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Masks come off

After almost two years of experiencing mask mandates the staff, residents and visitors at Boneham Aged Care Services (BACS) are currently mask free.

The lifting of restrictions comes following BACS most recent Covid outbreak which commenced at the beginning of the New Year.

BACS Chief Executive Office, Michael Filsell said staff and visitors are out of masks but are aware that it may not be for a long period.

"We continue to closely monitor covid cases locally and at a state level as we have been advised that South Australia is likely to see another covid wave in mid to late March," he said.

"As circumstances change we will re-consider steps necessary to support best outcomes for residents and staff."

For five weeks throughout January and early February the facility managed their latest outbreak during which 30 residents and 24 staff tested positive for the covid virus.

Due to the number of staff requiring leave, nursing agencies were contracted to fulfill the additional shifts required to meet resident care needs arising from the outbreak.

Boneham staff also worked extra hours and double shifts to support residents throughout the outbreak.

Mr Filsell said staff maintained their professionalism, care, empathy, and stoicism throughout.

People and Culture Manager Mercia Lowe noted that the lifestyle team, led by Deb Cavanagh, went well beyond expectations to ensure that residents were supported and entertained with activities and support tailored to meet residents' individual needs.

This included facilitating and maintaining contact with family members and a daily ice cream round which Ms Lowe said was "eagerly anticipated".

Mr Filsell spoke highly of all staff across the facility.



People and culture manager Mercia Lowe and CEO Michael Filsell praised site staff for going above and beyond expectations during their latest covid-19 outbreak.

"I want to acknowledge staff and thank them for the calm, efficient and confident way in which they managed the outbreak and supported residents," he said.

"I can assure the community that the outbreak was competently managed.

"Our entire family (of) residents and their families, staff, executive, board and our many supporters including external health professionals and the wider community are also

be thanked for their encouragement and acceptance of circumstances throughout the outbreak."

Mr Filsell noted that BACS comprehensive vaccination program has been maintained and the organisation's covid management plan regularly reviewed.

This is updated to remain responsive to State and Commonwealth directives and professional advice.

Along with ceasing mask mandates, mandatory flu and covid vaccinations for aged care staff are no longer required by legislation.

This legislative change has prompted Boneham's board to conduct a review into the site's internal vaccination policy and a decision regarding staff vaccination is pending.

Currently, staff and visitors are still required to return a negative rapid antigen test result before entering the facility.

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Council to get federal funds

By Sophie Conlon

The Wattle Range Council is set to receive a share in \$750m of federal funding, designed to support rural and regional communities.

The \$750m comes from phase four of the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program, and councils will be able to access their funding allocations from July, with projects to be delivered by June 2025.

Through the program, council will be given \$629,298, though chief executive officer Ben Gower has not received notification of the funding.

Once funding was received, Mr Gower said it would be up to elected members to decide how it would be spent.

Minister for transport, regional development and local government Catherine King said the federal government was committed to supporting local councils.

"We have listened and we are acting to prioritise regional and rural roads," she said.

Federal minister for regional development, local government and territories Kristy McBain said the program would deliver projects like upgrades to roads, community halls, parks and sports facilities, bike paths and playgrounds.

"We know what a difference good local roads and community facilities can make, particularly in regional and rural communities, which is why we've increased both the funding amount and the delivery window for Phase 4," she said.

"This will give councils the time they need to plan for larger or more complex projects that may be a higher priority and have a bigger impact in their community."

All seven councils on the Limestone Coast will receive funding allocations as follows, City of Mount Gambier \$486,995; District Council of Grant \$423,450; Kingston District Council \$340,359; Naracoorte Lucindale Council \$573,718; District Council of Robe \$191,267 and; Tatiara District Council \$648,849.



Do any of this team of under 17 netballers look familiar?

Picture: SEFHG

Name help needed

South East Family History Group is hoping the community can help name people in their extensive photo collection.

This photo is of a team of under 17 Kalanga-

doo netballers thought to be from around 1990, no names have been confirmed.

If you have any information to share about the photo please contact the South East Fam-

ily History Group at info@sefhg.org, Wednesday or Saturday 1-5pm on 8733 1100 (or leave a message) or phone history group researcher Colleen Hammat on 0491 036 783.

Take a walk through history with St Mary's

ST MARY'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

During the 1850s and 60s Anglican worship was carried out in Penola in a variety of buildings. One involved a shared arrangement with the Presbyterians in their first church in Bowden Street which came into a bitter dispute when the timing for the services clashed.

For many years the congregation was served by visiting priests and at one stage Reverend Poole rode sixty miles from Robe once a month to hold services.

Thomas Congdon presented the site for the church and the Reverend W F Marshall obtained the necessary funds for the erec-

tion of the building, which was designed by accountant and District Clerk, Thomas Artaud. Richard McClure laid the foundation stone with full Masonic honours on 8 January 1873. The builders were local stonemasons, Michael Harris and William Blight.

The stone for the walls was cut from John Riddoch's quarry and the quoins and window frames were of Mount Gambier limestone. The Church opened for worship on 6 July 1873. In 1885 a chancel and vestry, designed by architect Thomas Hall, were added by the original stonemasons.

A bell turret was added in 1889, but removed in 1933, and the slate roof was re-

placed in 1911.

A magnificent stained glass window was commissioned for the church by Mr George Dickson, son of one of the pioneer families of the district and owners of the huge pastoral holding, Maaoupe Station.

Unfortunately the installation of the window was delayed for several years when a workman put his boot through the glass in vicinity of Christ's loincloth.

Careful repairs were carried out and these can still be detected by the slightly paler shade of blue glass.

The Sunday School across the road was built in 1889.



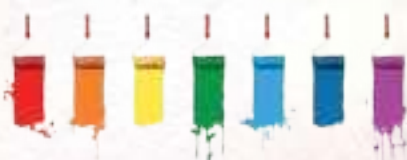
St Mary's Anglican Church.

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New leaders at the helm

By Caroline Hammat

After several years at the helm of the Millicent Show Society, president Neville Copping vacated the role with Brett Keatley self-nominating at last week's annual meeting.

Mr Copping's wife, Bev, has also stepped away from her role as treasurer with the couple both remaining on the general committee.

Sally Fennell will fill the treasurer role and Sue Vanderheul and Helen Cranage will continue in their roles of secretary and publicity officer.

Other changes to the committee include Colin Searle taking on senior vice-president from Brett Keatley, and Jim Garner filling the junior vice-president role.

Gate takings for the 2022 annual show were \$36,946 which was down \$7000 on the previous year.

This was not unexpected with the popular Friday night motocross event cancelled at short notice due to the club unable to secure insurance in time for the event.

This was the first time in 30 years the Mount Gambier Junior Motorcycle Club had to withdraw from competing at the event.

Mr Copping stated in his annual report that all other aspects of the show were well patronised with the trade area and food courts getting bigger every year.

The new look committee has a strong show result to build on as the 2022 event returned a small profit of \$3,400.

Although overall profit was down on the previous years of nearly \$30,000, the 2021 profit did include a \$15,000 covid-19 support grant.

The Millicent A. H. & P. Society's RV park has increased its takings on the previous year with the new fortnightly market quickly becoming established for market goers.

Wattle Range Council Mayor Noll stepped in to chair the meeting while the election for office-bearers took place.

He praised the show committee for bouncing back post covid which saw many country show society's throughout South Australia struggle.

Mayor Noll said it was a credit to the committee and members to present a financial report that is positioned well for the future.

New president Brett Keatley closed the meeting which was attended by approximately 25 people.

"Thanks to outgoing committee members and thanks to Neville and Bev for such a good job over the last few years.

"Hopefully we can iron out a few bugs and get some stuff fixed throughout the year and it won't be such a mad rush the last week before the show" he said.



Bev Copping (right) welcomes new the new senior vice president and treasurer Colin Searle and Sally Fennell.



Neville Copping hands the gavel to incoming show society president Brett Keatley.

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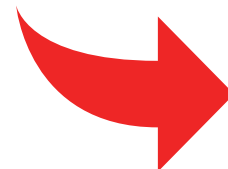
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Car access denied

Glen Point Beach at Beachport may be closed to vehicles, pending community consultation, after lengthy discussions at the Wattle Range Council meeting last week.

Correspondence from a resident, Bob Grieve, raises concerns about the public safety for pedestrians using a track that provides both walkers and vehicles access to Glen Point in Beachport.

Mr Grieve requested that the track be closed to all vehicles, referring to concerns with safety on the track and on the beach itself.

The narrow track runs alongside the edge of the Beachport boatyard, and is signposted as four-wheel-drive access only.

In the report tabled to the meeting, it stated that both Mr Grieve and Beachport Boatyard Manager David Stebhan had witnessed near misses along the track.

It also said that Mr Stebhan had also raised concerns about people parking on the slip of the boatyard, which could extend the response time if there was need for a boat recovery.

Councillors voted for the council to undertake public consultation on the proposal to close the beach access along the Beachport Boatyard to vehicular traffic to improve public safety and bring back a report on the outcome of the consultation.

Council's director engineering service Peter Halton said there were other issues with vehicular access to the beach.

"The important thing that needs to be mentioned is the width of the beach," he said.

"It is becoming quite dangerous - it's not just the track, it's driving on the beach.

"If it's a high tide, you are taking a risk walking on it.

"Make it a public beach for vehicles or a public beach for pedestrians, it doesn't suit for both."

Councillor Peter Dunncliff said it was a great beach for families.

"I have been along that (track) myself to go on that beach," he said.

"It's good for fishing and good for small kids.

"It was originally a road, then pedestrians started to use it.

"Closing a road because of a few idiot speeding is unfortunate.

"It'll be good to have suggestions on how



Wattle Range Council may close vehicular access to Glen Point Beach. Picture: WATTLE RANGE COUNCIL

we can keep the road open to improve access for pedestrians."

Councillor John Drew said there were plenty of other beaches that allowed vehicular access, so "why not have a beach that only

people can walk on?"

It was noted by councillors that the closure is not a beach closure but a road closure.

The council will now undertake public consultation on the matter.

Seminar to encourage healthy

Regional Development Australia Limestone Coast (RDALC) will be hosting an online seminar next week to encourage employers to create healthy workplaces.

The hour-long seminar comes as part of the Region Ready program and will be run by Wellbeing SA program manager healthy workplaces Kylie Cocks and Return to Work SA mentally healthy workplace consultant Mardi Webber.

RDALC chief executive David Wheaton said he would encourage local business owners and operators to take full advantage of the Region Ready program to improve their workplaces.

"Workplace health and wellbeing experts will provide you with a roadmap you can use in your own business," Mr Wheaton said.

"This is a fantastic opportunity as healthy workplaces benefit both your employees and your customers or clients.

"The seminar is a great example of RDALC working in partnership with the Government of South Australia to help support workplaces across our region."

The seminar will be held online from 11am on Thursday, March 2.



In support: Regional Development Australia Limestone Coast chief executive officer David Wheaton.

Program to boost financial literacy

A program aiming to increase financial literacy for women and people who identify as women is back for 2023.

Regional Development Australia Limestone Coast's (RDALC) Balancing the Books program has returned to the region.

The program has been designed to teach women and people who identify as women the skills to better their financial knowledge

and grow their own businesses.

RDALC deputy chief executive, business and workforce development Rachael Ashman said the program is a great opportunity for women to learn.

"We want to support rural and regional women to gain the skills and knowledge required to increase their economic security, broaden their career options, and to help

them grow their own business," Ms Ashman said.

The next Balancing the Books session will be held in Naracoorte on Tuesday, 28 February.

For more information or to book a spot, contact Emily Hillary-Burman via email at emily@rdalc.org.au or call 8723 1057.



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A night under the stars

By Caroline Hammat

An independently run wildlife sanctuary between Beachport and Robe is hosting a unique fundraiser to support the animals in care and complete much needed infrastructure work.

Duck-a-roo owner Narelle Marshall is set to host to Mount Gambier songwriter, storyteller and poet, Anne Fraser, for A Night Under the Stars on Saturday, March 4.

Ms Fraser is a local bush balladeer who has performed at the last two Tamworth Country Music Festivals and was semi-finalist in the Tamworth Songwriters Salute Awards for the lyrics to her song, The Rains on Uluru.

Duck-a-roo owner, Narelle Marshall, first saw Ms Fraser perform at Robe in front of a small crowd in an outdoor setting.

It was enough inspiration to book the performer for her own under the stars fundraiser.

"She was really quite mellow in her voice, obviously we can't have heavy metal bands because we have the animals, that is why we chose her," she said.

Supporting Ms Marshall to host the unique fundraiser is a small band of volunteers and local businesses who have donated raffle items and the Beachport Rivoli Bay Lions club.

The Lions Club are assisting with the BBQ and portaloos and have organised a bus from Beachport to the Bog Lane property for attendees.

Organisers have urged guests to pre-book their tickets to help with the catering numbers.

Attendees are asked to BYO chairs and refreshments and Beachport Brewery will be on hand with their locally produced beer available.

The evening will be an opportunity to find out more about the work being undertaken at Duck-a-roo which receives no government funding and needs more people to volunteer at the site. "I am after more volunteers, because Duck-a-roo is a little way out, there is sort of a problem" Ms Marshall said.

