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Youth shine

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Last week the group held a graduation ceremony in the council chambers with family members in attendance to celebrate their achievements.

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Council charging up

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Op shop gift back dignity

THE Bordertown Days for Girls Group is delighted with the recent financial support of \$500 from the Good Country Community Op Shop.

Group leader Rose Milton said the woman at the Op Shop worked tirelessly to support the community.

"We give a huge thanks to the staff for their generous volunteering, and locals for their donations to the shop," she said.

"The money we receive from the Good Country Community Op Shop will be used to purchase fabrics and cotton.

"From that, we can create more shields and pads, wash bags, and the draw string carry bag.

"Studs, and flannels, soaps, and undies are also used for the washable kits.

"Materials cost about \$14 each and each kit is the result of approximately four hours of work."

The gift of a hygiene kit "dignity in a bag" will assist a girl to attend school every day of the month, even during her period.

For most girls in Australia, period products are readily available, but in some countries sanitary napkins are too expensive for the locals on low wages, and often not even available.

Being washable there is no problem with disposal like in Western countries, and a kit will last a girl about three years.

Generous support this year has been from Naracoorte Soroptimists, Kaleidoscope in Bordertown and McCarthy Transport in Bordertown and the group has members who donate seasonal vegetables, fruit and plants to be sold in the Tatiara Work Centre.

"Our Days for Girls group keeps ticking along through countless hours of volunteer work, and also the generous donations of fabrics and money from members and support-



DONATION: Bordertown Days for Girls receive \$500 from Good Country Community Op Shop.

Picture: SUPPLIED

ers," Mrs Milton said.

"We can't thank people enough for the support we have."

The group recently celebrated their ninth birthday and since their inception in late 2014, the group has made around 2,900 kits.

"Initially they were being taken on behalf of us by volunteers to various Asian countries," Mrs Milton said.

"Since then, some of our group members have made several overseas distributions."

When Covid put a stop to overseas travel, over the past three years the group has joined other DFG clubs in Australia to supply kits to women and girls in refugee camps in Africa.

Mrs Milton said the group was delighted to send 1,050 kits away through World Vision Canada.

Bordertown Days for Girls group meet

monthly for a Saturday working bee at the Bordertown High School.

Sewers and non-sewers are all equally important and valued in the endless list of tasks.

The group is always keen to welcome new volunteers.

If you are interested in supporting in any way, please contact Mrs Milton on 0437 935 514.

Businesses urged to open for late night shop

MOUNT Gambier/ Berrin business are being encouraged to sign up for an upcoming late night shopping evening.

Organised by the Mount Gambier Chamber of Commerce, The Christmas Wrap Up shopping event will feature participating businesses on a map and provide them with a chance to connect with the community.

Chamber president Candice Fennell said the event would be a great opportunity to support local and get into the festive spirit.

"We're excited to offer this event to the Mount Gambier community, and we hope everyone will come along and enjoy the evening," she said.

Set for Wednesday, December 6, the event will allow businesses to host in store promotions and giveaways and provide increased foot traffic.

The Christmas Wrap Up will be ticketed for shoppers, which will include drop and

shop childcare, a donation to the Mayor's Christmas Appeal and exclusive deals.

It will feature activities and attractions, including:

- A map featuring each participating business
- In-store promotions from participating businesses
- Buskers and street performers
- A Christmas present wrapping station
- Various Drop and Shop childcare services

With its festive atmosphere and wide range of activities, the event is sure to be a fun and enjoyable evening.

Businesses interested in participating in The Christmas Wrap Up should contact chamber board member Matt Kain on 0408 232 978, or via matt@mountgambierchamber.com.au

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Calls for more fast chargers

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In his report, Mr Gower noted that there were no fast charging stations within 100 kilometres of Millicent, with the closest being in Keith and the vehicle could take up to 32 hours to charge if using a 240V AC adaptor.

The report suggested that more electric vehicle chargers, especially fast ones, are needed in the Limestone Coast.

"A combination of both slow and fast charging stations is critical to unlocking EV

access to the Limestone Coast," the report stated.

"Slow charging stations are relatively cheap and easy to install as they rely on simple 240V AC power connections.

"Fast-charging stations use a combination of AC and DC power to charge EVs at extremely fast rates.

"They cost around \$75,000 and require access to large electrical transformers."

He said the council should consider the installation of both types of chargers within the Wattle Range Council area.

"The location of charging stations should also be carefully considered, with slow char-

gers being more suited to private accommodation providers and long-term car parks, and fast chargers suited to conveniently located short stay locations like main street coffee shops and food vendors," he said in his report.

"Council should therefore consider installing slow chargers at the proposed new Council Administration Centre and advocating for fast chargers to be installed near our main street shopping precincts.

