; Tantanoola v Robe; Nangwarry v Mt Burr; Port MacDonnell v Glencoe; Hatherleigh – Bye.

Round 2

■ April 22: Glencoe v Hatherleigh; Kongorong v Port MacDonnell; Robe v Kalangadoo; Mt Burr v Tantanoola; Nangwarry – Bye.

Round 3

■ April 29: Hatherleigh v Kongorong; Port MacDonnell v Robe; Kalangadoo v Mt Burr; Tantanoola v Nangwarry; Glencoe – Bye.

Round 4

■ May 6: Robe v Hatherleigh; Mt Burr v Port MacDonnell; Nangwarry v Kalangadoo; Kongorong v Glencoe; Tantanoola – Bye;

Round 5

■ May 13: Hatherleigh v Mt Burr; Port MacDonnell v Nangwarry; Kalangadoo v Tantanoola; Glencoe v Robe; Kongorong – Bye.

Round 6

■ May 20: Nangwarry v Hatherleigh; Tantanoola v Port MacDonnell; Mt Burr v Glencoe; Robe v Kongorong; Kalangadoo – Bye.

Round 7

■ May 27: Hatherleigh v Tantanoola; Port MacDonnell v Kalangadoo; Glencoe v Nangwarry; Kongorong v Mt Burr; Robe – Bye.

Round 8

■ June 3: Kalangadoo v Hatherleigh; Tantanoola v Glencoe; Nangwarry v Kongorong; Mt Burr v Robe; Port MacDonnell – Bye.

June 10: South East Zone Carnival

Round 9

■ June 17: Hatherleigh v Port MacDonnell; Glencoe v Kalangadoo; Kongorong v Tantanoola; Robe v Nangwarry; Mt Burr – Bye.

Round 10

■ June 24: Kongorong v Kalangadoo; Robe v Tantanoola; Mt Burr v Nangwarry; Glen-

coe v Port MacDonnell; Hatherleigh – Bye.

Round 11

■ July 1: Hatherleigh v Glencoe; Port MacDonnell v Kongorong; Kalangadoo v Robe; Tantanoola v Mt Burr; Nangwarry – Bye.

Round 12

■ July 15: Kongorong v Hatherleigh; Robe v Port MacDonnell; Mt Burr v Kalangadoo; Nangwarry v Tantanoola; Glencoe – Bye.

Round 13

■ July 22: Hatherleigh v Robe; Port MacDonnell v Mt Burr; Kalangadoo v Nangwarry; Glencoe v Kongorong; Tantanoola – Bye.

Round 14

■ July 29: Mt Burr v Hatherleigh; Nangwarry v Port MacDonnell; Tantanoola v Kalangadoo; Robe v Glencoe; Kongorong – Bye.

Round 15

■ August 5: Hatherleigh v Nangwarry; Port MacDonnell v Tantanoola; Glencoe v Mt Burr; Kongorong v Robe; Kalangadoo – Bye.

Round 16

■ August 12: Tantanoola v Hatherleigh; Kalangadoo v Port MacDonnell; Nangwarry v Glencoe; Mt Burr v Kongorong; Robe – Bye.

Round 17

■ August 19: Hatherleigh v Kalangadoo; Glencoe v Tantanoola; Kongorong v Nangwarry; Robe v Mt Burr; Port MacDonnell – Bye.

Round 18

■ August 26: Port MacDonnell v Hatherleigh; Kalangadoo v Glencoe; Tantanoola v Kongorong; Nangwarry v Robe; Mt Burr – Bye.

■ First Semi-Final, September 2 – Hatherleigh.

■ Second Semi-Final, September 9 – Tantanoola.

■ Preliminary Final, September 16 – Robe.

■ Grand Final, September 23 – Port MacDonnell.



The Port MacDonnell Football Club will host the 2023 Mid South Eastern Football League grand final.

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Magic men defy the heat

By Trevor Jackson

It was a tough slog for the Millicent Magic men as they claimed a hard-fought victory in Round 13 of the Country Basketball League season on Sunday.