"We need to target Robe and Beachport people and hopefully we can get some people to come out and help."

There are over 100 different animals and birds at the sanctuary with volunteers needed to assist feed the animals, clean cages and spend time with the animals while doing so. A Night Under the Stars is at 123 Bog Lane, Beachport with the barbeque beginning at 6pm.

The \$25 tickets are available by phoning Ms Marshall on 0417 304 743.



Owner of Duck-a-roo, Narelle Marshall, with Marvin the swamp wallaby and Cameron the eastern grey kangaroo who will both benefit from funds raised at the event.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

COMPILED WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF WATTLE RANGE COUNCIL

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

18 March

- Grapes of Mirth, Coonawarra

24 March

- Stand Like Stone Movie Night, Coonawarra Hall

1 April

- The Fabulous 50s, Penola RSL 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

Home & Garden

2023 in rich, warm colour

By Holly McGuinness

This year's hottest colour has been announced, dubbed by the Pantone Colour Institute as an "unconventional shade for an unconventional time," 'Viva Magenta' boldly walks the borders of blue and red.

Selected by Pantone, this year's colour boasts a variety of layers, drawing inspiration from the natural world; it's intended to ignite a new passion within.

Pantone executive director, Leatrice Eiseman said Viva Magenta is a red descendant that emanates what is real during our current age of technology, it helps us build an inner strength.

"Rooted in the primordial, Viva Magenta reconnects us to original matter. Invoking the forces of nature," she said.

The colours' organic origins are credited to the Cochineal beetle, a South American parasite that's been used as vibrant red dye for centuries.

As one of the world's most precious natural dyes, Ms Eiseman says it's also of the strongest and brightest.

Recent trends have seen a sky rocketing

of pulling themes from nature and incorporating more organic materials into design is all the rage right now, influenced by years of lockdown according to Pantone and creating a shift in behaviour.

Intertwining this year's hottest shade in the home may seem a head scratching task, but Pantone suggests to "harness the full power" of this year's colour, a velvet couch or feature wall will create an eye-catching ode for individuals and designers alike to make a hefty impact.

For a less committal addition, a floral arrangement, striking abstract art piece or table settings make for a dramatic addition on a smaller, less committal scale.

The colour of the year was announced late 2022, influencing or perhaps predicting fashion, beauty, home and living trends for the year to come.

Pantone vice president, Laurie Pressman said "It is a culmination of the macro-level colour trend forecasting and research that the global team involved with the Pantone Color Institute conducts year-round that informs this selection."



A vibrant Viva Magenta feature wall will be a statement piece in your home, perfectly accompanied by natural elements. Picture: SHUTTERSTOCK

Zone of calm: Sculpting a big impact in a small space

As backyards shrink, new ideas for gardens are on the rise. Smaller areas have necessitated a rethink in how to design outdoor spaces for maximum impact and practicality.

For a property where the back fence is just five metres from the house, this once would have been seen as a garden drawback. However, clever homeowners are beginning to turn it into a positive by creating an intimate courtyard effect.

The simplest method to achieve this effect is through strategically placed dense planting, seating, fence screens and even walls.

One of the nicest finishing touches to a leafy courtyard is a piece of garden art or an eye-catching sculpture.

The positioning of a sculptural piece is as important a consideration as its context and style.

Some points worth noting include:

- Will it get in the way of foot traffic?
- Will it move, possibly dangerously, in strong winds?



- Will it be tripped over or bumped into at night?
- Will it eat up too much of, or be a hazard to, the children's play area?
- Is the material used weather-resistant?
- Will it need special lighting to achieve maximum impact?

Getting the size right is also important. Big sculptures need to be viewed from a dis-

tance and lack contextual balance in small areas. On the other hand, small pieces need to be actually seen — and placed with safety in mind.

Garden sculptures come in lots of different materials and, along with aesthetics, durability is key. Metal and wooden pieces can rust or rot over time, glass can be easily chipped, but stone, marble and concrete are

ones to keep on keeping on. Concrete sculptures are probably the most cost-effective but check for chips, folds or cracks before taking one home.

Garden sculptures lend themselves to imaginative quirkiness, classic elegance, cheeky kitsch, spiritual statements or free-form expression. Remember, there are no rules that can't be broken so get sculpting.

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Shop shut

By Caroline Hammat

One of Millicent's oldest second-hand opportunity shops announced it was closed until further notice earlier this week.

The Salvation Army thrift shop in Glen Street has been a favourite for op shoppers in Millicent for at least four decades, with many expressing disappointment when the announcement was made on social media.

Salvation Army Mount Gambier and Millicent corps leader Tim Frost said the Millicent store could be closed for up to four months.

Mr Frost explained due to the continued ill health of one of their lead volunteers, and a lack of volunteers to fill the roster, he was instructed by their area officer to close the store.

"We have a duty of care to close for the moment," he said.

"We will use this opportunity to do some refurbishment and then we will be looking at

opening up in three or four months.

"However long it takes us to get it up and get some volunteers back on deck.

"Be assured it won't vanish, it will be back."

There are plans in place to re-paint the floor and ceiling and install new blinds while the store is temporarily closed.

"We want to change the look of it a little bit and make it more modern and hopefully more appealing" Mr Frost said.

"Watch this space, it is going to re-open."

Shoppers, Alex Broadbridge and Carol Lambert, were both surprised to find the doors locked on Tuesday with signs on the doors announcing the closure.

Both are avid supporters of the store and were pleased to hear it will re-open in the months ahead.

Community members interested in volunteering at the thrift shop in the future are encouraged to phone Tim Frost on 8721 0500.



Alex Broadbridge, Rhonda Slape and Carol Lambert were all disappointed to find the thrift shop doors locked.

Hoons and speeders cause concern for local children

Residents and users of Bonshor Street, Millicent will be asked to have their say on a proposed speed hump on the road.

A request from the Gladys Smith Early Learning Centre to the Wattle Range Council was discussed at the local government meeting on Tuesday.

The centre requested a change in speed limit to combat speeding vehicles down the road, due to concerns over pedestrian safety and unsafe speed of vehicles in the streets surrounding the centre.

"Staff also claim to have observed 'hooning' on the nearby streets," the report said.

Councillors voted to approve the submission of a Traffic Impact Statement to Department of Infrastructure Transport to undertake traffic calming works being the installation of speed humps in Bonshor Street and to undertake community consultation in accordance with Council's Community Engagement Policy.

The report tabled to council said traffic surveys undertaken between November 25 2022 and January 9 2023 on Bonshor Street indicate an annual daily traffic of 140 vehicles per day, which totalled 6332 vehicles over 45 days.

"The traffic survey indicates that 237

of the 6332 vehicles travelling on Bonshor Street exceeded the 50km/h speed limit in this period," the report said.

"While this a low percentage due to the presence of early learning centre and the high number of pedestrians this presents a real risk."

After the investigation by council officers, they concluded that the installation of a speed hump or speed cushion and the addition of two pram ramps would both deter excess speed, and improve pedestrian safety.

The proposed pram ramps will provide convenient access to the public carpark across the road from Gladys's Smith ELC for

parents and staff.

Cr Peter Dunncliff asked if the area could be made into a school zone, but director engineering services Peter Halton said early learning centres do not qualify for school zones.

The council will now submit a Traffic Impact Report to DIT for approval, and if granted, engineering services will undertake public consultation on the proposed work including the two options being proposed. On completion of the consultation a report will be brought back to the council for consideration whether implement and fund the works.

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Firefighters commemorated the Ash Wednesday anniversary.



The crowd at the Kalangadoo Ash Wednesday Anniversary.



Nonni and Peter Hawke at the 40th Anniversary of Ash Wednesday

Remembering those lost

By Kathy Fennell

A special service was held in Kalangadoo last Thursday which was the 40th anniversary of Ash Wednesday.

The service took place at the CFS Shed where the Ash Wednesday Memorial is located in the Railway Reserve.

Wreaths were laid in memory of those who lost their lives.

Lay minister Howard Young said a prayer and family members laid wreaths.

Fellowship followed the service at the local hotel.

It was a low key solemn occasion given the 14 people who lost their lives.



The Auld, Lepley and Carlson families get together at the 40th anniversary ceremony.



Longtime Kalangadoo residents Gary Kilsby and Peter Davis at the 40th anniversary



Kalangadoo Football team at the ceremony.



Rhonda Lepley, Rob Lepley, Nick Rogers, Jim and Jam Mules of Kalangadoo at the Ash Wednesday 40th anniversary.

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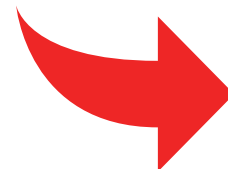
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Rabobank team gathers

Rabobank clients and guests from across South Australia's south east recently gathered at DiGiorgio Family Wines, Coonawarra, to celebrate the bank's Mount Gambier branch 25th anniversary.

Rabobank regional manager Roger Matthews said "Reaching this milestone would not be possible without the ongoing support of the bank's clients, and we were grateful for the opportunity to show our appreciation".

Mr Matthews said the evening provided a "wonderful chance to take a trip down memory lane and reflect on the importance of investing in rural and regional communities".

"Our clients also wanted to celebrate their part in the success of Rabobank in Mount Gambier, which has been growing and supporting their growth aspirations over the last 25 years," he said.

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Rabobank regional manager Roger Matthews, with Rabobank's Kate Facy, Frank and Margot Di Giorgio, Coonawarra and Rabobank's Mount Gambier area manager Joe Noonan.



Justin Kain, Penola with Michael McCrea, Rabobank.



Grant, Denise, Josh, Ley, Ellie and Audrey Harvey, Strathdownie.



Rabobank Mount Gambier's Mary Earl and Lucy Kentish, Dismal Swamp.



Libby Marcus, Mount Gambier with Tammie Scott, Mount Gambier and Prue Xanthos, Mount Gambier.



Rabobank Mount Gambier's Bryan Hunt with Fay and Wayne Buckley, Pleasant Park.

Rural Matters

Sheepmeat set to boom

The Australian sheepmeat industry is set for another bumper year in 2023 as the national sheep flock grows to its highest level since 2007 at 78.75m head, according to the latest Sheep Industry Projections update from Meat & Livestock Australia (MLA).

Driving this increase are optimal breeding conditions nationwide, a genetically superior flock, improved lambing percentages and medium-term industry confidence at the farm gate level.

Growth is forecast across all states, with larger improvements in flock numbers expected from South Australia, Western Australia, Queensland and Tasmania. The key sheep producing states of New South Wales and Victoria are also forecast to lift numbers, although not as significantly as other states.

In 2024, the national flock's growth is projected to moderate and plateau, reaching 79.5 million head, a rise of 1 per cent, or 750,000 head year-on-year. While in 2025, the national flock is estimated to fall to 2023 levels, although it will remain above the 10-year average.

According to senior market information analyst at MLA, Ripley Atkinson, the growth of the national flock in 2023 will lead to increased slaughter numbers and production.

"Lamb slaughter is forecast to reach 22.6m in 2023 as a result of large numbers of breeding ewes and strong marking rates. This is a rise of 595,000 head or 2.7 per cent year-on-year.

"2022's slaughter performance showed that small stock processors had a greater ability to increase their throughput in line with higher supply, a trend MLA expects will continue in 2023.

"Looking further ahead to 2024, we forecast it to be a record year for lamb slaughter, reaching 23.2m head. This would be a rise of 3 per cent, or 560,000 year-on-year and higher by 1.1m head or 5 per cent on the 10-year average," said Mr Atkinson.

Carcase weights are also forecast to increase in 2023. This is primarily due to structural genetic investment and productive improvement in the national flock over the past two years.

In 2023, lamb carcase weights are forecast to remain high at 25.1kg. This would be 11 per cent, or 2.5kg/head, above the 10-year average. This is despite weather forecasts suggesting drier conditions will occur in the second half of 2023.

The Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) has forecast that the Indian Ocean Dipole (IOD) will enter a positive phase in 2023. A positive IOD results in less rain across southern Australia, where most of Australia's sheep population is located.

As the second largest sheepmeat exporter in the world, New Zealand plays an important role in the global lamb and mutton market. However, according to Mr Atkinson, a decline in the New Zealand sheep flock size presents



Overall, Australia's sheep industry is in an exciting position of continued growth and development, according to the MLA.

an opportunity for the Australian sheepmeat industry.

"New Zealand, like Australia, has good market access, quality assurance schemes and a strong reputation internationally meaning that they are an international competitor to Australian lamb and mutton.

"However, new opportunities may be made available to Australian producers and exporters as New Zealand flock size decreases, wool and lamb production become less profitable compared to dairy production,

and land availability decreases.

"In recent years, successive Australian Governments have made considerable strides in gaining European market access, with talks ongoing for an Australia (AU)-European Union (EU) Free Trade Agreement (FTA) and the AU-UK FTA signed in December 2021.

"As New Zealand sheepmeat exports have increasingly shifted away from Europe, and towards China, improved opportunities for Australian sheepmeat in European markets may continue," said Mr Atkinson.

