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Red Hot Summer rocks on

Thousands of music-lovers from across the region flocked to the Old Mount Gambier Gaol on Sunday to enjoy an evening of Australian music.

4500 ticketholders attended the sell-out event which travelled back to Mount Gambier after a three-year hiatus.

Artists performing on the day included Ian Moss and Troy Cassar-Daley, Vika and Linda, Mark Seymour, Missy Higgins, Bernard Fanning and Paul Kelly.

See the Millicent locals that attended on pages 28-29

Live music lovers, Sarah Stewart and Emma and Scott Lesslie at the Old Gaol event.

Dial in next step

Millicent's community radio station 5THE fm is taking the next step forward in ratifying the position of the station by holding a special general meeting on Wednesday, March 29.

In November last year an interim committee was elected after a vote of no confidence in the previous board was passed unanimously at a special general meeting.

Existing office holders are expected to re-nominate for their roles with current chair of the station, David Walshaw, saying some are nervous about transitioning from an interim board.

"With that comes nearly \$100,000 worth of debt, several of them are concerned that they are inheriting the assets and liabilities of that organisation" he said.

5THE fm lost its community broadcasting licence in December as the five year licence application submitted by the previous board was refused by The Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA)

"We had no control over that, we did everything we could in the short period of time we had but the license went.

"The CBS tried to wind us up in that period

because no annual general meetings and no financial reports were done for the last three or four years and there was vagueness around the membership.

"As it turned out, there were only two members" Mr Walshaw said.

Two nominees from the Consumer and Business Services (CBS) will be in attendance at the March 29 meeting to ensure correct procedures are in place for the election of office bearers.

Mr Walshaw said that now that interim period is over, this meeting is where the posi-

tions will get elected in accordance with CBS requirements.

"We will have an election for offices and people will be able to nominate for any of those positions," he said.

"The CBS representatives will oversee the meeting because then no one can complain in the future this wasn't done correctly.

"We have sent all the public notices to them, the ballot sheet and proxy forms and they have ticked them all off and made some suggestions.

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Name hunt

Two photos in the collection of the South East Family History Group that appeared in recent editions of the South Eastern Times

have found names thanks to members of the public assisting.

The 1990 Kalangadoo under 17 netball premier team and their coach, printed in the February 23rd edition, have all been identified.

Jenine Bott, Leanne Scudds, Jackie Scudds, Carla McCann, Leah Opie, Kristyn Andt, Kylie Lowe, Megan Jones, Lisa McMahon, Anna Mules and Leah Ousey. The second photo of young Millicent United Soccer players appeared in March 2nd South Eastern Times.

It is thought the photo was taken in 1980 and all but one player has been named

Back left remains unnamed, the other players have been identified as Daryl Dibley, David Alison, Peter Alison, Wayne Thrusnell, Greg Ham and Phil Thrusnell.



Back: Unknown, Daryl Dibley, David Alison.
 Front: Peter Alison, Wayne Thrusnell, Greg Ham and Phil Thrusnell.



The South East Family History Group are hoping to name these women wearing olden day costumes.

Who is cooking up an old time storm?

Does anyone recognise these ladies cooking up a feast while wearing olden day costumes?

The date and venue and reason for the photo being taken is unknown.

South East Family History Group is hoping

the community can help name people in their extensive photo collection.

If you have any information to share about the photo please email the South East Family History Group at info@sefhg.org.

Alternatively you can phone Wednesday or Saturday 1-5pm on 8733 1100 (or leave a message at other times) or call history group researcher Colleen Hammat on 0491 036 783.

Off to a successful start

It has been a busy few weeks for students at Beachport Primary School as they settle back into school life.

At the beginning of the year there were six new reception students starting their school journeys and four older students who had moved to the school.

Zahli Schmidt, Cassandra Fisk, Charlotte Pegler, Xavier Herrewyn, Lily Besnon and Nate Frederick are the new reception students.

Transferring students are Charlie Betheras, year 1, and Sadie Freeman, year 2, as well as brothers Miles and Declan Arthur, years 3 and 5 respectively.

Beachport Primary School: Xavier Herrewyn. absent Lily Besnon and Nate Frederick.



Beachport Primary School: Zahli Schmidt, Cassandra Fisk and Charlotte Pegler.
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Opening of Burning Off Season



All landholders intending to burn standing grass and stubble are advised that the burning off season will officially open on Monday, 20 March 2023, pending weather conditions. Permits will then be available and can be obtained from each of the Council Offices.

Landholders are reminded that they **must** pre-register their properties prior to any permits being issued under the provisions of the Fire & Emergency Services Act 2005. Pre-registration forms are now available at any Council Office.

Residents are reminded that restrictions remain in place for the lighting of all fires whether in your residential backyard or in rural areas, including fires in drums and rubbish fires until the end of the fire danger season.

For further information regarding fire prevention matters, please visit Council's website or contact our Fire Prevention Staff on 8733 0900. Additional resources regarding fire safety can be obtained at any of Council's Offices, or from the SA County Fire Service at www.cfs.sa.gov.au or 1300 362 361.

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Streaming hits right note

Losing 5THE fm's community radio broadcast licence in December last year left the station without its dedicated 107.7 frequency but presenters have continued broadcasting through a free online streaming website.

Chair of 5THE fm David Walshaw said the station was getting good numbers listening in.

"We are well over 200 listeners on some of our streaming programs.

"Monday and Thursday's are our big days when we have a full day of programs.

"We are also getting high numbers for our country music shows" he said.

Up to 11 new presenters will get the opportunity to hone their skills through the online streaming platform while the station works toward securing a broadcast licence.

Streaming will remain a part of the station with plans to soon use the Community Broadcasting Association of Australia's dedicated app instead of the current weblink option.

Mr Walshaw was happy to announce that as well as new presenters there are new volunteers helping in the garden and with administration.

"It's what the station should be, the hub of the whole community."

With over 100 paid members the membership base continues to grow and while the station is offering streaming content only the annual fee remains at \$10.

The five year licence application submitted by the previous board was refused by The Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA).

Plans are in place to approach ACMA for a temporary broadcast license following the upcoming special general meeting on March 29.



Continuing to stream their programs from the 5THE fm studio are presenters Ken Lane and Paul McRobert with current chair David Walshaw.

Next steps for community FM station to move forward

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"Everything we have done has been in accordance with their requirements of the act.

"This will get us back into the proper election cycle, the proper AGM every 12 months and we go from there.

Following the elections on the 29th, there are plans for the board to pursue avenues for cost recovery and equipment it is believed should be at the station.

"We are also looking to seek recovery of all the financial records of the station so that we can understand who we owe money to and who we don't.

"People are saying you owe us money and we are saying we might but we don't know and then some days we will just get final notices for things.

"We got a bill of \$600 the other day we didn't know about.

There are plans for the new board to approach ACMA for a temporary broadcast license with the goal of applying for the five



Current chair of 5THE fm David Walshaw and committee member Ken Lane are hoping to secure a temporary broadcast licence in the near future.

year licence in December.

"For the five year licence we have got to have equity and show we are financially viable.

"We have to put our best foot forward in terms of a tender response.

"That's what we will be applying for be-

cause our community needs a community radio station.

"We have seen evidence of that already because the amount of support we are getting.

"The 29th is a key date for us because it's a springboard for us to go forward, for us to recover the station back into the hands of the

community and it stabilises us.

"We can start looking for corporate sponsors and individual sponsors, we can look to seek recovery of some of that money from the former board and management.

"We can only do that once CBS ratify that election, I'm looking forward to it.

"It will be a big night, we are hoping for over 100 people there and if we get that, that will be great."

The station has plans to set up a Gofundme page and other fundraising opportunities to help retire the existing debt.

"Until such time as we get some equity behind us the ACMA are not going to give us a license.

"They need to know that the station is financially viable and if we are not, they are not going to give us approval, because we could go belly up next week

"We already have some people keen to come on board and an individual who just wants to see the station back on air gave us \$1,000 the other day."

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Slow uptake for upgrades

By Caroline Hammat

Two new council programs introduced last year have received limited uptake from the Wattle Range business community.

The Shop Facade Upgrade program, established to encourage business owners to invest in shopfront improvements, has yet to receive any applications.

Offering up to \$4000 the grant need to be matched by the applicant, unless extenuating circumstances apply, and exceed \$1000 in upgrades.

It is open to any business with a street frontage in Wattle Range Council townships.

Lynne Bowman purchased her George Street property last year which now houses her daughter's business, Wattle Range Trading.

Ms Bowman has spent over \$20,000 on upgrades both inside the store and to the front and rear facades.

The outside of the building has had maintenance repairs and a fresh coat of paint and now sports vibrant lime green window trim and verandah hoarding.

Although Ms Bowman picked up the Shop Facade Upgrade paperwork months ago she has not applied for the grant due to time constraints and finding some of the conditions challenging.

"I think this is a great thing to offer but it needs to be targeted to the building owners direct, maybe by letters or through the real estate agents" she said.

"It would be lovely if someone at council could help fill it out and let us know it's not as hard as you think.

"When I read about it, it seemed quite complicated.

"One of the things that was detrimental was the contractor had to hold \$20 million in public liability, my painter doesn't hold that."

Despite her concerns Ms Bowman is still considering applying for the grant to finish off the store front which includes the two smaller stores either side of Wattle Range Trading.

"The front isn't finished, we've decided to do underneath (the verandah) lime green to make it pop and I want to do something where the verandah drops at the end of the barber shop.

"I would like to have things painted up there so it gets a bit of an uplift and makes it look appealing for the whole town.

"Pop a couple of animals up there, a fish, bird or a dog and a cat.

"It would be good for the presentation of the town so it looks like the place is alive."

Ms Bowman is also interested in enlivening the rear of the building which includes a car park regularly used by patrons of the Somerset Hotel.

"The carpark is half full every single day and buses pull up there all the time," she said.

"Definitely interested in a mural, I couldn't



Owner of Wattle Range Trading, Nicole Mitchell, with the upgraded facade of the store.



Wattle Range Trading's facade has recently undergone maintenance repairs and repainting with more work planned to improve the street appearance.



think of anything nicer than that big blank carpark having a big wall of animals.

"I love the murals around town and I wish there were more, everyone comments about them.

"When you drive through places it's those kind of things that catch your eye and you think what a lovely little town."

Council's Director Development Services, Emma Clay said they had some interest, but no applications.

"We've had a few enquiries and people have taken application forms and the guidelines but we haven't had any applications as yet," she said.

"For those renting shops they need to get

the approval of their landlord which I think has been challenging for a few.

"There is a pool of \$20,000 for both of the funding streams and we would really like to see some uptake of this opportunity."

The second program available is the Public Art on Private Assets grant which has resulted in two successful applicants with funding still available.

Beachport Brewing Co was the first business to take advantage of the new grant with a shipping container receiving a beach themed mural which is near completion.

The ocean front business received \$2,550 toward the \$5,100 project and employed local artist Ivy Sutherland to undertake the work.

Ignition Fitness owners Adam Wiese and Roxanne Wallis were successful in their application and have received \$5,000 toward a large mural planned for their outdoor gym area facing Davenport Street.

This project is being managed by Imagine Millicent Arts Group and the artists, Mike Makatron and Conrad Bizjak, are due to begin work on the project Saturday, April 1st.

Recipients of the Public Art on Private Assets grant are obligated to match the funding provided by WRC and fit the wind and water theme promoted by council.

Grants are available for up to \$5,000 and aim to encourage business, organisations and property owners to commission public art.

Knit beanies for comps

By Charlotte Varcoe

It may not be winter quite yet but Balnaves of Coonawarra is encouraging locals to pick up their knitting needles.

The popular cellar door has opened its entries for its inaugural Balnaves of Coonawarra Beanies competition.

Held alongside the Penola Coonawarra Arts Festival, entrants will be open for those with crafting skills until May 11.

Balnaves of Coonawarra director Kirsty Balnaves said the idea for the new competition stemmed from Alice Spring's Beanie Festival.

"The competition isn't an original idea because there are plenty of other beanie competitions around Australia," Ms Balnaves said.

"We thought it would be a good idea for down here and it would be something different and exciting for the region."

She said with entries now open for the two categories - The Most Colourful and Most Original Beanie Design - there were al-

ready people inquiring.

"People are able to either send their beanies to the cellar door or drop them off with a completed entry form," Ms Balnaves said.

"We are also encouraging people to pick up knitting and give it a go to enter in the competition as well.

"If successful this year, we may have some more categories and new ideas in the future but we are also happy to take on suggestions because the festival is a great opportunity to showcase local talent."

Judging will be done by Adelaide graphic designer Karin Seja - the same designer who was hired for Balnaves's logo.

Entries close on May 11 with all entrants needing a \$5 entry fee and a completed entry form.

First prize will be \$100 and six bottles of wine, second prize will be three bottles of wine and third prize will be one bottle of wine.

The winners will be announced on May 20 at 1.30pm.



Balnaves has opened up entries for its inaugural Balnaves of Coonawarra Beanies competition.

Picture: SUPPLIED

Rodeo's big final round up

By Kathy Fennell

The Penola Hospital is still in awe of the fantastic support from the Penola community and the Penola Rodeo committee after a \$40,000 donation from the proceeds of the recent rodeo.

A cheque was presented on Tuesday with rodeo committee members, hospital representatives and major sponsors present.

Major sponsors for the event were the Penola Bendigo bank branch and Merrett Logging.

It was five years since the rodeo had been held due to Covid and the townspeople and people from surrounding districts flocked to the grounds to see some outstanding rodeo entertainment.

More than 2500 people attended and it turned out to be a real family event with a lot of children and families there.

The riders and stock were at the highest level.

The food traders were kept very busy all night and everyone seemed to be happy with what was offered.

Committee President Scott Hetherington spoke to several people about not going ahead with any future rodeos and said that about 10 people have asked to join the committee so once things are sorted out there will be an AGM to announce a new committee and discussions will be made on the future of a rodeo in Penola.

This year a small committee worked hard to put together a magnificent event.

"With such a small committee it was a big job for very few," Mr Hetherington said.

The new lighting was excellent and was well worth the cost of \$2000 plus and with the help from Marcus from MED electrical who donated more than half the cost to get all the lights working.

