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AFP, services offer hand of friendship

The Australian Federal Police, with their state counterparts and local emergency services recently came together to break down barriers with local migrant communities through a fun and educational day out.

Around 60 or 70 members from the migrant communities of Naracoorte and Mount Gambier spent an activity filled Saturday at Noorla Yo-Long's Blue Light Adventure Camp

The participants joined forces with the Australian Federal Police (AFP) and local SES and CFS volunteers to build relationships between the communities, police and emergency service workers.

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Mollie and Alan O'Connor, Brandon Kimber, Vicki Noll and John Elton from the Rendelsham CFS.

Winged wreckers

By Caroline Hammat

Corella flocks are causing havoc to school ovals in Millicent, resulting in the postponement of Millicent and District's Little Athletics (MDLA) 2023 return and concerns about the impact on upcoming

school sporting events.

Newbery Park Primary School (MNPS) is home to MDLA and although the species, known as little corellas, have damaged the oval's surface in the past this is the first time the club has postponed a meet due to the birds.

The MDLA announced via social media the

oval was deemed not safe for track events due to the damage by the birds and are considering if a temporary move is possible while the oval recovers.

Josh Matthews is in his first year as president of the MDLA.

"We have had a little bit of damage be-

fore, usually over the Christmas period when there's not much happening at the school, but never to this extent," he said.

"We thought we might fill some of the holes with sand but apparently that will probably get dug back out.

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NEWS

Fun for kids

By Kathy Fennell

A large group of parents and children enjoyed the Centacare playgroup session held in Penola last week.

The sessions are held each Thursday at the Presbyterian Church hall from 10am to 11.30am.

The toy library will also visit fortnightly.

The program includes topics such as Australian animals, explore our emotions, music and movement, puppets, dinosaurs, autumn discovery, alphabet, harmony week, box craft and Easter fun.

Great activities are available for babies to pre school kids.



Archie and Hinera at playgroup



Penola Caledonian Hall.

Picture: G HINZE

Pipers of Penola

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.

PIPERS OF PENOLA RESTAURANT

This building started life in 1908 when the Methodist community in Penola purchased the land and set out to build their church with the help of Home Missioner Moses Gabb from Kalangadoo, who raised money and built the church himself with the help of carpenter, Mr Charles Jackson.

By 1920 attendances had dwindled and the building was sold to the newly-formed Penola RSL who sadly had to relinquish it during the Depression.

In 1928 it became the property of the Independent Order of Oddfellows Manchester Unity Friendly Society, Penola Lodge No. 80.

This organisation was founded in Manchester in 1810 and set up to protect and care for their members at a time when there was no National Health Service. The aim was, and still is, to provide help to members when they need it.

With many sick and injured men returning home from World War 11 a committee comprising Eric Kidman, Walter Rogers and Eric Balnaves repurchased the building in 1942.

It was during this period of ownership that the small kitchen area was added to the back of the hall and 'smoke socials' were held, with Frank Hinze and Paddy Mooney playing the piano. In 1958, following the building of their new establishment, they sold it to the Penola

District Caledonian Society.

There has always been a strong Scottish influence in the Penola district and for the next ten years they shared the building with the Penola & District Caledonian Pipe Band that had been formed in 1950.

A memorial to the Scottish pioneer families of the Penola district, erected in 1988, was later transferred to the St Andrew's Church grounds.

In 1998 the building was purchased by Hugh Koch, who carried out extensive alterations and opened Pipers of Penola Restaurant in 2001.

The ownership was transferred to Simon & Erica Bowen and has achieved outstanding success.

Show society ready to meet

Millicent's Agricultural, Horticultural and Pastoral Society will hold its annual meeting on Monday, 13 February.

Financial members are encouraged to attend and are eligible to vote and nominate for committee positions. The meeting, in Vera's Hall at the showgrounds, begins at 7pm and all members of the public are welcome to attend.

Nomination forms for the executive or committee are available from the secretary and must be received prior to the start.

For more information, visit the show office at 49 Adelaide Road, Millicent, on Mondays between 12pm and 1pm or phone 0459 333 560 between the hours of 9am and 2.30pm weekdays.



Looking through the Gordon Memorial Oval arch at the 2022 Millicent show.

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Museum in call for help

The call for more volunteers has gone out to help keep open the doors of the Beachport museum. Extra hands are needed at the entrance desk to assist with museum entry and shop sales.

The old wool and grain store building is a mainstay in Railway Terrace and a spokesperson for the museum said it is lots of fun engaging with the Beachport community and visitors to the town, encouraging others to join their dynamic team.

Volunteer hours are 10am to 1pm and 1pm to 4pm daily and volunteers do not have to commit to a weekly roster.

Chairwoman of the Beachport museum, Elaine Donaldson, said: "Sometimes in the busy season, we need two volunteers just to help each other.

"Someone comes in and wants to see the museum and someone else has bought something, it's quite often easier with two people.

"Volunteers are the backbone of this place, without them to help us we don't keep the doors open."

For volunteer enquiries, phone Beachport old wool and grain store museum on 8735 8013.



Elaine Donaldson is part of the dynamic team looking for more volunteers at the museum. Picture: FILE

Birds left club in the dark

By Caroline Hammat

President of the Millicent Football Netball Club (MFNC), Joel Redman, believes a regional solution needs to be found to the problems currently being caused by little corellas.

Last year the birds caused thousands of dollars in considerable infrastructure damage to the power supplies for the recently upgraded LED lighting system at the MFNC

The damage led to a management strategy and a considerable repair put in place to fix the problem. Mr Redman said it was a big project to have to rectify lights that had only been standing for four or five years.

"We couldn't just reconnect the wires, it had to be risk managed so that we try to avoid the possibility of it happening again," he said.

Although the oval escaped relatively unscathed last year, this year, the Eastern wing and flank of the oval has attracted the attention of the birds.

"They've got stuck into the the winter grassroot seed and managed to make a fair mess on that town side.

"They seem to leave the changeroom side alone so thankfully that's not affected but its certainly been an issue that has been ramping up over the last few years.

"The destruction is particularly troubling given that cricket are still using the oval and

have an important match on the weekend."

The club has had permits in the past to cull the corella population but recognises this is a divisive issue.

"If it was to go to that level I think it would have to be a professional provider engaged by council so there wasn't a divide in the community about why and how it was occurring and who was responsible," Mr Redman said.

"The solution is not as clear cut as the problem seems.

"Even things like gas scarers, if we have two gas scarers at either end of McLaughlin Park what are the neighbours going to think when that's going off through the day?

"Especially if you are a night shift worker or something like that."

Mr Redman told the South Eastern Times that Wattle Range Council (WRC) consistently help maintain the McLaughlin Park facilities.

"This is just another facet where they might have to help us get to that next step," he said.

"Things like culling the corellas or maybe we need half a dozen gas operator scarers that are maintained by the council just for the two week period that this occurs every year."

Looking at the positive impact of the birds Mr Redman acknowledged they do aerate the lawn and remove some of the parasites but safety issues, particularly to children using the ovals, remains a concern.



President of the MFNC Joel Redman shows the worst of the corella damage.



Little corellas are destroying the fields. Picture: FILE

Corellas wreaking havoc

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"They like where the lines are marked and zero in where the grass has been killed for the track, and start working under the kikuyu. It didn't look good last week but we were waiting for the grass to get mowed to see how it would come up."

Brydie Merrett, the principal of NPPS, is concerned the oval may not be up to standard for sports day and SAPSASA day.

"SAPSASA sports day is still a while away but it is going to be a bit of work to get it up to scratch by then" she said.

"I'm not really sure what the solution is. We do have problems every year but this would be the worst that I've seen it.

"Our groundsman is mowing and watering and doing all the right things, but it's just the holes, they are quite dangerous. It seems a lot more intense; last year it was the same but not to this extent, I can't recall Little Athletics having to postpone."

Millicent High School PA and administration assistant Grace Clough shared the concerns expressed by Newbery Park.

"We have been prepping our oval for interschool, which we are hosting this term on March 24th" she said.

"We've never had quite such severe issues with corellas, but this year they have really wrecked our oval. It's very frustrating, especially when we are meant to be hosting all the other schools.

"We are just trying to get our oval up and running and now we've been given a bit of a setback.

"All of a sudden we can't get rid of the corellas and they are just chewing up the whole oval. We will have to look into something, but not sure what yet."

Millicent North Primary School has managed to avoid the destructive behaviour of the birds and reported no damage to their oval.

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Penola men's shed group Wayne Tregenza, Tony Moulton, Don Burns, Baden Sharam, Gary Williams. Front - Robert Burfegess, Christopher Dean, Ian Tregenza



Wayne and Ian Tregenza preparing timber for the new addition.

Penola Men's Shed grant

The saws are sharpened, and the hammers and nails are ready for members of the Penola men's shed to start on the addition to the current premises.

The extension was made possible from a successful grant application.

The grant is from the Australian government Department of Health and Aged Care

National Shed Development program, which is administered by the Australian Men's Shed Association.

Federal Member for Barker, Tony Pasin encouraged the group to apply for the grant.

Funding was sought to enlarge the outdoor work area.

An increase in community projects has created problems for storage of completed projects and this extension will enable members to work safely.

The timber was donated by OneFortyOne.

The existing work area will have two roller doors on the north side for privacy and will block the wind with a three metre extension

bay added to the existing building.

The estimated cost of the extension is \$16,000.

The grant awarded is for \$8,000 and the men's shed will match that amount with funds they have worked hard to earn over the past two years.

Coastal mayors step up

Lisa Ruffell has been elected, uncontested, as Robe's mayor after acting as deputy mayor since last year's local government election.

The position had been vacant since the 2022 elections when no nominations for the position were forthcoming.

A recount of the general election votes will be undertaken to fill the remaining councillor position formerly filled by the mayor.

A similar situation has taken place in Kingston District Council when no candidates were nominated for the mayoral role in the 2022 local government elections.

Jeff Pope has been acting in the role since he was unanimously elected deputy mayor at the November 2022 council meeting and was recently elected mayor uncontested.

Steps will now be taken to fill the councillor role left vacant by the mayor.

Full steam ahead for station renovations

By Caroline Hammat

The restoration and upgrade of the heritage-listed Tantanoola railway building can go ahead after the Tantanoola Progress Association (TPA) was approved to continue by the state government.

Heritage South Australia has given the green light for the work, which will maintain the heritage value of the building and prevent further vandalism of the site.

Conditions have been placed on the repair work and include replicating the existing structure when undertaking internal and external timber repairs, which involves replacing a section of burnt floor.

The building will be secured by replacing the missing external four-panel doors to

match profiles in Heritage SA early photographs.

Any painting undertaken is to match the current colours and windows are to be secured using timber-framed flyscreens with vandal-proof security mesh.

TPA members Ian and Sue Lines are working closely on the project with Mr Lines taking on the project manager role.

"Completion will take a number of years, we've commenced it" he said. "The station is basically project number one and plans are for re-cladding, redoing up the timber work, the windows, doors and painting.

"Then stage two we will move on to the goods shed."

Over the last 12 months, the TPA has successfully received three grants towards the

project from Iberdrola Australia Lake Bonney Community Fund, the Federal Government's Stronger Communities Program and a Wattle Range Council Community Financial Assistance Grant.

These grants have allowed work to begin on refurbishing the site but the wait on official development approval has delayed progress.

Mr Lines said the grants would come close to covering the cost of stage one but more funds would be needed to complete the job.

The Tantanoola Railway Station and corrugated iron barrel-vaulted goods shed are among the oldest remaining railway buildings in the south-east.

Both built in 1880 they became unattended 100 years later in May 1980.



Sue and Ian Lines get the green light to proceed with refurbishing Tantanoola's historic railway station.



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Big visit for big personality

By Charlotte Varcoe

The best of Wattle Range will feature on popular travel show South Aussie with Cosi in the coming weeks.

South Australian celebrity Andrew “Cosi” Costello was in the Limestone Coast last week, filming his popular television show South Aussie with Cosi.

Mr Costello spent four days filming across the South East focusing on popular tourist destinations and visiting local businesses such as Mayura Station and Coonawarra cellar doors.

Mayura Station head chef and manager Mark Wright said he was happy Mr Costello was visiting the popular tasting room for a second time in a number of years.

“We are so happy he is coming back to the business and promoting the region,” Mr Wright said.

“We were fortunate enough to have Cosi here a few years ago when he visited the restaurant and did a segment and to this day we still have customers coming through citing the show and saying that is how they found out about us.”

Looking forward to a potential influx of visitors and a slow-burn of customers as a result of the show Mr Wright said the region would also benefit from the exposure.

“We will definitely see immediate short-term uptakes in bookings because that is what happened last time but we are also expecting a good slow-burn of people who did see the show and put us on their bucket list,” he said.

“The other thing with South Aussie with Cosi is there are sometimes repeats of previous shows so we do recognise the long-term effects from the visit.”

Labelling Mr Costello as “easy to get along with” and a “great ambassador” for South Australia, Mr Wright said he looked forward to hosting the television personality in the



Cosi with Silver at Cafe Lito.

tasting room today.

“We will grill a few steaks for him and have a chat about the tasting room as well as our Mayura Farm,” he said.

Speaking with The Border Watch, Mr Costello said he and his production team try to visit the South East as often as possible to showcase the area.

“We pretty much visit every region of South Australia and last time we were in the South East was when one of the Covid-19 lockdowns

happened,” Mr Costello said.

“We were filming and got told that we had to be back home by midnight to make the curfew so we finished the filming and raced back to Adelaide.”

He said despite the rush from his last visit, Mr Costello was looking forward to spending a few days exploring the area.

“We are looking forward to filming a whole bunch of different things around the region including the Blue Lake, Little Blue and a



Cosi at the barbecue at Bellwether Wines.

number of businesses,” he said.

“We will also be filming the forests around Mount Gambier because I really like the forests and I want to encourage more people to go for walks through here and explore it.”

Mr Costello also commented on the farmland across the region calling it “beautiful”.

“I love farmland and all of the farmland in the South East is so beautiful and I think Mount Gambier and the South East are very lucky because you also have the Coonawarra area and all the wineries too,” he said.

“There is an amazing stretch of coastline as well and it all accumulates.”

Penola was also blessed with a visit by Cosi, with the star visiting Cafe Lito, Balnaves of Coonawarra and Bellwether Wines.

The episode featuring the South East is scheduled to air next month.

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Record triathlon for good

By Aidan Curtis

A Victorian athlete is set to tackle a record triathlon across Australia for mental health, passing through the South-East along the way.

Athlete Tom Dunn is planning a mammoth 9000km triathlon, dubbed "Mental", from the westernmost part of the country to its easternmost point in the hope of raising \$100,000 for mental health charity Livin.