Overall, Australia's sheep industry is in an exciting position of continued growth and development, with local production and the flock forecast set to rise, while global demand for high quality sheepmeat in established and emerging markets continues.

The industry's ability to continue to deliver high quality protein and be a world-leading producer will define 2023 as a positive and optimistic year.

View a full copy of MLA's 2023 Sheep Industry Projections at bit.ly/3jXcXhg

Have your say on the top new animal welfare role

Stakeholders from across the country are being invited to have their say on how the Federal Government's new Inspector-General of Animal Welfare will operate.

The Federal Government committed to establishing an Inspector-General of Animal Welfare at the last election and is now delivering on that commitment.

This will be implemented by expanding the current office of the Inspector-General of Live Animal Exports to include defined animal welfare related objectives and expertise.

Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and

Forestry, Murray Watt said the new Inspector General for Animal Welfare and Live Animal Exports (IGAWLAE) would strengthen animal welfare assurance and increase accountability and transparency for animal welfare in livestock exports.

The welfare of animals being exported is a Commonwealth responsibility, while domestic animal welfare is the responsibility of state and territory governments.

"This government takes animal welfare seriously and understands its importance to Australian farmers, the community and

our international reputation," Minister Watt said.

"That is why we committed almost \$4 million towards establishing the IGAWLAE.

"Public consultation is now open through the department's 'Have Your Say' platform, inviting submissions on the role of the new IGAWLAE.

"The live export industry, state and territory governments, production industries and animal welfare bodies will be consulted on the specific animal welfare objectives of the expanded office.

"All submissions will be considered and will assist in informing the establishment of the new position.

"The IGAWLAE will strengthen animal welfare assurance and increase accountability and transparency for animal welfare in livestock exports."

Go to haveyoursay.agriculture.gov.au/inspector-general-animal-welfare

Submissions are due by 5pm on 2 March. The specific objectives and date of establishment for the expanded office will be finalised after consultation.

Reflections and memories

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Carolyn and Robert Seymour, Robe.



Nick and Karen Ellis, Rendelsham with Colin and Lynda Croser, Beachport and Rabobank's Geoff Firth, Sydney.



Simone Mueller, Binnun and Robyn Wittwer, Penola.



Michael McCourt, Beachport with Rabobank's Sam Dohle and Helen McCourt, Beachport.



Rabobank Mount Gambier's Amy Hawke with Janette and Ted Ridgway, Wolseley.



Kerrie McLean, Penola together with Alisha and Glenn Tucker, Kalangadoo.

Motoring

Corolla's future in shape

By Chris Riley, Marque Motoring

You could in all likelihood be looking at the successor to the evergreen Corolla hatch and sedan as the market continues its move away from traditional styles.

Corolla Cross joins the Yaris Cross, C-HR, RAV4, Kluger, Fortuner, Land Cruiser Prado and Land Cruiser 300 Series in Toyota's ever-growing line-up of SUVs.

And, like many of the aforementioned models, it is available with a fuel saving hybrid petrol-electric powertrain -- one that importantly recharges itself.

It's the right-size and the timing couldn't be better, but it's going to cost you almost \$5000 more to get into one and there's sure to be a long wait.

Looking much like a smaller version of the RAV4, there's three versions from which to choose: GX, GXL and Atmos.

There's also petrol or hybrid powertrains, and front- or all-wheel drive, with pricing starting from \$33,000 plus on-roads for the front-drive, petrol-powered GX.

For \$2500 more you can have the same car with a fuel-saving hybrid.

AWD is another \$3000, but available only with GXL and Atmos.

GX comes with 17-inch alloys, LED head and tail lights, automatic high beam, daytime running lights as well as heated auto folding door mirrors.

Inside, you'll find cloth trim, single-zone climate air, smart entry and start, an electric park brake and a 7.0-inch driver information display.

GXL, priced from \$36,750, adds combination leather and fabric upholstery, dual-zone climate, leather-accented shift knob and steering wheel, auto dimming rear view mirror, better LED headlights, front fog lights, roof rails and rear privacy glass.

To this Atmos, priced from \$46,050, adds 18-inch alloys, panoramic sunroof and a power-operated tailgate.

There's also leather-accented upholstery, heated seats and steering wheel, eight-way power-adjust driver seat, fully digital 12.3-inch instrument cluster, Nanoe X air filtering, illuminated entry and a wireless phone charger.

Corolla Cross is covered by a 5-year unlimited kilometre warranty, extending to seven-years on engine and driveline, with capped-price servicing for the first five years or 75,000km.

Each 12-month/15,000km service is pegged at \$230.

While the 1.8-litre setup in the hatch puts out 103kW, the Cross with a larger 2.0-litre Atkinson cycle engine and an electric motor for the front axle, delivers a combined 146kW of power at 6600 revs.

Toyota never puts a figure on combined torque for its hybrids.

Never really been quite sure why.

The petrol engine alone however produces 190Nm between 4400 and 5200 revs.

The electric motor -- another 206Nm.

A second electric motor is added to the rear axle in all-wheel drive versions, helping among other things to correct any oversteer or understeer.

Drive is through a CVT-style continuously variable style transmission.

Corolla Cross gets a full five stars for safety.

With eight airbags and a reversing camera, Autonomous emergency braking (Car-to-Car, Vulnerable Road User, Junction Assist and Backover), a lane support system with lane-keep assist (LKA), lane departure warning (LDW) and emergency lane keeping (ELK) and an advanced speed assistance system (SAS) are standard on all versions.

GXL and Atmos add a 360-degree camera.

Automatic Collision Notification can notify



Heir Apparent: The Corolla Cross could replace the long serving hatch and sedan in the long run.

emergency services in the event of a collision triggering an airbag, who can attempt to speak with vehicle occupants to determine the seriousness of the situation.

Infotainment consists of an 8.0-inch touchscreen, with voice control, Bluetooth, AM/FM/DAB+ digital radio, wireless Apple CarPlay but wired Android Auto and six-speaker audio -- but alas no navigation.

For that you need to fork out for one of the more expensive models.

Voice activation is enabled with the words "Hey, Toyota!" and you can use the new multimedia system as a web browser.

There's a 12-volt outlet in the console box and single USB-A port at the front of the centre console, while GXL and Atmos grow two extra USB-C ports in the back.

Cross also comes with a 12-month subscription to Toyota Connected Services, accessible via the myToyota Connect app.

After this you'll need to pay \$9.95 for Toyota Connect+ and \$12.50 for Connected Multimedia monthly.

This lets you remotely check the status of the doors and lights, access the vehicle's last known location and recent trips, or start the engine or climate control.

We wonder how often you would actually use these features once the novelty has worn off?

GXL and Atmos get a larger 10.5-inch touchscreen with built-in navigation, while Atmos also adds premium 9-speaker JBL sound.

Atmos is also fitted with a fully digital instrument cluster, with three different display modes and a number of options.

Having driven hundreds of Toyotas over the years breeds a certain familiarity.

Getting into the Corolla Cross for the first time, it all feels, looks and even smells the same -- at once familiar but different.

The cabin looks like Marie Kondo has paid a visit.

The fit out is not quite spartan, but the emphasis is clearly on functionality and practicality.

It's all there -- but with nothing to spare.

In fact, it reminds me of the old joke that if Toyota could find a way to charge for the air in tyres -- it would do so (apologies).

There's also a certain sameness to the way the Cross drives.

The feel and sound of the hybrid powertrain is straight out of the Prius playbook.

Cross sits on the same platform as the Co-



High Tech: The new Corolla models come with voice activation and an 8-inch touchscreen.

rolla hatch, along with the C-HR and Lexus UX, but gets a larger, more powerful hybrid in recognition of the extra size and weight that it carries -- 120kg more than the petrol version.

At 4460mm in length, Cross is 85mm longer than the hatch but 170mm shorter than the sedan.

The cabin is a roomy and pleasant environment, but rear legroom is limited, at least sitting behind my 183cm frame.

Headroom getting in and out of the back is also challenging, thanks to a receding roofline and raised seat height.

The cargo area is a good size though, with 414 litres of space behind the rear seat in front drive models -- 380 litres in the all-wheel drive.

The space saver in the all-wheel drive is replaced by a tyre repair kit to make room for the second electric motor.

The CVT in the hybrid misses out on a sequential or manual change mode in petrol versions, but comes with three drive modes: Normal, Eco and Power.

They alter throttle response, engine load and transmission response.

The dash from 0 to 100km/h takes a brisk 7.7 seconds in the front-drive version.

In power mode, performance is surprisingly sharp, but you still need to wind it up in preparation for overtaking.

But why, one might ask, do you have to keep switching to power mode to access satisfying performance.

Why isn't this simply the default mode?

If you answered economy, why then is

there an Eco mode?

Steering is accurate and well weighted and the ride is firm without becoming uncomfortable, but it does become a bit bouncy at speed.

Handling is confident for an SUV, up to the point where the higher centre of gravity starts to generate some body roll, but the average driver is unlikely to find that point.

The brakes are excellent, consistently pulling the car up quickly after repeated hard braking.

Fuel consumption from the 36-litre fuel tank is a claimed 4.3L/100km, or 4.4L/100km for the all-wheel drive -- and it takes standard unleaded.

We were getting 5.2L after more than 300km.

This is a little higher than expected when a Camry hybrid will return 4.6 without any effort.

Interestingly, the 2.0-litre petrol Cross is good for a not unattractive 6.0L/100km.

Cross produces 97g/km of CO2.

It feels a bit underdone, but we like it.

Corolla sells on price and value.

The Corolla Cross ticks one of those boxes.

A top of the range hybrid hatch is \$37,620.

Our top of the range, two-wheel drive Atmos is \$46,050 -- a whopping \$8430 more.

Atmos is the pick.

We wouldn't worry about all-wheel drive which doesn't warrant the extra \$3000.

The real breaker however is that you can get into a larger front-drive RAV4 Hybrid XSE for \$46,375.

WEATHER

FORECAST

Warnings

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

SOUTH AUSTRALIA:

State Forecast:

Hot to very hot throughout with moderate northeast to northerly winds, freshening in the west, ahead of a southwest to southerly change in the far west.

Friday. Hot to very hot with fresh with northeast to northerly winds becoming fresh to strong and gusty ahead of a milder southwest to southerly change reaching central districts in the evening. Possible showers and storms associated with the change. Rainfall 1 to 5 mm about the agricultural area, West Coast and North West Pastoral districts, with local falls of 5 to 15 mm with storms.

Saturday. Hot at first in the northeast with fresh northeast to northerly winds ahead of a milder southwest to southerly change, extending throughout on Saturday, becoming cool to mild in the south. Possible showers and storms associated with the change. Light showers about the southern agricultural area and western coasts clearing Monday.

Upper South East District:

Mostly sunny. Winds northeasterly 25 to 35 km/h.

Friday. Partly cloudy. Slight (20%) chance of a shower in the evening. Winds north to northeasterly 25 to 40 km/h tending northwest to southwesterly 20 to 30 km/h during the afternoon then tending northerly 15 to 20 km/h during the evening. Fire danger: extreme.

Lower South East District:

Partly cloudy. Winds northeasterly 20 to 30 km/h.

Friday. Partly cloudy. Slight (30%) chance of a shower in the evening. Winds north to northeasterly 25 to 40 km/h tending west to northwesterly 20 to 30 km/h during the afternoon then tending north to northeasterly 15 to 20 km/h during the evening. Fire danger: extreme.

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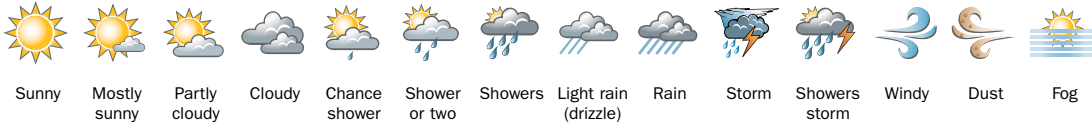
South West District:

Partly cloudy. Winds north to northeasterly 25 to 35 km/h.

Friday. Partly cloudy. Slight (20%) chance of a shower in the southwest in the afternoon and evening. Winds NE 15 to 25 km/h turning northerly 25 to 40 km/h during the morning.