Mr Hetherington said he spoke to one of



Members of the Penola rodeo committee, hospital board/auxiliary and major sponsors with the \$40,000 cheque.

the rodeo clowns after the event, who said the crowd was the best he had seen at a rodeo for years.

It was so much cheering and the crowd really got involved with the riders and the stock. The atmosphere was electric.

A bull rider who has travelled to the US to rodeos said it was the best small town rodeo he has ever been to.

Not only did the hospital benefit from the rodeo, so did several groups, schools and organisations including Penola High School



James Sclander and Dean Oliver



They made a grand entry

(\$1000), Penola Primary school (\$1,000) Lions Club (\$1,000) Penola Ambulance (\$1000), Penola CFS (\$1000), McCorquindale Park (\$1000), Kalangadoo Primary School (\$500), Nangwarry Primary School (\$500) and Mary MacKillop school (\$500).

Youth opportunity to influence Wattle Range Council

By Caroline Hammat

Opportunities for 11 young people to become the voice of Wattle Range Youth close next Friday, March 24.

Interested people between the age of 12-24 who live in the Wattle Range Council (WRC) area are urged to submit an expression of interest form found on the council website.

The group will form WRC's Youth Advisory Council (YAC) for the following eight months and give a voice to their demographic.

Participants will receive training in public speaking, media awareness, leadership, resilience and overcoming adversity and budgeting.

Mirroring Wattle Range Council's format the group will meet regularly and set their own terms of reference.

Council's Director Development Services, Emma Clay encouraged young people to apply.

"We want to hear from the youth about our region and what they would like to see in our region in regards to events and infrastructure, basically anything within council's control," she said.

"There will be a couple of thousand dollars in the budget for them to do what they want with it.

"Whether that is run an event or install some sort of infrastructure somewhere.

"We will have them draw up a plan early on and goals of what they would like to achieve in their time.

"We will learn from them about their views, wants and needs, and hopefully they will learn a bit from us about governance and leadership."

WRC Manager Community Development Caroline Hill will oversee the project which begins in Youth Week.

"For the young people who identify to be on the YAC they are going to be invited to a round table dinner with local council members and local, state and federal gov-



Caroline Hill with Lilly Gray who is hoping to be involved in the Youth Advisory Council.

ernment members who will come along" she said.

"They will discuss their ideas around what they see as required in our Wattle Range community for young people.

All nominees for the positions will be invited to the first team building session, a community scavenger hunt, at the start of youth week.

The program will include a team building session at Noorla Yo-Long and mentorship from WRC Mayor Noll and senior council staff.

Lilly Gray is newly employed at WRC and said she will be nominating to join the YAC.

"I think it is good for young people to get involved in the council and in our community," she said.

"It is a chance to have their say and see what the council does."

YAC members will not be paid for their role the group but will receive vouchers for their involvement.

Young people interested in the wellbeing of youth, youth events and activities, leadership and helping others in the community are encouraged to apply.

Arts Festival program out

By Charlotte Varcoe

The Penola Coonawarra Arts Festival is well underway after the official launch of the 2023 program last night.

More than 50 Friends of the Festival and Sponsors joined the committee last night for the launch of the program which holds a large number of exciting events.

Events scheduled to take place during the weekend-long festival include a performance by State Opera South Australia, circus school, creative art classes and a fashion illustration workshop.

The festival will kick off on May 18 with its opening night at Penola High School where the winners of the 2023 John Shaw Neilson Acquisitive Art Prize, Local Art Prize and Design Prize will be announced.

The winner of the Catherine Martin Literacy Award will be announced the following day.

Photography, wood and welding, painting and knitted beanies will also be part of the exhibition line ups over the weekend.

Workshops will range from Ways with Watercolours led by renowned local artist and Art Festival life member Lois Hodge as well as cross-stitch and mixed media through to painting outdoors, fashion illustration and chocolate tempering.

In a festival first, Cafe 43 will host a House Party with the cafe being reimaged as a temporary live music venue welcoming teens with a DJ and entertainment.

Artwork by Penola High School students will be showcased at the Penola Community Library throughout the week with recycling, reusing and repurposing being a common thread for exhibitions and workshops.

Families will also be invited to head Down the Lane with Petticoat Lane once again coming alive with activities for children along with food, wine and music.

Festival committee member Katie Moorehouse said other members were also excited about the range of events both new and old which were a part of this year's program.

"The momentum has built once again this year and we are looking forward to attracting visitors from the Limestone Coast and be-

yond," Ms Moorehouse said.

"We are particularly excited about State Opera South Australia which will be performing for the first time in Penola with their popular excerpts from Gilbert and Sullivan which we think will be a crowd pleaser."

She said the committee was also excited for the annual Down the Lane event with wine companies and food stalls planned to take part.

"Down the Lane will have something for everyone and is always a great way to connect on the Sunday afternoon," Ms Moorehouse said.

"We are also excited for the open microphone competition and the annual John Shaw Neilson Acquisitive Award."

She said the momentum for the event continued to build year on year with the literary brunch and Shenanigans was popular once again.

"Due to the population we do recommend people to get their tickets early because these events usually sell out," Ms Moorehouse said.

"We are encouraging everyone to come along to the event as there are lots of workshops and exhibitions on at the cellar doors, wineries and more."

The festival will begin on May 18 until 21.

The winner of the John Shaw Neilson Acquisitive Art Prize will win \$12,000 while the winner of the Limestone Coast Local Prize will receive \$1000.

The 2023 theme for the Catherine Martin Literacy Award is 'Hope exists as long as.'

The Open Microphone Competition will be held at the Royal Oak Hotel on Sunday May 21 with entrants allowed to enrol on the day.

There is also the 2023 Festival Design Award with the winner receiving \$1000 and their design being the main concept for the 2024 event.

Art Festival Launch: The Penola Coonawarra Arts Festival committee officially launched the 2023 program for this year's event last night.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

COMPILED WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF WATTLE RANGE COUNCIL

17-19 March

- Penola and Coonawarra Acoustic Music Gathering

18 March

- Grapes of Mirth, Coonawarra

24 March

- Stand Like Stone Movie Night, Coonawarra Hall

26 March

- Ambrose Golf Day, Penola

31 March

- WRC Redundant Plant & Equipment Auction

1 April

- The Fabulous 50s, Penola RSL Hall

1 April

- Ladies on the Lawn, Penola Town Square

1 April

- Murder at the Museum, Millicent

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



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Yard Cover: A 58.5m x 18m x 4.2m ram sale shed and yard cover built by Action at Brimbago SA. View more shed builds at actionsteel.com.au.

Check out The Big Sheds

There will be plenty of Action at Site 221 at the 2023 South East Field Days!

Action "The Big Shed People" are a third-generation family business specialising in designing, manufacturing and installing heavy-duty farm sheds across South Australia, Victoria, New South Wales and Tasmania.

With over 20 years of experience in the manufacturing industry and construction industry, Action shed designs are cost-effective, functional and the perfect fit for the Australian agricultural industry.

As well as following best-practice design standards, every Action shed is built from Aus-

tralian-made steel and the frame is fully hot dip galvanised after manufacture to ensure maximum durability and longevity.

This heavy-duty UB column and open web truss frame design will be on display along with custom gutters and cladding options at the South East Field Days for you to view the quality of construction firsthand.

The company's extensive farm shed range includes hay sheds, grain sheds, machinery sheds, yard covers and shearing sheds, with the added benefit of complete project management from council permit applications, right through to installation and completion.

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Held annually over two days in March at Yakka Park, a purpose built facility in Lucindale, this year's event on March 17 and 18 is one not to be missed.

Competitions including the South Australian Yard Dog Association State Championships as well as a Scrap Metal Art Competition always attract plenty.

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See what's on for Friday

All day: Cute puppies, Balharry Memorial Children's Centre Activity Tent, Test your skill at Laser Tag, Free hearing tests at Wimmera Hearing Society, SA Ambulance

- 8am: Open class
- 8.30am: Novice class
- 9am: Elders Scrap Metal Art and Scarecrow Competition on Hunt Street, Blue Yakka Trail, Angela Easson
- 10am: Sinclair Wilson, Rabobank Presentation, Presentation by Woodsoak Wines, Circus Elements roving entertainment, PIRSA AgTech Program
- 10.30am: Can Am Team "Addicted to Mud" stunts and demonstrations, Limestone Coast Food and Agribusiness Cluster Presentation, Industry body update, Hear from Grain Producers SA, Livestock SA, Wine Grape Council of SA and Grain Growers Limited
- 11am: ElJay Junk Yard Action Show, Matt Evans – SOIL the worlds most underrated Superhero, Water and irrigation management technologies, Hear from AgTech companies to monitor and manage water across your property
- 11.30am: Presentation by Narabeez Honey, Livestock and farm management technologies, Hear from AgTech companies to manage your livestock, pastures and biosecurity and your farm data
- 12pm: Angela Easson – Country music sing-

er, Presentation by Collie Park, Circus Elements - Roving Entertainment

- 12.30pm: Can Am Team "Addicted to Mud" stunts and demonstrations, Presentation by Barklee's Bakehouse
- 1pm: Vine and environmental monitoring technologies, Hear from AgTech companies to remotely monitor your soils, weather, carbon capture solutions and vine and crop health, ElJay Junk Yard Action Show, Presentation by Good Country Hemp
- 1.35pm: Farm machinery, equipment and precision agriculture technologies, Hear from AgTech companies to apply precision spray, off-grid energy solutions, feeding solutions, shearing and yards solutions
- 2pm: Drawing of the Lucindale Lions Club "Lucky Program", Circus Elements - Roving Entertainment, Angela Easson – Country music singer, Can Am Team "Addicted to Mud" stunts and demonstrations
- 3pm: ElJay Junk Yard Action Show
- 5pm: End of the day
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- 10am: Sinclair Wilson/Rabobank Presentation, Presentation by Woodsoak Wines, Circus Elements roving entertainment, PIRSA AgTech Program
- 10.30am: Can Am Team "Addicted to Mud" stunts and demonstrations, Presentation by Toni Greenwood
- 10.40am: Industry Body update
- 11am: ElJay Junk Yard Action Show, Matt Evans -How Hard Can It Bee, Water and irrigation management technologies,
- 11.30am: Presentation by Narabeez Honey, Livestock and farm management technologies
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- 3pm: ElJay Junk Yard Action Show, Gate prize winners drawn and presentation of best exhibitor prize
- 5.30 to 8pm: Meals available in the Football Clubrooms at southern end of oval

Can Am Team "Addicted to Mud" stunts and demonstrations will be on throughout the day.
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Yard dogs are back

The Coprice South Australian Yard Dog Championship will be back once again at the South East Field Days for 2023.

Working dogs and their human partners will flock to Kelpie Korner, in the north western part of Yakka Park, to compete for the title of 2023 South Australian Yard Dog Champion.

Dogs and their handlers will seek to be crowned across a range of classes including Encourage, Maiden, Novice, Improver, and Open and State Championship.

Last year's State Champion Kelvale Gus and Lee Mickan will be back to defend their title from the likes of previous victors Lyndon Cooper, Rob Macklin and Lucindale's Rex Hocking.

There will also be plenty for the little ones to do with the return of the Puppy Pound, which will display some of the cutest working puppies in the region.

The first class events, Maiden, Improver and Novice, will kick off on Thursday, March 16.

Open and Novice classes are set to follow on Friday, March 16, with the State Championship to take centre stage on the Saturday.

The Encourage class will also take place on the Saturday to bring new dogs and handlers into the ring for a taste of working dog competition.

Puppy pound: People will be able to get a look at future working dogs as part of the Yard Dog Championship. Picture: FILE



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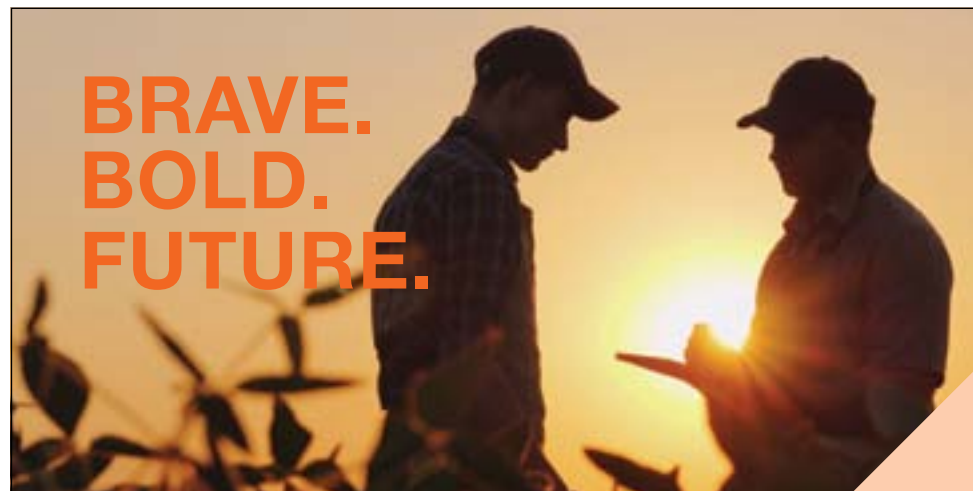
The name was taken from Pete French's farm, originally located in the Beaconsfield Valley (north of Fielding in the North Island).

Te Pari means 'the cliff' or 'the bluff' in Te Reo Maori – and the farm's name-sake was given, because the KIWITEA River ran through the farm with large bluffs rising from the river.

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Think ahead for lambing

The Limestone Coast Landscape Board has warned landholders to think ahead this lambing season and protect their properties from fox attacks to improve lamb survival rates.

It is estimated that foxes cost the Australian economy up to \$227 million a year, and fox predation in the region can result in up to 30 per cent of lamb loss.

Limestone Coast Landscape Board team leader for northern landscape operations Josh Rosser said landholders should work together to ensure their flocks were safe.

“There is no stand-alone method to control foxes and the most effective fox control programs are achieved through landholders coordinating their baiting efforts and utilising a variety of methods such as ground shooting, baiting and den fumigation,” he said.

“This season we are encouraging coordinated neighbourhood baiting programs where baiting discounts are provided when three or more neighbouring landholders participate in a baiting operation at the same time.”