"Without them, EV owners will bypass our region."

No recommendations were made.

Lighting up the town: A spectacular contest

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2023 is the seventh year local businesses have joined forces to host the Christmas Lights Spectacular in Millicent.

Residents, who are lighting or decorating their homes for Christmas, are encouraged to nominate for the competition by Friday, December 1 to be included on the list of houses to visit.

Initiated in 2017 by South East Property Sales and Management, business owner Fiona Telfer said the evening remains popular.

"The general public and families just love to drive around at night to look at the decorated houses," she said.

"Home owners are so engaged with it, some of them even get dressed up."

As a further encouragement to nominate for the competition sponsorship has allowed for \$2250 in prizes for the winning homes.

First prize is \$1,000, second prize \$500, third prize \$250 with \$500 for the Community Choice Award voted by the general public.



DISPLAY A WINNER: One of last year's Christmas Lights Spectacular winning homes.

Association encourages Christmas cheer

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"We want to hear what business and community groups want, we want to hear their ideas about what the association should be doing for them,"

During the evening winners of the annual Christmas Shop Window display for storefronts will be announced.

Businesses are encouraged to get involved in this year's competition which includes three categories, best lighting display, most creative display and people's choice.

Entries need to be submitted by Sunday, December 10 to be eligible for the competition.

As Christmas approaches two committee members, Sandra Melrose and Annette Hayward, will be visiting businesses and community groups with MBCA promotion packs.

The packs will include information about



CHRISTMAS APPROACHES: Preparing for the festive season are members of the MBCA Sandra Melrose, Selena Smith, Andrew Girolamo, Annette Hayward and David Smith.

the Christmas Shop Window display competition and the Christmas Meetup.

The organisation has again applied to the State Government for extended trading hours

in the lead up to Christmas.

An exemption to Millicent's regulated trading hours within the town's proclaimed shopping district has been granted.

This exemption allows the town's two non-exempt stores, Millicent Woolworths and Foster's Foodland, to trade for the five Sundays in December between 7am and 5pm.

Rocking the beat in Millicent

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MILLICENT music lovers are in for a treat this weekend with two major events taking place.

On Saturday local community radio station 5the FM is hosting Rock on the Rails and the inaugural 5280 Charity Ball is taking place.

5280 Charity Ball is the initiative of South East Property Sales and Management who are using the evening to raise funds for three Millicent charities.

Business owner Fiona Telfer said her staff got together and formed the idea of hosting one major event this year rather than doing smaller things to support the charities.

"Profit will be split between the Millicent Royal Flying Doctor Service, Millicent Cancer Support Group and the Millicent Hospital Auxiliary" she said.

"Millicent Cancer Support Group are also volunteering for the night, which is great."

Attendees will be treated to canapes, dinner, sweets, drinks and entertainment as part of their all inclusive ticket price.

High energy music will be provided by the

Baker Boys Band who pride themselves on filling dance floors.

The event, held at the Millicent Civic and Arts Centre, has almost sold out with less than a dozen tickets remaining for the formal cocktail evening.

On the same day Rock on the Rails is being held behind the community radio station's Railway Terrace building.

Work is currently underway to level the site in preparation for the festival style event.

Gates open at 1.30pm with solo artist Jack Lane taking to the stage at 2pm followed by Jason Baker.

Local bands Stamina, Smelling Salts, Incarnation, F.R.F (formerly Jimi Top) and Oath will continue playing throughout the evening.

Online ticket sales have been steady and are available at the gate on the day.

With mild weather forecast organisers are expecting a good turnout for the event which is \$10 for members, \$15 for non-members and free entry for those under 13.

Rock on the Rails is a Companion Card affiliated event with holders of the card eligible for a free ticket.



MILLICENT ROCKS ON: 5the FM committee members Chris Copeland and Jack Lane look forward to this weekend's Rock on the Rails event.

Lions are after sheep to help those in need

WITH the cost of living increasing and people feeling the pinch, the Lions Club of Mount Gambier are working to help out those in need.

Teaming up with Foodbank, the club has launched an initiative to help people struggling to put food on their table and are calling for donations of sheep for the project.

The donated sheep would be processed at Edenhope abattoir, with the carcass then butchered in Mount Gambier/Berrin.

The meat would then be donated to the Foodbank Food Hub in Mount Gambier/Berrin to distribute to families in need in the region.

There has already been 400 kilograms of meat donated to the Limestone Coast Foodbank from generous farmers so far.

Lions Club member Peter Pignotti is leading the project, and said processing of the sheep was a cost that the club was taking on.

"By no means do we expect them to do this for free," he said.