COONAWARRA FORECAST

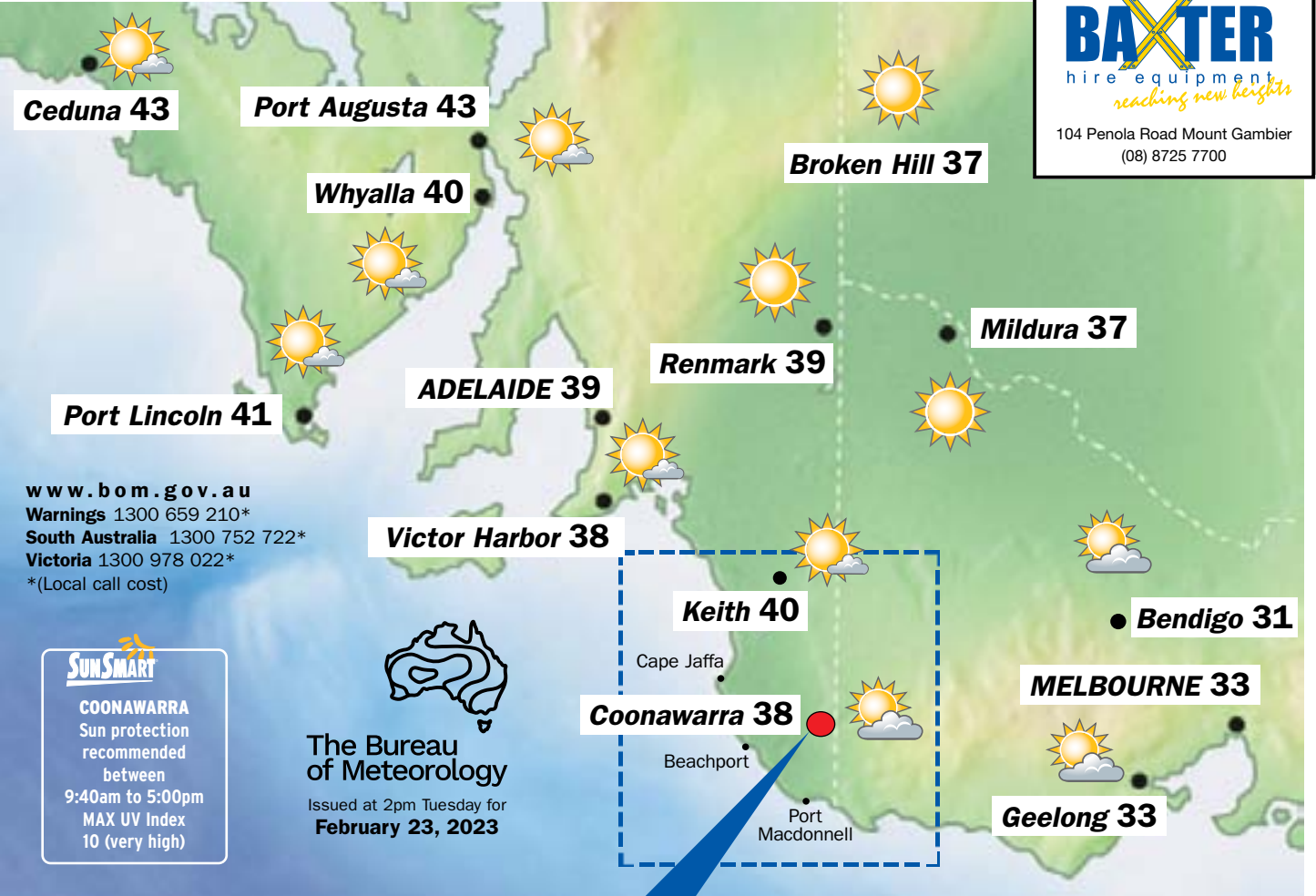
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COASTAL WATERS

South Central Coastal Waters:

Winds: North to northeasterly 15 to 20 knots. Seas: 1 to 1.5 metres. 1st Swell: Southwesterly around 1 metre. 2nd Swell: Southeasterly around 1 metre. Weather: Mostly sunny.

Upper South East Coastal Waters:

Murray Mouth to Cape Jaffa
 Winds: Easterly 10 to 15 knots tending northeasterly 15 to 20 knots during the morning. Seas: 1 to 1.5 metres, decreasing below 1 metre during the afternoon or evening. Swell: Southwesterly around 1 metre. Weather: Mostly sunny.

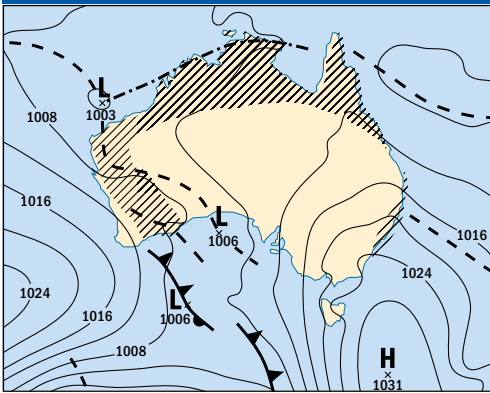
Lower South East Coastal Waters:

Cape Jaffa to SA-Vic Border
 Winds: North to northeasterly 15 to 20 knots. Seas: Around 1 metre, increasing to 1 to 1.5 metres offshore. 1st Swell: East to southeasterly 1 to 1.5 metres. 2nd Swell: Southwesterly around 1 metre. Weather: Partly cloudy.

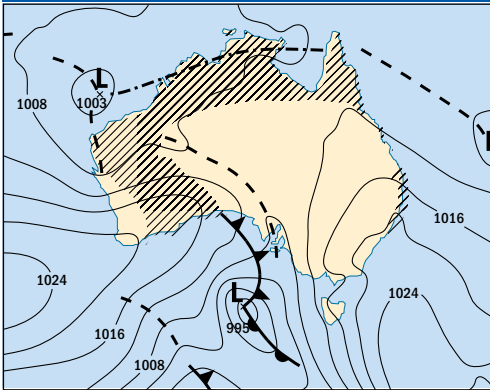
West Victoria Coastal Waters:

SA-Vic Border to Cape Otway
 Winds: East to northeasterly 15 to 25 knots tending north to northeasterly 15 to 20 knots during the morning then tending east to northeasterly 15 to 25 knots during the afternoon. Seas: 1 to 2 metres, decreasing to 1 to 1.5 metres during the morning. 1st Swell: Southwesterly 1.5 metres, decreasing to around 1 metre during the morning. 2nd Swell: Easterly 1 to 1.5 metres, decreasing to around 1 metre during the afternoon. Weather: Partly cloudy.

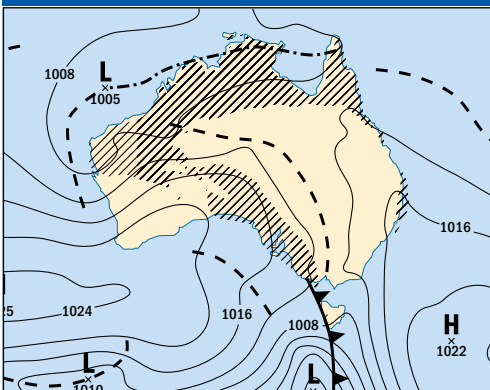
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TOMORROW 10AM



SATURDAY 10AM



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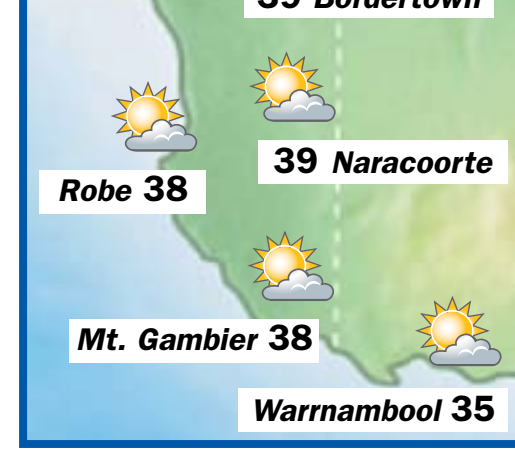
CAPITAL CITIES

| City | Condition | Max |
|-----------|--------------------------|-----|
| Adelaide | Mostly sunny. | 39 |
| Brisbane | Shower or two. | 29 |
| Canberra | Partly cloudy. | 24 |
| Darwin | Showers. Possible storm. | 31 |
| Hobart | Partly cloudy. | 27 |
| Melbourne | Partly cloudy. | 33 |
| Perth | Mostly sunny. | 27 |
| Sydney | Cloudy. | 24 |

SUN & MOON

| | Sunrise | Sunset | Moonrise | Moonset |
|----------|---------|--------|----------|---------|
| Thursday | 6:45am | 7:55pm | 9:47am | 9:45pm |
| Friday | 6:46am | 7:54pm | 10:56am | 10:12pm |
| Saturday | 6:47am | 7:52pm | 12:04pm | 10:41pm |
| Sunday | 6:48am | 7:51pm | 1:10pm | 11:14pm |
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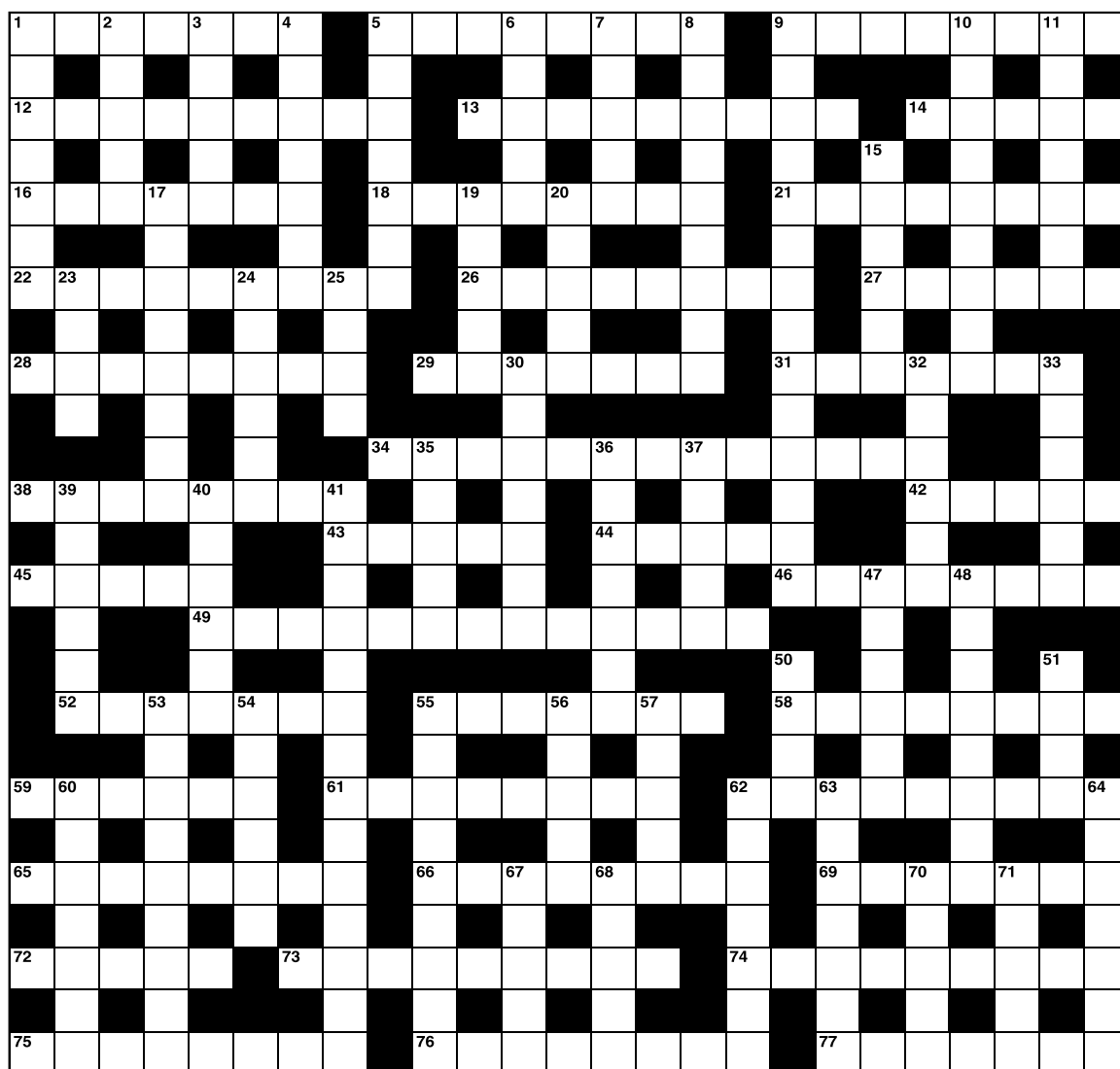
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| City | Weather | Max | Min |
| Athens | fine | 19 | 7 |
| Auckland | showers | 24 | 16 |
| Bangkok | fine | 34 | 25 |
| Beijing | cloudy | 9 | -3 |
| Berlin | cloudy | 12 | 6 |
| Christchurch | rain | 19 | 14 |
| Denpasar | cloudy | 32 | 25 |
| Dublin | sunny | 8 | 1 |
| Hong Kong | sunny | 20 | 15 |
| Honolulu | showers | 28 | 22 |
| Jakarta | rain | 29 | 24 |
| Johannesburg | fine | 26 | 15 |
| Kuala Lumpur | storms | 33 | 24 |
| London | rain | 9 | 6 |
| Los Angeles | showers | 14 | 6 |
| Madrid | fine | 16 | 6 |
| Moscow | snow | -6 | -11 |
| New Delhi | fine | 33 | 13 |
| New York | sleet | 7 | 1 |
| Noumea | sunny | 30 | 23 |
| Paris | rain | 11 | 6 |
| Auckland | showers | 24 | 16 |
| Port Vila | rain | 31 | 23 |
| Seoul | fine | 6 | -4 |
| Singapore | storms | 33 | 24 |
| Suva | storms | 32 | 24 |
| Tel Aviv | fine | 18 | 13 |
| Tokyo | fine | 9 | 1 |
| Vancouver | snow | 3 | 1 |
| Wellington | showers | 22 | 17 |