The trek will include a 6700km cycle, a 300km swim and a 2000km run over the course of around four months from 20 February.

Mr Dunn said he hopes the journey will let him meet all kinds of people to spread the message "it ain't weak to speak", with Kingston, Robe, Millicent and Mount Gambier on the list of places to visit.

"Part of what I really enjoy about this is exploring the different regions of Australia, getting to know different people and seeing how the people around Australia live," Mr Dunn said.

"I think you learn so much by experiencing and interacting with the people who live in that area.

"When I've been out there on self-supported trips and pushing myself to breaking point, quite often the thing that picks me up is random strangers who may or may not know what I'm doing, their willingness to pull over and offer me some water on the side of the road."

He said he decided to undertake the challenge as the last few years especially have highlighted the importance of trying to maintain your mental health.

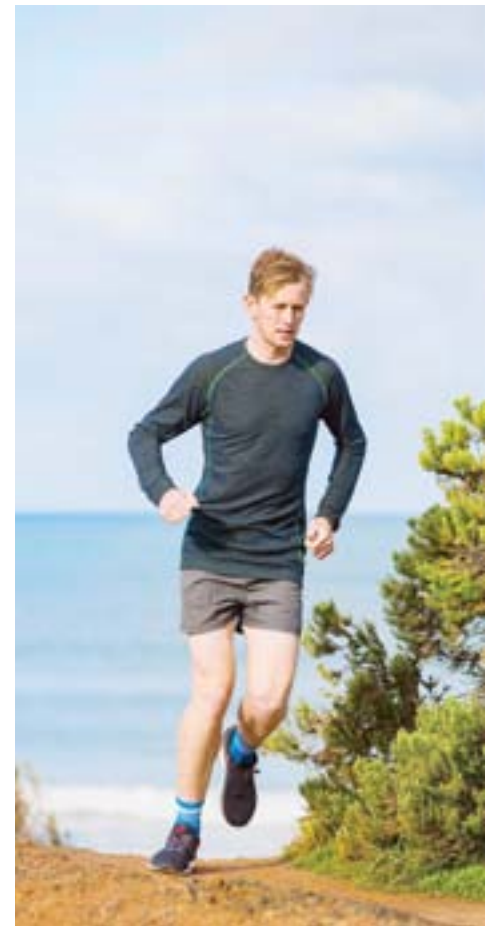
"In the last couple of years, it seems everyone has had a pretty rough go of it - obviously with Covid, then also a number of things that have happened throughout Australia," he said.

"When I realised I was going to do this trip, there seemed no better option than to partner with the mental health organisation purely to get the message that it ain't weak to speak out there.

"I had the personal motivation to go and



Epic trek: Athlete Tom Dunn is undertaking a 9,000km triathlon across the country to raise money for mental health. Pictures: SUPPLIED



Lofty goal: Tom Dunn hopes to raise \$100,000 and spread the message that "it ain't weak to speak" along the way.

complete this trip and it seems right to be supporting mental health through this journey."

Mr Dunn said he looks forward to passing through the South East as it will bring up good memories of the times he has travelled through and stayed in the region.

"I actually lived in Keith while I was in primary school, so not too far away, and when we were in that region, we did a little bit of travel-

ling through that area," he said.

"We've spent plenty of time over there [in Robe and Kingston].

"I look back on that fondly and will probably be a bit more relaxed in those memories than what I will be when I pass through - I'll probably be a little tuckered out.

"It's a beautiful region and I'm looking forward to kicking back on the beach on one or

two nights when I camp out."

He said if all goes well, he should be passing through the area around March 19 and encouraged people to have a chat if they saw him on the road.

People wanting to follow Mr Dunn's journey or help him reach his donation goal can find out more at whattomhasdunn.com

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

COMPILED WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF WATTLE RANGE COUNCIL

11 & 12 February

- Inflatable Obstacle Course - Nangwarry Pool
- Coonawarra Vignerons Petanque Classic Clash - "the PISTE"

17 February

- Brian Letton Live in Concert, Rendelsham Town Hall

17 & 18 February

- Fashion Pop Up - RSL Hall, Penola

18 & 19 February

- Penola Swimming Pool Obstacle Course
- The Spirit of Robe Boat Show

18 February

- Cricketers Vs Footballers 100 Ball Smash - Mount Burr

24 February

- Beachport Movie of the Month

25 February - March 4

- Southern Ports Golf Week, Beachport, Robe, Kingston SE

17-19 March

- Penola and Coonawarra Acoustic Music Gathering

24 March

- Stand Like Stone Movie Night, Coonawarra Hall

8 April

- Beachport Easter Market Day

9 April

- Penola Cup

22 April

- Kalangadoo Farmers Market Fair Day

18-21 May

- Penola Coonawarra Arts Festival
- 10 & 11 June
- Health, Healing and Harmony Festival, Robe

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

2nd Sunday of the month

- Penola Hospital garden working bee

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

Early leave for park team

Managers of the Wattle Range Council (WRC) owned caravan park in Beachport have requested to terminate their agreement, due to expire April 2026, at the end of this April.

Dan and Heidi Prouse have been managing the Southern Ocean Tourist Park (SOTP) since April 2015 and recently announced via social media this summer would be their last at the park.

"All my kids, I'm going to miss you" Ms Prouse said.

"I have watched you from babies or young ones to teens, each year that bit taller to pay for your lollies over the counter.

"This is my absolute favourite, the kids growing up and the independence they have coming in to get something from the kiosk with their money.

"The people we have met along our eight years, some have turned into great friendships.

"There is so much I'm going to miss."

Ms Prouse acknowledged the support received from WRC and said it had been an amazing experience for the couple but a difficult call to make when informing them of their plans.

"We have taken the park from one level and put our heart and soul into bringing it up to the best park in Beachport.

"It's going to be even harder to let this baby we have built go, but it's time for

fresh new blood.

"I know who ever comes in will continue to grow the park with great vision and direction."

Mr Prouse has recently been offered an opportunity to work for Millicent based company TRAC and as a family they decided it was time to move on.

Last year the couple took ownership of two Beachport holiday rental businesses, By the sea and Coastal stays, which Ms Prouse will run while she is studying real estate and counselling.

The family will continue to live in Beachport and after eight years of being available 24/7 they are looking forward to family time and free weekends.

Currently the couple oversee the day to day operations of the park and are paid a management fee for service.

They are responsible for cleaning, minor garden maintenance and housekeeping with other repairs, maintenance and consumables the responsibility of WRC.

At council's January 17 meeting the Chief executive officer was authorised to commence an expression of interest for submission of proposals for the future management of the park.

Council is unable to sell the Southern Ocean Tourist Park land, as it is situated on Crown land.



Current managers of SOTP Heidi and Dan Prouse with their children Tilly and Riley.

Picture: SUPPLIED

Federal police join forces to help break down barriers

By Sophie Conlon

The Australian Federal Police, with their state counterparts and local emergency services recently came together to break down barriers with local migrant communities through a fun and educational day out.

AFP Detective Leading Senior Constable of the community liaison team Farid Nait-Ladjemil said it was important for emergency services to build positive relationships with migrants.

"We have got lots of migrants that come from third world countries, they escape the conflict, like the Islamic state or the Taliban and they come here as refugees, the experiences they have there with the police on the front line is corruption, they're getting tortured, and when they see us, the uniform, they're just scared," he said.

He said the event, held at Noorla Yo-Long Blue Light Camp on Saturday, February 4, focused on trust building, with a variety of activities, like rock climbing, taking advantage of the camps facilities.

Det Nait-Ladjemil said the event was open to all migrant communities across the Limestone Coast, and majority of people who came were members of the Congolese and Yazidi communities

One participant was Ei Plu, originally from Thailand, who had been living in Mount Gambier for 14 years, another was a Yazidi migrant who had arrived in the region only three days before the event.

"We come in, we don't talk about offences or anything like that, our role is to basically break down [barriers] and make that first contact," Det Nait-Ladjemil said.

As well as building trust, Det Nait-Ladjemil and his team also provided education around the difference between state and federal police.

He said participants were educated on big topics, like the different types of offences they dealt with, and small ones, like how their logos were different.

The day also included the opportunity for migrants to meet volunteers from the Country Fire Service, State Emergency Service and the Ambulance Services.

Det Nait-Ladjemil said meeting people from different services gave migrants the chance to understand what each service accomplished.

He also said it was great time for migrants to think about volunteering in the community and building relationships.

Reflecting on personal experience, Det



Strengthening bonds: AFP Detective Farid Nait-Ladjemil, Limestone Coast Police superintendent Campbell Hill and AFP reserves member Ray Beshara helped run the event.

Picture: SOPHIE CONLON

Nait-Ladjemil said it could be hard to build a resume as a migrant, but he said volunteering for the SES gave him an avenue and references when he applied to the police force.

"We give back to the community, because this country welcomed us and this the way to give back to the community," he said.

Det Nait-Ladjemil said though he was scared the first time he interacted with the police, he soon met an officer, built a relationship with them and found that there were opportunities with the police.

"Living that experience, I want to show the community the police is a multicultural organisation... I'm an example of that, working with state police and working with fed-

eral police," he said.

Limestone Coast Police superintendent Campbell Hill said from a local perspective the event was an important part of building relationships with every community in the region.

"At the local level it's great because it allows us to break through barriers, generate the trust and create that comfort that can then lend itself to us providing local crime prevention and road safety advice and assisting people in community just to understand," he said.

"Because we want them to flourish, that's the whole reason they came here."

He said this event tied in with other small-

er events that SAPOL ran locally throughout the year with help from migrant support services.

"It allows us to get into a vulnerable cohort within community, so these are definitely gateway opportunities that are invaluable for us," he said.

AFP Reserves member Ray Beshara said bringing different migrant communities together would help them feel comfortable around the emergency services.

"We want to make them feel comfortable in approaching the authorities and say this is what's happening," he said.

Remembering Ralph 12 months on

Ralph built the south-east

Raffaele "Ralph" Zanello

20/07/1928 ~ 06/02/2022

From a longer article written by Mary Louise Price (nee Zanello)

When Raffaele (Ralph) Zanello died 12 months ago he left behind a legacy of hundreds of buildings throughout the Green Triangle region, particularly in Millicent where many shops, banks, school buildings, halls and the swimming lake were his creations.

As a partner in the building company Zanello and Buffon, Ralph was responsible for everything from homes to lighthouses constructed over more than 40 years from the 1950s.

Ralph was born on July 20, 1928, to Santina (nee Pradissitto) and Francesco in the small town of Latisana in Udine, 90km north of Venice, Italy.

He was the sixth of seven children with three brothers and three sisters.

Growing up, he worked many casual jobs and, as a labourer, became familiar with concrete and building bricks.

He learnt how to work with terrazzo and tiling at a trades school in Udine.

In 1951, he decided to leave war-torn Italy and applied to go to Australia where the government was offering migrants a two-year directed-labour contract in return for passage to Australia.

On January 24, 1952, the ship 'Hellenic Prince' arrived in Melbourne with 1700 Italian men including Ralph.

He was 23, spoke no English and his only belongings of clothes and books filled two suitcases.

Three weeks were spent at a migrant reception and training centre in Bonegilla, Victoria, where there were classes in English and learning the Australian way of life.

He was then sent to Renmark to assist with the grape harvest before coming to the South East where he spent almost two years working in the migrant scheme on bridge construction along the Furner/Mt Hope drain.

He lived in a tent for a year at the Hatherleigh E&WS Camp and then in a caravan.

On weekends he worked on small building jobs in the area, mainly terrazzo and tiling bathrooms.

While at Hatherleigh, he was befriended by the Skeer family and fondly referred to Frank and Mary as his Australian parents.

Frank taught him how to work with limestone (Mt Gambier Stone) and some basics in building.

This sparked an interest and together with fellow Italian migrant friend from Latisana, Tony Buffon, they became Zanello & Buffon Builders in 1954.

Their office and work yard were established at Third Street, Millicent.

Another good friend, also from Latisana, was Luigi Morutto who worked with them for the next 20 years.

Their building business grew to be one of the biggest in the South East.



Ralph Zanello celebrating his 80th birthday.

They constructed industrial and commercial buildings in every town, particularly in Millicent, where they were responsible for erecting hundreds of homes.

They built many schools, motels, churches, petrol stations, shops, supermarkets, banks, sections of Apcel (now known as Kimberly Clark), the swimming lake and even a lighthouse (at Robe).

They supplied concrete to the Apcel site and regularly for the local council.

Terrazzo floors and walling in homes and businesses were created during the 1950's and 1960's by Ralph and Tony.

The imported Italian marble chips and cement from Denmark, along with their workmanship, remain to this day and of note is the St Alphonsus Church Hall foyer.

The Millicent Swimming Lake has a fall of only millimetres from one side of the water to the other. Continually taking ground level measurements, Ralph tried so hard to get it perfect.

At its busiest, Zanello & Buffon employed 50 men full-time and they would have described him as a "hard, but fair man".

He was a hard boss to work for, but it was Ralph who had to worry about quotes, tenders and completion deadlines.

He was the first one to work in the morning and the last one to leave at night, rarely working less than 60-70 hours a week.

All this was managed with only a landline telephone and desk calculator.

He never kept a diary, rarely used a calendar and never carried a briefcase or owned an alarm clock.

As Millicent continued to grow, Zanello & Buffon played a big part in its progress.

They were responsible for the construction of 37 commercial properties along George and Davenport streets.

They changed the face of the main street by removing the old shop verandah posts, some with horse rings still attached, as Council had opted for the new cantilever effect.

Zanello & Buffon were land developers in their own right and realized the need for housing as the Millicent population soon doubled.

They created affordable housing in subdivisions in the Millicent North and High School areas.

Pineview Estate was developed in 1969 on 42 acres with a plan for 146 homes.

Many years later, Ralph realised the need for smaller homes which offered safe, secure and low maintenance lifestyles.

Groups of homettes were built in Fifth, Spehr and Third Streets.

One of the most challenging builds was the Woolworths supermarket in 1970.

"You couldn't have had a more difficult block to build on," Ralph said.

With solid limestone at the front and mud and water from a natural watercourse at the rear, it was a difficult build during winter.

Ten feet of consolidated rock fill, 9700 bags of cement, 200 tonnes of steel reinforcing rods, 44000 concrete modular bricks for walls and the supermarket was finished on time.

Despite overcoming many problems, Ralph was more proud that the store was built entirely with local labour and tradesmen.

Naracoorte Meatworks was one of the larg-

est building achievements.

On completion in 1974, after two years, his workmen presented Ralph with a framed pencil drawing of a pineapple with the Latin phrase, 'durus sed bonus' as a crest, translating to "Hard on the outside, but good inside".