The Magic crossed the border to face Warrnambool and were met with a hot Seahawks roster, along with stifling temperatures.

Millicent jumped out of the gate and helped set up the win with a strong opening term, to take an eight-point advantage to the first break.

The Seahawks hit back in the second term but could only close the margin by two points.

The Magic stretched the margin further in the third term but then had to hold off a fast-finishing Warrnambool down the stretch.

Despite the home side having the better of the final term to the tune of six points, Millicent had done enough to claim the 71-67 victory in the trying conditions.

Kade Bradley found his range, with 26 points, while Jackson Bowden and Jack Haggett both contributed 13.

Coach Darren Dean said the conditions were trying, describing the stadium as like an oven.

However, he said the good start was what set the game up.

"We talked about a strong start – the last time we played them we were off to a good start, were up by 10 points and ended up winning by six, so we knew they would come hard," he said.

"We got off to a good start and put a bit of pressure on early.

"I think we were out to an 8-0 lead and that set us up with some good momentum.

"Then we just tried to hang tight and keep that momentum going."

Warrnambool tried everything to break the Magic, including a zone defence which backfired.

"In the third they switched their defence to a zone and Kade Bradley was hot shooting threes," Dean said.

"He had six for the game and only missed one three.

"His offence and defence was really good and he competed hard all game.

"As much as he doesn't like coming off the court, I had to rest him a few times in the heat."

Dean was also impressed by the young pair of Jackson Bowden and Jack Haggett, who both contributed 13 points.

"They were tired – they had five hours training with their state club in Adelaide Friday, then four hours of state training Saturday, so it was a huge effort by those two," he said.

"Jackson's defence was excellent.

"He curbed the hot hand of Adam Lawson towards the end of the game and was able to stop him getting threes up in the second half of the last quarter."

Along with those efforts, Dean said it was simply a strong effort from the whole roster, with the heat taking its toll but his players were certainly up to the challenge.

The Magic will now prepare for a clash with Terang at home on Saturday.



Kade Bradley was impressive for Millicent Magic in Sunday's CBL victory.

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Women go down in tough conditions

By Trevor Jackson

The Millicent Magic women suffered one of just two losses for the season on Sunday, with a tough contest against the Warrnambool Mermaids.

A skinny roster headed across the border in the stifling heat, which proved to be the downfall of the Magic.

However, it was an impressive effort from those six who took to the floor, with coach Damian Venn proud of his players, despite the loss.

"I don't like losing, but that was the proudest I have been with a loss," he said.

"The girls worked hard and at the end were all spent.

"We stayed with them until four or five minutes to go, but we had nothing left in the tank."

Apart from the small roster, Venn also faced another issue, with Poppy Venn out early with a cork injury.

That left five players to run out the game, which was always going to be a tough ask in such hot conditions.

"We had a few players pull out late for unforeseen reasons and we chased hard to find numbers," Venn said.

"In the end we went away with a 14 year old, two 15 year olds, one 16 year old, one 18 year old and a 22 year old.

"Both Alana (Berkefled) and Georgia (Winter) were coming off ankle injuries.

"At the end of the game they took the floor temperature and it was 35 degrees."

Despite the lack of numbers, Venn said he went into the game thinking it was a winnable contest.

Unfortunately the missing players meant a lack of rotations and scoring depth.

Still, Venn said it was certainly a gutsy effort.

"Alana had a cracking game – the work she



Millicent's Edie Easterby continued her strong season despite stifling heat on Sunday.

Picture: FILE

did in defence was outstanding," he said.

"Edie (Easterby) had 18 points in the first half, Piper (Paul) was outstanding in her first game and we were right there all day.

"The girls played their hearts out."

The Magic will now prepare for a home game against Terang Tornados on Saturday night.

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Game on as cricket returns

By Lachlan Onions

KINGSTON v NARACOORTE WARRIORS

Cricketers from the Millicent and Naracoorte Cricket Association will make their return this Saturday for Round 9 of competition.