TIDES

| Beachport | |
|------------------------|--------------|
| Today: | |
| H: | 2:36am 0.9m |
| L: | 8:56am 0.4m |
| H: | 2:30pm 0.8m |
| L: | 8:34pm 0.3m |
| Tomorrow: | |
| H: | 2:40am 0.9m |
| L: | 8:57am 0.3m |
| H: | 3:03pm 0.9m |
| L: | 9:03pm 0.4m |
| Saturday: | |
| H: | 2:46am 0.8m |
| L: | 9:07am 0.2m |
| H: | 3:39pm 0.9m |
| L: | 9:31pm 0.4m |
| Sunday: | |
| H: | 2:52am 0.8m |
| L: | 9:22am 0.1m |
| H: | 4:17pm 0.9m |
| L: | 9:56pm 0.5m |
| Monday: | |
| H: | 2:55am 0.8m |
| L: | 9:42am 0.1m |
| H: | 5:00pm 0.9m |
| L: | 10:16pm 0.6m |
| Tuesday: | |
| H: | 2:45am 0.8m |
| L: | 10:02am 0.2m |
| H: | 5:54pm 0.8m |
| L: | 10:18pm 0.7m |
| Port Macdonnell | |
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| H: | 3:32am 1.0m |
| L: | 9:54am 0.4m |
| H: | 3:09pm 0.8m |
| L: | 9:21pm 0.3m |
| Tomorrow: | |
| H: | 3:28am 0.9m |
| L: | 9:47am 0.3m |
| H: | 3:44pm 0.9m |
| L: | 9:47pm 0.4m |
| Saturday: | |
| H: | 3:34am 0.9m |
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| H: | 4:19pm 0.9m |
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| L: | 10:52pm 0.7m |

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76 Person who believes life is meaningless (8)

77 Came to light (7)

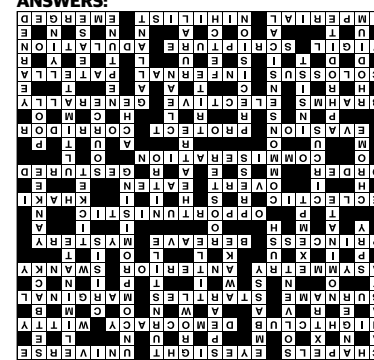
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- 1 Card game (7)
- 2 Rage (5)
- 3 Additional (5)
- 4 Financially sound (7)
- 5 Consulate (7)
- 6 Weapon (5)
- 7 Murmur angrily (5)
- 8 Mechanical gate (9)
- 9 Unyielding (14)
- 10 Throw out (9)
- 11 Relapse (7)
- 15 Calamity (6)
- 17 Propose as a candidate (8)
- 19 Not asleep (5)
- 20 Identification (5)
- 23 Nimble (4)
- 24 Free from liability (6)
- 25 Blitz (4)
- 30 Chinese zodiac sign (7)
- 32 Proof of payment (6)
- 33 New York baseball player (6)
- 35 Newspapers (5)
- 36 Place of operations (7)
- 37 Explosive (5)
- 39 Google browser (6)
- 40 Travelling company of performers (6)
- 41 Showing good judgement (14)
- 47 Informant (6)
- 48 Final (8)
- 50 Longing (4)
- 51 Body of water (4)
- 53 Love goddess (9)
- 54 Demand forcefully (6)

- 55 Accuracy (9)
- 56 Hackneyed (5)
- 57 Spotless (5)
- 60 Chemical element, atomic number 45 (7)
- 62 Stouthearted (7)
- 63 Roman god of the sea (7)
- 64 Desired (7)
- 67 Get (5)
- 68 Bucolic (5)

- 70 Needle (5)
- 71 Fibbing (5)

ANSWERS:

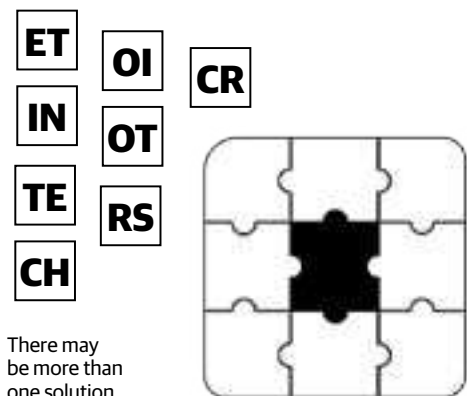


EDGEWORD

No. 085

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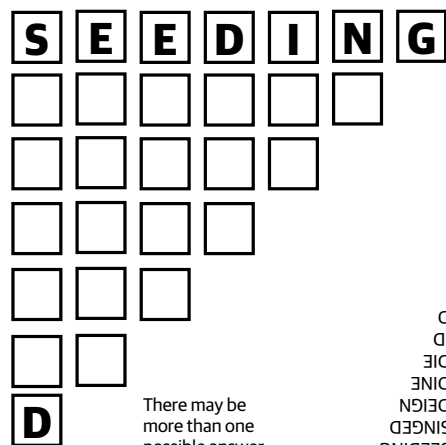
There may be more than one solution

ANSWERS: CRETTIN, CROTCH, INTERS, CHOIRS

DROP DOWN

No. 081

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: D, ID, DIE, DINE, DESIGN, SINGED, SEEDING

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1. He won a Logie for his role in 2006 TV movie *The Society Murders*. Who played the lead role?

- A. Lisa McCune
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- C. Asher Keddie
- D. Georgie Parker

2. He starred as Dr Patrick Reed in *Offspring*. How did his character die?

- A. Heart attack
- B. Hit-and-run accident
- C. Drowning
- D. Murder

3. Who was his co-star in the 2016 Foxtel series *The Kettering Incident*?

- A. Isla Fisher
- B. Elizabeth Debicki
- C. Teresa Palmer
- D. Margot Robbie

4. He starred as which Australian sports personality in a two-part miniseries in 2016?

- A. Cliff Young
- B. Sir Donald Bradman
- C. Peter Brock
- D. Ron Barassi

5. He starred in Amazon thriller *Absentia* alongside Stana Katic, who is best known for which crime series?

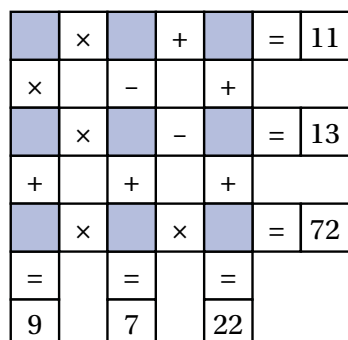
- A. *Castle*
- B. *Veronica Mars*
- C. *How to Get Away with Murder*
- D. *Law & Order: Special Victims Unit*



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

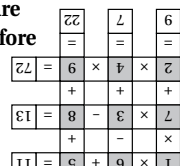
CROSSMATH

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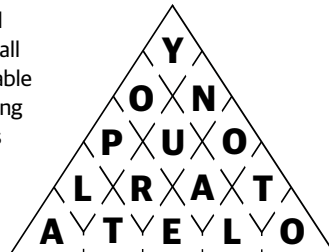
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WORD TRIANGLE

No. 081

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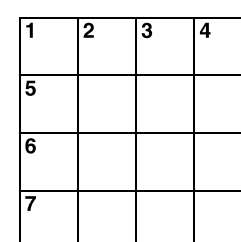


HINT: The answer is a phrase.

ANSWER: A LOT ON YOUR PLATE

4x4

No. 081



ACROSS

- 1 Grime (4)
- 5 Subtle emanation (4)
- 6 Motivate (4)
- 7 Cult (4)

DOWN

- 1 Cheek (4)
- 2 Quaintly pleasing (4)
- 3 Kind of acid (4)
- 4 Grocery (4)

ANSWERS: 1. Scum, 5. Aura, 6. Stit, 7. Sect, 8. Uric, 4. Mart, 9. Sass, 2. Cute, 3. Uric, 4. Mart



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 Family and friends are invited to celebrate Norman's life, at the Gummifera Garden of the Lismore Memorial Gardens, Skyline Road Goonellabah, Thursday 23rd February 2023, commencing at 12:00 noon.
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Public Notices and Event

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 Tuesday 7 March 2023 (All Day)
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Third-placed Bernie Peters, second-placed Bec Kober and winner Sam Freeman with Beau.



Seniors Greg Kessegian and Trevor Whitehead with Wayne Gurney (middle).

Millard wins in Highgun

There were 78 shooters who took part in the Lake Bonney 75-target handicap event recently.

On a course which consisted a few very technical targets, six shooters stood out with perfect rounds of 25/25.

Rolf Bugden, Chris Wright, Steve Groen, Tim Widdison, Mick Brennan and long-time Bonney shooter Warren Whitehead all claimed perfect scores as Whitehead took home his first 25 badge after more than 30 years of competitive shooting.

The Handicap Highgun was won by Lake Bonney sub-junior Liam Millard, who took out the top spot.

Widdison took home the AA Grade honours, ahead of Mark Fabris and Danny Bellinger.

Whitehead claimed first prize in A Grade, while Romain Devaud and Glen Crowe-Owen rounded out the podium.

Ian Vearing was the winner in B Grade, ahead of Kingston's Rob Summers and Victoria's Doug Cowland.

Richard Try claimed the C Grade victory, with Perry Gurney runner-up ahead of Edwin Edge.

In the Senior's competition, Tony Sellars took home the victory, with Greg Kessegian runner-up and Trevor Whitehead in third.

Bob Jones was the winner in the Veteran's category, with Rolf Bugden and Robert Simpson in second and third.

The Women's competition went down to the wire and the win had to be settled on a count-back, where Sam Freeman claimed the victory, ahead of Bec Kober and Bernie Peters.

Declan Wright had an easy win in the juniors with no competition, while Jack Dyson claimed first prize in the sub-juniors, with Isla Gordon the runner-up.

A visit from the women from Royal Flying Doctor Service saw Lake Bonney Sporting Clays present a \$500 donation to the charity after running a few novelty targets in the last few shoots.



B Grade's Doug Cowland and Ian Vearing with Wayne Gurney.

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Junior winner Declan Wright with Wayne Gurney.



Veteran's runner-up Rolf Bugden with Wayne Gurney.



C Grade's third-placed Edwin Edge with Wayne Gurney.



A Grade's Romain Devaud and Warren Whitehead with Wayne Gurney.



Sub-Junior winner Jack Dyson (left).

Fishing conditions fine

By Jamie Coates

A pleasant weekend along the Limestone Coast was enjoyed by many anglers.

From the beach to the river or offshore, there was plenty of action around the district.

The offshore boaties made the most of the nice weather late last week and headed out wide.

Those who ventured out to the shelf had mixed results and some anglers found decent numbers of blue eye, pink ling and gem fish, while others struggled a bit.

There have been some nice shark caught in a bit closer with the 60-100m zone great this week, with both school and gummy shark boated.

There has also been the standard mix of bottom species, such as flathead, knifejaw, snapper and terakhi - just to name a few.

In the shallower water, from 5-15m, there has been an abundance of snapper caught.

Sizes have varied greatly, from little pinkies around 35-45cm, through to some absolute crackers over 75cm.

There are still a few sharks sneaking around in close too, so hooking a gummy or a school shark when targeting snapper is also a real possibility.

Young-gun Easen Reef Smith boated his first snapper on the weekend while fishing with his old man and it was a ripper to kick him off at 57cm.

Whiting anglers have continued their stellar season this weekend and I do not think I heard of a single fisho saying they missed out.

The boaties are spoilt for choice when it

comes to areas to fish, but a few hot spots have been Danger Point, Port MacDonnell breakwater, Hutt Bay, Livingstons Bay and Carpenter Rocks.

However, almost any sand hole with a bit of ribbon weed or kelp around is going to hold whiting.

The trick is to keep on the move - if they are slow in one area, move along until you find them.

Surf fishos have enjoyed the milder conditions on the beach.

I have not heard too much mention of the weed situation, so things must have cleared up by now.

There was plenty caught off the sand last week with snapper and whiting making up the bulk of the news.

Flynn Thomas has been into both fish down at the Jones's Bay end of Nene Valley.

I think he could catch them in a puddle down there this year, he has the place worked out perfectly.

There were a few nice shark caught through the Canunda National Park, with the Millicent end seeming the most productive.

The salmon are still in reasonable numbers through there as well, so either fresh bait or into the smoker, the choice is yours.

Garfish numbers have continued to impress, with our local haunts such as Cape Douglas, Livingstons Bay and Pelican Point all fishing well.

There have been some nice fish also inside the Port MacDonnell breakwater.

Mullet and tommy ruff in the same area have been pretty good and some of those tom-

mies are getting a bit of size about them now.

Inland fishing has been unreal over the last few weeks.

It does not matter if you are chasing yellowbelly and redfin in Rocklands, murray cod in Lake Charlegrark or yabbies in just about every waterhole in the district, it has been fabulous.