In 1996, after a 42-year working partnership, Ralph and Tony shut their building yard gates for the last time. One of their last building projects was a group of homettes on their original office and work yard site.

Their building partnership was to end where it all began, at Third Street, Millicent.

In addition to building, Ralph always took a keen interest in civic and sporting affairs in Millicent.

This included being Apex Club founder and president in 1956 and member for 12 years, Rotary Club member and Social Director, Millicent Italian Club founder and president, Italian bowling Club (Bocce) promoter and member, early promoter of soccer in the south-east, Millicent United Soccer Club president, and South East Soccer Association president in the early stages.

In 1967, Ralph received the award of Cavaliere of the Order of the Star of Solidarity of Italy.

This was awarded to him personally by the President of Italy, Signor Giuseppe Saragat, during a visit to Australia.

This knighthood was in recognition of his services and help with Italian migrant settlement and integration into the Millicent community by assisting people with translating, business, employment and housing.

Ralph never forgot where he came from but he always considered himself a proud Australian having become naturalised to his new country in 1957 at the age of 28.

He kept in contact with his family in Italy and enjoyed three overseas holidays back to the old country in 1964, 1974 and 1980.

In 1957 Ralph met Wilma O'Neil, they married in 1959, had three children; David, Mary and Peter and shared 62 happy years together.

At different times, Ralph and Wilma owned farming land at Beachport, Penola, Furner and Casterton.

Their farm at Mount Benson, Robe, was purchased in 1967 and Woolmit in the 1970's.

Ralph and Wilma moved to Robe in 1997.

At the age of 69 Ralph began to develop his Kangaroo Hill Vineyard on his farming land, 15km north of Robe. Now known as the Robe Bella Vista Vineyard, it was his pride and joy for 25 years.

In 2020, Ralph moved into Boneham Aged Care in Millicent and passed away on February 6, 2022 at the age of 93 years, and is buried in the Millicent cemetery.

He is survived by his wife, three children and four grandchildren.

He would have been so pleased that Millicent is growing again.

A new generation now benefits from his building legacy in the town that was once his home.

Legacy of Zanello and Buffon Builders

Zanello and Buffon Builders were responsible for building hundreds of houses in Millicent and the surrounding area.

They are well recognised by their Mount Gambier stone or brickwork.

The following list of building work by Zanello and Buffon builders is completed to the best of the Zanello family knowledge and memory.

This list is incomplete and represents only some of their story.

Millicent

- Schools - McArthur Park Kindergarten, South Primary, North Primary renovations, St Anthony's classrooms, high school open space unit and TAFE building.
- Churches - St Alphonsus Hall and Presbytery, Salvation Army Citadel, St Vincent De-Paul and Methodist Church hall
- Lawn Bowling clubrooms
- Indoor Cricket Centre
- Netball Association Clubrooms
- Show grounds youth hall

- RSL Building
- Mothers and Babies
- Institute Library rebuilt
- CWA clubrooms
- Millicent and District Community Club
- Millicent Italian Club
- Doctor's surgery
- Nurses home, casualty and offices at hospital
- Banksia House
- Cecilia Hart Aged Care (sections)
- Boneham Aged Care upgrade and driveway
- Swimming lake and kiosk
- Starline Drive-in
- Nenke's Saloon, terrazzo and toilets (The George Hotel)
- Radiata Motel (now Sandpipers)
- Petrol Stations - Amoco, Shell and BP
- Canola Oilseed Crushing Plant
- Millicent Saleyards and building
- Post Office (alterations and additions)
- South Eastern Times printing office

- Court House and Police Station
- Police Cell block
- Pict Food Processing factory
- SAFCOL, SAFRIES processing
- S.E Drainage Board S.E headquarters
- Millicent Bakery
- Shanks Garage
- ETSA building
- Stratfords Millicent Machinery
- Mitre 10
- Dalgety's building
- Supermarkets - Four Square, Woolworths and Foodland.
- Banks - Commonwealth, New South Wales, Adelaide Bank, E.S & A., ANZ, Westpac, Savings Bank of SA and State Bank of SA.
- Apcel (Kimberly Clark) from 1959-1993 - construction and concrete supply.
- Buildings in other South East towns**
- Mt Burr - Community hall and sawmill
- Southend - original bridge and SAFCOL building
- Beachport - Catholic Church, SAFCOL

- building and harbour master's house renovations for youth hostel use.
- Hatherleigh hall
- Furner Hall - Second fixings and floorboards
- Penola - Aged Care Home and Safries building
- Tantanoola Caves petrol station
- Greenways and Frances Catholic Churches
- Bordertown bank
- Nangwarry Plywood Mill
- Kalangadoo Sawmill
- Lucindale building main street
- Robe - Lighthouse, State Bank, petrol station and Sandylane bridge.
- Naracoorte - Meatworks, original Foodland supermarket, TAFE and workshop, ETSA offices and substations, high school multi-purpose building, Telstra building
- Mount Gambier - Odeon Theatre renovation into plaza with shops and ten pin bowling alley, and Scrimber mill office and warehouse
- Portland Foodworld supermarket

HAPPY Valentine's Day

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Third time's a love charm

By Sophie Conlon

It will be third time's a charm for Suzy Dix and Kerry Johnston, when they tie the knot on Valentine's Day.

It has been a whirlwind romance for the couple, who met on a dating site in October only four months ago.

Suzy said there were two reasons February 14 was chosen as their wedding day, the first, it marked the four month anniversary of their first date.

"By the time we get married it will be four months to the day," she said.

"That was the first day we were together."

And the second reason was that being the day of love Kerry would be able to easily remember the date for years to come.

"He chose the date... he said he won't forget the anniversary then," she said.

Kerry said he was normally shocking at remembering important dates, but an anniversary on Valentine's Day would be hard to forget.

"The day of love, a good all round match," he said.

"So the 14th of February is a date I can't forget... Because every year you're reminded."

For their first date Suzy travelled from Mount Gambier to Millicent to meet Kerry, where they went on a tour of the town.

"We sat down talking by the lake, just starting to get to know each other," Kerry said.

"I think we went to Southend two days later and then after that we did a trip to Adelaide."

Suzy said they hit it off straight away and they could not get enough of each other.

"We're pretty inseparable," she said.

With Kerry adding they were like each other's shadows.

Kerry said their relationship had unfolded over a lot of miles, with him being a truck driver and Suzy often hopping along for the ride.

"I have a truck and do quite a few interstate trips, so she comes with me and we just talk, talk, talk," he said.

"We were on the road more than we were anywhere else."

They agreed they had found their person and Kerry said they shared interests in most things.

"It's amazing how many things we have in common, there's more things common than uncommon," Kerry said.

Both knowing they were the one for each other, there was no big proposal, or grand gesture.

Instead, the couple said they just knew.

Kerry said there was no proposal, but with a laugh Suzy jumped in and said he had proposed, just not in a typical fashion.

He had to update his phone, and in the process lost Suzy's number, on re-entering it he added her as Suzy Johnston rather than Suzy Dix and conversation flowed from there.

"I was asking her a question on the phone and she saw it and said 'oh am I Suzy Johnston am I?'" he said.

Suzy said by that point she just knew Kerry was the one for her.

"So that was it, I just knew," she said,

"We just thought, we gelled so well together...



In Love: Kerry Johnston and Suzy Dix will be married on Valentine's Day.

Pictures: SOPHIE CONLON

er... so we decided at our age you're not going to meet anyone more compatible."

Kerry said it was rare to be able to find a match later in life and he was glad they had found each other.

"I've been alone long enough," he said.

"You short circuit when you're on your own."

They said the wedding would be a simple affair, with only the celebrant and two witnesses joining them on the day.

The couple will marry at Mel Hirth Lookout overlooking the Blue Lake and Valley Lakes.

Suzy said as soon as they saw the view they knew that was the perfect spot to tie the knot.

"It's just somewhere different, we were going to get married at the bottom of the lake, but it's a better view, it's a nice backdrop," Kerry said.

"It's going to be a nice day so the Blue Lake will stand out well behind us."

As this is the third time they will each have a wedding, they did not want to make a big to-do of the day.

Kerry said when it came down to it, it really was just another normal day.

"It's just the two of us making the commitment," he said.

Suzy said after the ceremony they would take their witnesses, Suzy's neighbours, out for a special lunch to celebrate.

After the big day Kerry said they planned to embark on a continuous honeymoon, keeping the house at Millicent, but hitting the open road and exploring Australia.

"We'll settle in Millicent, we have a big 5th wheeler and we're going to be touring, so for six months we'll be on the road," he said.

He said they would not travel too fast, staying in one place for a while and then moving



The One: Kerry and Suzy agreed they had finally found the one.

a bit further along to be able to explore everything.

"You might stay here for two weeks and then you might move 100 or 200 kilometres down the road and then that's it and we'll have another good look around," he said.

Suzy said she would like to see as much as she could, while she still could.

"Just enjoying what we've got left of life, and whenever it stops well then we'll think of what we're going to do then," she said.

Though the couple is in their late 60s, Kerry said their married life would not look too different than a more typical marriage.

"A lot of hospital visits," he said with a laugh.

"Just normal married things, but just later in life that's all. We've got everything we need," he said.

He said they only really had one goal for their marriage.

"There are no real goals as such yet, just get out there and have fun," he said.

Suzy said they had everything they needed, the future would be full of happiness.

"There won't be anymore for either of us. This is it," she said.



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Rendelsham CFS volunteer Alan O'Connor with his daughter Mollie.



Millicent SES volunteers Gary Hopkins and Paul Franzi with Millicent CFS members Phil Richards, Chris Mathias and Rob Gommers.



Joining forces for the day are the AFP, Millicent and Rendelsham CFS and Millicent SES members.

Building community bonds

By Caroline Hammat

Around 60 or 70 members from the migrant communities of Naracoorte and Mount Gambier spent an activity filled Saturday at Noorla Yo-Long's Blue Light Adventure Camp

The participants joined forces with the Australian Federal Police (AFP) and local SES and CFS volunteers to build relationships between the communities, police and emergency service workers.

The majority of those who joined in on the day were from the Congolese and Yazidi communities.

Participants included Ei Plu, originally from Thailand, who had been living in Mount Gambier for 14 years and a Yazidi migrant who had arrived only three days earlier.

The relationship building day was supported by Survivors Torture and Trauma Assistance Rehabilitation Services (STARRS).



AFP Detective Farid Nait-Ladjemil and Mount Gambier Sergeant Jade Hill, with her son Ashton, with Rhett McDonald from STARRS and members of Mount Gambier's Congolese community Farid, Susan, Therese, Joseph, Sadiki, Liz, Ann, Miriam, Fatuma, Abedi, Dollars, Michael, Claude and Cristel.



Fatuma, Ei Plu and Bae Nae from Mount Gambier enjoy lunch together at Noorla Yo-Long.



Rizgar, Khalil, Evan, Roye, Alind, Hevin, Mustefe, Dilen, Medlin and Rohiv take part in the community building exercises at Noorla Yo-Long.



Falak, Issam, Abdulrahman, Fidan, Aini, Eleen, Mireel and Aspindar are part of Mount Gambier's Yazidi community.



Congolese community leader Thierry Kiyombo (second right) with Noorla Yo-Long's Senior Constable First Class Geoff Yates and Rhett McDonald and Sophie Coote from STARRS.

Art, wine fun for hen's day

It is the wedding season and local couple Lauren Foster and Tom Moore will be celebrating when they tie the knot on the family property "Moorview" on Saturday.

Lauren, along with her attendants and many friends and relatives enjoyed a special afternoon taking in an art class, delicious food and wine as a hen's day.



Kate, Alex, Lauren, Jade and Ashley



Having fun are Chelsea, Lauren and April.



Lauren Foster and her niece Indi



Melinda and Lauren



Sisters Alana and Lauren



Caitlin and Lauren



Mother and daughter Angela and Lauren



Erin Sandercock and Lauren Foster

Fuel tax credit move fears

Farmers are calling on Treasurer Jim Chalmers to urgently rule out changes to the Fuel Tax Credits Scheme ahead of the federal budget.

National Farmers Federation (NFF) president Fiona Simson warned that slashing the scheme, as proposed by the Grattan Institute, would be economically disastrous – lighting the fuse on a multi-billion dollar tax bomb that would send a cost of living shockwave down the supply chain.

“Farmers are already battling a cost of farming crisis, with fuel, fertiliser and other inputs at historically high levels. We’re seeing this reflected in the food price inflation causing pain for families at the supermarket checkout.

“Levelling billions in new taxes on the supply chain is a recipe for further inflation,” Ms Simson said.

The NFF said that as a road tax, it made no sense to extend fuel excise to off-road vehicles.

“Imposing a road tax on vehicles that don’t use roads just doesn’t stack up. Tractors and boats don’t drive on roads, so they shouldn’t pay road tax. It’s pretty simple.

“Should we also start paying tolls on toll roads we don’t drive on?” Ms Simson asked.

Perhaps most alarming of all, the NFF said, the Grattan Institute report released claims that by increasing the cost of diesel for farmers, they will simply use less or switch to alternatives – lowering Australia’s greenhouse gas emissions.

“The Albanese Government has a climate policy. It took a considered plan to the election to ensure Australia meets its climate targets,” Ms Simson said.

“The idea that we start levelling ad-hoc taxes on emissions sources is incredibly reckless.

“It shows us this proposal is driven by ideology, with no regard for economic or practical realities.”

No substitute for diesel

Ms Simson said that there is currently no viable



There is no substitute for Diesel, says Fiona Simson

alternative to diesel when it comes to growing and transporting food and fibre.

“Alternate fuels or even small electric tractors are still years from commercial viability,” Ms Simson warned.

“The idea that we’ll simply switch away from diesel is a dangerous fantasy. The only way to use less diesel is to grow less food.

“The report released by the Grattan in-

stitute glosses over this inconvenient truth, instead pointing to future technologies not available at commercial scale.

“We have no idea what these might cost, so the cost of living impacts modelled by Grattan are clearly undercooked. We have no idea what this dangerous proposal would cost Aussie households in the long run.”

The NFF said its advocacy on this issue would intensify in the lead up to the budget.

“We’ll be reaching out to all politicians on this issue as the budget draws closer to ensure the risks of this proposal are fully understood. No politician who understands farming or basic economics could say this is the right thing to do.

“The Treasurer would be wise to rule this out today and give certainty to rural industries,” Ms Simson concluded.

Regional Tech Hub launches book-in phone service

Say goodbye to connectivity frustration in rural, regional, and remote Australia with a new and convenient book-in phone support service from the Regional Tech Hub.

The team is ready to provide free, independent personalised connectivity assistance, answer questions, and provide advice on internet and mobile options, no matter where you live in regional Australia.