Kingston will host the Naracoorte Warriors in a battle between third and fourth on the ladder.

The Saints have won four games this season, while the Warriors have won three games.

Naracoorte heads into this clash off the back of two consecutive victories before the Christmas break.

In Round 8, the Warriors claimed a 31-run win over Lucindale.

The win was built off the back of a strong batting performance in the first innings.

Aaron Haines carried the bat as opener and scored 62 runs, while Loren Bald, Brad Redding and Jason McClure all made handy contributions.

Bald also claimed four wickets in that game and all four players will be crucial for the visitors in this weekend's contest.

Kingston has impressed this season and comes in off the back of a win over Robe.

Mathew Cridland and Nicholas Dawes will be players to watch for the hosts.

In what should be a fairly even contest, Kingston will head in as slight favourites.

MILLICENT BLACKCAPS v ROBE

Robe will make the trip to McLaughlin Park on Saturday and will hope it can claim its first win since Round 1.

However, it will not come easy as Millicent has looked strong this season despite winning just one game.

The Blackcaps have had four games end without a result this campaign and as a result, find themselves further down the ladder than their ability would suggest.

Millicent's last game saw the Naracoorte Townies claim a six-wicket win with 14 balls to spare.

Jaxon Cushion and Jacob Todd will be players to watch for the hosts in this weekend's contest.

Todd has impressed with bat and ball this season and was instrumental in the Blackcaps' win over the Warriors back in Round 3.

Millicent will head into this contest as comfortable favourites and should claim victory on its home turf.

RENDELSHAM v MOUNT BURR

Rendelsham will host Mount Burr in what could be a fairly one-sided encounter.

The Mozzies have yet to win a game this year, while Rendelsham was won three of its five games.

The season has not been as smooth sailing as the reigning premiers would have liked as they currently sit in fifth place on the ladder.

In Round 9, Rendelsham suffered defeat to the ladder leading Footballers Furner Beachport at home in a top of the table clash.

However, this weekend presents a chance for them to move back into the top four.



Jason McClure will be a key player for the Naracoorte Warriors when they take on Kingston.

For the hosts, Dylan Clough, Jacob Carger and Max Telfer will be players to watch.

Mount Burr heads into this clash off the back of a lengthy break in between games.

After a bye in Round 8 and a week-off in between for the Adelaide Test Match, the Mozzies will take to the crease on Saturday for the first time since December 3.

On that occasion, Mount Burr was bowled out for 100 by Lucindale and the Roos claimed a 72-run win.

The Mozzies will look to Kallan Bevan and Jack Francis to have an impact this weekend as they search for their first victory of the season.

However, Saturday's game will likely be a similar tale with the reigning premiers expected to claim victory with ease.

NARACOORTE TOWNIES v LUCINDALE

The Townies will look to keep their impressive season going on Saturday when they host Lucindale.

With four wins from five games, the Townies have been one of the strongest and most consistent sides this year.

One of the highlights from the season to date was their ruthless win over Kingston in Round 3, where they bowled the Saints out for 70 and chased down the total in nine overs.

Bredon Smart has led the way for Naracoorte at the top of the batting order and scored an unbeaten 126 back in Round 6.

Along with dominating with the bat, he has also been a solid contributor with the ball as well.

It has been a difficult season so far for Lucindale, with just two wins from six games.

Michael and Shane McGurk have been solid contributors with the bat, while Stewart Hinze, Jesse Hazelman and Daniel McCarthy have all impressed with the ball.

Naracoorte will head into this game as favourites but there is still a chance for Lucindale to pull off an upset.



Millicent's Jacob Todd has impressed this season and will look to continue his strong form on Saturday. Pictures: LACHLAN ONIONS

South East back in action

By Lachlan Onions

The South East Women's Representative side will return to action on Sunday when it hosts the Warrnambool and District team.

South East heads into this game off the back of a 33-run win over Hamilton on December 18.