To assist landholders, the LCLB is now offering canid pest ejectors (CPEs) a mechanical device with an attractant ‘lure head’ which ejects capsules of 1080 solution directly into a fox’s mouth.

Native animals do not have the jaw capacity to release the mechanism and small animals like birds cannot move or release the baits.



Sly Fox: The Limestone Coast Landscape Board has warned landholders to prepare for foxes ahead of lambing season.

Picture: FILE

CPEs provide more flexibility for landholders in semi-urban areas as they can be placed up to 150 meters away from residential dwellings.

Mr Rosser said the LCLB will host a CPE demonstration at the South East Field Days on Friday 17 and Saturday 18 March at Lucindale.

“There will also be an option for attendees of the Field Days to book in a time to

loan LC Landscape Board CPE devices to trial whether it is beneficial for their individual situations,” he said.

“Our Landscape Officers are located across the Limestone Coast and support landholders

in their fox control efforts through coordinating neighbourhood programs, supplying bait, equipment hire and much more.”

For more information on fox control in your area call the Limestone Coast Landscape Board on 08 8429 7550 to be put in contact with a Landscape Officer in your area.

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Tenison Woods College will be at the South East Field Days on Site 39, Yakka Pavilion.

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Headliners

Special guests will be travelling from far and wide to provide some entertainment for the South East Field Days.

One such guest is South Australian country singer and songwriter Angela Easson.

Ms Easson grew up in Mount Gambier before moving to Adelaide as a teenager.

Now living on the Sunshine Coast in Queensland, Ms Easson's musical talents have made her one of country music's rising stars.

Also heading to the Field Days is Matt Evans, better known as The Gourmet Farmer.

Mr Evans is a writer, farmer, broadcaster and chef who rose to prominence in 2010 thanks to the first series of Gourmet Farmer on SBS.

He has gone on to present two documentaries and now lives and works on Fat Pig Farm in southern Tasmania.



Gourmet Chef: Matt Evans will be at the South East Field Days. Picture: FILE

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Family Fun: There will be plenty to do for every member of the family at the 2023 South East Field Days.

Plenty for the family

There will be plenty to do for every member of the family at the 2023 South East Field Days.

Among the agricultural equipment and the many displays will be all sorts of activities to keep everyone entertained.

From craft and clothing to wine and specialty foods, there will also be fun activities like Burrungule Park Laser Tag and Circus Elements.

Old favourites will also be back, including Old MacDonald's Traveling Farm and Addicted to Mud.

Rev-heads can get a kick out of one of the new shows coming to the Field Days in Randy's Junk Yard Show, featuring an array

of motorbike stunts.

For those taking the day a bit more seriously, the new Ag Tech centre will showcase the latest technologies and innovations in the agriculture industry.

There will also be a number of food courts on site to make sure no one goes hungry.

Families will also have access to change rooms and quiet feeding areas to hopefully make things easier on parents.

School aged children and younger will be given free entry on both days, so no one in the family needs to miss out.

The Field Days are set to entertain both young and old.

Veterans SA is bringing essential services here

Veterans and their families living in the South East will have direct access to service and support providers at the 2023 South East Field Days on 17-18 March in Lucindale.

Veterans SA has teamed up with Open Arms - Veterans & Families Counselling, Legacy Club of South Australia & Broken Hill, Military and Emergency Services Health Australia, Australian Partners of Defence and Disaster Relief Australia at this year's event.

Veterans SA Director Chantelle Bohan said that the agency's planned activities for 2023 have a strong focus on regional outreach and support, and the first port-of-call is the South East.

"As part of our Strategic Plan, Veterans SA has committed to conduct regular community engagement activities in regional South Australia," she said.

"Connecting regional veterans and their families with essential support is critical, es-

pecially as many are unaware of the services available to them."

Ms Bohan said that the agency has now participated in several regional Field Days, including in the Riverland and Yorke Peninsula.

"We've found that these events are an effective way to reach our community and hear directly from them about matters of importance to local veterans and their families," she said.

"Partnering with like-minded organisations to bring specialised services and support to local veterans and their families has proven to be really beneficial for the communities we visit."

Veterans SA and their exhibiting partners will be located at site 21 in the Yakka Pavilion at the 2023 South East Field Days.

Find out more about Veteran SA's regional outreach activities at veteranssa.sa.gov.au/services-and-support/regional-support/

Meet us at the Field Days

The Mackillop Farm Management Group will be at the South East Field Days - site 288, corner of Hurst Street and Stock Street.

Drop by and have a chat, relax and refresh and find out about their latest projects and activities or update your membership details.

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New members who join up at the South East Field Days and existing members who visit us at the Field Days will be put in a

draw to win one year's membership.

MacKillop Farm Management Group collaborates to deliver research and drive adoption for the benefit of members and the broadacre cropping and livestock industry across the Limestone Coast, western Victoria and beyond.

They work with industry organisations and businesses locally and nationally and a network of hyper-local trial sites throughout the region provides members with research results.

Everyone is invited to join MFMG at the end of the day on Friday for a drink.



Find Us: The Mackillop Farm Management Group will be at the South East Field Days - site 288, corner of Hurst Street and Stock Street.



Veterans SA looks forward to meeting you

At Veterans SA, we envisage a strong, vibrant, well-supported and represented veteran community and we are excited to have the opportunity to meet with local veterans and their families at the 2023 South East Field Days.

We are collaborating with ex-service organisations to bring information and services directly to veterans and their families. Our partners will be available to provide face-to-face advice and information as well as enable connections with other service providers who can offer further support.

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Look Up: Bird Life South East SA convener Bob Green kept his eyes on the trees to spot the birds that were singing.

Over There: Binoculars made it a lot easier to see the many birds at Lake McIntyre on Sunday morning.

Pictures: AIDAN CURTIS

Birders of a feather watch

By Aidan Curtis

Members of Bird Life South East SA caught up recently for a morning of social birding at Millicent's Lake McIntyre.

Sunday's early fog did little to deter the group, with over a dozen bird watchers whipping out the binoculars to see what species were about.

Bird Life SE SA convener Bob Green said the group spotted over 50 different species, which was well above the average number they normally found in the area.

"They were saying the average number of species here is around 44, so 55 species is exceptional," Mr Green said.

"If you get 50-plus species at any outing in a morning, it's a good day - and there were some pretty good birds in there, too."

Mr Green said one of the highlights of the day was being able to spot birds that were usually pretty secretive, like a pair of Australian spotted crakes and a couple of snipes.

"The snipe, I think this year in the monitoring they were saying they've only seen the one here, so to see two was really good," he said.

"And spotted crakes, they're always around, but they're usually pretty secretive and when you get an opportunity where they come out in the open a bit, it's pretty special.

"They're a cool bird to watch and most people don't get a chance to view them very much - this wetland habitat is pretty thick and unless you get those edges where they come out and feed on the mud, you don't normally see them."

Aside from the excitement of spotting different species, Mr Green said it was just good to be out and about with a friendly group with shared interests.

"I just enjoy the social atmosphere and there are so many people with varied interests learning different things off different people on any given day," he said.



Having a Squiz: Members of Bird Life South East SA gathered to spot a secretive Australian spotted crake.

"As we're a fairly social group and don't mind a bit of a chat along the way, it's good.

"It's a great opportunity to catch up and do what we all enjoy doing, which is being out in the bush and seeing what's around."

Bird Life Australia board member and avid bird watcher Hugh Possingham came down

from Brisbane for a few weeks of bird watching in the South East and joined the group on the day.

He said it was great to see the local chapter of Bird Life going so strong.

"It's good to meet other people and bird watchers in the region, the Bird Life club here is pretty active and they've been a strong club

for a long period of time," he said.

"I live in Brisbane, I come down here three or four times a year for a couple of weeks and do a lot of bird watching on my own, often walking six, seven, 10 hours counting stuff.

"If I didn't get out bird watching at least once a week, I'd go stark raving crazy - it's an important part of what makes me happy."

Investigation follows serious crash at Reedy Creek

SERIOUS CRASH AT REEDY CREEK

Police are investigating a serious crash at Reedy Creek.

Just before 10am on Monday 13 March police and SA Ambulance were called to the Princes Highway after reports of a two-car crash.

The driver of a 4WD, a 19-year-old man from Victoria, and his 14-year-old passenger were both taken to Kingston Hospital.

The driver has been airlifted to Adelaide in a serious condition.

The driver of a Kia, a man aged 42, and his

passenger, a 41-year-old woman, both from Hove, were taken to Kingston Hospital with minor injuries.

Princes Highway was closed for several hours but reopened about 3pm.

Anyone who may have dashcam footage or witnessed the crash is asked to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

DRIVER CHARGED OVER CRASH AT AVENUE RANGE

A driver has been charged following a serious crash at Avenue Range, near Lucindale, on Friday.

Just before 4pm on Friday March 10, pa-

trols and emergency crews were called to the intersection of Avenue Range Road and Crowder Road, Avenue Range, after two cars crashed.

The driver and occupants of a Toyota SUV, a 40-year-old woman and two children, aged 7 and 9, sustained injuries and were taken to the Mount Gambier Hospital.

The driver was subsequently transported to the Royal Adelaide Hospital with serious but not life-threatening injuries.

The driver of the Ford SUV, which was towing a caravan, a 70-year-old woman from Queensland, was taken to Naracoorte Hos-

pital for treatment of non-life-threatening injuries.

Following investigations, the Queensland woman was arrested on Sunday March 12 and charged with aggravated driving without due care causing harm and failing to give way.

She was bailed to appear in the Naracoorte Magistrates Court on 17 May.

Police urge all drivers to pay attention on the roads and ensure they obey traffic rules at all times.

The lives and safety of themselves, their passengers and other road users depends on it.



Women were treated to a fashion show with clothes from Salt and Co.



Pictures: SUPPLIED Women were treated to a fashion show with clothes from Salt and Co.

IWD's Wellness breakfast

By Sophie Conlon

Penola women came together to embrace and celebrate themselves last week in recognition of International Women's Day.

The Penola Wellness Group organised a breakfast consisting of all local produce on Wednesday, March 8, and volunteer Jo Edwards said there was a great turnout.

"It was really good," she said.

Ms Edwards said about 40 women enjoyed the morning at Parker Coonawarra Estate, where they had the opportunity to relax and learn some tips about self care.

"International Women's Day was about embracing equity, but we decided it was going to be about embracing you," she said.

"We've done a lot of fundraisers and aware-

ness things before, but we just wanted to look after locals and support some local businesses too.

"It was just about embracing you as a person and looking after you."

She said attendees were treated to talks delivered by local women business owners, Leticia Gosse from EJ Studios, Melisa Porter from You Beautie, Mary Harvey from Nutri-

tion with Mary and Robyn Wittwer from Salt and Co.

Ms Edwards said they each spoke about their business and gave the women tips and tricks they had picked up through working in relaxation, make up, nutrition, and fashion.

"They all loved it, most people said what a wonderful way to start the day," she said.

Vignerons heralding in the vintage season

By Sophie Conlon

Wine industry stakeholders across the region will come together to herald in the new vintage and farewell the previous season, in an event that has been put on hold for several years.

Coonawarra Vignerons executive officer Hugh Koch said the 2023 Vintage Launch Ceremony brought all levels of the wine community together and celebrated the entire district.

"Vintage in Coonawarra is more than when a wine's grapes are harvested," he said.

"It heralds the anniversary of a new year in Coonawarra, where we reflect and say goodbye to the previous season."

He said vintage was the economic driver that sustained the local economy.

"As a community it is the commencement of the economic driver that sustains our economy, creates our jobs, gives us our services, drives our visitation, and continues to put us on the map as one of the most pre-eminent wine regions of the world," he said.

Coonawarra Vignerons President Dan Redman welcomed the return of the event, which would feature a traditional grape stomp and the christening of the new vintage with a bottle smash - similar to that of a ship setting sail on her maiden voyage.

"A vintage brings the whole community together, working in unison to ensure that grapes are picked for optimum quality and that winemaking teams can produce wines of a world class standing," he said.

Eight at the Gate Wines co-owner Jane Richards said this vintage was looking to be a good one for those with white fruit.

Though, with red varieties, Ms Richards said it would be tough this year.

"We've got great fruit on the vine, it's shaping up to be a really good season from a taste perspective, but we're definitely going to find it tough to sell our shiraz and cabernet fruit this year," she said.

To combat this, she said they would slightly increase the amount they bottle into Eight at the Gate, and they would also introduce a rose and a pinot gris.



Industry stakeholders will gather to celebrate the beginning of vintage in Coonawarra at the Coonawarra Vignerons 2023 Vintage Launch Ceremony. Picture: SUPPLIED

"We've been fairly traditional with our label, just making premium wines, but this year we'll probably do a bit more economical wine," she said.

Community members are invited to attend the 2023 Vintage Launch Ceremony on Thursday, March 16, at 10am at the Coonawarra

Railway Siding, Giles Road. The ceremony will be followed by a morning tea and a drop of sparkling wine at the Coonawarra Soldiers Memorial Hall. Registration is required, events.humanitix.com/2023-coonawarra-vintage-launch

Going batty

The Naracoorte Caves National Park are home to the critically endangered Southern Bent-Wing Bat and later this month the community will have the opportunity to see into their world.

The caves were named as the National Parks and Wildlife Service's park of the month, and to celebrate the Limestone Coast Landscape Board has organised a special evening where attendees can chat bats.

Hosted at the Bat Observation Centre, bat expert Nicola Bail - who has studied the local bat for four years - will discuss all things bat related on the night.

"The Southern Bent-wing bat is a fascinating creature," she said.

"Being able to support this event and share my knowledge with the public is very exciting."

At this time of year the baby bats are starting to fly and transition from their mothers milk to months, and attendees will have the opportunity to see this in its natural environment.

To register for this free family friendly event on Friday, March 31, visit <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/lets-chat-bats-tickets-55619803228?aff=ebdssbcitybrowse>



People will have the opportunity to learn about the Southern Bent-Wing Bat at the Naracoorte Caves later this month. Picture: SUPPLIED

Motoring

Forester has deep roots

By Derek Ogden, Marque Motoring

The Subaru Forester came to life in 1997 as a bare-bones, no-nonsense cross-over vehicle ready to take on the likes of the Toyota RAV4 and Suzuki Grand Vitara.