The Regional Tech Hub is funded by the Federal Government and operated by the National Farmers’ Federation. The hub recently expanded its services by launching a book-in service, allowing you to schedule a call with the team at a time that suits you best.

Bookings are available Tuesday through Friday from 11am to 4pm (AEDT). To schedule a call, simply visit the website - regionalttechhub.org.au/book-an-appointment - or Facebook page and click the Book Now link to select a time. A team member will call you at the scheduled time, ready to help with any connectivity issues.

“There’s already a number of ways to connect with us, but this adds another string to our bow by ensuring we are reaching people at a time convenient for them,” Regional Tech Hub manager Jen Medway said.

“We understand the importance of staying connected and we’re here to help make that happen.”

The new book-in service builds on the Regional Tech Hub’s increased social media presence for troubleshooting issues.

“People want to fix their issues immediately and they want to do it via platforms they are comfortable with,” Ms Medway said.

“We have listened to what people have told us about how they want to connect with us. Our new book-in service and increased social media presence directly responds to that feedback.”

The Regional Tech Hub has helped more than 10,000 people across Australia with ad-



Say goodbye to connectivity frustration in rural, regional, and remote Australia with a new and convenient book-in phone support service from the Regional Tech Hub.

vice on simple connection and installation issues, right through to complex queries on internet or mobile options available at their location.

“The hub is a one-stop-shop for free and

independent advice on connectivity solutions, options and escalation issues.

“Our team lives in regional Australia and is passionate about ensuring people have access to fast and reliable internet and mo-

bile services in the bush.”

For more information on the Regional Tech Hub or to book an appointment, please visit our website: regionalttechhub.org.au

WEATHER

FORECAST

Warnings

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

SOUTH AUSTRALIA:

State Forecast:

Showers and storms clearing from the far northeast corner. Warm to hot, reaching very hot in the west. Moderate southeast to northeasterly winds, shifting fresh southwesterly in the west. Friday. Generally dry. Warm to hot at first, becoming mild about the south over the weekend. Moderate southeast to northeasterly winds shifting northwesterly ahead of a southwest change extending from the west to reach the northeast in the late evening.

Saturday. Dry. Mild to warm about the coast, hot elsewhere but reaching very hot in parts of the far north. Mainly moderate south to southeasterly winds, becoming southeast to easterly.

Upper South East District:

Sunny. Light winds becoming southwesterly 15 to 20 km/h during the afternoon then becoming light during the evening.

Friday. Sunny. Light winds becoming north to northeasterly 15 to 25 km/h during the morning then shifting westerly 20 to 30 km/h during the day.

Lower South East District:

Sunny. Light winds becoming south to southwesterly 15 to 20 km/h during the day then becoming light during the evening.

Friday. Sunny. Winds east to southeasterly 15 to 20 km/h shifting west to northwesterly 15 to 25 km/h during the morning.

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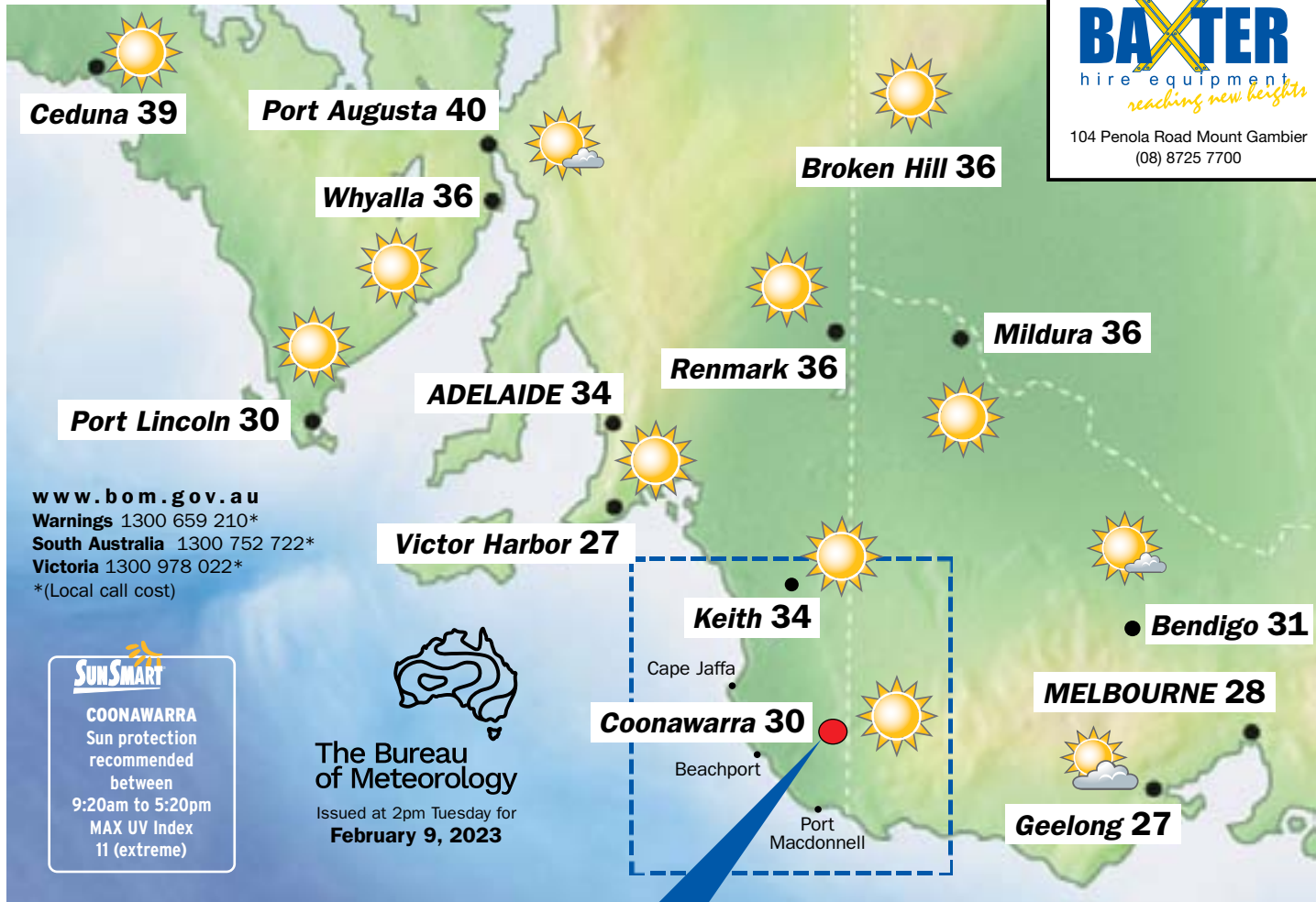
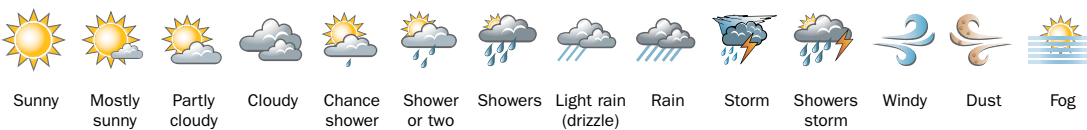
South West District:

Mostly sunny. The chance of morning fog in the south. Light winds becoming southeast to southwesterly 15 to 20 km/h during the afternoon then becoming light during the evening.

Friday. Cloud clearing. Light winds becoming northwest to southwesterly 15 to 20 km/h during the day then tending east to southeasterly 15 to 25 km/h during the afternoon.

COONAWARRA FORECAST

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COASTAL WATERS

South Central Coastal Waters:

Winds: Southeasterly 15 to 20 knots turning easterly during the day. Seas: 1 to 1.5 metres, decreasing to 1 metre during the morning. 1st Swell: Southerly 1 to 1.5 metres. 2nd Swell: Southeasterly around 1 metre. Weather: Sunny.

Upper South East Coastal Waters:

Murray Mouth to Cape Jaffa
Winds: Southeasterly 15 to 20 knots. Seas: 1 to 1.5 metres, decreasing below 1 metre during the morning. Swell: Southerly 1 to 1.5 metres. Weather: Sunny.

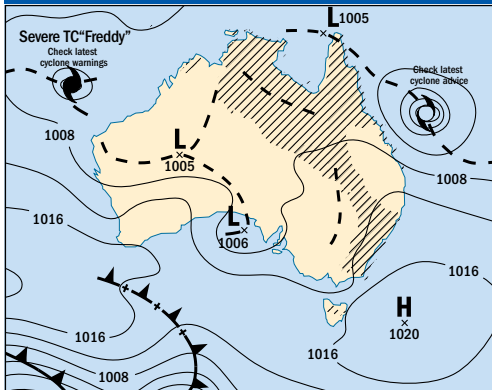
Lower South East Coastal Waters:

Cape Jaffa to SA-Vic Border
Winds: Southeasterly 15 to 20 knots. Seas: 1 to 1.5 metres, decreasing below 1 metre during the morning. Swell: Southerly 1.5 metres, increasing to 1.5 to 2 metres south of Port MacDonnell. Weather: Mostly sunny.

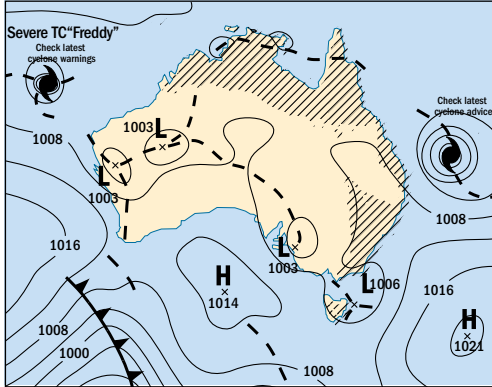
West Victoria Coastal Waters:

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

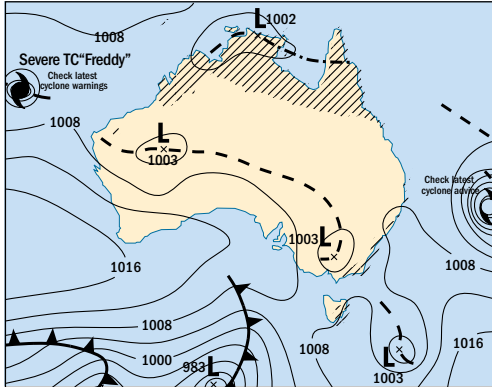
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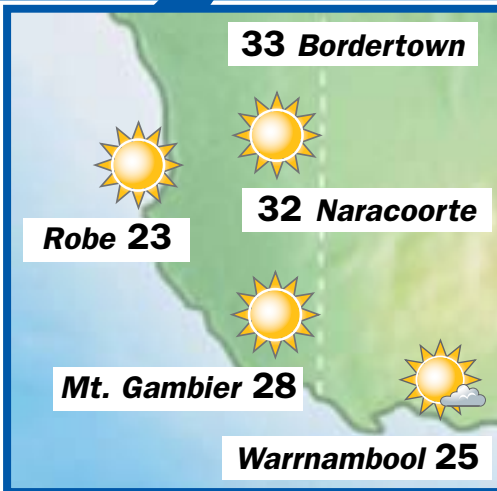
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CAPITAL CITIES

City	Condition	Max
Adelaide	Sunny.	34
Brisbane	Possible shower.	28
Canberra	Shower or two.	25
Darwin	Showers. Possible storm.	32
Hobart	Cloudy.	22
Melbourne	Mostly sunny.	28
Perth	Sunny.	32
Sydney	Showers.	27

SUN & MOON

	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Thursday	6:30am	8:12pm	10:07pm	9:22am
Friday	6:31am	8:11pm	10:29pm	10:22am
Saturday	6:32am	8:09pm	10:54pm	11:22am
Sunday	6:33am	8:08pm	11:20pm	12:25pm
Monday	6:34am	8:07pm	11:52pm	1:30pm
Tuesday	6:35am	8:06pm	Nil	2:39pm



TIDES

Beachport

Today:
H: 2:54am 1.0m
L: 9:28am 0.3m
H: 2:51pm 0.7m
L: 8:37pm 0.2m

Tomorrow:

H: 3:10am 0.9m
L: 9:40am 0.3m
H: 3:22pm 0.7m
L: 9:05pm 0.3m

Saturday:

H: 3:24am 0.9m
L: 9:51am 0.2m
H: 3:54pm 0.7m
L: 9:33pm 0.4m

Sunday:

H: 3:34am 0.8m
L: 10:02am 0.2m
H: 4:31pm 0.8m
L: 10:02pm 0.5m

Monday:

H: 3:37am 0.7m
L: 10:14am 0.2m
H: 5:15pm 0.8m
L: 10:32pm 0.6m

Tuesday:

H: 3:20am 0.7m
L: 10:25am 0.2m
H: 6:25pm 0.8m
L: 10:52pm 0.7m

Port Macdonnell

Today:
H: 4:05am 1.1m
L: 10:40am 0.4m
H: 3:50pm 0.8m
L: 9:41pm 0.3m

Tomorrow:

H: 4:15am 1.1m
L: 10:46am 0.4m
H: 4:18pm 0.8m
L: 10:02pm 0.3m

Saturday:

H: 4:24am 1.0m
L: 10:51am 0.3m
H: 4:46pm 0.8m
L: 10:26pm 0.4m

Sunday:

H: 4:30am 0.9m
L: 10:58am 0.3m
H: 5:14pm 0.9m
L: 10:51pm 0.5m

Monday:

H: 4:27am 0.9m
L: 11:08am 0.2m
H: 5:45pm 0.9m
L: 11:15pm 0.6m

Tuesday:

H: 4:11am 0.8m
L: 11:15am 0.2m
H: 6:28pm 0.8m
L: 11:28pm 0.7m

THE WORLD

World conditions yesterday

City	Weather	Max	Min
Athens	snow	6	0
Auckland	showers	24	18
Bangkok	storms	34	27
Beijing	cloudy	7	-5
Berlin	fine	4	-6
Christchurch	showers	22	13
Denpasar	rain	29	23
Dublin	sunny	9	1
Hong Kong	cloudy	21	18
Honolulu	sunny	28	21
Jakarta	cloudy	32	26
Johannesburg	storms	24	16
Kuala Lumpur	storms	32	24
London	sunny	6	0
Los Angeles	sunny	23	9
Madrid	rain	12	4
Moscow	fine	-4	-5
New Delhi	windy	27	9
New York	sunny	10	4
Noumea	rain	31	25
Paris	sunny	6	-1
Auckland	showers	24	18
Port Vila	rain	32	24
Seoul	fine	7	-2
Singapore	storms	33	24
Suva	storms	31	24
Tel Aviv	rain	13	10
Tokyo	cloudy	13	4
Vancouver	cloudy	8	6
Wellington	fine	23	16

Ag network is growing

From 2023, the Limestone Coast Women in Ag Network (LCWiAN) will be coordinated by WoTL (Women Together Learning), an organisation which is dedicated to inspiring and supporting women in agribusiness around Australia. The LCWiAN was established for women in the agriculture industry in the Limestone Coast to communicate with and support each other in both a social and a professional capacity, building strong connectedness in the region.