"The cost to process the sheep is paid by the Lions Club of Mount Gambier which will continue the project until the allocated funds are exhausted."

The club has allocated \$5000 to the project, and Mr Pignotti hoped to be able to help several struggling families.

"With the cost of living increasing, many families are struggling to put food on the table and turning to organisations such as Foodbank for assistance," he said.

Mr Pignotti said this project was one the Lions Club of Mount Gambier would like



TEAMING UP: Peter Pignotti from the Lions Club of Mount Gambier and Foodbank Limestone Coast branch manager Lynne Neshoda. Picture: SUPPLIED

to continue, but is limited by the supply of sheep and funds.

"The club encourages other producers to donate a few eating-quality sheep that will be about 25-30kg dressed and would not return a profit or be saleable," he said.

The project has been welcomed by Foodbank and regional manager Lynne Neshoda

said she was grateful to the farmers who have donated so far.

"We thank the farmers in our region and the Lions Club of Mount Gambier for supporting us with this initiative," she said.

"We look forward to being able to supply meat to our clients that would otherwise go without."

For anybody interested in donating sheep to the cause, please email the Lions Club of Mount Gambier at: lionsclubmtgambier@gmail.com.

Funds can also be donated to the Foodbank and Lions Mount Gambier Meat Program: <https://shoutforgood.com/fundraisers/Foodbank-Lions-Club-Mt-Gambier-Meat-Project>

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Helping children with needs

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IT has been confirmed the state government will investigate how to better support children with special needs at schools in the Limestone Coast.

This comes after the recent Country Cabinet, where during the community forum Naracoorte South Primary School principal Jess Edwards asked Minister for Education, Training and Skills Blair Boyer what plans were in place to support children needing specialised education in Naracoorte.

"I am interested to know what the government's plans are to support these students to access inclusive and high quality education within their own community," she said.

Ms Edwards described a lack of special education programs in the region and said families often had a long commute or had to relocate to access the best for their children.

"The community in Naracoorte has seen an increase in children arriving at kindergartens and schools with a range of additional needs, many of these students have been assessed and have been recommended to attend special education settings," she said.

"To do this, they currently need to drive 100 kilometres to Mount Gambier to attend Gordon Education Centre or relocate from Naracoorte.

"Currently our public schools are self funding to support these students as best as we can."

Premier Peter Malinauskas said better special education programming was a real need and the government had funded 100 extra in school specialists across the state and implemented Autism lead teachers in every public primary school.

"I know that barely touches the sides in terms of need," he said.

"It is a challenge that is growing, it is not go-



SUPPORT: Minister for Education, Training and Skills Blair Boyer.

ing away and we do need to do more."

Mr Boyer said the situation in Naracoorte was "not good enough" and an upgrade to the system was "long overdue".

"We shouldn't be asking our families to travel to Mount Gambier to the Gordon Education Centre... an hour each way is a long

way," he said.

Speaking with SA Today after the Country Cabinet Mr Boyer said it was important he listened to school communities, "particularly when they ask if there might be other options better suited to the school".

"I've tasked the Education Department

with undertaking consultation and a review of other ways to support children with disabilities at the school, and the region more broadly, to ensure they are being provided the best support now and into the future," he said.

"That consultation will take place this term."

Get your hands dirty and join the soil workshop

SOIL fertility will be the topic of discussion at an upcoming community workshop in Hatherleigh.

Hosted by the Limestone Coast Landscape Board, soil consultants Mel Fraser, Declan McDonald and David Oddie will help participants understand how soil can help boost farm productivity.

Determining soil constraints, soil testing methods and the role of soil biology will be discussed as important management tools, with a view to increasing productivity and/or reducing their costs.

The full day workshop will include a farm walk, touring a trial site which uses organic amendments to boost soil biology and improve nutrient and water use efficiency.

Dr McDonald said the interaction be-

tween soils and plants was key to successful farming.

"We know soil biology is important for soil and plant health," he said.

"This trial aims to better integrate management of soil biology into conventional fertility management systems.

"By testing soil, studying and interpreting the results, you are in a position to make informed decisions about the actions you may take to improve the health of the soil, and therefore boost your farm productivity."

The event will take place on Wednesday, November 22, for registrations and more information visit www.landscape.sa.gov.au/lc.

WORKSHOP: There's no magic wand to boost farm productivity but understanding your soil might be the next best thing.

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Breakfast to fight violence

COMMUNITY members are invited to Frew Park for breakfast on November 24 to mark the annual 'Say No to Violence' breakfast.

The Limestone Coast Family Violence Action Group will once again host the event, as it has done since 2011, in recognition of the United Nations 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence.

The Lakes Rotary Mount Gambier team will join forces with Metro Bakery and Cafe and EspressoWorx to provide a free breakfast.