Using the Impreza platform, but built in the style of a station wagon, with a taller stance, higher hip-point seating and all-wheel drive, over the years it has gained in size, sophistication and popularity, becoming a top seller.

Indeed, Subaru recently celebrated 300,000 Forester sales in Australia.

A late addition to the small SUV segment a quarter of a century ago, the Forester, along the way, has boasted some of the Japanese automobile manufacturer's most advanced driving aids and safety systems.

It still does.

For example, in Australia, EyeSight Driver Assist, which scans the road ahead for danger, first introduced on the range-topping Liberty and Outback models in 2012, was ahead of its time.

By 2021, 92 per cent of Subaru vehicles sold in Australia were equipped with it.

The subject of some minor design upgrades in 2022, the MY23 range opens at \$37,890, plus on-road costs for the 2.5i petrol and peaks with the Hybrid S at \$49,340.

Price increases range from \$1900 to \$2150, which Subaru Australia claims are due to production and logistic costs.

The MY23 model stays much the same except for minor specification changes, with the high-spec Forester 2.5i Sport, 2.5i-S (the test vehicle) and Hybrid S all getting an auto-dimming rear-view mirror as standard. The outgoing Dark Blue Pearl exterior paint option has been replaced by Sapphire Blue Pearl.

All Forester variants now include Lane Centring Function, Lane Departure Prevention and Autonomous Emergency Steering, designed to avoid frontal collisions, lane drifting and low speed impacts.

It can 'lock on' to vehicles directly in front and, when used together with Adaptive Cruise Control, can slow, stop and accelerate to maintain a safe driving distance.

It also recognises pedestrians, motorcycles and cyclists within its field of vision.

Depending on conditions, the Pre-Collision Braking System can help to minimise impact and damage.

If the speed is less than 30 km/h, the car can be brought to a complete stop before impact.

Then there's the Driver Monitoring System that uses a camera to monitor the driver for signs of fatigue or distraction and warns them if it detects that the driver is not focused or keeping eyes on the road ahead.

It also features advanced temperature adjustment, allowing the driver to have complete control of the temperature through simple hand gestures.

The 2023 Subaru Forester has a five-year, unlimited kilometre warranty with three or five-year servicing schemes, costing \$1277.90 and \$2422.38, respectively.

The more things change, the more they stay the same.

Unlike many of its younger rivals, the latest Forester has eschewed modern design trends with a somewhat staid station wagon-like appearance.

With misty-eyed memories and massive sales, that is how the fans, and maker, like it.

The Forester is a spacious five-seater with the 2.5i-S perches clad in quality leather upholstery.

Seating height and a good expanse of glass all round make for good visibility.

Twin cup holders are centred between driver and front seat passenger.

A large comfortable armrest is home to a storage area with USB ports.



Deep Roots: The latest Forester SUV has not wandered far from the well-worn wagon trail.



Room For Activity: The new Forester remains spacious thanks to its traditional wagon model.

Door pockets are generous.

Rear passengers are treated to spacious surroundings thanks to the Forester's traditional station wagon styling.

Also on hand are two USB ports and air vents.

Boot space also takes advantage of the vehicle's square old-world character.

There is 498 litres with all seats up and 1704 litres with rear two seat backs folded.

There is room under the floor for a full-size spare wheel – an off-road bonus.

The MY23 model has maintained a full house of information displaying fixtures and fittings of former Foresters.

With three sets of screens, it does veer on the side of overcapitalisation.

Main centre of infotainment focuses on a centre-dash mounted 8-inch screen with wired Apple CarPlay and Android Auto connectivity, integrated satellite navigation, and AM/FM/DAB+ radio, the last from an eight-speaker harman/kardon sound system.

The MY23 non-hybrid models are powered by the same naturally aspirated 2.5-litre horizontally opposed four-cylinder engine putting

out 136 kW peak power and 239 Nm of torque.

Mated with a continuously variable automatic transmission, power is distributed permanently through all four wheels.

ANCAP awarded the Subaru Forester a five-star safety score in 2019, with the latest list of standard safety equipment on all models including autonomous emergency braking and steering, blind-spot monitoring, rear cross-traffic alert, lane-departure warning, lane-keep assist, lane centring and adaptive cruise control.

As mentioned above, all but the base 2.5i come standard with a facial recognition camera to detect driver drowsiness or distraction, as well as rear autonomous emergency braking.

Fire up the engine and the cabin is filled with the signature sound of the 2.5 Subaru horizontally opposed unit – some might find it intrusive – Boxer fans not so.

There's no mistaking the note through the whole rev range, with responsive action to the accelerator pedal.

All Foresters run on 91RON regular unleaded fuel, with non-hybrid combined consumption of 7.4 litres per 100 kilometres.

The test car recorded 11.9 litres per 100 kilometres in the daily city commute and 6.1 litres per 100 kilometres when cut free on the open road.

All-wheel drive has the Forester steady and reliable on bitumen business, while ventilated discs all round maintain a high level of efficiency when called on in spirited driving.

Off road going can be tamed by X-Mode, a system that has two modes – Snow / Dirt and Deep Snow / Mud – each yielding improved grip and traction in low-speed and slippery conditions, and gear selection to suit the terrain.

The 220 mm of ground clearance puts the Forester up with more hardened 4x4s, tackling low-range off-roading without worries for driver or passengers.

Braked towing is rated at 1800 kg.

Subaru Australia claims 97 per cent of Foresters sold in the past 10 years are still on the road today, so that says a lot about the pedigree of the vehicle.

The addition of hybrid technology, plus the promise of turbo power, are bound to keep Forester to the forefront of responsible driving.

WEATHER

FORECAST

Warnings

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

SOUTH AUSTRALIA:

State Forecast:

Partly cloudy in the south with isolated showers mostly about the South East districts. Dry and sunny in the north, becoming milder in the south as fresh westerly winds turn southwest to southeasterly. Hot to very hot in the north with light to moderate northeast to northwesterly winds turning southwest to southeasterly later. Friday. Dry apart from possible light morning showers about the Lower South East district. Warm about southern and far western coasts, hot to very hot elsewhere. Light to moderate southeast winds shifting moderate to fresh northeast to northwesterly ahead of a fresh southwest change in the west. Saturday. Possible showers developing in the west on Saturday and extending east on Sunday. Milder conditions extending across the south and west but hot to very hot elsewhere, contracting to the far northeast on Monday. Mostly moderate southwest to southeasterly winds gradually extending across to reach far northeast late Sunday. Moderate northeast to northwesterly winds ahead of the change.

Lower South East District:

Cloudy. Medium chance of showers in the south, slight chance elsewhere. Winds westerly 20 to 30 km/h becoming light during the evening. Friday. Partly cloudy. Light winds becoming north to northwesterly 20 to 30 km/h during the morning then tending west to northwesterly 15 to 25 km/h during the evening.

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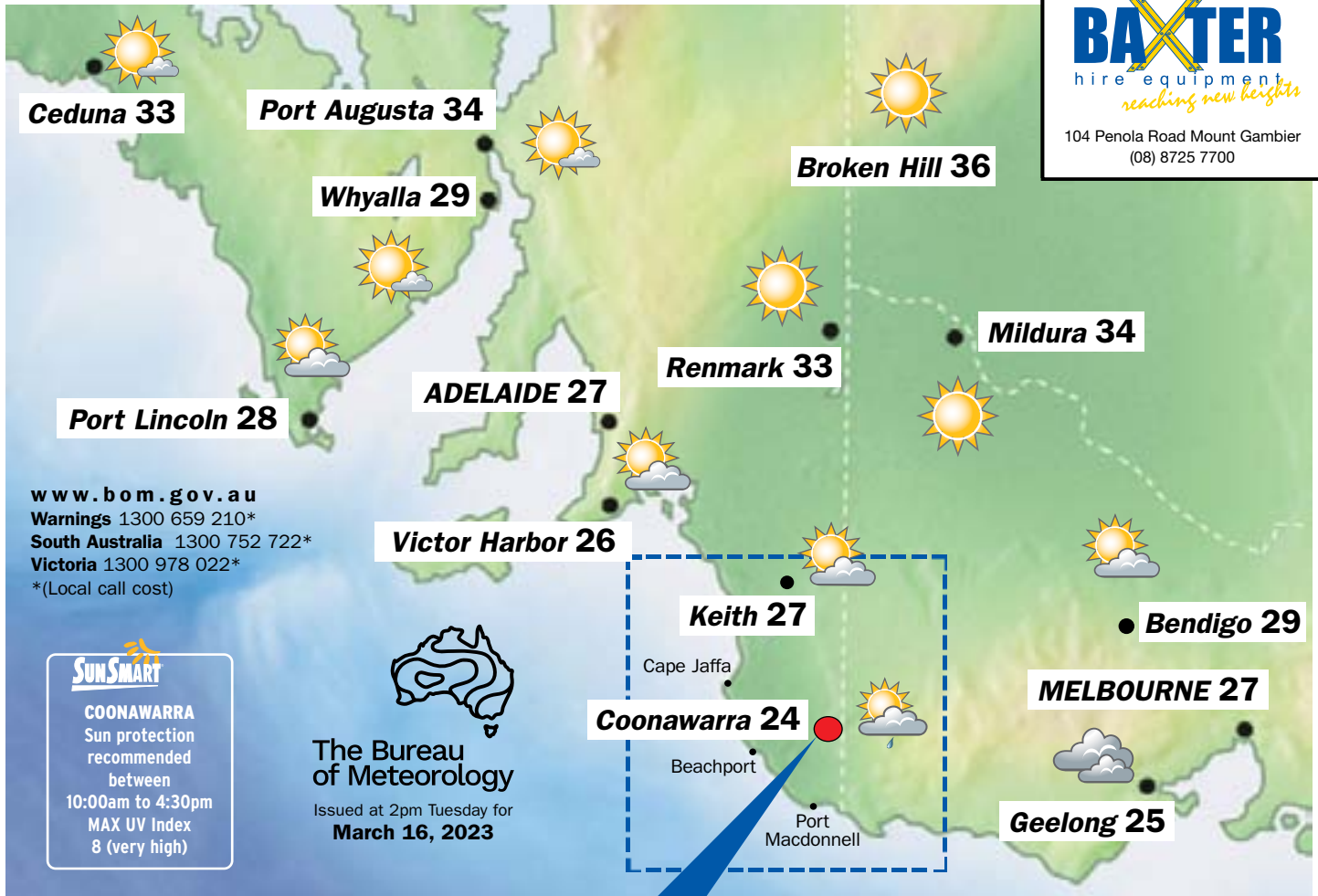
South West District:

Cloudy. Medium chance of showers in the south, slight chance elsewhere. Winds northwesterly 15 to 20 km/h turning westerly 25 to 35 km/h during the morning. Friday. Partly cloudy. Slight chance of a shower in the southeast. Winds west to northwesterly 15 to 20 km/h turning northerly 20 to 30 km/h during the day.

COONAWARRA FORECAST

TODAY Possible shower. 24	TOMORROW Partly cloudy. 29	SATURDAY Partly cloudy. 25	SUNDAY Cloudy. 24
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Sunny	Mostly sunny	Partly cloudy	Cloudy	Chance shower	Shower or two	Showers	Light rain (drizzle)	Rain	Storm	Showers storm	Windy	Dust	Fog
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COASTAL WATERS

South Central Coastal Waters:

Winds: Westerly 15 to 20 knots decreasing to about 10 knots during the evening. Seas: 1 to 1.5 metres, decreasing to 1 metre during the morning. Swell: Southwesterly 2.5 to 3 metres. Weather: Cloudy.

Upper South East Coastal Waters:

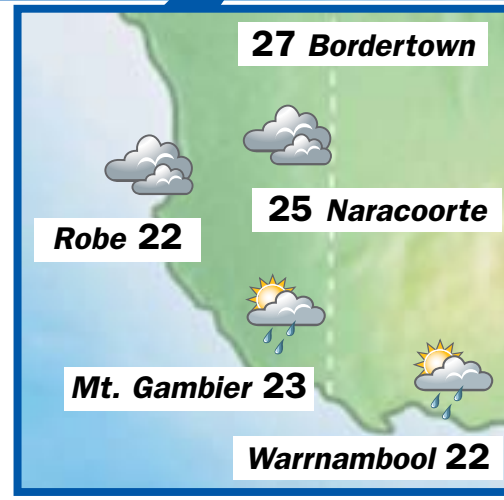
Murray Mouth to Cape Jaffa
 Winds: Westerly 15 to 20 knots decreasing to about 10 knots during the evening. Seas: Around 1 metre. Swell: Southwesterly 2.5 to 3 metres. Weather: Partly cloudy.

Lower South East Coastal Waters:

Cape Jaffa to SA-Vic Border
 Winds: Westerly 15 to 25 knots. Seas: 1 to 1.5 metres, increasing to 1 to 2 metres south of Port MacDonnell. Swell: Southwesterly 2.5 to 3 metres. Weather: Cloudy.

West Victoria Coastal Waters:

SA-Vic Border to Cape Otway
 Winds: Northwesterly 15 to 25 knots tending westerly 20 to 30 knots during the morning. Seas: Around 1 metre, increasing to 1 to 2 metres during the morning. Swell: Southwesterly 2.5 to 3 metres inshore, increasing to 3 to 4 metres offshore. Weather: Cloudy. 50% chance of showers.