In March 2022, MacKillop Farm Management Group, with a consortium of partners, established the LCWiAN, which was funded by the Australian Government's Future Drought Fund and their Networks to Build Drought Resilience program, which is administered by the Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal. The network was launched with a sell-out event at Bellwether Wines, attended by more than 40 women from across the Limestone Coast.

"WoTL is looking forward to working with all LCWiAN partner organisations and growing the network in 2023. As a collective of organisations, we will continue to bring social and professional opportunities to the Limestone Coast that support women in agriculture to thrive," WoTL executive officer Kim Blenkiron said.

WoTL has a stimulating program planned for the LCWiAN in 2023 including a two-day personal development workshop and events focused on business and soil management.

During 2022, MacKillop Farm Management Group coordinated the network, working in partnership with DairySA, Lucerne Australia, the Grassland Society of Southern Australia, Coorong Tatiara Local Action Plan, Women in

Business and Regional Development, WoTL and the Limestone Coast Landscape Board, and supported by a steering committee.

"MacKillop Farm Management Group was pleased to initiate and coordinate the LCWiAN during 2022. We believe WoTL is a great organisation to lead the next stage and continued growth of the Network. We'll be supporting and working with WoTL to promote opportunities for women in agriculture in the Limestone Coast," MFMG chief executive officer Meg Bell said.

Throughout 2022, the LCWiAN held a series of workshops and networking events tailored specifically for women to improve skills in various aspects of the agriculture industry. The topics focused on building resilience both personally and in their businesses.

The workshops included:

- Business Succession Planning with Tony Catt
- Business Planning and Quick Business Analysis with Chris Scheid
- Effective Communication with Jeanette Long; and
- The Psychology of Pricing and Financial Resilience vs Financial Wellness with Melissa Browne.

Membership of the network is free, and when you sign up, you'll receive direct communication about LCWiAN events and networking opportunities. The network also runs a private Facebook group where information is shared, connections are built and network members can get to know each other. To find out more and join the LCWiAN at www.mackillopgroup.com.au/blog/lcwian/1684770



MFMG CEO Meg Bell, WoTL EO Kim Blenkiron and MFMG Communications and Events Officer Sally Klose.

Next step for Limestone Coast Connect

By Sophie Conlon

After establishing itself as a welcoming community group for local LGBTIQ+ people, Limestone Coast Connect is taking the next steps and becoming a registered charity.

LCC chair Patrick Smith said this would enable them to enhance their reach throughout the region by hosting varied community events and providing education and advocacy for people in the South East.

To help with the transition, Mr Smith said the group was on the hunt for more board members.

"Given that Limestone Coast Connect is in that building and establishment phase, we need strong community minded individuals to come along and help deliver what is definitely needed for the LGBTIQ+ community down here on the Limestone Coast," he said.

Mr Smith said anyone who was willing to contribute to the group was welcome to put their name forward, as they were looking for a diverse group of people to represent the board.

"We would love to have representation from across all seven local government areas in the Limestone Coast, as the further out you get from Mount Gambier, we know that representation really does matter and we know there are LGBTIQ+ people across the entire region and we need to hear those voices as well," he said.

"In addition to that, having the LGBTIQ+ and Indigenous voices coming together to have that representation on our board is also just as vital, as we need to get a diverse range of voices coming through the intersectionality that the LGBTIQ+ is."

To be a board member, Mr Smith said you needed to have the willingness to learn about different issues facing regional LGBTIQ+ communities and be a team player.

"As we know, to make rural life better for everybody we do need people and volunteers involved," he said.

"Willingness and volunteering is the very



On The Hunt: Limestone Coast Connect chair Patrick Smith is on the hunt for new members to join the board.

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first step, and then going along to showing the commitment to help us grow and be a role model and be a shining beacon of hope in the region will help us grow further."

LCC covers three broad areas in hopes of making the lives of LGBTIQ+ identifying people on the Limestone Coast a little easier, Mr Smith said they were connection, advocacy, and education.

"Limestone Coast Connect is filling a

massive, massive community service gap because there is just no inroads by any other LGBTIQ+ organisation, when there has been those inroads ultimately funding goes into those organisations back in Adelaide and left the regions to suffer," he said.

By becoming a registered charity, Mr Smith said the group would be able to address what the local LGBTIQ+ community needs.

"There are national and state based organisations that do most of the work that we do quite well and with a high degree of success, however there is no outreach to rural and regional areas, as soon as you're 100kms from Adelaide or 300kms from Melbourne that's where issues start," he said.

To register your interest in joining the Limestone Coast Connect board email, limestone.coast.lgbtiq@gmail.com

GIANT CROSSWORD

No. 083

ACROSS

- 1 Leak out (6)
- 4 Given (7)
- 7 Computing aid (10)
- 10 Spanish rice dish (6)
- 11 Masticators (7)
- 12 Small military unit (5)
- 13 Biblical first man (4)
- 14 Corrupt (6)
- 17 Destroyed (10)
- 19 Half (4)
- 20 Teacher (6)
- 21 Davis and Ellington's genre (4)
- 22 Military student (5)
- 24 Hardy herb (8)
- 27 One and only (6)
- 28 End a phone call (4,2)
- 31 A word game (5)
- 34 Indian state (6)
- 35 Fake (5)
- 36 Foot coverings (5)
- 39 Harbour town (4)
- 41 Tidal wave (7)
- 42 Place (4)
- 43 Mythical Australian creature (5)
- 44 Charlatan (5)
- 46 Atelier (6)
- 47 Spring (5)
- 49 Wattle (6)
- 51 Large ground squirrel (6)
- 52 Rebellion (8)
- 54 Made a choice from several possibilities (5)
- 57 Tart (4)
- 58 Shirt feature (6)
- 60 Gross (4)
- 62 Tremor (10)
- 63 Push (6)
- 65 Japanese rice drink (4)

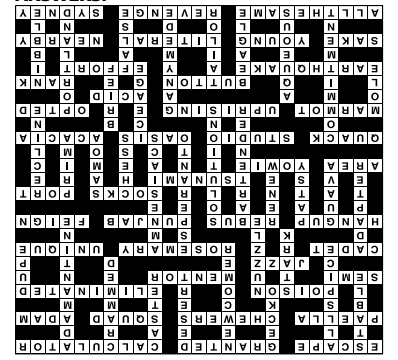
- 66 Not old (5)
- 67 Following the letter (7)
- 68 Close at hand (6)
- 69 Nevertheless (3,3,4)
- 70 Retaliation (7)
- 71 Australian city (6)

DOWN

- 2 Firm (6)
- 3 Jamaica pepper (8)
- 4 Nocturnal lizard (5)
- 5 Tenderfoot (8)
- 6 Barren (6)
- 7 Wheel (alt. spelling) (6)
- 8 Stuffed (7)
- 9 Hardest material to the Greeks (10)
- 15 Grim (5)
- 16 Cuddle (6)
- 18 Fool (4)
- 23 User (7)
- 25 Artificial language (9)
- 26 People with memory problems (9)
- 29 Tropical fruit with yellow skin and pink pulp (5)
- 30 Stooge (5)
- 31 Refresh (5)
- 32 Publican (9)
- 33 Fixes; liquids (9)
- 37 Game of skill (5)
- 38 Island nation (5)
- 39 First ballerina (Ital) (5)
- 40 Lean (7)
- 45 Pledge (10)
- 48 Mammoth period of prehistory (3,3)
- 50 Concise (5)
- 51 Infiltrator (4)
- 53 Largest Jovian moon (8)

- 55 Common type of cement (8)
- 56 Containing water (7)
- 58 Small hound (6)
- 59 Maker of suits (6)
- 61 Small bite (6)
- 64 Sham (5)

ANSWERS:

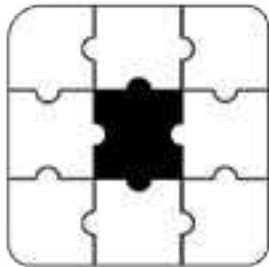


EDGEWORD

No. 083

pm ORIGINAL PUZZLE

Place each of the tiles of letters into the blank jigsaw below to create four six-letter words going across and down.



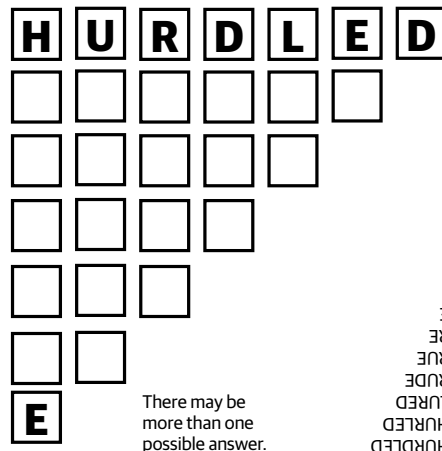
There may be more than one solution.

ANSWERS: DENOTE, DESIGN, TENSED, GNAWED

DROP DOWN

No. 079

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: E, HURLED, HURLED, HURLED, RUD, RUD, RUD, RUD

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW...

JANE HALL

1. She first shot to fame in *All Together Now*. Who was the star of the sitcom?

- A. Garry McDonald
- B. Kym Gyngell
- C. Rob Stutch
- D. Jon English

2. In which TV series did she star alongside Kylie Minogue?

- A. *The Sullivans*
- B. *The Henderson Kids*
- C. *Skyways*
- D. *Prime Time*

3. In 2007 she joined the cast of which much-loved Australian drama series?

- A. *The Secret Life of Us*
- B. *Home and Away*
- C. *Neighbours*
- D. *Blue Heelers*

4. In 2015, she teamed up with Matt Tilley for breakfast radio show *Matt & Jane*. On which station did the show air?

- A. Triple J
- B. Kiss
- C. Fox
- D. Nova

5. On the set of which series did she meet her ex-husband Vince Colosimo?

- A. *A Country Practice*
- B. *Underbelly*
- C. *Blue Heelers*
- D. *The Practice*



ANSWERS: 1D, 2B, 3C, 4B, 5A

CROSSMATH

No. 083

	+		-		=	1
+		+		x		
	x		x		=	80
-		x		x		
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=		=		=		
7		39		216		

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

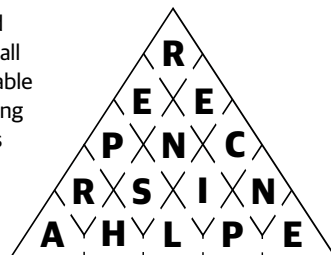
Multiplication and division are performed before addition and subtraction.

7	9	8	2	1
=	=	=	=	=
5	3	7	+	1
=	=	=	=	=
80	=	8	x	2
=	=	=	=	=
1	9	4	-	5

WORD TRIANGLE

No. 079

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 multiple words.

ANSWER: PENCIL SHARPENER

4x4

No. 079

1	2	3	4
5			
6			
7			

ACROSS

- 1 Exterior of a tree (4)
- 5 Province of Indonesia (4)
- 6 Californian wine-growing valley (4)
- 7 Canadian singer, Celine - (4)

DOWN

- 1 Musical group (4)
- 2 Berry (4)
- 3 Repossession (colloq.) (4)
- 4 Mongolian ruler (4)

ANSWERS: 1 Bark, 5 Aceh, 6 Napa, 7 Dion, 8 Napa, 9 Dion, 1 Band, 2 Acai, 3 Repo, 4 Khan.



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NEWS



Jane, Christie, Emma, Milly and Tess enjoy the swimming carnival

Penola host swimmers

By Kathy Fennell

The Penola Amateur swimming club hosted a carnival on Sunday.

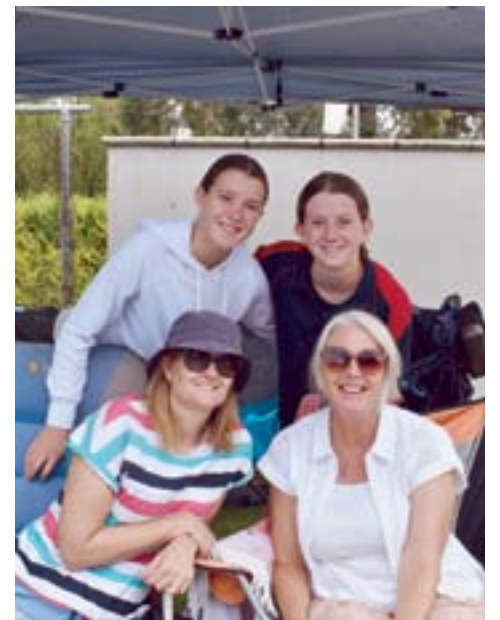
The Clubs competing were Penola Amateur Swim Club, Blue Lake Y Swim Club, Mt Gambier Swim Club and Keith Swim Club.

There were 85 swimmers registered.

This was one of 6 carnivals held throughout the season.



Anne and Gary Trotter watch their granddaughter compete in the swimming carnival.



Enjoying the swimming carnival are Claire, Leonie, Emma and Sarah

Extreme speeder caught

MAN ARRESTED FOR EXTREME SPEED IN BORDERTOWN

A man has been arrested for driving at extreme speed in the south east.

Just after 8.00pm Tuesday 31 January police from Limestone Coast Highway patrols and Bordertown were conducting speed detection duties on the Dukes Highway near Bordertown when they detected an orange Ford Focus hatchback travelling east at 196km/h in a 110km/h zone.

The vehicle was stopped and the driver returned a positive reading to a drug test and also returned a positive breath test, with a reading of 0.107.

Further checks revealed the driver was also disqualified from driving.

Police are also investigating reports that the vehicle was allegedly involved in overtaking dangerously on double barrier lines, almost having collisions with oncoming vehicles in Keith a short time earlier.

Investigation revealed the vehicle allegedly travelled between Keith and Bordertown at speeds averaging over 200km/h.

The 38-year-old man from Modbury Heights has been charged with two counts of driving in a manner dangerous, extreme speed, drive disqualified, drive with an excess blood alcohol and drive with a prescribed drug in his system.

He was bailed to appear in the Bordertown Magistrates Court on 29 March.

He received two instant loss of licenses, one for drink driving for 6 months and one for driving at extreme speed for 12 months, which will take effect at the end of his current disqualification period.

His vehicle was also impounded for 28 days.