There have been lots of mozzies, sandflies and other bitey bugs around most of the inland waterpoints, so remember your bug spray.

The Glenelg River has been red hot one day, but then you would swear there was no fish in it the next.

The fish were spread out last week from the shallow sandflats of the estuary, through to the upper stretches inland, in the snags and on the rockwalls.

Cut pilchard, prawn and whitebait have been the most popular baits, but lure fishos have done well on cranka crabs, Berkley 3 inch nemesis minnows and Z man slim swims.

The mullet news has been virtually non-existent.

Speaking to a few of the locals down there, they seem to think there are fish there and they are all moving around.

We just need them to flick the switch to feeding mode.

Looking forward and it looks like we are in for an absolute scorcher.

The mercury is set to fly into the high 30's so remember to slip, slop slap and keep your fluids up.

Until next week, safe fishing.



Easen Reef Smith shows off a couple of nice snapper, with it his first time reeling in the iconic species.

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Millicent's Straw Masters and team were unable to best Naracoorte in the Saturday Open Pennant.



Harold Manton and his Robe cohort claimed a solid win over Kingston on Saturday.

Mount Gambier RSL Red too strong over Kingston

FRIDAY PENNANT ROUND 14 RESULTS

■ **Division 1:** Mount Gambier RSL Red 61/8 d Kingston 33/0; Millicent Red 46/6 d Penola Red 39/2; Millicent Blue 52/6 d Penola Blue 44/2; Port MacDonnell 53/8 d Mount Gambier RSL Blue 34/0.

■ **Division 2:** Naracoorte 56/8 d Port MacDonnell 37/0; Beachport Blue 54/6 d Beachport Red 46/2; Mount Gambier 8/8 d Lucindale 0/0 (forfeit); Robe 41/8 d Naracoorte RSL 35/0.

■ **Division 3 (Round 12):** Mount Gambier RSL 48/6 d Naracoorte 45/2; Millicent 56/6 d Robe 41/2.

MIDWEEK PENNANT ROUND 13 RESULTS

■ **Division 1:** Mount Gambier Red 71/8 d

Millicent Red 25/0; Naracoorte RSL 49/6 d Mount Gambier Blue 41/2; Port MacDonnell Red 69/8 d Mount Gambier RSL Blue 37/0; Mount Gambier RSL Red 48/8 d Naracoorte 30/0; Mount Gambier RSL White 49/8 d Port MacDonnell Blue 40/0.

SATURDAY OPEN PENNANT ROUND 17 RESULTS

■ **Division 1:** Robe 86/11 d Kingston 60/1; Mount Gambier Red 80/11 d Port MacDonnell 52/1; Mount Gambier RSL Red 77/9 d Mount Gambier RSL Blue 57/3; Penola 89/10 d Mount Gambier Blue 52/2; Naracoorte 68/2 d Millicent 69/10.

■ **Ladder:** Mount Gambier RSL Red 161 points, 133.03 per cent; Mount Gambier Red 146, 126.22; Naracoorte 119, 109.21;

Millicent 110, 105.44; Port MacDonnell 99, 97.08; Robe 98, 103.08; Mount Gambier RSL Blue 87, 92.88; Mount Gambier Blue 82; 90.05; Penola 76, 78.58; Kingston 42, 78.19.

■ **Division 2:** Robe 82/12 d Millicent Blue 53/0; Naracoorte 76/8 d Mount Gambier 73/4; Naracoorte RSL 88/12 d Mount Gambier RSL 40/0; Millicent Red 85/10 d Lucindale 46/2; Beachport 76/10 d Kalangadoo 67/2.

■ **Ladder:** Naracoorte RSL 146 points, 122.41 per cent; Millicent Red 138, 116.26; Robe 117, 112.94; Kalangadoo 117, 103.30; Mount Gambier 106, 103.47; Naracoorte 100, 102.47; Beachport 94, 98.92; Mount Gambier RSL 93, 92.18; Millicent Blue 81, 92.76;

Lucindale 28, 66.49.

■ **Division 3 South:** Millicent Red 120/12 d Port Macdonnell Blue 43/10; Mount Gambier Blue 72/10 d Penola 70/2; Mount Gambier RSL Blue 79/10 d Mount Gambier RSL Red 68/2; Mount Gambier Red 74/10 d Millicent Blue 60/2; Port Macdonnell 75/10 d Beachport 67/2.

■ **Ladder:** Mount Gambier RSL Red 156 points, 143.62 per cent; Mount Gambier RSL Blue 139, 112.78; Millicent Red 131, 132.01; Port MacDonnell Red 130, 122.80; Penola 117, 105.68; Beachport 102, 100.43; Mount Gambier Red 99, 105.96; Millicent Blue 65, 85.25; Mount Gambier Blue 45, 68.03; Port MacDonnell Blue 36, 57.98.

Naracoorte roll Wombats

NARACOORTE 14-131 d

LUCINDALE WOMBATS 10-114

The Lucindale Wombats fell just short of a victory against Naracoorte in the latest round of Southern Ports tennis.

Naracoorte came out of the gates strong in its clash with Lucindale as it won four of the six mixed doubles clashes.

Michele Moyle-Read and Max Malone led the team with a 6-0 win over Brittany Voss and Mitchell Baker.

Experience fell the way of the Wombats as Chandler Smart and Eliza Handbury dominated the top mixed doubles clash with a 6-1 win.

Eliza Handbury was on fire again in the singles, and claimed a thrilling tiebreak win in the match of the day against Poppy Moyle-Read.

Naracoorte's women provided a buffer as they won four of six sets.

However, the Wombats hit back with four wins in the men's singles and as a result, Naracoorte held just a two-set lead headed into the doubles.

Katelyn Baker and Lucy Midwinter secured a set for Naracoorte with a 9-5 win.

This was followed by a marathon match between Naracoorte's Albert Mann and Norbert Wende and Lucindale's Sam Crocker and Caleb Johnston.

Naracoorte claimed another set as Mann and Wende sealed the victory with the final score 10-8.

Sidney Malone and Daniel Menzel fought back from their singles losses to win their doubles clash 10-8 and Naracoorte's strength shone through as it sealed the match.

Eliza and Tom Handbury were in fine form throughout the day as they both won all three of their sets, while Max Malone, Wende, Baker and Midwinter all also claimed three sets.

ROBE REBELS 15-123 d PENOLA 9-85

The Robe Rebels played out an entertaining contest at Penola on Saturday and came away with a win by six sets.

There were several close games but Robe's strength was too much for Penola.

Penola's Jack England and Kate McDonald were near-untouchable in the mixed doubles as they secured an emphatic 6-0 win in an otherwise one-sided mixed doubles round.

England backed up his performance in the singles as he downed Jack Nunan 6-1, while Pete Bissell claimed a nail-biting 7-6 win in the men's singles for Penola over Jesse Robertson.

McDonald's form also continued in the singles as she claimed a 6-0 win, while Caroline McGrath showed her strength with a 6-1 victory.

KINGSTON 15-135 d

LUCINDALE COCKATOOS 9-103

In ideal weather conditions at Kingston, the hosts claimed a handy 15-9 win in the penultimate round of the season.

The mixed doubles were relatively one-sided but Mark Buckett and Clare Garner claimed a 7-5 win over Will Edwards and Abby Mules, while Nicola Crane and Timothy Parker fought hard to win in a tiebreak over Peter Lawrie and Cate Orton.

The Cockatoos fought back in the men's singles contest.



Sam McDougal's Penola Southern Ports tennis side suffered a 15 sets to 9 loss in home against the Robe Rebels on Saturday.

Picture: FILE

Jack Grundy and Lou Leidig had a great battle out on court and Grundy took the win 6-4.

The men's doubles were close and the top game was an enthralling contest as Matt Menz and Shaun Mules sealed a 9-7 win over Matt Waugh and Sam Sherwin.

Alex Menz and Abby Mules made amends for their singles defeats and came back powering to take the win in the doubles 9-3.

Kingston's Matt Menz, Shaun Mules, James Lehmann, Bianca Cunneen and Stacey Lehmann all won three sets, while Mark Buckett won three sets for the Cockatoos.

FRANCES/LUCINDALE EAGLES 18-144 d BEACHPORT 6-91

Frances/Lucindale's Nikki Gluyas, Odette Streefkerk, Sarah Hinge, Mon Van Dyk, Jane Hynes and Sophie Ford were standout performers.

The Eagles women set the tone for the day early as they claimed all the sets in the singles and followed it up with wins in all of the doubles.

LUCINDALE KOALAS 19-149 d

ROBE ROOSTERS 5-88

The Koalas flexed their strength on Saturday with a comprehensive 14-set win over the Robe Roosters.

The win keeps Lucindale in the top four with just one round left in the regular season.

There is still plenty to play for in next week's fixtures as the Robe Rebels are still within a chance of making finals.

The Rebels will need to defeat the Wombats, then hope the Cockatoos down Beachport.

Both Kingston and the Koalas will be hoping for big wins as they look to take second place from the loser of the top of the table clash between Naracoorte and the Frances/Lucindale Eagles.

The Koalas will be favourites in their clash with Penola, while Kingston will also be confident in its fixture with the Robe Roosters.

Hunter wins singles round

Last Wednesday the women's Handicap Singles were played in warm conditions at the Penola Bowls Club.

The event was sponsored by the Galpin family and Maria Hunter claimed the victory with Sue Lamont the runner-up.

In the women's Friday Division 1 Pennant games, both Penola sides suffered defeat.

Penola Red lost by seven shots to Millicent Red with the final score 39-46.

Millicent Blue proved too good for Penola Blue and won 52-44.

With the regular season completed, Division 1 Red will have a rematch with Millicent Red in the first semi-final at Mount Gambier RSL on Friday.

On Saturday, the Open Division 1 side

claimed a comprehensive 89-52 win over Mount Gambier Blue.

However, it was a difficult day for the two Division 3 sides who both suffered defeats.

Division 3 South suffered a narrow 70-72 defeat to Mount Gambier Blue, while Division 3 North lost by 27 shots to Naracoorte RSL.

This Saturday marks the end of the home and away fixtures for this season's Open Pennant and Penola's Division 1 side will make the trip to Millicent.

Both Division 3 teams will be at home this week, with South taking on Port MacDonnell Red and North facing Naracoorte Red.

The men's and women's Champion of Champion Fours will take place this Sunday at Kingston.



Penola women's Handicap Singles runner-up Sue Lamont and winner Maria Hunter.

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Robe claims super wins

It was a busy day for the Robe Bowls Club on Thursday with the usual weekly social bowls as well as the first round of the Kimberley Clark Super Series.

Rob Lawrie and Trevor Wagner took home the social bowls win with a score of 56 points.

They were closely followed by Errol Jennings and Leanne Cameron, who were runners-up on 54 points.

The raffle winners were Peter deLaine and Dean Nankivell.

The Kimberley Clark Super Series kicked off in the evening with the first contest taking place at Robe.

There were six teams competing in the three-bowl pairs and two-bowl triples.

The Robe Roosters took home the honours in the pairs but suffered defeat in the triples.

However, it was still enough for the hosts to claim the overall victory as they defeated the Mount Gambier Tankers.

The Robe women's Pennant team played at home on Friday and the Division 2 side claimed victory, while Division 3 went down to Millicent.

Division 2 showed its class as it defeated Naracoorte RSL 41/8 - 35/0.

Robbie Dahler, Kerry Pedlar, Barb Brown and Tracey Gray defeated Linda Prentice's team 21-17.

The other rink went down to the wire as Judy Phillips, Pam Robinson, Helen Dawson and Judy Bermingham defeated Lindy Mark's team 20-18 on the final end.

With the regular season completed, Division 2 finished second on the ladder and will play Naracoorte in the second semi-final on Friday.

In Division 3, Millicent was far too good as it won 56/6 - 41/2.

Robe's Carolyn McCusker, Clare deLaine, Ann Moore and Helen Lynch were defeated by Lorraine Hyland's team who were on top of their game, with the score 17-33.

In the other rink, Lorraine Denning, Maria Cooper, Bronwyn Matthews and Valma Jennings claimed a thrilling 24-23 win over Merle Steven's team in a clash where there was very little to separate the two sides all day. Robe



The LSEBA Super Series kicked-off at Robe on Thursday.

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will take on Naracoorte this Friday in the first semi-final.

The Saturday Open Pennant was played at Robe and Division 1 claimed an emphatic win over Kingston.

Josh Waddell, David Robinson, Peter Gregory and Glenn Wright drew with Gary Glasson's team after leading for most of the day, while Errol Jennings, Dean Woodward, Steve Farraell and Stephen Kennett defeated Garry Possing-

ham's team 25-21.

The other rink was all one-way traffic as Pat Lynch, Dean Burgoyne, Peter Roachock and Harold Manton claimed a big win over Neil Watt's team, with the final score 36-14.

In Division 2, Robe claimed another big win, this time over Millicent Blue, with the final score 82/12 - 53/0.

Paul Truelove, Barry Bennett, Mark Mur-

phy and Deane Nankivell proved too good for David Taylor's team as they claimed a 30-19 win.