TIDES

Beachport Today:
 H: 1:14am 0.8m
 L: 9:35am 0.2m

Tomorrow:
 H: 12:19am 0.9m
 L: 9:37am 0.3m

Saturday:
 H: 12:30am 1.0m
 L: 9:28am 0.3m

Sunday:
 H: 12:53am 1.1m
 L: 8:57am 0.4m
 H: 1:56pm 0.5m
 L: 5:37pm 0.5m

Monday:
 H: 1:15am 1.1m
 L: 8:32am 0.4m
 H: 1:23pm 0.6m
 L: 6:29pm 0.4m

Tuesday:
 H: 1:31am 1.1m
 L: 8:15am 0.4m
 H: 1:21pm 0.7m
 L: 7:06pm 0.3m

Port Macdonnell Today:
 H: 2:22am 0.8m
 L: 10:15am 0.2m
 H: 6:36pm 0.8m
 L: 10:07pm 0.8m

Tomorrow:
 H: 1:45am 0.9m
 L: 10:16am 0.2m

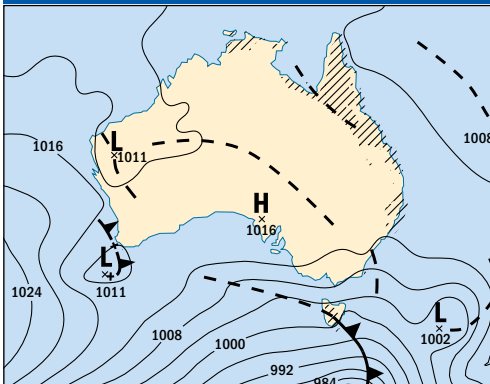
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 H: 3:18pm 0.5m
 L: 5:08pm 0.4m

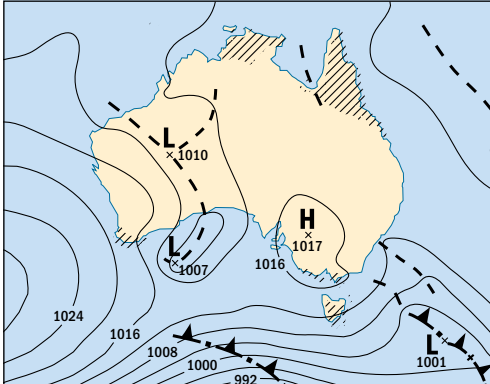
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 L: 7:15pm 0.3m

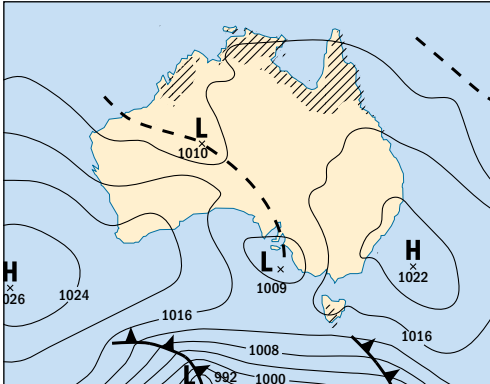
TODAY 10AM



TOMORROW 10AM



SATURDAY 10AM



Forecast Rain 24 hrs to 9am
 1024 hectoPascal (hPa)
 trough
 cold front
 warm front

CAPITAL CITIES

City	Condition	Max
Adelaide	Cloud clearing.	27
Brisbane	Sunny.	33
Canberra	Sunny.	30
Darwin	Partly cloudy.	32
Hobart	Shower or two. Windy.	21
Melbourne	Cloudy.	27
Perth	Possible shower.	26
Sydney	Mostly sunny.	35

SUN & MOON

	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Thursday	7:06am	7:25pm	12:06am	3:52pm
Friday	7:06am	7:24pm	1:10am	4:47pm
Saturday	7:07am	7:22pm	2:22am	5:34pm
Sunday	7:08am	7:21pm	3:38am	6:13pm
Monday	7:09am	7:19pm	4:55am	6:46pm
Tuesday	7:10am	7:18pm	6:10am	7:15pm

THE WORLD

World conditions yesterday

City	Weather	Max	Min
Athens	showers	16	7
Auckland	fine	23	13
Bangkok	haze	34	25
Beijing	fine	13	1
Berlin	showers	7	0
Christchurch	fine	20	10
Denpasar	rain	33	24
Dublin	rain	11	10
Hong Kong	sunny	25	19
Honolulu	showers	28	21
Jakarta	rain	27	24
Johannesburg	fine	24	13
Kuala Lumpur	fine	33	24
London	cloudy	8	1
Los Angeles	sunny	17	12
Madrid	sunny	20	6
Moscow	rain	-1	-5
New Delhi	fine	34	16
New York	sunny	7	0
Noumea	cloudy	30	24
Paris	fine	11	3
Auckland	fine	23	13
Port Vila	rain	31	23
Seoul	cloudy	13	7
Singapore	showers	33	24
Suva	storms	30	23
Tel Aviv	showers	16	14
Tokyo	fine	18	7
Vancouver	sunny	10	3
Wellington	fine	20	11

GIANT CROSSWORD

No. 088

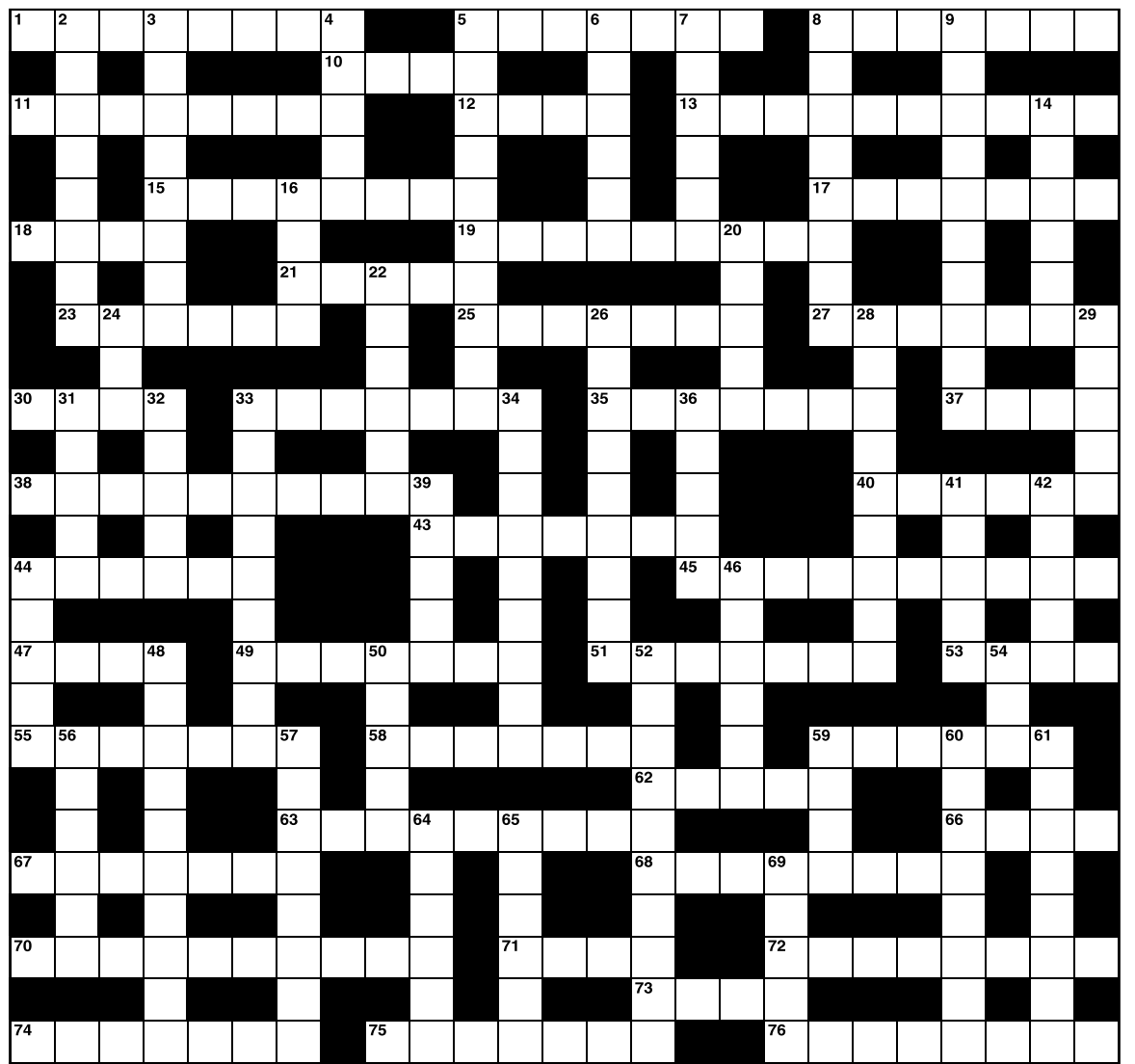
ACROSS

- 1 Polished material made from broken stone and cement (8)
- 5 Trifle in argument (7)
- 8 Gulp down (7)
- 10 Drop-down feature of computers (4)
- 11 Family history (8)
- 12 Brink (4)
- 13 Shortfall (10)
- 15 Political offensive (8)
- 17 Parvenu (7)
- 18 Sport involving horses (4)
- 19 Anxiety-inducing (9)
- 21 Mound (5)
- 23 Lure (6)
- 25 Pathetic (7)
- 27 Jersey (7)
- 30 Wash (4)
- 33 Upsets, scandalises (7)
- 35 Chemical compound, plastic is one (7)
- 37 Large brass instrument (4)
- 38 Physicists, etc. (10)
- 40 Appal, unsettle (6)
- 43 Limit (7)
- 44 Fruit (6)
- 45 Can be explained (10)
- 47 Following (4)
- 49 Unbeliever (7)
- 51 Ancient Roman legislator (7)
- 53 Meddlesome (4)
- 55 Bright red (7)
- 58 Crunchy breakfast cereal (7)
- 59 Hug (6)
- 62 Powdery (5)
- 63 Formal questioning (9)
- 66 Sailor's greeting (4)
- 67 Charming, peaceful (7)
- 68 Lifeform (8)

- 70 Manage and be responsible for the running of (10)
- 71 Amount owed (4)
- 72 Speak incoherently (8)
- 73 Place for bees (4)
- 74 Brave (7)
- 75 Travel (7)
- 76 Doggedness (8)

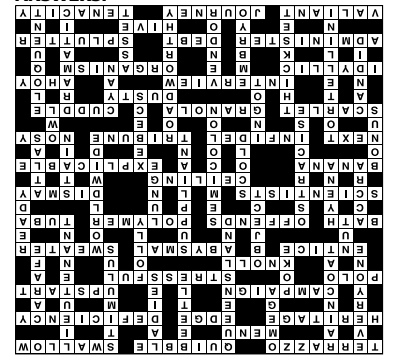
DOWN

- 2 All the people (8)
- 3 Wet-weather gear (8)
- 4 Last letter of the Greek alphabet (5)
- 5 Australian state (10)
- 6 Insect with hard wing cases (6)
- 7 Refined women (6)
- 8 Provocation (8)
- 9 An officer rank in the army (10)
- 14 Wide-mouthed glass bottle (6)
- 16 Prod (4)
- 20 Foolishness (5)
- 22 Thing (6)
- 24 A macadamia is one (3)
- 26 Someone making an earnest plea (9)
- 28 Universal (9)
- 29 Prepared (5)
- 31 Ghanaian capital (5)
- 32 Dog-like African carnivore (5)
- 33 Exclude (9)
- 34 Punctuation mark (9)
- 36 Forward thrust in fencing (5)
- 39 Berate (5)
- 41 Blemish (5)
- 42 Book of maps (5)
- 44 Something extra (5)



- 46 Small Mediterranean ships (6)
- 48 Ring-shaped pasta (10)
- 50 Gold brick (5)
- 52 Safe to drive (10)
- 54 Bird (3)
- 56 Frank (6)
- 57 Stocky (8)
- 59 Blue used in four-colour printing (4)
- 60 Theatrical (8)
- 61 Fluent in speech or writing (8)
- 64 Early stage of life (6)
- 65 Seller (6)
- 69 A useful quality (5)

ANSWERS:

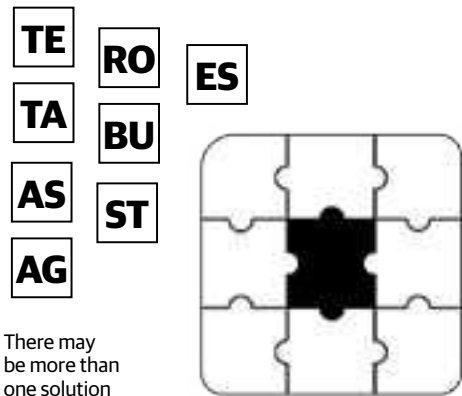


EDGEWORD

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pm ORIGINAL PUZZLE

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



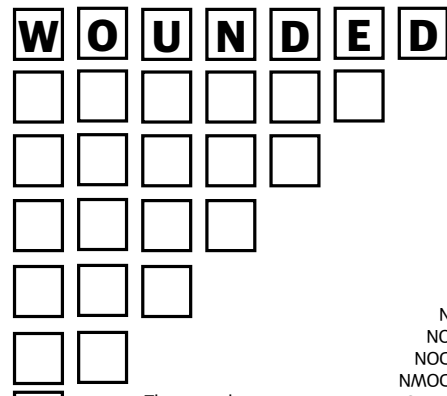
There may be more than one solution

ANSWERS: ROBUST, ROTATE, STAGES, TEASES

DROP DOWN

No. 084

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:
WOUNDED
DOWNED
DOWN
NOD
NO
N

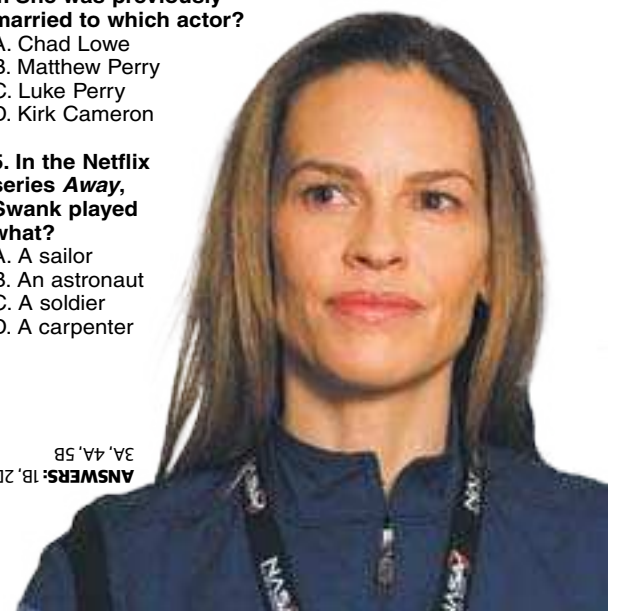
HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW...