Police are continuing their investigations into this matter, and request any person who witnessed this vehicle or have any dashcam footage to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or online.

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Motoring

Hatch ticks all the boxes

By Alistair Kennedy, Marque Motoring

If ever there was a car that needed no introduction it's the Toyota Corolla.

First released in 1966 and arriving in Australia the following year, it is the all-time biggest-selling car worldwide, passing the 50-million mark in 2021.

The current (12th generation) Corolla has been on sale here since 2019 with an upgrade for the 2023 model year providing the latest fifth-generation hybrid powertrain, the latest version of the Toyota Connected Services system as well as upgrades to the multimedia system.

As before MY23 Corolla comes in three grades: Ascent Sport, SX and ZR, each with the choice of petrol-only or petrol/electric hybrid.

Toyota is very serious about electrification and has put a lot of work into making all its vehicles low polluters.

Since 2016 Corolla has come with the option of a petrol/electric hybrid and this week's review is on the entry-level hybrid Ascent Sport hatch.

With the growth in SUVs, designers of traditional sedans and hatchbacks have tended to towards lower, sleeker profiles as a point of different to the boxier SUV shapes.

The Gen 12 Corolla is a good example.

It's longer, lower and wider than before with a more coupe-like silhouette which combine to give a much bolder stronger road presence.

The front is quite low and the slim headlights are connected across the complete car and run well up into the sides of the bonnet.

The lower grille is very large and makes a nice styling statement.

Exterior changes for the upgraded model include new 16-inch wheels for Ascent Sport and SX grades, and a redesigned front grille for both hatch and sedan variants.

The interior is neat and tidy with everything in the right place.

Seats are wide, comfortable and supportive.

Headroom is fine in the front seats but marginal for taller rear-seat passengers with narrow rear doors making entry difficult for larger occupants.

There's no sunroof option which would otherwise reduce space.

There is reasonable width for three adults sitting in the rear seat although legroom is limited even in the longer-wheelbase sedan.

At 217 litres with the rear seats in place boot space is quite poor.

60/40 capacity with the rear seats folded has not been listed.

The upgraded hybrid system uses a newly-developed high-output motor generator, power control unit and downsized hybrid transaxle.

These provide a 13kW increase in peak power to maximum combined petrol / hybrid output of 103kW with the 1.8-litre engine.

Petrol hatch and sedan variants comes with the ongoing 2.0-litre four-cylinder engine producing 126kW / 202Nm for the hatch and 126kW / 203Nm for the sedan.

Both petrol and hybrid models are front-wheel drive through a CVT with 10-speed sequential shift mode.

Corolla Hybrid has a 72kW/142Nm 1.8-litre Atkinson Cycle and a 53kW/163Nm synchronous permanent magnet electric motor.

They drive the front wheels by way of an e-CVT automatic.

The Corolla hybrid has a five-star ANCAP safety rating based on tests conducted in 2018.

In addition to standard safety features (seven airbags, enhanced ABS brakes, stability and traction control) all Corolla models get the Toyota Safety System which includes autonomous emergency braking, pre collision system with pedestrian and cyclist detection,



The Toyota Corolla Hybrid is stylish, affordable and has excellent fuel economy.

blind spot monitoring, active cruise control, lane departure alert and steering assist,

There's also automatic high/low beam, reversing camera, hill-start assist and Isofix child seat anchor points in the two outer rear seats.

SX and ZR add rear cross traffic alert and front/rear parking sensors.

These features can be added to the Ascent Sport through an optional Convenience Pack.

Although all Corolla variants have a relatively small 8.0-inch touchscreen it is very functional and easy to reach to use.

We really appreciated the eight shortcut buttons on the sides of the screen.

Ascent Sport and SX have a 7.0-inch colour Multi Information Display with a digital instrument cluster.

ZR steps up to a 12.3-inch screen.

Apple CarPlay (wireless) and Android Auto (wired) are also standard, as now is DAB+ digital radio while a USB-C port has been added below the screen.

The SX and ZR get embedded satellite navigation SUNA live traffic alerts as well as a wireless smartphone charging pad.

Sat Nav is also available in a \$1000 Navigation Pack, although most users will be quite happy to use smartphone mapping.

Ascent Sport and SX get six-speaker audio, ZR steps up to an eight-speaker JBL premium system.

Satellite navigation with is standard on SX and ZR.

The 2023 upgrade added the Toyota Connected Services app-based communications system to all Corolla variants.

Owners can remotely check the status of the doors and lights, access information such as the vehicle's last known location and recent trips, or start the engine or climate control.

The system can also provide assistance in the event of an emergency where the airbags are deployed or if a collision is detected, by automatically notifying an emergency call centre and allowing the driver to communicate with the operator.

There's height and reach steering wheel adjustment.

The driver's seat has eight-way power adjustment.

The front seats are comfortable and pro-



The interior has everything in the right place and remains uncluttered even after 12 generations.

vide good support in normal driving even without side bolsters.

As with all Toyota hybrids, Corolla takes off silently under battery power before transitioning smoothly to the when needed.

The same thing happens with the stop/start system in slow traffic.

In gentle downhill cruising on the open road the battery will again take over.

There's excellent vision all round and sharp acceleration for safe urban manoeuvring.

The steering responds promptly and gives excellent feedback through the wheel.

Claimed fuel consumption for the Ascent Sport hybrid is listed at 4.2 litres per 100 kilometres.

We averaged around 4.8 L/100 km during

our week behind the wheel.

Tyre noise is low at slow speeds on very smooth surfaces increasing quite a bit on rougher surfaces.

Toyota Corolla Hybrid offers excellent value with hatch prices ranging from \$30,630 to \$37,620.

For these prices you get a great looking small car with a large range of both safety and convenience features.

And one that's now fun to drive.

Toyota Corolla has been one of the world's best-selling cars for many years, often the best seller.

Having driven the latest model, now offered as a hybrid, it seems inevitable it will remain at the top of the list for years to come.

Fortune favours brave 12

Wild and windy conditions met 12 brave social bowlers at the Robe Bowling Club last Thursday.

After two games each of 10 ends, it was David Robinson and patron Vic Dawson who claimed the winner's vouchers.

Others to not leave empty handed were the raffle winners.

Dean Woodward won the three bottles of wine, while Ramon Jennings secured the slow cooker and Ann Moore took home the food saver.

The weekend's pennant competitions saw Robe visit Naracoorte in the Friday event.

Friday pennant was played at Naracoorte with the Division 2 side going down, while Di-

vision 3 had a good win.

Division 2 lost 55 shots to 27.

Robbie Dahler, Kerry Pedlar, Barbara Brown and Tracey Gray were defeated by Chris Murphy's team 25-16, while Judy Phillips, Pam Robinson, Helen Dawson and Judy Birmingham went down to Lynette Williams' rink 30-11.

A 49/6 to 40/2 victory earned Robe's Division 3 side the round honours.

In that match, Lorraine Dening, Maria Cooper, Bronwyn Matthews and Valma Jennings lost in a close encounter to Pauline May's team 22-21, while Carolyn McCusker, Clare deLaine, Nola Peel and Ann Moore defeated Colleen Fox's team 18-28.



The Penola Amateur Swim Club recently thanked sponsors for their generous support.

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Penola Amateur Swim Club thanks valued sponsors

The Penola Amateur Swim Club thanked its sponsors recently for the valued help.

New items were able to be purchased to allow further enjoyment of the Penola pool facility.

All in attendance enjoyed the day in the water.



Riddoch Business and Community Association's Anna Young and Penola Amateur Swim Club's Sarah Kidman.



Cameron, Oscar, Tait, Lacey, Sophie, Chloe and Lily.



Tait, Chloe, Lily, Lacey, Sophie.



Alida, Juliet, Maggie, Sally, manager Penola and Districts Community Bank Tara Batt and Fred.

Anglers embrace swell

By Jamie Coates

A decent weekend of weather across the South-East was just what anglers were hoping for.

After the seven-plus-metre swell and 30-odd knots of wind we had mid-week, the sea was just as stirred up as you would expect, and that is just what we needed.

The offshore guys were still a bit toey after the big seas – it was not a flat sea by any stretch, but it was definitely fishable.

There were a few boats who headed for a bottom bounce on Sunday and there were a few reasonable fish boated.

Gummy shark are still number one, with fish between 10kg and 15kg caught, along with a nice mix of other reefies, such as snapper, nannygai, terakhi and blue morwong, just to name a few.

I know a few fishos like to have a look for an early season tuna after a big blow, so we might get a few boats out there having a look in the coming days while the seas are nice.

Surf fishos have copped it the hardest this week, with just about every beach having mountains of weed all over it.

The fishing is still good if you can find a spot out of it all and the big stir will only do good things for the snapper, shark and whiting.

There have been a few nice ones caught off the rocks at Blackfellows Caves and some others I have heard of near Deep Creek and Factory Bay – basically anywhere you can get to with no seaweed is worth a crack.

The whiting have been excellent since the sea settled down enough to get back out there.

The boaties have found them inside the



Top Catch: Ben Jeffrey with a nice bream.

Picture: SUBMITTED

Port MacDonnell breakwater, Cape Douglas and Carpenter Rocks.

While the land-based guys have struggled a bit with the weed, there have been a few caught at Cape Douglas and off the Port Mac-

Donnell jetty.

There are also a fair few mullet and trevally around at the moment in the same sorts of spots, so a feed of those is also a possibility.

Garfish numbers have remained good

again this week and with all the weed pushed up on the beach, they are going to only get better.

As the weed starts to break down, maggots and worms and other bugs float out into the water and it is a smorgasbord for the gar.

The usual spots such as Livingstons Bay, Pelican Point and Cape Douglas are worth a crack – just try to find a spot that is nice and clean and you should be laughing.

The Glenelg River has returned to almost pre-flood colouring and looks as healthy as ever.

The big seas pushed a huge amount of blue seawater up the river and some spots saw a rise in over a metre of depth.

The water went back out as quick as it came in but left a few big patches of floating kelp in spots.

The fishing has still been good, with plenty of bream and perch caught from the flats of the estuary through to the upper reaches.

Ben Jeffrey and Craig Turner boated some rippers over the weekend, with the trusty cranka crab getting the bulk of the bites.

Matt and Alex Bell managed some nice perch on Sunday morning fishing subsurface minnows around structure, then switching to deep divers in the late morning once they had moved off the banks.

The mulloway news has been a bit light on after a strong start last week, but the signs are there that we should see some great fishing in the coming weeks.

The forecast for the weekend looks like we could have a bit of breeze, but the sea has settled down plenty, so it should definitely be fishable for most anglers.

Until next week, safe fishing.

Millicent Blue too strong for Red in pennant bowls

Mid Week Pennants

■ **Division 1:** Millicent Blue 53/8 d Millicent Red 36/0; Mount Gambier Red 63/8 d Naracoorte RSL 48/0; Port MacDonnell Red 59/6 d Mount Gambier RSL Red 57/2; Mt Gambier RSL White 55/6 d Mount Gambier Blue 40/2; Naracoorte 53/8 d Port MacDonnell Blue 39/0; Mount Gambier RSL Blue – Bye.

■ **Ladder:** Mount Gambier RSL Red 71 points 135.35 per cent; Mount Gambier Red 67 126.22; Naracoorte 66 112.37; Port MacDonnell Red 63 111.2; Mount Gambier Blue 57 106.68; Mount Gambier RSL Blue 55 115.21; Millicent Blue 50 100.58; Mount Gambier RSL White 42 88.58; Millicent Red 33 82.73; Naracoorte RSL 26 80.92; Port MacDonnell Blue 22 72.96.

Friday Pennants

■ **Division 1:** Port MacDonnell 49/6 d Kingston 42/2; Mount Gambier RSL Red 56/8 d Penola Red 35/0; Millicent Red 50/6 d Penola Blue 35/2; Millicent Blue 54/7 d Mount Gambier RSL Blue 35/1.

■ **Ladder:** Mount Gambier RSL Red 84 133.27; Port MacDonnell 70 111.8; Penola Red 63 120.23; Millicent Red 59 114.97; Millicent Blue 45 94.95; Penola Blue 36 78.33; Kingston 31 84.89; Mount Gambier RSL Blue 28 76.92.

■ **Division 2:** Naracoorte 55/8 d Robe 27/0; Beachport Red 38/6 d Port MacDonnell 26/2; Mount Gambier 36/8 d Beachport Blue 16/0; Naracoorte RSL 52/6 d Mount Gambier 39/2.

■ **Ladder:** Naracoorte 83 135.34; Robe 72 118.73; Mount Gambier 60 124.22; Beachport Red 57 99.47; Naracoorte RSL 47 108.6; Port MacDonnell 42 76.36; Lucindale 33 76.03; Beachport Blue 22 77.07.

■ **Division 3:** Robe 49/6 d Naracoorte 40/2; Mount Gambier RSL 4/4 v Millicent 4/4.

■ **Ladder:** Mount Gambier RSL 51 106.01; Naracoorte 43 95.48; Robe 42 93.45; Millicent 40 107.97.

Saturday Open Pennants

■ **Division 1:** Mount Gambier RSL Red 77/10 d Robe 68/2; Mount Gambier Red 83/12 d Kingston 49/0; Port MacDonnell 88/12 d Penola 41/0; Mount Gambier RSL Blue 74/8 d Naracoorte 70/4; Mount Gambier



Millicent's John Scudds sends a bowl down the Mount Gambier green. Pictures: JAMES MURPHY

Blue 82/10 d Millicent 60/2.

■ **Ladder:** Mount Gambier RSL Red 142 132.4; Mount Gambier Red 123 122.96; Naracoorte 105 106.72; Port MacDonnell 96 101.97; Millicent 89 104.64; Robe 87 103.86; Mount Gambier Blue 80 95.86; Mount Gambier RSL Blue 74 91.16; Penola 64 75.13; Kingston 40 78.58.

■ **Division 2:** Naracoorte RSL 93/12 d Robe 60/0; Millicent Blue 90/10 d Mount Gambier 63/2; Millicent Red 74/10 d Nara-

coorte 62/2; Beachport 82/10 d Mount Gambier RSL 54/2; Kalangadoo 84/10 d Lucindale 59/2.

■ **Ladder:** Naracoorte RSL 124 119.53; Millicent Red 116 110.47; Kalangadoo 103 100.83; Mount Gambier 99 104.87; Robe 96 110.98; Mount Gambier RSL 93 99.36; Naracoorte 90 102.73; Beachport 82 99.38; Millicent Blue 81 98.18; Lucindale 16 64.35.

■ **Division 3:** Mt Gambier RSL Red 95/12 d Port MacDonnell Blue 55/0; Millicent Red



Millicent's John Buhlmann in action.