In the other rinks, Rob Lawrie, Peter deLaine, Ali Douglas and Ricken Bermingham defeated John Drew's team 24-18, while Doug Baker, Ross Denning, Jo Sykes and Ken Smith claimed a 28-16 win over Bill Davis's team.

With one round left, Robe currently occupies third place on the ladder.

Mount Gambier young guns dominate on the court

The South East Tennis Association Schuller Shield was recently contested at Naracoorte.

The 14 and Under boys and girls teams event was dominated by the Mount Gambier District Tennis Association as it competed with a combined Upper South East side.

That team consisted of players from the Southern Ports, Naracoorte, Bordertown and Keith tennis associations.

A total of 32 players made up the tournament with plenty of talent shown on the newly refurbished Naracoorte Tennis Club courts.

Mount Gambier has proven to be a tough opponent in this event for many years and again showed its depth with a decisive 29-3 set victory.

The doubles matches were played in good spirit but it was the Mount Gambier duos which gelled best with some convincing wins.

Hamish Gordon and William LeCornu looked unbeatable in the boy's top doubles and they claimed a decisive 6-0 win over Tom Handbury and Toby Longbottom.

Similarly in the girl's top clash, Maggie Collins and Alita Huyser combined well for a 6-0 victory.

It was a similar story for the remainder of the doubles matches, but Bordertown's Jack Heinrich and Ben Wegener combined well to trouble Matthew Aarts and Archie Aitkins.

Regardless, the Mount Gambier pair lifted when it counted to still win 6-3.

Zara Cole and Claire Douglas joined forces to hold off Willa Durbridge and Darcie Loller in a good battle, also winning 6-3.

The singles were played next, with Toby Longbottom's 6-3 win against LeCornu putting the Upper South East on the board.



The Upper South East combined junior team finished runner-up to Mount Gambier at the 2023 Schuller Shield.

Picture: ELIZA COLE

Handbury was also able to make amends for his double's defeat, winning 6-1 against Gordon.

Ben Wegener put up another good effort but Aitkins proved too strong to win 6-3.

The girls singles were also dominated by Mount Gambier although there was some quality games to behold.

Collins and Huyser continued to show their skills in the top two positions, while Kiersten Cole had a good 6-2 win over Katie Rasheed in the number three match.

Sienna Hawke and Georgie Midwinter

had a close tussle, with the former digging deep for a 6-4 win.

The final round of matches were played after the lunch break, with players taking to the courts for the mixed doubles.

Introduced at last year's event, the format was again an enjoyable addition.

Mount Gambier was impressive with its doubles play and won seven of the eight sets on offer.

There was a close battle between the Ben Gregory and Zara Cole duo with Will Hein-

rich and Willa Durbridge.

The encounter could have gone either way but experience won out in the end with Gregory and Cole taking a 6-4 win for Mount Gambier.

Handbury and Anna Rasheed combined well to come back from a 3-1 deficit to win 6-4 over Gordon and Collins in a thrilling match.

Following the last games, medals were presented to the Mount Gambier players on behalf of the South East Tennis Association.

Townies claim unlikely win

By Lachlan Onions

**NARACOORTE TOWNIES 9/141 d
RENDELSHAM 6/132**

An unbeaten 83 from Bredon Smart was enough for the Townies to claim an unlikely victory over Rendelsham in Round 14 of the Millicent and Naracoorte Cricket Association.

Rendelsham started strongly with the ball and Naracoorte was on the brink at 5/44 thanks to some impressive bowling from James Thorn early in the day.

His strong spell was highlighted in the 17th over where he claimed two wickets in four balls.

Smart was the only batter from the top-order to survive the onslaught and faced the difficult task of manufacturing a competitive total for his side while batting with the middle and lower order.

When Max Telfer dismissed Myles Bittner in the 22nd over to make it 6/52, the odds were against the visitors with 18 overs left in the innings.

Takbirullah Ahmadi was next in and offered some resistance as he hit a six and a four in consecutive balls in the 25th over.

However, Ahmadi was then dismissed by Jacob Carger at the end of the over when he was caught by Dylan Clough.

Carger soon had his tail up as he bowled Sam Henschke off the first ball of the 27th over to be on a hat-trick.

Josh Bull made it through the hat-trick ball but departed just one over later after he was bowled by Max Telfer to make it 9/73 with 12 overs left in the innings.

Smart then took the initiative off putting the Rendelsham bowlers to the sword and looked to farm the strike as much as possible to protect Jaspreet Singh, who was the number 11 batter.

When called upon, Singh offered a strong defence to whatever was thrown at him, while Smart increased the run-rate and carried his side to 9/141 after the completion of the 40 overs.

Smart's 83 came off 105 balls and included seven 4's and three 6's, while Singh faced 36 balls and finished not out on four.

Thorn was the pick of the bowlers with 3/38 off his seven overs, while Max Telfer and Carger both claimed two wickets each.

The hosts looked in full-control in response with a 43-run opening stand before Anthony Munro struck twice to make it 2/51.

Singh then dismissed Jake Wight for 36 runs off 77 balls and the hosts were 3/76 with 12 overs remaining.

The game was in the balance as Rendelsham still had seven wickets up its sleeve but needed 66 runs off 72 balls to claim victory.

Carger led the way with the bat for the home side and scored 37 runs off 41 balls before he was run out.

With four overs remaining, Rendelsham needed 28 runs to win with six wickets in hand.

As the game reached its climax, Smart stood up once again, this time with the ball, as he conceded just two runs off the 37th over and took the wicket of Sam Telfer to put his side on top.

Smart then claimed another wicket in the 39th over and with six balls left, the home side needed 18 runs to win, a task which was too difficult for Rendelsham as it ended the innings at 6/132.

Smart's seven-over spell of 2/14 was a game-changer, while Munro was the best with the ball as he ended with 2/10 off eight overs.

**FOOTBALLERS FURNER BEACHPORT
10/144 d ROBE 10/108**

Footballers Furner Beachport's strong season continued as it downed Robe by 36 runs.

Jase Bateman was again the standout with the bat as he scored 64 runs as opener before he was dismissed LBW.

He was supported by Sam Kent, James Varcoe and Harry Rana who all made starts before Robe's bowling attack brought the the innings to an end with 13 balls remaining.

Jack Sneath was a thorn in the side of the visitors as he took 4/22 and was the best of Robe's bowlers, while Thomas Murray claimed two wickets but went at an expensive six-runs per over.



Bredon Smart swings hard at a ball during the Townies win over Rendelsham on Saturday.

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In response, the home side looked to be on track to claim an unlikely win as its opening partnership went for 43 runs and was in full control at 1/73.

However, a collapse of dramatic proportions occurred as five wickets fell for 15 runs and at 6/88, the momentum was with the away side.

Footballers Furner Beachport then cleaned up the tail as it claimed the final four wickets for just five runs.

Zac Deane was Robe's best batter with 34 runs, while Jordan Pettit, Jasbir Singh and Sneath all made solid contributions.

MOUNT BURR 5/97 d MILLICENT 10/94

In a major upset, the Mozzies claimed a five-wicket win over the Millicent Blackcaps on Saturday.

Millicent batted first and struggled to find any momentum as wickets fell at regular intervals.

Every time the Blackcaps looked like they could find a way back into the contest, Mount Burr would hit back with a wicket.

Alex Wesolowski was the best of the batters for Millicent with 17 runs, while Sam Hunt scored 13 runs and Ashton Lindner added 12 runs to his side's cause.

Harvey Muhovics and Nathan Muhovics both took 3/19 and were the best of the bowlers for Mount Burr.

In the second innings, Jaxon Cushion claimed the early wicket of Jack Muhovics.

However, Jordan and Nathan Muhovics both made handy contributions before Kallan Bevan scored a match-winning 33 not out to guide his side to victory.

Cushion was the best of the Blackcaps bowlers with 2/14, while Michael Gibson, Sam Hunt and Wesolowski all claimed one wicket each.

**KINGSTON 8/163 d
NARACOORTE WARRIORS 10/128**

Kingston jumped up to top-spot on the ladder with a 35-run win over the Warriors at Wortley Oval.

The visitors batted first and Lucas Bald claimed the early scalp of Gabriel Cox for a 15-ball duck.

However, Mathew Cridland and Luke Watson quickly thwarted the hosts' momentum as they scored twin 50's to put the Saints in a strong position.

Lochlan Dolphin counter-punched for the Warriors and took four wickets including two in consecutive deliveries.

Kingston ended its 40 overs at 8/163 and



James Thorn led the way with the ball for Rendelsham as he took three wickets in the first innings.

the best with the bat were Cridland (55), Watson (50) and Craig Watson (29).

Along with Dolphin, Nicolas Bald also impressed with the ball and took 2/8 off six overs at an economy-rate of 1.33 runs per over.

In response, Ethan Murdock struck early as he dismissed both Warriors openers cheaply to give his side the upper-edge.

Justin Mansell and Brad Redding formed a 25-run stand before the former departed to make it 3/52.

After a 40-run fourth-wicket partnership, Cridland and Cox struck in three consecutive overs to make it 6/92 and from there it was all one-way traffic as the Warriors were bowled out for 128.

Redding was the best with the bat for Naracoorte with 30 runs, while captain Loren Bald scored a quick-fire 28 off 15 balls.

With the ball, Cridland was the best for Kingston with 4/24, while Ethan Murdock chipped in with two wickets.



Kybybolite's Dellie Brown led the charge for the Tigers in their dominant win over Kongorong.



Megan Tilby was named second best in Millicent's first win of the season.

Northern Tigers too strong

By James Murphy

**KYBYBOLITE 15.10 (100) d
KONGORONG 2.2 (14)**

A big statement was made by the Limestone Coast Women's Football League reigning premiers on Sunday.

Kybybolite hosted Kongorong for Round 5 of the 2023 season and after four one-sided quarters emerged 86-point victors.

Both teams carried strong form into the match, but in the end the home team proved too hot to handle.

The northern Tigers established a 20-point lead by the first change before a four-goal second term set them up with a buffer of 47 points at the main break.

Kongorong managed just one behind for the opening half.

Despite finding the big sticks once each in the following quarters, there was little the Hawks could do to stem the flow at the opposite end of the ground.

A huge seven-goal third term from Kyby added salt to the Hawks' wounds, before the hosts backed off somewhat for a 1.3 return in the fourth.

The result was a neat 100-point return for Kybybolite, while Kongorong was left with a dismal 14-point total.

Those goals were kicked by Jasmin McKinnon and Evie Sealey, while it was Jade Longbottom who was named best on ground for the Hawks.

Riley Buckingham and Sheba Miller were also solid, but there were few chances to shine against the tidal wave of Kybybolite possession.

Kybybolite looked to Dellie Brown on the day and her efforts around the contest earned her the best-on-ground honours.

Genevieve Blake and Sophie Henschke were the main culprits in front of the big sticks, finishing up with five and four goals respectively.

Their efforts earned themselves a place among the best, while Sarah Ottoson-Crossling and Taylor Ryan also made double figures with two each.

Jamie Wachtel, Emily Cattuzzo and Tahlia Kavanagh rounded out the best players, in a result which should see Kyby move up the ladder.

**MILLICENT 6.11 (47) d
KALANGADOO 4.1 (25)**

Millicent has claimed its first win of 2023 after its bottom-order battle with Kalangadoo at Kybybolite Oval.

Entering the round neither team had tasted success this season, so there was no shortage of incentive on the day.



Meredith Turner finished with three goals in the Saints' victory over Kalangadoo on Sunday.

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The Saints won the game with a solid opening half, which was enough to fend off the Magpies when they found a few second-half goals.

A 21-6 point opening term put Millicent in a good place, before it added two unanswered

majors in the second to carry a 27-point lead into half time.

Kelsie Wilkinson was in fine form for the Saints and her efforts were rewarded with the best-on-ground honours at the end of the match.

Kalangadoo attempted a comeback in the third quarter and two goals to Millicent's three behinds reeled in the margin to 18.

However, with a goal each in the fourth and an extra four minor scores from the Saints, the difference sat at 22 when the final siren sounded.

Megan Tilby and Michelle Robinson joined Wilkinson as frontrunners for Millicent, while Meredith Turner top scored with three goals.

Turner also earned a mention in the best, with Lauren Potter and Alannah Pratt rounding out the top performers.

For the Magpies it was Natalia Edwards who got the nod as best-on-ground.

She was accompanied by Georgia Gentile, Kristina Simmonds, Jade Brennan and Elodie Burr among the best.

**NORTH GAMBIER 11.25 (91) d
SOUTH GAMBIER 1.2 (8)**

The Tigers roared to life at home when hosting South Gambier on Monday night.

North Gambier's season has been a collection of highs so far, with just the one blemish to Mundulla after five games.

A solid 32-point opening term set up their win, while the Demons were held scoreless for the first three terms.

A closer second quarter unfolded as South managed to lift its intensity, but two Tiger goals pushed the margin out further before half time.

That trend continued with another two majors in the third, before a high-scoring final quarter.

North added four goals from 10 scoring shots while South managed to hit the board with a goal and two behinds.

In the end the weight of supply proved far too much and the Tigers held onto their top spot on the ladder.