Hilary Swank

1. Swank made her big-screen debut in which 1992 film?
A. Wayne's World
B. Buffy the Vampire Slayer
C. The Mighty Ducks
D. Reservoir Dogs
2. She won her first Academy Award for her role in which movie?
A. P.S. I Love You
B. Million Dollar Baby
C. Logan Lucky
D. Boys Don't Cry
3. She appeared in more than a dozen episodes of which hit '90s series?
A. Beverly Hills, 90210
B. Melrose Place
C. ER
D. Friends

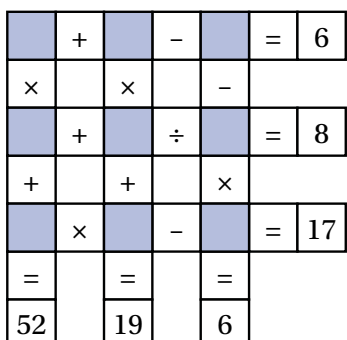
4. She was previously married to which actor?
A. Chad Lowe
B. Matthew Perry
C. Luke Perry
D. Kirk Cameron
5. In the Netflix series Away, Swank played what?
A. A sailor
B. An astronaut
C. A soldier
D. A carpenter

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



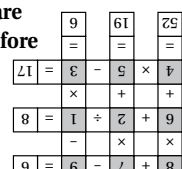
CROSSMATH

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

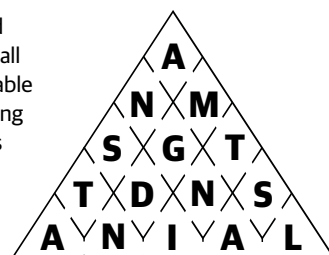
Multiplication and division are performed before addition and subtraction.



WORD TRIANGLE

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

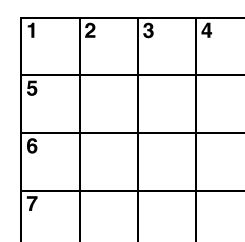


HINT: The answer is a movie title.

ANSWER: LAST MAN STANDING

4x4

No. 084



ACROSS

- 1 Final (4)
- 5 Poker stake (4)
- 6 Speaks (4)
- 7 Let it stand (4)

DOWN

- 1 Girl (scot) (4)
- 2 Semitic goddess (4)
- 3 Eyelid bump (4)
- 4 Examination (4)

ACROSS: 1. Last, 5. Ante, 6. Saps, 7. Stet. DOWN: 1. Lass, 2. Anat, 3. Stye, 4. Test.



Joe Zurlino and Lynette Lockwood had a great day out with friends.



Millicent residents, Nicole Bradley and Steve Allen, enjoyed the line-up of artists.

Rockin' Red Hot Summer

Thousands of music-lovers from across the region flocked to the Old Mount Gambier Gaol on Sunday to enjoy an evening of Australian music.

4500 ticketholders attended the sell-out event which travelled back to Mount Gambier after a three-year hiatus.

Artists performing on the day included Ian Moss and Troy Cassar-Daley, Vika and Linda, Mark Seymour, Missy Higgins, Bernard Fanning and Paul Kelly.



Dancing up a storm are Sandi Miller and Cheryl White from Tantanoola.



Travelling to Mount Gambier for the day are Megan and Karen Lock from Kalangadoo and Kahlil Lock from Mundulla.



Childhood residents of Millicent, the Van Nispen sisters, Caroline Jenner and Jacquie Halliday.



Relaxing in the VIP tent are Kerrin Davies, Donna Jennings and Julie Williams.



Trish Cory, Ali Pink and Tracy Hardy soak up the atmosphere on the day.

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Jack Barry in the Junior Sack Race.



Yalluminga was the winning team

School's all in for sport

On Thursday 2 March 2023, Penola High School held their annual Interhouse Athletics Carnival.

The day had high levels of participation with a majority of students competing across the day.

A revolutionary way to hold the 100m sprint took place this year, with all students in the school being time trialled before the carnival, and being placed into divisions. This allowed for 10 evenly matched races, and some exciting finishes across the day.

Year 10 student, Archer Virtanen's blistering 12.53 finish in the Boys A division, and Skye Virtanen, a Year 8 student, taking home the win in the Girls A division.

It was a day that had records smashed.

Kiara Epiha (javelin), Archer Virtanen (javelin) and Mia Gartner (discus), etched their names in the history books with remarkable throws. It was not just in the field, however, as truly exceptional runs took place in the relays.

Records were broken by Yalluminga in the 14 Year and 16 Year Girls relays, Moyanga in the 16 Year Boys relay and Torilla in the 20 Year Girls relay.

The second year of the Mark Heyn Cup (students v staff 800m relay), saw the students retain the shield.

The staff believed that they had one hand on the cup, however, as soon as the starter's pistol went off, another ending was being written.

The students built a considerable lead during the 800m event and showed admirable sportsmanship at the end congratulating staff on their participation.

Although all houses battled valiantly throughout the day, it was the captains Lochy Neale, Chloe Cutchie, along with co-captains, Henry Williams and Ozzy Morton who held up the winning shield at the end - Yalluminga crowned victorious.



Yalluminga in the Junior Tug-O-War.



Reese Balshaw during the Senior Triple Jump

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Penola's Jenny Tocaciu and Rosalie Skeer enjoying a catch up at the women's gathering.



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Great weather, great fish

By Jamie Coates

The long weekend brought with it some fabulous weather and those who managed to hit the water found some great fish.

Finally the big tuna have arrived.

Over the long weekend between Port MacDonnell, Cape Bridgewater and Portland we have heard of at least a dozen or more big tuna caught.

They have been caught from 40 through to 80 metres, eating a variety of offerings from the trusty Bonze Exocet, Samaki Pacemaker deep diving minnows, along with a selection of the other lures.

The fish have been of varying sizes so far, some in that 70-80kg range, while some of the bigger models have been up over that 130kg mark and that is a serious lump of a fish.

It is not all barrels though, with a run of bigger-than-average school fish this week.

A few boaties found tuna to 35 kilos, which is becoming more and more common for our earlier run of fish.

Skirts and divers are again the go-to for those fish, so get out there and have a go.

Bottom fishing has been red-hot again over the weekend.

I have spoken to a few crews who fished hard over the weekend and they have all said the same thing – the shark fishing off Port MacDonnell is unreal and probably the best they have seen.

It is not uncommon for fishos to land multiple sharks in a session out there and if you mix that with all the other tasty reef fish also on offer, you really are in for a cracking day.

The surf fishos over the weekend made the most of the great weather and hit the beaches far and wide.

The South East Amateur Surf Fishing Club held its annual March long weekend Coorong fishing comp over the weekend and there were some great fish caught.

The overall winner was Sawmill with a nice 6.28kg mulloway, ahead of Graeme Ploenges with a 5.86kg gummy shark and third went to Brent Deland with a 4.66kg bronzie.

I have seen a few of the pics and it looks like the boys all had a good weekend away and the beers were nice and cold.

Locally things have been pretty good on the beach too.

Hayden Sneath has the snapper off the beach worked out, managing to catch and release some rippers over 60cm at the weekend, taking one of the bigger fish home for a feed.

There have also been a few nice gummy shark from the Jones Bay area over the last week and a couple from Piccininni too, so they are nice and spread out at the moment.

There have been more whiting reports again this week and they seem to be just as big and just as spread out as ever.



There were plenty of anglers trying their luck in the South East Amateur Surf Fishing Club's Coorong fishing competition on the weekend.

The ever-reliable Port MacDonnell Breakwater has been another hot spot for fishos this week.

We have seen some good catches from the land based anglers and the boaties alike, so if you do not have a boat, do not let that put you off, you are still right in with a chance.

The size has been all over the place, some guys have caught whiting so small they didn't even realise they came that little, through to a couple of absolute horses at near 50cm, which are a beast in anyone's books.

The other land based areas worth trying are still Nene Valley, Cape Douglas and Blackfellows Caves, but definitely not limited to those spots.

If you can find an area with some nice sand holes within casting distance, throw a bait in and you could be surprised.

Garfishing has been great again this week, with plenty of anglers making the most of the good weather.

The fish have continued to impress, in both size and numbers.

Our usual haunts such as Cape Douglas, Livingstons Bay and Pelican Point have been productive for boaties and waders, but I have also heard of some good fish from the Petrified Forrest at Port MacDonnell and Racecourse Bay too.

Much like the whiting, if the conditions are right and you stumble upon an area that you think they could be, throw a bait out, give it

a crack and you might just find your new favourite spot.

There were a few crews who headed inland over the weekend to Rocklands for a fish and a crack at a few murray cod or yellowbelly and from what I have heard, there were a few of each caught.

Trolling lures accounted for a fair whack of them, while flicking spinners in and around the snags has also been productive.

The soft plastic guys have been doing pretty well again while using their livescope, finding the schools of bait with fish holding them up, working the plastic to the fish and watching the whole thing unfold live on the screen in front of you.

Some will say it is cheating, but I think it is unreal and can not wait to try it myself.

The Glenelg River was abuzz with fishos over the weekend.

I managed to get down there a bit myself over the weekend and it was good to see so many people out enjoying the beautiful river.

First up we saw the Bream Master SA tournament held in Nelson over the Saturday and Sunday which attracted some of the best bream fishos in southern Australia.

Entrants were only allowed to fish from their kayaks and the goal was to weigh in their three heaviest fish from each day for a combined weight before releasing them all.

The fishing was pretty tough for most, but between the 50+ anglers, over 100 legal bream



Josh Heaver with his competition-winning mulloway. Picture: SUBMITTED

were caught, weighed and released.

The Glenelg River Bream Master for 2023 is Dale Baxter, with a two-day total of 4.14kg.

Our highest placed local was Bodhi Pannenburg, who come home in sixth position for the weekend – not bad for his first ever kayak fishing competition.

Upriver over the weekend saw the annual Brad Manser Memorial Fishing Competition held at Wilsons Hall.

There were plenty of families on the river for the weekend making the most of the great weather. Although the fishing was a bit tough for most, there were still some nice bream, mulloway and mullet caught.

The champion angler for the weekend was local gun Josh Heaver who picked up a nice 80cm mulloway to lock in first place.

Josh boasted that fish on Friday night, so the bar was set early and no one could catch him.

The junior section was taken out by my young fellow Finn Coates with a bag of bream and mullet, all caught from Sapling Creek.

Ash Cooper fished Sunday night around the same area and boated some nice mulloway, the best around 80cm and some nice bream.

The forecast for this weekend looks very fishable.

I have no doubt Portland and Port MacDonnell boat ramps will be teaming with people, so just remember to be patient – we are all going fishing.

Until next week, safe fishing.

Course change adds challenge but McKenny rises to it

Despite a few competitors unavailable due to the long weekend holiday, the seventh race of the Kidman Law Summer Series was held by the Mount Gambier Cycling Club on Sunday in favourable conditions.

The 30km race along Caves Road added a change from the usual route, with the start line 10km closer to the border and the turnaround at the entry to Donovans township.

The change provided significantly more elevation changes through the middle 10km, with the potential to play havoc with the groups.

There were not enough junior riders available for a race, but 18 riders greeted the commissaire and signed on for the senior race.

The bad luck story of the day went to Dean Zeven, who had a gearing issue which meant he could not even make the start line.

First rider away, trying to solo ahead of everyone else, was Jason Buckland.

He was given a seven-minute advantage over a group containing Ethan McKenny, John Cranwell, Michael Dethmore and Jen



Solid effort: Winner Ethan McKenny and runner-up John Cranwell put in a solid performance to stay ahead of the chasing riders. Picture: MICHELLE MCKENNY

Buckland, followed a further five minutes later by Spek Peake, Mark Wight and Mike Bakker.

After another six minutes the next group consisting of Elmer Buckland, Scott Waters, Colin Weatherill and Gerard Coote began their chase, followed three minutes later by

Matthew Opperman, Patrick Langsmith, Craig Andrae and Jami Buckley.

A minute later Nick Kidman began his chase of all other riders.

The first 10km of the race were relatively uneventful, but by the time of the turn-

around marker, some of the riders lost contact with their group as the dips and hills came into play.

Cranwell, Deathmore and McKenny had caught and passed Jason Buckland, while Kidman had also caught and passed Langsmith, Buckley, Andrae and Opperman on his quest to claim the win.

Following the turnaround, another 5km of dips and climbs separated the riders further, with the stronger, lighter riders coming to the fore.

As the riders crested the final hill, the finish line came into view, there were still 2.5km to ride before the chequered flag could be flown.

McKenny showed he is a young rider with a future by beating Cranwell to the line, followed by Waters, then Nick Kidman with the fastest time.

The next race in the Summer Series will be a 34km, four-lap handicap around the Kongorong Township, starting from the Primary School on March 19.



Brake: Charlie Shephard approaches a corner.



Incoming: Henry Sims takes on a sharp turn.

Twilight victory for Sims

A twilight Motorkhana at the Glenburnie Saleyards complex on Saturday started the Motorkhana series for 2023 for the South Eastern Automobile Club.

Jason Sims started strongly and set the pace on the in both attempts on the first course, while Geoff Wilson and Josh Munn also impressed early on.

Newcomer Simon Poynter found the limits in his Falcon on his first ever Motorkhana and put in a solid run to claim fourth on his first run and sixth on the second.

Glen Shephard was another first time driver and found his feet early as he was fifth-fastest on the first run and third on the second.

Danny Farrell put his Commodore through the paces in his debut to take sixth and fourth place.

Jason Sims was the pace-setter for the second layout and was fastest on both runs.

Munn was runner-up on the first run, while Geoff Wilson was second on the next run after he claimed third place on the first attempt.

On the second run, Farrell made it to third, ahead of Munn, Poynter, Harrison Bliss, Glen Shephard, Henry Sims and Charlie Shephard in ninth.

Jason Sims continued his impressive form into the third layout and was three seconds clear of his competitors.

Munn was runner-up again, while Glen Shephard, Farrell and Henry Sims rounded out the top five on the first attempt.