98/12 d Mount Gambier Blue 61/0; Penola 63/8 d Millicent Blue 55/4; Mount Gambier RSL Blue 106/12 d Beachport 50/0; Port MacDonnell Red 86/10 d Mount Gambier Red 63/2.

■ **Ladder:** Mount Gambier RSL Red 152 154.9; Mount Gambier RSL Blue 119 112.4; Port MacDonnell Red 118 125.82; Millicent Red 109 126.95; Penola 105 106.19; Mount Gambier Red 89 108.53; Beachport 88 98.44; Millicent Blue 61 85.37; Port MacDonnell Blue 35 58.27; Mount Gambier Blue 24 63.02.



Sub Juniors winner Harry Simson.



Women's winner Tasha Bellinger, r-up Georgie Beighton.



Juniors winner Declan Wright.

Kent claims shoot-out win

The prestigious high gun award required a shoot-out to decide the winner when South East Field and Game held a 75-target Sporting Clays event at Burrungule Park. Jeremy Kent and Greg Kessagian both shot 73/75, with the former edging out his rival for the top honours.

A field of 62 shooters nominated for the event, with the course set in the old-style sporting layouts by Ken Atkin and his crew.

In AA Grade, Danny Bellinger topped the field with a 70/75, followed by Gavin Dyson with 68 and Michael Brillely with 67.

Atkin claimed the A Grade win on his course, shooting 71/75 to comfortably account for Andrew Hoare (64/75) and Dale Smith (58/75).

The B Grade placings were decided by just two shots.

Angus Maddern won the class with 66 targets, followed closely by Simon Withers and Timothy Lloyd with 65 and 64 respectively.

Another close finish in C Grade had Douglas Rohde claim the honours with 51/75 from John McIntyre (50/75) and Michael Gates (49/75).

Kessegian's 73/75 was enough to win the seniors grade, with Christopher Wright and Scott McIntyre rounding out the placings, while Veterans was won by Ernie Scheidl with 67/75.

Bob Jones filled the runner-up position with a 66/75, while Graham Lamond settled for third also with 6/75.

It was no surprise to see Tasha Bellinger take out the women's category, with her 67/75 easily accounting for Georgie Beighton (59/75) and Samantha Freeman (52/75).

Rounding out the events were Declan Wright, who won the junior class with a 64/75 and Harry Simson, who won the sub-juniors with 53/75.



High gun winner Jeremy Kent.



B Grade runner-up Simon Withers and third place Tim Loyd.



Veterans winner Ernie Scheidl.



A Grade winner Ken Atkin.



AA Grade winner Danny Bellinger and runner-up Gavin Dyson.



Seniors winner Greg Kessagian and runner-up Chris Wight.



Seniors: Tony Sellars, Chris Wright and Peter Sims.



C Grade: Alex Gordon, Peter Sims and Wayne Gurney.

Bellinger wins tight shoot

A strong field of 67 shooters from the Riverland, Western Australian and Victoria converged on the Limestone Coast for the opening shoot of the Lake Bonney Sporting Clays.

Danny Bellinger took out the Pete and Lee Sims, Dave's Panel and Paint, Williams Crane Hire 75 target event, shooting 73/75.

Bellinger also shot the last two rounds clean for 50/50.

AA Grade was won by Brenton Ferguson, just one target in front of Riverland shooter Ben Millar, who in turn was one target in front of third-placed Mick Banning.

A Grade went to Allan Cowin, with a count-back needed to separate second and third.

Nate Smith took second and Robyn Smith third.

First in B Grade went to Simon Withers, ahead of Casterton shooter Duncan Munro and third-placed Robert Summers.

C Grade was won by local shooter Perry Gurney with Alex Gordon in second and Ken Weavers third.

Chris Wright took out the Seniors grade, ahead of Tony Sellars and Steve Crawford.

The Veterans grade was won by Ernie Scheidl, with second and third needing a count-back to award second to Rolf Bugden and third to Gary Dangerfield.

The top three places in Ladies were all taken out by Lake Bonney women, Tasha Bellinger, Megan Whitehead and Sam Freeman respectively.

South East shooter Decan Wright had an easy win in the Juniors grade.

Ethan Vearing took out first in Sub Juniors, ahead of Liam Millard.

As well as being the first shoot of the year, the event was the opening of the new children's area, which was built by the efforts of many volunteers and was enjoyed by all the youngsters in attendance.



Highgun: Danny Bellinger, Wayne Gurney and Peter Sims.

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Ladies: Third place Sam Freeman with Beau, winner Tasha Bellinger and runner-up Megan Whitehead.



Veterans: Rolf Bugden, Ernie Scheidl and Gary Dangerfield.



B Grade: Doug Munro and Simon Withers with Peter Sims.



Juniors: Declan Wright with Peter Sims.



Sub Juniors: Wayne Gurney with Ethan Vearing and Liam Millard, and Peter Sims.



AA Grade: Mick Banning, Ben Millar with Macie with Peter Sims.

Ladder now taking shape

By James Murphy

As the 2023 Limestone Coast Women's Football League competition enters its fourth round, the ladder has started to shape up.

North Gambier is one of the teams to beat and has posted three big wins, including over reigning premier Kybybolite last week.

The only other team with three wins is Casterton Sandford, with the Cats knocking off both 2022 grand finalists so far.

North faces Penola this Sunday at Mundulla, which should reward the Tigers with another victory.

The Eagles have had a win and a loss from their two games and while they will put up a fight, the in-form Tigers should be untroubled.

Their meeting will open proceedings at Mundulla, followed by a cat fight between Mundulla Tigers and Casterton Sandford.

The hosts have also not lost a game, but sit just outside the top two after a draw to Kyby in Round 2.

Erin Horsnell led her team to victory against Penola last round, while the likes of Casey McElroy and Kellsey Hinge also carry form into the clash.

For the Cats, Libby Altorfer was a force to be reckoned with against South on the weekend and complemented the forward efforts of Alena Tranter for a combined six goals.

The outcome of the match should decide second place on the ladder as the minor rounds enter their midpoint next week.

In Mount Gambier, there will be a double-header on Friday night, with games played at Blue Lake Sports Park under lights.

South Gambier will host Kongorong for the opening bout, which could be a good match-up.

The Hawks will be favoured for the win, but the Demons showed signs of promise against Casterton last round and will be hungry for



Millicent women's footballers will travel to Blue Lake Sports Park on Friday night for a Round 4 meeting with Kybybolite. Picture: JAMES MURPHY

their first win of the year.

Sophie Wight, Ella Guest and Jarrah Altschwager have been South's players to watch and they will hope to lead by example once again.

The Hawks boasted a tough combination in front of goals last week and Tilah Buckingham, Marnee Formosa and Evie Sealey will be ones to watch out for.

Jasmin McKinnon was also solid in Kongorong's drubbing of Kalangadoo and will be

out to back up her performance.

The final fixture of the round will be a meeting between Kybybolite and Millicent.

The expected outcome would be a healthy win to Kyby, as the reigning premiers look to move their way back towards the pointy end of the leaderboard.

The Saints will be fresh off the bye, but their opening round clashes were both convincing losses to Kongorong and North.

A similar result could be on the cards, but

they will take a sliver of confidence from Kyby's loss to the Tigers last week.

ROUND 4 FIXTURE

Blue Lake Sports Park (Friday, February 10): South Gambier v Kongorong, 6.30pm; Kybybolite v Millicent, 8.05pm.

Mundulla Showgrounds (Sunday, February 12): Penola v North Gambier, 11am; Mundulla v Casterton Sandford, 12.35pm; Kalangadoo - Bye.

Business end of season fast approaching in tennis

The end of the season is fast approaching in the Naracoorte SportsPower Southern Ports Tennis Association.

With only three games remaining, the top four teams are all in a desperate fight to secure a place in the Division 1 final.

KINGSTON 14-136 D BEACHPORT 10-99

On a fine day for tennis at Beachport, the host club faced Kingston without its top two men, Jake Harris and Tim Loveday.

Kingston also missed its number one man Matt Menz to even the score slightly.

The mixed doubles finished with three sets each and the contest looked tight.

However, Kingston broke away in the singles to win four of the men's and four of the women's games.

Most games were relatively one-sided, but a close battle played out on the back court between Abby Mules and Lucy Corman.

An evenly-contested match produced some entertaining rallies and shots.

In the end Corman claimed the win 7-5.

After the top women's doubles, Kingston had claimed 12 sets, needing one more to win, but Beachport put up a fight.

Natalie Chambers and Alexis Heim won 10-8 against Nicola Crane and Jacob Mules.

In what was likely match-of-the-day and another close doubles game, Beachport pair Benjamin Lang and Todd Watson defeated Lou Leidig and Will Edwards in a tiebreaker 10-9.

Three-set winners were Beachport's Todd Watson, Lucy Corman and Maddie Redman, along with Kingston's Stephen Edwards, Timothy Parker, Bianca Cunneen and Stacey Lehmann.

LUCINDALE KOALAS 17-148 D LUCINDALE WOMBATS 7-95

The Koalas came up against the Wombats, with the mixed doubles setting the scene as the Koalas won four of the six games and went on to record a 17-7 win.

The top mixed double was a tight game, Eliza Handbury and Chandler Smart claim-



Sam McDougal always provides plenty of entertainment with his style of tennis. Picture: FILE

ing a 7-5 win in a tiebreaker against Leanne and Sam Graetz.

The bottom mixed had a 7-5 set with the Koalas Alec Ross and Bron Snajdar taking the points this time against Toby Longbottom and Samuel Crocker.

Some long singles matches were had, with young gun Tom Handbury taking on the experience of Henry Legoe, with the experience eventually getting there 7-5.

Amelia Wood and Vander Maywald had a marathon match, with Wood winning in a tie-breaker.

The match of the day was between Samuel Crocker and Ben Wood, with Crocker winning 13-11 in a tie-breaker.

To finish the day there was some entertaining doubles action, but the Koalas showed their strength in winning all six

men's and women's games.

The match to watch was the top women's double, with the Koalas' Leanne Graetz and Casey Weaver taking the points in a cliff-hanger 10-9 match over Eliza Handbury and Brittany Anderson.

Three-match winners Travis Ware, Henry Legoe, Alec Ross, Jared Oliver and Jessica Legoe for the Koalas.

ROBE ROOSTERS 17-133 D PENOLA 7-86 Robe Roosters defeated Penola on a humid day for tennis.

The scores were not reflective of the entertaining matches played.

With the wedding of Egan Regnier, the two Petes – Obst and Agnew – were called into action and they claimed five wins between them.

Robe claimed four of the six mixed dou-

bles, then all the men's singles.

Penola responded with four wins in the women's singles, with only Samantha Matthews and Lisa Hall holding for Robe.

The doubles proved entertaining, especially with the ambidextrous Sam McDougal in action, but Robe was too strong in five out of the six games for a comfortable overall victory.

FRANCES/LUCINDALE EAGLES 19-149 D LUCINDALE COCKATOOS 5-84

The Lucindale Country Club was the spot for tennis on Saturday, with the Frances/Lucindale Eagles up against the Cockatoos.

The Eagles were simply too strong and all players contributed to the win, while for the Cockatoos. Peter Lawrie and Mark Bucket had convincing wins in their singles to keep the flag flying for their team.

In the final game Naracoorte defeated Robe Rebels by forfeit.

Round 13 is the popular Wimbledon round, with plenty of fun on and off the court.

With the finals fast approaching, the Lucindale Koalas still hold top spot on the ladder by one point over last year's runner-up, Naracoorte.

They are bound to be tested this week though by an in-form Kingston.

Frances/Lucindale Eagles are looking strong in third.

They have had few big wins in recent weeks and will look to steal another against the Robe Rebels.

The Lucindale Wombats and Beachport will face off, with Beachport currently sit in sixth and looking hold onto their finals position.

The Lucindale Cockatoos and Robe Roosters is the other match at Lucindale.

The only match away from Lucindale this week sees Naracoorte take on Penola at home.

Naracoorte will look to hold on to second spot and stay in the division one final.



Contest: Casterton Sandford's Libby Altorfer and South Gambier's Lana Shepherd fight for possession.

Pictures: JAMES MURPHY

Eagles fall back to earth

By James Murphy

MUNDULLA 8.6 (54) d PENOLA 1.1 (7)

After a good win to open their Limestone Coast women's football season, the Penola Eagles were brought back to earth when they faced Mundulla in Naracoorte on Sunday.

The northern Tigers held the lead throughout the Round 3 clash, restricting Penola to a scoreless first half on their way to a 47-point triumph.

Erin Horsnell led the charge and she finished up with three goals in a best-on-ground performance.

Mundulla set the tone early with four goals in the first term, before adding just four behinds in the second.

The second half unfolded in a similar fashion, with two majors in the third and fourth quarters to keep the scoreboard ticking over.

The Eagles' only celebration came when Ellise Berkin goaled in the third, while it was again captain Caroline McGrath who received the best player accolade.

Ellise and Heidi Berkin, Riley Mitchell and Amanda Wurst were also solid, while for Mundulla Casey McElroy, Renae Feder and Kellsey Hinge joined Horsnell among the best.

CASTERTON SANDFORD 11.11 (77) d SOUTH GAMBIER 0.5 (5)

Casterton Sandford continued its undefeated run in Round 3 of Limestone Coast women's football.

This time it came at the expense of South Gambier in the form of 72 points.

The Demons had the home-ground advantage but it did little to quell the flow at the Cats' scoring end.

By half time the margin was a modest 24 points, with the Cats having found the big sticks on three occasions.

However, a four-goal third quarter widened the gap, with another four in the final term for good measure.

Full forward Elena Tranter proved to be a reliable target and she scored a game-high four goals.

Libby Altorfer was also in fine form and she bagged two along with the best-on-ground honours.

Tranter was named second best, while Amelia Thomas, Emma Lynch and Kirby Vise were others who impressed.

It was no surprise to see Sophie Wight at the head of South's best players, with Ella Guest



Chase Is On: South Gambier's Sophie Wight boots the ball out of defence during her best-on-ground performance for the Demons.

and Jarrah Altschwager also featuring highly.

The Demons were unable to find the tall posts on the day, with just five behinds for the match.

They will be desperate to put a win on the board but face another test against Kongorong next round.

KONGORONG 13.13 (91) d KALANGADOO 0.1 (1)

Kongorong entered Sunday's third round fresh off the bye, claiming a 90-point triumph over Kalangadoo.

After a slow opening term returned 1.4, the Hawks opened things up in the second with five goals.

That set up a 44-point buffer at the main break, while another five-goal haul followed in the third.

The Magpies did not hit the board until the final stanza, albeit only a minor score.