During that clash, the South East's Laura Chester put the visitors to the sword as she scored 71 runs and blasted shots all around the park.

She was supported by Kathryn Vine and Fiona Young, who combined for 64 runs between them.

These three players all dominated in the South East Women's Cricket League this year, with Chester the standout as she led North to premiership glory with 72 runs in the grand final.

With the ball, Chester and Anna McGregor

were the standout performers in the Hamilton clash as they took three wickets each.

Sharnna Mansell, Alysha Coon and Lauren Smart all took a wicket as well in the last game and will be players to watch for the hosts.

Warrnambool heads into this contest off the back of a dominant 85-run win over Hamilton on Sunday.

Jacque Dickson and Tara Elliott were key players with the ball, while Jasmine Bowater and Shannon Johnson led the way with the bat.

Johnson scored 68 runs off 41 balls last time out and hit an impressive 14 boundaries, while Bowater held down the fort with an unbeaten 45 off 88 deliveries.

Both sides will head into this game with confidence after strong wins over Hamilton and a close game could take place this weekend.



Laura Chester will look to continue her impressive form on Sunday when the South East side takes on Warrnambool. Picture: LACHLAN ONIONS



Win is vital as playoffs loom

By Trevor Jackson

Round 14 of the Country Basketball League season will provide another tough challenge for the Millicent Magic men.

The Magic will host the Terang Tornadoes on Saturday night, with a playoff position yet to be set.

The Magic sit in fourth place, just ahead of the Horsham Hornets, while the Tornadoes are down in eighth place with just three wins for the season.

However, Terang has certainly shown a competitive nature this season, falling just short in several hitouts.

Last time they face Millicent was a typical example, with the Magic opening the game up in the third term, but in the end claimed the win by just 10 points.

Jackson Bowden and Jack Haggett were prominent in that victory but will be absent this weekend, while Finn Grimes could be another notable exclusion.

Kade Bradley comes off a strong performance last weekend against the Warrnambool Seahawks where his 26 points were needed to claim the four-point victory.

Coach Darren Dean will rely on the persistence and class of Clint Gallio, along with the hard work of Josh Murphy, along with some good minutes from his bench if the magic are to claim the points.

"It is another one of those winnable games, but it is a danger game," he said.

"We will be a bit light on, but it is one we need to win to keep in the hunt for the top four spot."



The Millicent Magic will look to draw on all its experience to take care of business Saturday night against the Terang Tornadoes. Picture: FILE

Women look to bounce back after Round 13 loss

By Trevor Jackson

The Millicent Magic women will look to bounce back from last weekend's disappointing loss in Round 13 of the Country Basketball League season when they host the Terang Tornadoes on Saturday night.

The Magic has been the form team of the competition, but last week took a skinny roster across the border on a hot Sunday and simply ran out of gas.

Just six players took to the court, with an early injury making the job even tougher.

Coach Damian Venn said at the time he was extremely proud of their effort considering the situation.

After such a strong start to the season the loss has had little effect on the ladder, as the magic still sit clear of Mount Gambier at the pointy end of the ladder.

Saturday night's game will see a change of pace, with the Tornadoes languishing winless at the bottom of the ladder.

It is hard to see the Magic girls letting this one slip away, with Venn keen to get back on court.

"Hopefully we will have a fuller roster this weekend," he said.

"We will look to get this one out of the way and go from there."

Last week saw youngster Edie Easterby topped the score sheets with 24 points, while Georgia Winter managed 16.

With Poppy Venn out early with an injury, Piper Paul, in her first game, Lillie Paul and Alana Berkefeld were left to keep the scoreboard ticking over.

The experience of Bekefeld will no doubt be called upon again this weekend, while several others should be available for the home game.

Last time the two sides faced off the Magic claimed a 36-point victory, also with a somewhat depleted roster.

The result could well be similar this week as Millicent looks to return to the winner's list.



The Millicent Magic women will draw on all their experience on Saturday night to return to the winner's list. Picture: FILE