Libby Howe-Morgan was named best on ground for the hosts, while Luca Roulstone and Alice Tentye were also impressive, with the pair kicking four goals each as well as featuring highly in the best.

Laura Chester, Eadie Mustart and Paris Ackland rounded out the best.

For South Leonie Robertson had a standout game and she was influential in halting traffic through the middle of the ground.

Daktoa Trotter played another good game, while Bailey Broome and Jarrah Altschwager also fought hard.

The latter found the big sticks for the Demons' only goal celebration on the night.

Results for Monday's Casterton Sandford v Penola match were unavailable at the time of print.

Skeer takes on the Island

By James Murphy

Furner motorcycle racer Dallas Skeer will kick off his 2023 Australian Superbike Championship this weekend with the opening round at the Phillip Island circuit.

A big crash in practice has left Skeer sore and injured, but with the all clear to ride he will not hold back in the series opener.

"I have a back injury, but I have clearance to race," he said of the incident.

"I'll have to keep that in the back of my head but I want to go out there and get some points on the board and get the first round out of the way."

Skeer said testing at Phillip Island in January went well and he set new personal best times at the track aboard his Yamaha r6.

For a circuit he previously did not enjoy, he now enters Round 1 "quietly confident" in his bike and abilities.

"It never was a track that I gelled with," Skeer said.

"It is a really fast track, but the last two or so years I have gotten there quite a bit and have a lot of testing under my belt.

"Now it is a track I actually enjoy quite a bit.

"Last time I raced there I was battling for podiums."

Last year bikes troubles caused headaches



Furner racer Dallas Skeer will open his Australian Superbike Series at Phillip Island this weekend. Pictures: SUBMITTED



Dallas Skeer has full confidence in his bike package ahead of the 2023 Australian Superbike Series.

for Skeer and his team, but this time around he hoped for a faultless setup.

"To be honest we probably have the best package now that I have ever had," he said.

"We have our MoTeC electronics package which we have never had before.

"My bikes are prepped the best they have ever been from a mechanical end and are probably one of the best bikes I have ridden."

Skeer expected his rivals to have a few tricks up their sleeves as well, but his goal for this round of the Superbike series was a podium finish.

Long term Skeer has his sights set on the Supersport championship honours.

"I definitely want to win the Australian Supersport Championship this year," he said.

"That is my number-one goal.

"We just need to stay consistent - I haven't had a consistent year in a couple of years.

"Staying consistent in that top five and the podium as much as we can.

"No one last year finished every race, so if you can just finish every race in that top five you could even win the championship."

Racing kicks off tomorrow with practice sessions, with racing on Saturday and Sunday.

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White Division winners Here 4 Beer's Trevor and Bradyn Reilly, Di Taylor and Graham Reilly.



Blue Division winners Somery Seniors' Craig Stewart, Ian Grosser, Jeremy Kenny and Robert Leslie.

Close race to the finish for night owls

Pristine conditions greeted last week's night owls competition at the Millicent Bowling Club.

Only four weeks of competition remain for the season and the leaderboard is heating up.

Rovers and Sparkies are on equal points, while only five points separate Maccas and The Pups and six points between Here 4 Beer and Black Beetles.

Last week's round had Awesome Foursome's Allan Webster, Derek Bowering, Denis Clifford and Dave Turner win Red Division, claiming the honours over Birdies 18+18.

Other winners were Somerset Legends 17+3, Untouchables 17+3, Rovers 16+1, Max's Four 17 and Jack Attack 15.

Blue Division's Somery Seniors of Ian Grosser, Jeremy Kenny, Robert Leslie and Craig Stewart defeated Lion Rams 20+14 to win the grade, while other winners were Maccas 19+8, Rotary 18+18, Acky's Owls 18+11 and Bits and Pieces 17+3.

The White Division saw Graham Reilly, Di Taylor and Trevor and Bradyn Reilly from



Red Division winners Awesome Foursome's Derek Bowering, Denis Clifford, Allan Webster and David Turner. Pictures: SUBMITTED

Here 4 Beer defeat Lion Cubs 20+22.

Beanz Team 19+12, Black Beetles 18+7 and Lions Roar 16+7 were also winners on the night.

Touches for the night went to Sam Kent (The Pups) 3, Ray Doecke (Maccas) 4, Bill Chapman (Black Beetles) 3 and Ian Johns (Try Hards) 3.

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Young Eagles flying high

Penola's Sims Shield team is doing the town proud as it has made the grand final after a thrilling contest last week against South Gambier.

In the semi-final, the Eagles faced the Demons at Reidy Park on Thursday and Friday of last week.

South Gambier won the toss and elected to bat first in very warm conditions.

Penola's opening pair of bowlers in Josh and Jim Manninen restricted the scoring effectively and Josh Manninen claimed the wicket to make it 1/5.

This brought Cooper Howard to the crease - who quickly counter-punched for South Gambier.

Howard led the way with the bat and scored an unbeaten 35 off just 30 balls before he retired.

Despite Howard doing damage at one end, Penola continued to fight and a direct-hit run-out from Josh Manninen meant Isaac Salmon had to depart for four runs.

Howard combined with Archie Sims for a 36-run partnership before Tait Kidman made the breakthrough when he bowled the latter for 10.

Sidney Tucker claimed two wickets for Penola and South Gambier was on the ropes at 7/83 after 20 overs.

However, the final three batters in Paddy Bouchier, Ewan Ellis and Elijah Finnegan offered some resistance and took the Demons' total to 101.

Tucker's 2/11 was the best for Penola, while William Harris, Finn Malone, Josh Manninen and Tait Kidman all found themselves amongst the wickets.

The teams returned on Friday afternoon for Penola's innings in milder conditions.

Patrick Sigley and Sims were effective with the new ball and restricted the scoring early.

Eagles openers William Harris and Josh Manninen both batted well and remained unbeaten as Harris retired not out on 10 runs and Josh Manninen retired on 13.

Jim Manninen was next in and looked threatening as he hit two boundaries to make it to 12 runs before he was runout by Howard.

Penola's middle-order made some handy



Penola's Under 12 Sims Shield team booked a place in this week's grand final after it tied with South Gambier.

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contributions to set up a thrilling finale.

Howard and Clayfield led the way with the ball for the Demons.

Penola's final three batters; Tucker, Riley Raidis and Frank Kain batted hard and handled the pressure as they scored a single off

the final ball to force a draw in a nail-biting contest.

As the Eagles finished higher on the ladder, they advanced through to the grand final against Millicent.

Millicent has been the team to beat this

season after it won all seven regular season games and comfortably win its semi-final last week.

In a clash between first and second on the ladder, the grand final is one not to be missed with the first ball at Yahl at 4.30pm.

Full schedule of women's football at Mundulla oval

By James Murphy

Women's football heads to Mundulla this week for Round 6 of the 2023 season.

After a few split rounds, all four matches will be played at the one venue.

Opening proceedings will be a meeting between Penola and Millicent.

The Saints enter the match off their first win of the season, but the Eagles should have them covered.

Penola has settled into the mid-pack after five rounds and will be eager to add another win to keep the top four within reach.

Captain Caroline McGrath has been the backbone of the Eagles so far this season and has made the best-on-ground title her own.

Joined by the likes of Heidi and Ellise Berkin, Angela Broad and Simone MacDonald Penola should face little resistance on their way to a Round 6 win.

Next up will be a clash between Kalangadoo and South Gambier.

This should reward the Demons with their first win of 2023.

In a year where they have been forced into a rebuilding phase after several seasons at the head of the pack, they are now a young outfit.

Despite that, Kalangadoo has found itself on the bottom rung of the ladder again this year and its 25 points against Millicent last round was its best return so far.

Natalia Edwards and Georgia Gentile played well last week, while Jamie Ryan performed in front of goals.

A full-team effort will be required this weekend.

South has some talent in its ranks regardless of its results, with the likes of Jarrah Altschwager, Leonie Robertson and Dakota Trotter all carrying good form.

A Cat fight between North Gambier and Casterton Sandford will follow, which looms as the match of the round.

The Tigers have set themselves up as a frontrunner in 2023 after an influx of talent over the off-season.

The Cats have also shown the promise of a top-four team and their battle could go either way if both sides give their best.

Libby Howe-Morgan, Luca Roulstone and Alice Tentye were the main damage dealers in last round's win over South.

They will look to lead from the front again, while for Casterton the likes of Libby Altorfer and Zhane Crawford have been ones to watch.

Wrapping up proceedings the home team will face Kongorong.

Mundulla is so far undefeated, with three wins and a draw to Kybybolite.

Despite the improvement of the Hawks this season, the hosts should be primed for another big win on their race towards a finals appearance.

ROUND 6 FIXTURE - Sunday, February 26 (Mundulla Showgrounds)

Penola v Millicent, 10am; Kalangadoo v South Gambier, 11.35am; Casterton Sandford v North Gambier, 1.10pm; Mundulla v Kongorong, 2.45pm.



Penola captain Caroline McGrath will look to lead her Eagles to success against Millicent this Sunday.

Picture: JAMES MURPHY



**Saints claim first win
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Jordan and James Brennan keep the brotherly rivalry alive during Friday's Mental Health Match.



Ben Mules takes a strong mark at full stretch.

Mental health the winner

By James Murphy

A packed crowd gathered at the East Gambier Football Club Friday evening for the inaugural Switch the headspace Match for Mental Health.

Raising funds and awareness for mental health and suicide prevention, the charity event was deemed an ultimate success.

The game itself was a spectacle to behold, as legends of the sport from AFL, SANFL and grassroots levels mixed it with community identities and some of our young local athletes.

In a fitting turn of events the game was a draw, although the final minute of the game was not without excitement.

Team Pale Ale's Adam Todd took a mark to line up for a set shot after the siren, having just put the equaliser away from the same spot.

However, teammate for the night and former Greater Western Sydney Giant Shane Mumford landed a tackle on Todd and brought the game to a close at 80-all.

The match was played in great spirits and there were no shortage of highlights, with entertainment aplenty.

The Murdoch brothers Jordan and Brodie showed plenty of pace for the Pale team and broke open the pack on several occasions, while not shying away from the big sticks.

For Pacific Ale the likes of Ben Mules and Dane Swan showed they still had plenty of gas in the tanks, while local legends the likes of Adam "Hoggett" Merrett were not out of place despite a few years on the sidelines.

There were also some comical moments, including a smother to local MP Troy Bell in front of goal and a snap for goal from Spot On Fishing's Jamie "Coatsy" Coates.

Pacific was out to a quick start and set up a 37-6 point lead by the first break.

However, a resurgence in the second quarter levelled the playing field and Pale trailed by just a straight kick at half time.

From there the arm wrestle continued and the game remained up for grabs at the final change.

Team Pale trailed by just three points with the score at 58-61, before Pacific's Adam Richards opened the fourth with a goal, moments after shaving his head for the cause.

The contest remained close and when Todd found the big sticks late in the game it was all tied up.

That was how it would remain and it could not have been a more fitting conclusion to



Brodie Murdoch takes a daring mark against Toby de Wit.

Pictures: JAMES MURPHY

what was a quality match.

The event itself was well received by all and prior to the game some formalities took place to welcome spectators and remind them of why they were there.

After losing a couple of mates to suicide in a short period of time Richards, together with Todd and Jesse Plunkett, decided something should be done to help raise mental health awareness in the region.

The idea for a charity game came to fruition

after a conversation with Luke Thomson and from there Celeste and Shane Raymond joined the cause and a committee was formed.

"The committee has met once every two weeks for the last six months to organise this and they have done a fantastic job," Richards said on the night.

"We have been overwhelmed with the support we have received from the community.

"It has been unmatched and shows how strong of a local community we have."

Stalls were set up on the night by the various mental health and wellbeing services in the area, with the reason behind the game never lost on those present.

"Today is a day to spread awareness on mental health and how to handle it when someone close to you is struggling," Richards reflected during his pre-game speech.

"Mental health is something that 90 per cent of people have either struggled with themselves or know someone who has struggled with.

"It is so important that we all check on our friends and family members and remember that it is not weak to speak."

Thomson shared some words as well, along with his thanks to all those who attended.

"Our goal was to set out and try to break that stigma and get people talking," he said.

"It is a tough thing to talk about, but I think it is something which is getting a bit normalised the more we speak.

"Thanks to everyone for supporting us.

"Coming from a guy who has battled alone and battled with friends and family around me - it is a lot easier to battle with people around you.

"It does get easier and we don't want to lose any more people to mental health."

Funds are still being calculated, but all money raised will go back into the Mount Gambier Headspace branch.

Nick McInerney has been an important link between the committee and Headspace, while he also played in the game and provided his usual flare around the ground.

"I think we have already raised the awareness, which was the main focus of this event," he said.

"Headspace is the recipient and we are really humbled to be able to receive such great community support.

"We have such a great community and proud people.

"Our support goes back into the people here and the young people in the Limestone Coast community and we are really glad to be able to receive any funds that come from this awesome event."

The match was followed by a raffle draw and auction, with plenty of generously donated prizes on offer.

For anyone in need of mental health support, Headspace Mount Gambier can be contacted on 8725 0443.