It was a three-pronged attack from the Hawks with Tilah Buckingham, Marnee Formosa and Evie Sealey all booting three goals, while Jasmin McKinnon was named as the best player.

Sealey and Buckingham also earned a place among the best, joined by Janita Gallo-way, Kate Wright and Cassandra Herdman.

Looking to next round and the winless Magpies will welcome the bye to regroup, while Kongorong will look for another win against reigning premier Kybybolite.

NORTH GAMBIER 10.2 (62) d KYBYBOLITE 3.2 (20)

The Tigers found themselves on the winner's list again on Sunday, with their latest win coming against reigning premier Kybybolite.

North Gambier looks to be a frontrunner in 2023 and it wasted no time setting up a three-goal lead in the opening term.

Kyby managed just one behind in the first



Jade Longbottom and her Kongorong teammates claimed a strong win over Kalangadoo on Sunday. Picture: FILE

half of the game, while the Tigers kept their goal trend with three majors in both the second and third quarters.

A Kyby goal finally came in the third, but at the final change the margin was an unassailable 48 points.

Kyby reeled in the deficit in the fourth with two goals, while North added one to secure a 42-point win.

Paris Ackland was at her usual best with her pace and skills earning the nod as best-on-ground.

She also scored two goals, second only to Maddy Bonanno with three.

Laura Chester and Chloe Perryman also converted two, while Grace Altschwager, Penny Coleman and Alice Tentye were other top performers.

Kybybolite was best served by Meg Ross, who was joined by Ruby Sambell, Emily Baldwin and Erin Ewer as the pick of the bunch.

First-quarter blitz costly

By James Murphy

Saturday night marked the end of the line for Millicent's Magic men as they were defeated by Ararat Redbacks in the Country Basketball League first semi-final.

The Magic made the trip over with a close to full-strength roster, missing only Frazer Bradley and Joshua Murphy due to outside commitments.

With the winner to progress into the 2022-23 grand final, it all came down to the first quarter in the end.

The Redbacks hit the court running and a huge 32-11 point opening term forced Millicent into damage control for the rest of the game.

"We were outplayed in the first quarter," Millicent coach Darren Dean said.

"They got the jump on us and we couldn't peg it back.

"They were there ready to go in that first quarter and we were probably 20 per cent off our game and not switched on enough defensively to go with them

"Once we adjusted we were able to match them and compete

The hosts outscored their guests in the next two quarters as well, albeit by slimmer margins.

"I think in the third quarter they actually got out to about 34 points," Dean said.

"I said to the boys, it is about a bit of character now and fighting back and it ended up 17 points in the end."

Dean was under no illusions heading into the match and his predictions of Ararat's danger men proved accurate.

"It was always going to be a challenge, with (Zac) Dunmore and the two Fiegerts all being NBL1 players," he said.

Dunmore scored a team-high 26 points, while the Fiegert brothers Ethan and Joshua had 24 and 17 respectively.

They were outdone only by Millicent junior Jack Haggett who had a night out with 35 points.

It was an impressive effort, particularly considering he was not at full health.

"He was a bit off at the start of the game," Dean said.

"He had a headache at the start and he said it took him a good half to get the adrenaline kicking in and be feeling alright.

"He just competes really well against those bigger bodies and just backs himself in."

Jackson Bowden put in a credible performance as well, with his defensive efforts noted.

"Offensively he was probably a little bit

down on his scoring, but he was our main defender," Dean said.

"Whether it was on Zac Dunmore, or across to Ethan Feigert when he started shooting threes, I think his defensive efforts were really good."

Bowden finished with 13 points, as did Austin Fuller, while Kade Bradley rounded out the double-figure scorers with 11.

As Millicent's season comes to a close, Dean was proud of the accomplishments of his young team, especially after a few years in the wilderness.

"Looking at us as a town of 5000 matching it with the big boys, it has been a pleasing season overall," he said.

"We went over and we always knew it was going to be tough.

"If you sit back and reflect on the season, to finish top four in that standard of competition for us it is above average.

"We haven't played at that level in a couple of years and to get a group together at the last minute and then go out and compete in the way we did was really pleasing."

Prolific: Millicent's Jack Haggett top scored in Saturday's semi-final, despite the Magic being knocked out of contention by Ararat.

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Red Division Winners: Max's Four - Max Blacketer, Shane Reilly, Fay Richards and John Chalmers.

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Night owl bowlers return at Millicent

Night Owls returned to the Millicent Bowling Club last week after a break for Australia Day.

Touches went to John Silis (Somerset Legends) 3, Rex Clark (Lion Rams) 3, Barbara Leicester (Acky's Owls) 3, Tim Grosvenor (Untouchables) 3, Fay Richards (Max's Four) 3, Paul Craig (Gizzies Crew) 3, Bill Mullan and Jamie Veering (Grand Hotel) 3.

In Red division, Max's Four (Shane Reil-

ly, Fay Richards, Max Blacketer and John Chalmers) defeated Grand Hotel 18+11.

Other winners were Sparkies 17+10, Rovers 17+5, Awesome Foursome 16+7 and Jack Attack 16+1.

Blue division went to Acky's Owls (Barbara Leicester, Bernie Bowman, Mary Bellinger and Nigel Ross), who defeated Lion Rams 19+18.

Other winners were Miss Fitts and Try Hards draw on 16, Maccas 17+1, The Pups 17+8 and Bits and Pieces 18+1.

In White division, Boomers (Graham Boyle, Carlene Godden, Mac Macdonald and Jim Godden) defeated Gizzies Crew 19+18.

Other winners were Lions Roar 17+10, Black Beetles 16+17 and X Factor 16+3.

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Lucindale duo scores well

By James Murphy

**LUCINDALE 5/239 d FOOTBALLERS
FURNER BEACHPORT 8/159**

Lucindale batsmen were in fine form on Saturday as they dominated the crease for a big win over Furner Beachport.

They batted first and dropped only five wickets on their way to a 239-run total.

Will Graetz was out for a duck, while Nathan James and Nick Freeman also did not last long at the crease.

However, from there on things changed.

Opener Shane McGurk was joined by Daniel McCarthy and the pair proved impenetrable for Furner Beachport bowlers.

Their 152-run partnership turned the tables and when McGurk was finally caught out for 95, Lucindale had a respectable 199 runs on the board.

McCarthy was also caught, with 85 runs to his name, before Michael McGurk and Joshua Smith batted out the innings to finish with 29 and two respectively.

It set a tough target for Furner Beachport and despite best efforts they finished up 80 runs short at the end of the 40 overs.

Lucindale's Sam Teakle and Jesse Hazelman were the main wicket-takers with two each, as Lucindale claimed its third win of the season.

This weekend will be another one-day fixture for Millicent and Naracoorte cricketers.

Townies will host Lucindale in Naracoorte, while Mount Burr hosts Rendelshem.

At McLaughlin Park Millicent will play Footballers Furner Beachport, while a coastal battle will unfold between Kingston and Robe.

RENDELSHAM 10/182 d WARRIORS 9/117

Rendelsham was too strong for its Naracoorte Warriors hosts when claiming a good win in Saturday's Millicent and Naracoorte Cricket Association one-day clash.

The victors won the toss and elected to bat first in the Round 12 meeting, which proved a smart decision.

Despite the early wicket of captain Jake



Lucindale's Shane McGurk made 95 runs in Saturday's Round 12 clash with Furner Beachport.

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Wight, Dylan Clough entered to settle things at the crease.

He went on to post an undefeated 85 runs in a game-high batting performance.

His partnership with opener Zach Jones rewarded 37 runs before the latter was bowled by Justin Mansell for 22.

Jacob Carger was next to pad up and he combined well with Clough.

The duo added a further 69 runs to the board before he too was clean-bowled, this time by Kieron Hicks, for an individual score of 34 runs.

Rendelshem sat at 4/117 and from there

the wickets came more frequently.

However, Clough continued to pile on the runs and by the time James Horn's wicket fell for five, the team had set a target of 182.

Hicks and Andrew Fitzgerald were the main wicket takers for Warriors with three each.

It was far from the ideal start to Warriors' chase.

The top order crumbled under the pressure and when Remi Brown was run out by Clough they were 4/8.

Justin Mansell was caught out shortly after and things looked dire at 5/15.

However, captain Loren Bald and Loch-

lan Dolphin settled the ship somewhat. Their partnership made 47 runs before the skipper was caught out for 39 off a Max Telfer ball.

Dolphin then paired up with Andrew Fitzgerald for another good run.

They added 40 runs to bring the total to 102 when Dolphin was caught off an Ethan Bowman delivery for 23. From there the tail order fizzled out and at the end of the 40 overs Warriors finished up on 9/117.

Fitzgerald finished up with 26 not out, while Simon Cox was also left at the crease with six runs.

Bowman was deadly with the ball and claimed 3/16, while Clough was also impressive with 2/15 and a run out.

KINGSTON 8/56 d MILLICENT 10/52

A low-scoring affair was won by Kingston on its home pitch.

Millicent won the toss and batted first, but when the final wicket fell in the 21st over the total was a mediocre 52 runs.

No player reached double figures, with Michael Gibson and Josh Mason the best performers with the bat making nine runs each.

Kingston's Mathew Cridland did well with the ball, claiming 3/17 while Alan Harrison had two.

With an achievable target in sight, Kingston took to the crease and had a slightly improved start.

The hosts slowly but surely chased down the target despite a few hiccups.

They lost two wickets at 14 runs, while Harrison Stenner and Sam McGovern were both sent packing with the total on 25.

Another two wickets were claimed on 43 runs, plus two on 45, before Kingston finally pushed over the line to finish 8/56 in the 23rd over.

Mark Collins' 23 runs was the best score for Kingston, while Cridland's nine was the next highest return.

Cushion dominated with ball in hand to finish with an impressive 6/17, but it was not enough to defend Millicent's score.



The picturesque coastline of Port MacDonnell will be the venue for the South Eastern Automobile Club season opener this weekend.

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Mitsubishi's will be out in force at the Port MacDonnell hill climb.

Capacity field to kick off hill climb season at seaside

The South Eastern Automobile Club competition season roars into life on 11 and 12 February with the running of the Twin Peaks Hill Climb at the picturesque Port MacDonnell coastal area, to the west of the lighthouse.

With the capacity field of 70 competitors filling the entry list in less than a day from opening, it is a popular event for the club, proving to be a challenge to competitors to get it right and be fast.

There are two courses to be set up by director Paul Height, assisted by Curtis Boyd, Bradley Harry and Allison Height.

That will provide the challenge with a tight and twisty first test laid out in front of the lookout at the Bay, followed by a less complex and more open second track down to the Finger Point Rock car park.

Throw in some wind to shift the sand,

constantly changing the grip level on the bitumen surface and each corner on each attempt can catch the driver off guard and see a bit of gardening or loss of control.

Each driver gets to do each end many times on each day, with the scoring for the winner calculated by adding the fastest time for each of the two courses Saturday, then doing the same for Sunday's effort and adding both day's totals for a combined total, with the outright award for overall quickest, then class winners decided.

Road closures will be in place from 7.30am Saturday until completion of the event on Sunday afternoon, to enable a safe environment for the competition to take place.

Spectators are welcome to walk in and see the action from the designated areas.

Catering for both days will be available at the lookout area.



Cars will speed along the South East coast in the weekend's hill climb at Port MacDonnell.



Jasmin Howe was instrumental in Millicent's semi-final win, despite finding herself heavily guarded throughout the contest.



Emily Winter takes a shot for the basket during Millicent's semi-final win over Portland Coasters. Picture: JAMES MURPHY

Grand final spot for Magic

By James Murphy

The Millicent Magic women's Country Basketball team has booked itself a place in the 2022-23 South West conference grand final.

They travelled to Mount Gambier's Icehouse for a semi-final clash with Portland Coasters on Saturday afternoon and emerged from the physical contest with a 21-point win.

The game opened with a power struggle but by the end of the quarter the Magic had seized control.

They won the term 17-9 to establish early dominance.

"It was a typical semi-final I guess, it was not pretty," Millicent coach Damien Venn said.

"It took us seven minutes in that first quarter.

"It was tight and ugly, but in the last three minutes our pressure got a bit too much for them and we opened it up."

The Coasters hit back in the second quarter and had their largest return for the match when outscoring their rival 19-15.

However, Millicent sealed the deal in the following term.

"We spoke at half time about locking them down defensively and we did that," Venn said.

Portland converted just six points during that time, while Millicent piled on 19 to push the margin out to 17 at the final change.

"It was probably all over at the end of the third," Venn said.

"We were double figures up and we were never going to drop that."

Millicent had the better of the fourth by four points and when the buzzer sounded, the side booked the first grand final spot on offer for the night.

Jasmin Howe put in a solid effort and she top scored for the game with 23 points.

At the other end of the court the defensive efforts from Alana Berkefeld received high praise.

"(She) was outstanding," Venn said.

"The stats probably won't show it too much,



Jess Venn drives the ball down the court during Millicent's semi-final win over Portland.

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but Tanielle Knight had been averaging nearly 19 a game and she shot two points.

"Not only did Alana lock (Knight) down, but between her and Georgia (Winter) we dominated the boards at both ends of the court."

Emily Winter was the next best under the hoop and shot 14 points for the game and Berkefeld had 10.

The top score for Portland came from Tyleah Barr who had 12 for the match.

While the win was relatively comfortable on the scoreboard, Venn gave credit to the Coasters, who kept Millicent fighting for the full four quarters.

"It was a tougher game than what we have had in recent times," he said.

"It was a really physical game and it was good to be able to stand up to that physicality."

Venn admitted it was a good prelude to what is to come in this weekend's grand final against the Mount Gambier Lakers.

It was an expected turn of events and the meeting between the two powerhouses will be one not to miss at Warrnambool on Saturday night.

Venn looks forward to the contest and he believed a close result is inevitable.

"It should be a cracker," he said.

"This is what we all thought would happen and it has happened now."

Millicent won the most recent meeting, while the Lakers claimed a five-point win back in Round 8.

However, this will be the first encounter where both teams have a full roster.

"We will go in quietly confident I guess, but Mount Gambier is going to be



Millicent's Poppy Venn gets airborne as she launches towards the hoop.

tough," Venn said.

"This will be a single-digit win for either team."

As far as tactics go, Venn kept his cards close to his chest but these are two teams which are familiar with one another.

"From our point of view we will need to do what we did (on Saturday) and try to lock them down defensively," Venn said.

"Sarah Ritter is obviously very important to them but in saying that, they have a lot of players who just chip in and play their part.

"You have to really cover the whole court.

"I am guessing Alana will get another important job this weekend."

The match will tip off at 4.45pm at Warrnambool Stadium, with the men's decider between Mount Gambier and Ararat to follow.