The second attempt saw Farrell claim second spot behind perennial winner Jason Sims, with Geoff Wilson rounding out the podium.

On the fourth track layout, there was a new competitor who took the ascendancy as Geoff Wilson was fastest on both runs.

Munn was runner-up on the first run, seven seconds behind Wilson.

Poynter rounded out the podium a further seven seconds back ahead of Farrell, Jason Sims, Glen Shephard, Harrison Bliss, Henry Sims and Charlie Shephard.

Jason Sims returned to form on the second run but had to settle for the runner-up spot to Wilson.

Munn also improved but was only fast enough to take home third place with Poynter a close third.

Glen Shephard put in an impressive run to take home fifth spot ahead of Farrell, Bliss, Henry Sims and Charlie Shephard in ninth.

Jason Sims returned to the top of the charts on the arrow head course with fastest times in both runs.

He was followed by Glen Shephard who was runner-up on the first run and Wilson, who claimed third place.

Wilson went one better on the second run of the layout and was runner-up, ahead of Glen Shephard and Poynter.

Munn took home fifth place alongside Farrell, while Henry Sims was seventh fastest, ahead of Charlie Shephard and Bliss.

Jason Sims' dominance continued into the final course before the tea break as he was quickest on both attempts, with Glen Shephard runner-up and Henry Sims third on both occasions.



Flair: Josh Munn shows his off his craftiness.

Pictures: CURTIS BOYD

After the tea break and some much-needed food for the drives, a square slalom course was set up for the next challenge.

Jason Sims and Munn were the two fastest on both runs with the former the fastest on both occasions.

Diamon slalom was the next challenge and Glen Shephard set the fastest time on the first run, ahead of Poynter, Wilson, Munn, Bliss, Henry Sims, Jason Sims, Farrell and Charlie Shephard.

On the second attempt, Jason Sims made his resurgence back to the top of the times ahead of Glen Shephard.

Farrell rounded out the podium, with Poynter in fourth and Wilson in fifth.

The next layout saw Jason Sims fastest, ahead of Wilson and Farrell on both runs.

This was then followed by the waltz cover course which saw Jason Sims claim the fastest time on the first attempt by seven seconds.

Wilson was runner-up, ahead of Glen Shephard, Poynter and Henry Sims.

Drivers then took on a quick test layout where Jason Sims set the pace from Wilson and Glen Shephard on both runs before drivers readied for the final course of the event.

The last circuit saw Jason Sims claim the fastest time on both occasions.

Wilson put up a solid fight on the first attempt to claim second place, ahead of Farrell,



Rapid: Geoff Wilson was in fine form in the recent SEAC event.

Glen Shephard, Bliss, Henry Sims, Munn, Poynter and Charlie Shephard.

On the second attempt and final run for the evening, Glen Shephard was the closest to Jason Sims and claimed second place.

The next event will be at SEAC Park on March 25.

Results:

1. Jason Sims - 733.63 seconds,

2. Geoff Wilson - 804.18,

3. Glen Shephard - 846.66,

4. Simon Poynter - 873.18,

5. Josh Munn - 885.43,

6. Danny Farrell - 894.25,

7. Henry Sims - 947.68,

8. Harrison Bliss - 1039.15,

9. Charlie Shephard - 1259.58

Sharam's getting back in the game

By David Lewis

It had been more than 25 years since Stuey Sharam boxed a dog at Tara Raceway.

In fact, his last success at the Lake Terrace East track had been back on March 31, 1997.

That came in the form of a double with Lightning Sal and Racin' Razzy, both over 512 metres in 31.06 seconds and 30.81 seconds respectively.

Incidentally, Lightning Sal, a daughter of Golden Mike and Malibu Fay, had been bred locally by Darren Guthridge, who once again will be fielding at next month's Mount Gambier Cup at Tara Raceway.

Soon after, Sharam hung up the collar and lead – family and employment in the Coonawarra taking priority.

But in more recent times the occasional visit to a race meeting at Tara Raceway had rekindled his interest in greyhound racing.

"I couldn't believe how much things had changed here," Sharam said.

"Terrific prizemoney, free entry, trainers' appearance money, no nomination fees and even a free race program."

But for Sharam to get back into the game he would be required to renew his trainer's licence – long since relinquished.

These days aspiring trainers are required to jump through a few more hoops.

Come last Sunday at Tara Raceway and Sharam, a Coonawarra vineyard manager and would-be greyhound trainer, handled runners for trainers Noel Perry and Tracie Price – under the watchful eye of the stewards.

"I reckon it all went pretty well," he said, speaking after the last race.

"I've already got my kennels built and I'm now looking forward to again training a couple of my own dogs."

At the track with Sharam – whose involvement in greyhound racing actually began out at Glenburnie – were his wife Pat and 12-year-old son Liam.

All will be welcome additions to the Tara Raceway team.



Back On Track: Stuey Sharam made a return to Tara Raceway last weekend with the hope to regain his trainer's licence. Picture: SUBMITTED



Top Run: John Little with his long shot Fast Forward winner Bungaloo Rachele. Picture: SUBMITTED

Bungaloo boilover

By David Lewis

Third placing and a personal time of 23.50 seconds in a heat of the Fast Forward (400 metres) at the previous week's Tara Raceway meeting was enough to see Bungaloo Rachele through to last Thursday's Category 2 prize money final.

While she was one of the fastest eight to come out of the five heats, Bungaloo Rachele obviously had not drawn too much attention to herself given that she was the rank outsider in the final at \$62. The black bitch looked anything but a roughie though, when coming out running from box five. To the marked surprise of regular racegoers, she quickly opened up what surely had to be a winning break.

Chasing her first win since November, Bungaloo Rachele ended up with a half-length to spare over Jayville Zoe and Subzero Annie in a personal best time of 23.42 seconds. By Fabregas out of Springvale Alysa, the winner is trained at Kongorong by John Little who races her in partnership with Liz Newberry and Kevin Mullan under the guise of the Bungaloo Syndicate. Little also bred the October 20 litter which comprised three dogs and three bitches Springvale Alysa, a daughter of Dyna Double One and Springvale Cool, was picked up by the syndicate for \$2000 as a maiden after three starts at Angle Park. Trained by Little, she went on to win 22 races.

"Five of the six in her first litter have gone on and won races but most of their wins have been in time-graded company which equates to only half the prize money paid at the Category 2 Sunday meetings," Little said.

"While Bungaloo Rachele's win last Thursday was at a time-graded meeting, the Fast Forward was a Category 2 event. "I must say the extra prize money was really appreciated." The Bungaloo Syndicate now looks forward to Springvale Alysa's second litter hitting the track.

In May 2022 she whelped a litter of six dogs and three bitches to On Fire, a winner of 40 races.

A tough day for Robe's pennant teams

The Robe Bowling Club's Caledonian Inn sponsored social bowls on Thursday saw two games of three-bowl pairs and two-bowl triples played, with three two-game winners.

Barry Bennett and Pat Lynch claimed the honours with 55 points, ahead of Rob Lawrie and Peter deLaine with 53, followed by Bill Cook and Dean Nankivell on 51.

The raffle winners were Valma Jennings and Steve Farrell.

The Robe Roosters had a good week in the Super Series, defeating Water Rats Monday evening 40/6 to 37/2.

They backed that up on Thursday evening to defeat Red Lobsters 46/8 to 31/0.

The Roosters now sit third on the ladder.

The Pennant preliminary final results did not go so well for the club, with all three teams losing.

The Friday women's preliminary final played at Lucindale saw the Division 2 side

take on Mount Gambier and Division 3 face Millicent.

In Division 2 Mount Gambier claimed a big 95-26 win.

Judy Phillips, Pam Robinson, Helen Dawson and Judy Birmingham were defeated by Jane Calleja's team 42-17.

Robbie Dahler, Kerry Peglar, Barb Brown and Tracey Gray were defeated by Beryl Ver-luis's team 53-9.

In Division 3 Millicent defeated Robe in a close encounter (48-42), with the lead changing throughout the day.

Carolyn McCusker, Clare deLaine, Ann Moore and Helen Lynch were defeated by Lorraine Hyland's team 22-19.

Lorraine Denning, Maria Cooper, Bronwyn Matthews and Valma Jennings were defeated by Merle Stevens' team 26-23.

The Open pennant preliminary final was played at Millicent Saturday, with Division 2

up defeated by Naracoorte RSL 84-54.

Rob Lawrie, Ali Douglas, Peter deLaine and Adrian Birmingham were defeated by Ryan O'Shaughnessy's team 41-15.

Paul Truelove, Barry Bennett, Mark Murphy and Deane Nankivell were defeated by Chris Castine's team 21-17.

Gordon Brown, Ross Denning, Jo Sykes and Ken Smith had a draw with David O'Shaughnessy's team 22 shots all after finishing on the 23rd end and not being able to change the result.

Robe will host its Cos 4's and Mens Triples on April 1 and 2.

Ring or email Valma Jennings (0419 842 396) for entries.

Social bowls on Thursdays visiting bowlers are welcome.

Barry Bennett and Pat Lynch claimed the honours in the Robe Bowling Club's social bowls last week.





Young Gun: Blue Lake's Jaiden Picken took out the Junior Superclass Men honours at Saturday's SA Country Championships. Pictures: JAMES MURPHY



Top Spot: Blue Lake's Tom Castleman claimed the 30-plus Men's honours at Saturday's SA Country Championships.

Blue Lake riders impress

By James Murphy

The Blue Lake BMX Club was a hive of activity over the weekend, with a packed schedule of peddle-pushing action.

The club hosted the 2023 SA Country Championships on Saturday, while Round 2 of the SA State Series was held at the venue on Sunday.

Among the 186 registered riders for the Country Championships, Blue Lake had 32 entries, with some solid results on their home track.

Jaiden Picken took out the junior superclass men's category with four impressive motos earning him the honours by a point.

He finished 1, 2, 3, 1 to take out the championship from Gawler's David Lauricella and Cross Key's Cannyn Hayes.

The superclass men was dominated by Happy Valley's Preston Murray, who blitzed all four motos to claim the top prize from clubmates Kyle Fox and Tyler Julyan.

The women's superclass was taken out by Imogen Healy, while Addison Cattonar won the junior superclass.

Blue Lake also had a strong presence in the 17-29 Men, with Trae Wilke a cut above his rivals.

He won all three of his motos and the final, while clubmate Kain Jelleff wrapped up the championship in third place behind Gawler's Aiden Gray.

The 30-plus Men featured a Blue Lake podium, with Tom Castleman taking the top step from Peter Jelleff and Josh Cram after four competitive motos.

April Jones claimed the silver prize in the 8 Girls, with a consistent four motos putting her on the second step of the podium behind Ballarat-Sepastopol's Ida Ferguson.



Too Quick: Blue Lake's Trae Wilke claimed the SA Country Championships win in the 17-29 Men.

Another podium came in the 13-16 Girls, with Sherridan Picken finishing third overall.

Blue Lake's Mollie Cook was the only 17-29 Women's rider and raced with the 13-16 class, while taking out the win in her category by default.

Local riders Flynn Turner and Harrison Smith finished ninth and 11th respectively in the 8 Boys, while in the large 11-12 Boys category, Happy Valley's Kade McNamara was too strong.

McNamara claimed the win in all three mo-

tos and the finals to claim the honours.

That class had Blue Lake's Braith Allison, Archie Murdoch and Hallam Davey rank highest for the locals, with their 14th, 15th and 16th places respectively in the bumper field of 25.

The best Blue Lake rider in the 13-16 Boys was Brad Jennings, who finished 12th overall.

Blue Lake also had a strong contingent in the junior sprockets grades, but placings were not recorded for the youngsters with the focus purely on enjoyment.



Pocket Rocket: Blue Lake's Max Turner had his game face on as he led the mini wheelers down the final straight.



Speedy Visitor: Happy Valley's Kade McNamara speeds across the line during his winning 11-12 Boys campaign.

Lower South East Bowls Association pennant results

LOWER SOUTH EAST BOWLS ASSOCIATION MID-WEEK PENNANT PRELIMINARY FINAL

- Division 1: Mount Gambier Red 47/6 d Port MacDonnell Red 46/2.

FRIDAY PENNANT PRELIMINARY FINAL

- Division 1: Port MacDonnell 61/8 d Millicent Red 36/0.
- Division 2: Mount Gambier 95/8 d Robe 26/0.
- Division 3: Millicent 48/8 d Robe 42/0.

SATURDAY OPEN PENNANT PRELIMINARY FINAL

- Division 1: Mount Gambier Red 82/12 d Millicent 53/0.
- Division 2: Naracoorte 84/11 d Robe 54/1.
- Division 3 South: Port MacDonnell 76/12 d Mount Gambier RSL 65/0.
- Division 3 North: Frances 78/10 d Kalangadoo 68/2.

Blue Lake win for DeLaine

A field of 59 SE Veterans golfers took on the Blue Lake golf course last week, with Division 1 going to Robe's Peter DeLaine with a score of 36.

Tony Steen finished with 35 for the runner-up honours, from Ron Hatley with 34 on a count-back.

Division 2 saw Eben Beukes score 39 for the win from Doug MacPherson on 36 and Lyndsay Copeman on 35.

The nearest to pins went to Sid Arkun

and Barry Brook.

The Ross Orchard trophy was won by Kym Vaughan and Shane MacPherson, with the ball rundown going to 30 points.

Alan Webster took home the Scotch for the second time recently and with some glee.

The next game is at Mount Gambier on March 27 with an ambrose forma and the AGM, where the season wraps up with presentations.



Goal Magnet: Mundulla's Melody Maddern banged through seven goals in the Tigers' dominant win over Kalangadoo. Picture: LACHLAN ONIONS



Eagles Soar: The Penola Eagles, including lice Rainsford, claimed a close win over Kybybolite to cement themselves in the top four. Picture: FILE

Eagles clinch narrow win

By James Murphy

PENOLA 5.9 (39) d
KYBYBOLITE 5.4 (34)

In what was undoubtedly the match of the Limestone Coast women's football round, Penola and Kybybolite went head-to-head at Island Park on Friday night.

The Eagles were pushed to the line but at the final siren they prevailed by five points to guarantee a top-four finish.

Penola was out of the gate strongly and put two goals on the board to be well placed at the first change.

Another two in the second term kept the Eagles in front, but Kyby also found the big sticks twice to keep the margin at 13 heading into the main break.

Kyby kept the pressure on in the third quarter with another two goals.

Penola managed one of its own to hold a 10-point advantage, but the intensity started to build leading into the final stanza.

In the fourth quarter Kyby scored 1.2, but with three behinds to the Eagles they held their rival at bay to claim valuable points in the penultimate minor round.

Goals were shared around with Simone MacDonald and Jasmine Ryan both scoring two each for Penola, while Lyndall Feast also converted.

Ryan was named best on ground for her impressive efforts around the contest, while Heidi Berkin, Caroline McGrath, Ellise Berkin and Riley Mitchell were also standouts.

For Kybybolite it was Erin Ewer who excelled, while Genevieve Blake did the bulk of the scoring with four majors and Taylor Ryan had one.

Heading into the final minor round Penola sits in fourth and is guaranteed to make a finals appearance.

CASTERTON SANDFORD 17.11 (113) d
MILLICENT 0.0 (0)

Casterton Sandford continued its run of good form and claimed a third consecutive win on its home deck last Friday.

The Round 8 clash at Island Park had the Cats up against Millicent in a one-sided battle.

The Saints have struggled against most teams this season, while the Cats have just one loss on their 2023 record - to Mundulla in Round 4.

Chloe Foster played an impressive game and her five goals and best-on-ground performance left Millicent defenders without an answer.

By the first change the margin was 26 points, before the Victorian hosts added another three goals in the second term.

Entering half time the Saints were scoreless and trailed by 47.

The second half followed the same trend and the Cats kept the scoreboard pressure on with four third-quarter goals.

They put in their biggest haul in the final stanza and six majors pushed the home team out to a staggering 113-0 victory.



High-Flyer: North Gambier's Mikaila Pitt takes flight during Friday night's clash with Kongorong. Picture: LACHLAN ONIONS

Gabrielle Sullivan, Hinemoa Biddle-Maitland and Amelia Thomas also featured highly in the best players, while Makayla Hutchins and Libby Altorfer had their moments in the spotlight.

The pair converted four and three goals respectively.

Despite the standouts, the Cats' total of eight goal scorers bodes well heading into the

pointy end of the season.

They sit in second place on the ladder after eight rounds, with just one home-and-away game remaining.

For Millicent finals is well off the table.

The Saints commended Cassie Levison for her efforts on Friday night, which were recognised as best on ground.

She was joined by Stephanie Gilbert, Megan Tilley and Kalli Brown among the top performers.

NORTH GAMIER 12.10 (82) d
KONGORONG 0.2 (0)

After knocking over an undefeated Mundulla the week before, North Gambier kept the momentum rolling with an 80-point win over Kongorong on Friday night.

The two teams opened proceedings at Vansittart Park and after an even start, the Tigers broke away in the second term.

The difference was seven points at the first change, but North kicked into gear with four unanswered goals to establish a healthy half-time lead.

Kongorong managed a behind during that time - its first of two for the night - with the margin 35 points at the main break.

The goals kept coming in the second half, with three in the third and four in the fourth, with the Hawks adding one behind during that time.

Alice Tentye had a night out and her usual finesse around the contest rewarded her with four goals and the best-on-ground honours for the Tigers.

Paris Ackland and Luca Roulstone were also solid, while Laura Chester featured in the best and on the goalkicker list with two majors.

Geordan Thomas also bagged two, while Eadie Mustart and Libby Howe-Morgan both found the big sticks and also rounded out the best players.

Kongorong looked to the reliable Evie Sealey as best on the night, with Sheree Ailey, Sheba Miller and Taylor Cozzi also in good form.

MUNDULLA 24.14 (158) d
KALANGADOO 0.0 (0)

Mundulla was unmatched in Friday's Round 8 clash with Kalangadoo at Vansittart Park.

The northern Tigers were never in doubt and a mammoth 63-point opening term set the scene for the night.

They added three more goals to their 10 in the second and at half time the margin was out to an unassailable 86 points.

Erin Horsnell established herself as a prominent force through the middle of the ground, with her efforts eventually earning her the best-on-ground honours.

Zoe Hawker was also solid through the centre, while Kaylene Rowett was rock solid in defence.

By three-quarter time the margin was out to 131, with the Magpies yet to post a score.

Melody Maddern was prolific in front of goals and she finished the night with seven majors.

Natalie Twigden also had her accuracy dialled in, with five for the match.

Another four goals in the final term wrapped up the solid win, with the final score at 158-0.

Casey McElroy, Sammy Hunt and Renae Feder rounded out Mundulla's best players.

For Kalangadoo Emily Cooney was a diamond in the rough with a best-on-ground performance.

Showers clear for bowls

A wet morning cleared in time for the Millicent Bowls Club to hold its weekly afternoon 2-4-2 competition, with just a few light showers throughout the afternoon.

The competition attracted 24 players who played 20 ends.

Over-all winner was the team of Terry Lonergan and Dirk Pietersma with a score of 36+20 shots up, ahead of Frank Cooper and Iain Campbell with a score of 31+11.

Other winning teams for the day: John Buhlmann/Peter Varcoe 31+7; John Eldridge/Neil Whelan 30+4; Rob Chambers/David Reichelt 30+2; Ian Ross/Peter Scanlon 30+1.

Bowlers are reminded of the annual general meeting to be held on April 12 at 1pm.



Winners: Terry Lonergan, Dirk Pietersma.



Runners-up: Frank Cooper, Iain Campbell.

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Millicent Bowls' Night Owls beat cold

Cool conditions limited the Millicent Bowls Club's Night Owls program last week, with just 10 ends played before the light also failed.

Touches came from Graham Watson (Bits & Pieces) 3, Peter Jones (Try Hards) 3 and Anthony Donghia (Somerset Legends) 3.

The Red division honours went to Max's Four (Max Blacketer, Fay Richards, John Chalmers, Graham Loveday), who defeated Birdies 17+9.

Other winners were Mossies 17+7, Awesome Foursome 16+9, Rovers 16+5 and Sparkies 16+4.

In Blue division, Rotary (Ian Nitscke, Jim Campbell, Ian Michell, Peter Gregurke) defeated Somery Seniors 17+7.

Other winners were Bits & Pieces 16+4, The Pups 16+3, Lion Rams 16+2 and Maccas 14+2.

White division went to Boomers (Graham Doyle, Carlene Godden, macmacdonald, Jim Godden), who defeated X Factor 18+18.

Other winners were Scrappers 18+13, Gizzies Crew 17+8 and Here 4 Beer 16+5.

The next round is the last week of competition before the Challenge Night, barbecue and presentation.



Red division winners: Max's Four: Graham Loveday, Max Blacketer, John Chalmers, Fay Richards.

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White division winners: Boomers - Mac Macdonald, Graham Doyle, Carlene Godden, Jim Godden.



Blue division winners: Rotary - Peter Gregurke, Ian Michell, Jim Campbell, Ian Nitscke.

2023 season under way

On International Women's Day, the Millicent Golf Club held its opening day for the 2023 season.

In cool, windy weather, there were 23 women who played a nine-hole Ambrose team event, which was followed by a luncheon.

Mary Winsor, Heather Anderson, Annie McLennan and Gail Stanley were the winners of the chocolates.

Bronwyn Clarke was the winner in Division 2 at Bordertown, while Virginia DeDonatis and Tanya Payne were the winners in the

Pinehurst at Beachport

Lois Tilley and Glenn Tilley claimed third place in the mixed Pinehurst.

There were 10 women who represented Millicent at the Southern Ports Golf Week.

Debbie Tincknell finished third overall in B Grade, while Clarke claimed fifth place.

Alex Lambert claimed the nett third place in A Grade on a count-back from Robyn Walters.

Millicent's Lambert, Walters and Kirsty Bailey all finished in the gross top 10 for A Grade.

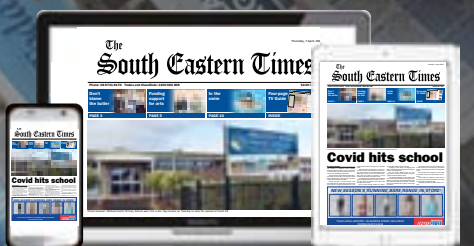


Mary Winsor, Heather Anderson, Annie McLennan and Gail Stanley were the winners of the chocolates recently at the Millicent Golf Club.
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New chapter to be written

By Trevor Jackson

The NBL1 South focus turns to Frankston this weekend where the pre-season Blitz will take place.

The Mount Gambier Pioneers men and women will head across for the tournament, with two games each against Waverley and Bendigo.

The weekend provides the chance for teams to fine tune their game prior to season tip off on April 1, where the Pioneers will hit the road to take on Sandringham Sabres.

The season also creates some new history for the club, as the Pioneers teams embrace their new facility at Wulanda.

A shoot-around will be open to the public on Thursday to showcase the new facility.

For men's head coach Richard Hill the new facility is a great opportunity for the club and the city.

"It is a sensational facility," he said.

"It is certainly not the Icehouse ... it is fully air conditioned and the same temperature all the time.

"For our supporters it will be comfortable and it is close to everything in town."

As for the new roster for the Pioneers men, Hill said everything is starting to come together.

Two games on the weekend against Keilor and Ballarat showed the side can certainly put a score on the board, with each game producing more than 100 points and winning margins around the 30-point mark.

"Neither of those teams were at full strength and we had everybody," Hill said.

"But they were very good hitouts and very important for us because we are so new, trying to get to know each other.

"We played well in patches and now we have another three weeks of training and a couple of games in Melbourne this weekend to try to get on top of things.

"It will take a while with the new group."

However, Hill said he was pleased with the weekend, as his players continue to gel.



Mount Gambier Pioneers men's coach Richard Hill is excited about the upcoming NBL1 South basketball season, with a new roster and a change of venue. Picture: FILE

"I felt significant improvement on the weekend," he said.

"We scored over 100 points in each game so scoring is not a problem.

"It is just connecting, defending, getting to know the strengths and weaknesses of each

other and me as a coach getting to know what the guys can and can't do.

"It was a successful weekend for us."

With the NBL1 pre-season Blitz on this weekend, the opportunity is there for further improvement against a couple of tough sides.



"I feel like we will be stepping up another notch," Hill said.

"We play Bendigo and Waverley who look like they will be strong teams.

"We will get tested this weekend which is good ... we need to be."

Room for movement in last round of women's football

By James Murphy

The top four is set in the 2023 Limestone Coast Women's Football season, with the final minor round played this weekend.

All games are to be played on Sunday, but will be split across two locations with Casterton's Island Park venue and Penola's McCorquindale Park under the spotlight.

North Gambier, Casterton Sandford, Mundulla and Penola make up the top four and will battle it out for premiership glory over the coming weeks.

While they are all locked in finals at this point, there remains room for movement inside the top four.

North currently sits on top but with the bye this week the Tigers could see themselves pushed down the order.

The Cats enter the round in second and will host Kongorong in the opening match on Sunday.

They will be favoured for the win and should they prevail will steal top spot from the Tigers with seven wins and a loss for the year.

Meanwhile Mundulla sits in third, but aided by a draw to Kybybolite back in Round 2, a win to them would ensure at least a second-place finish.

Should the Cats lose and Mundulla win, the latter would then claim the minor premiership.

Mundulla faces Millicent in the second game at Island Park, which suggests a big win is imminent.

The final piece in the equation is Penola, sitting fourth and set to face a winless Kalangadoo at home.

The Eagles have shown promising signs throughout the year and will be all-but guaranteed to sing their song at the conclusion of Sunday's match.



Casterton Sandford has the potential to leap into top spot after this round, with the likes of Zhane Crawford a player to watch. Pictures: JAMES MURPHY

Should they win they have the potential to leapfrog Mundulla and Casterton, but only if those teams lose.

As is the case in the women's competition, a consolation finals series will also be played.

That will see Kybybolite, Kongorong, South Gambier and Millicent go head-to-head, while ninth placed Kalangadoo

will miss out.

Kyby and the Hawks will be the favourites in this series and will likely face off in next week's qualifying final.

However, this week Kyby will match up with South Gambier in a grand final rematch.

Both teams sport different rosters and levels of success this season, but there is



Penola will have its eyes on finals preparation when the Eagles host Kalangadoo in the final minor round of women's football.

sure to be plenty of spirit as they fight for the bragging rights before finals.

ROUND 9 FIXTURE

- Sunday, March 19: Casterton v Kongorong, 11am (Island Park); South Gambier v Kybybolite, 11am (Penola); Millicent v Mundulla, 12.35pm (Island Park); Penola v Kalangadoo, 12.35pm (Penola).



Kalangadoo's three-peat

By Lachlan Onions

KALANGADOO 9/229 d MIL LEL 10/190

Kalangadoo made it a three-peat of Cox Bros Shield premierships on Sunday as it defeated Mil Lel by 39 runs in the grand final at the Yahl Cricket Club. The Magpies batted first and after losing three early wickets, soon kicked into gear. Benjamin Newton and Reece Carlson steadied the flow of wickets and made it to 3/77 before the former departed.

Alex Carter then came in and scored a quick-fire 18 before he was dismissed.

After a flurry of wickets, the game was in the balance at 6/116, before Brandon Newton put in a player of the match performance to change the game. Newton scored 62 runs off 46 balls and helped his side reach 229 at the end of the 60 overs. Harry Hicks was the best of the bowlers for Mil Lel and took 3/31 off 11 overs. In response, Newton and Andrew Stone were key players for Kalangadoo with the ball.

Wayne Lawson put up a fight while batters fell around him and scored 79 runs off 141 balls before he was run-out by Stone.

After Lawson's departure at 5/176, the tail soon collapsed shortly after and Mil Lel was bowled out for 190.

Stone was the best of the bowlers with 4/49 off 16.2 overs, while Reece Carlson picked up three wickets, and Newton claimed two.



Timing: Alex Carter looks to find the boundary during Kalangadoo's first innings on Saturday.



Pace: Aaron Horbury bowling for Mil Lel in the Cox Bros Shield final.

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