Saturday, November 25, marks the Inter-

national Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women and the start of the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence, which will end on December 10.

This United Nations international campaign aims to tackle the global prevalence of men's violence against women and girls.

Alongside the breakfast, the action group will hold the Clothesline Project which will be on display in the Mount Gambier Library during the 16 Days of Activism.

The library will display shirts designed by

survivors of family and domestic violence as well as members of the action group in hopes raising awareness and starting a conversation that violence is never the answer and can start from such a young age.

In the 2021-2022 year, an average of 15 women per day were hospitalised in Australia due to family and domestic violence while the Australian Bureau of Statistics also released a report stating out of those experiencing sexual violence in their life, 57 per cent sought advice or support, most turning to a friend or family member.

Action group secretary Katherine Davies said most women sought support from family and friends after experiencing violence.

"By coming together as a community and discussing what is needed to ensure women and children are safe and what we can do as individuals to have the sometimes difficult conversations, we can help make our region a safer place for all," Ms Davies said.

The event will be held at Frew Park on Friday, November 24, beginning at 7am and running until 9.30am.

Gardens galore: Winning green thumbs

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FOR the second year two Millicent businesses have joined together to recognise and celebrate local gardeners with a garden competition.

On Sunday, November 12, the winners of the Spring Garden Competition were announced at McCourts Garden Centre.

Kim McCallum's Boandik Drive garden won the Lifestyle Garden award and the Residential Home Garden category was awarded to Jeff Simpson for his Park Terrace garden.

Mr Simpson's well kept garden won this same category in the 2022 competition.

Alicia O'Brien won the Large Residential Home category for her Skeer Street garden which began as a vacant grassed block 21 years ago.

It that time Ms O'Brien has created an extensive colourful garden which surrounds her home revealing a wide variety of plants.

This year's judges Andrew Lesslie, Kay Bradley and Marg Lang are all keen gardeners themselves.

They took two days to view the eleven gardens in the competition.

Using criteria supplied by Christine Agnew of McCourts the trio were unaware of the winning gardens until the announcement on Sunday.

"It was interesting, we all saw the gardens in a different way," Ms Bradley said.

"Everybody had their own little stamp on their gardens."

"I think it's like judging a painting, there are different colours, shapes and sizes of the gardens and they are all producing these creative gardens, everyone is different," Ms Lang said.

"Thank you to all the participants because it's not an easy thing to go into something like this.

"Nobody ever has a perfect garden."

The Spring Garden Competition is a collaboration between McCourts Garden Centre and South East Property Sales and Management.



STUNNING: Award winner Alicia O'Brien in her large residential garden.



This year's garden competition winners with their prizes Alicia O'Brien, Jeff Simpson and Kim McCallum.



TASKED TO JUDGE: Marg Lang and Kay Bradley were two of this year's Spring Garden Competition judges.

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Community Vision Forums Mount Burr, Southend & Tantanoola



Council plans to assist each of the thirteen towns in our region to review their town priorities and set out their aspirations for the future. The first three towns on the schedule are Mount Burr, Southend and Tantanoola where Elected Members and Council staff will be hosting a free barbecue and public forum.

The purpose of the forums is to listen to what the community envisage for their towns and hear what should be prioritised. Council representatives will also advise how community feedback, ideas and proposals can be communicated to Council on an ongoing basis.

The first round of forum dates have been scheduled and interested members of the community are encouraged to attend:

MT BURR
Tuesday,
28 November 2023
at 6.30 pm in the
Mount Burr Football
Clubrooms

SOUTHEND
Wednesday,
29 November 2023
at 6.30 pm in the
Southend Community Club

TANTANOOLA
Thursday,
30 November 2023
at 6.30pm in the
Tantanoola Football
Clubrooms

For further information please contact Council on 08 8733 0900 or email council@wattlerange.sa.gov.au

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Deep cave dive into our past

JACOB SHTEYMAN, AAP

THE Cimmerian caverns dotting South Australia's Limestone Coast may hold the key to unlocking one of palaeontology's most enduring secrets.

Cave divers have long guarded the extensive subterranean systems surrounding Mount Gambier as one of the country's prime resources for the harrowing hobby.

Cave diving is the otherworldly outcome when two perilous pastimes in their own right - spelunking and scuba diving - are combined to create one of the more treacherous activities in existence. It's certainly not for the faint hearted or claustrophobic.

But for palaeontologist Julien Louys, donning a scuba suit and descending into the gloomy depths is more than worth it for the secrets they shroud.

The Griffith University researcher recently joined members of the Cave Divers Association of Australia (CDAA) as they plunged into the Gouldens, Engelbrecht and Tank caves to recover fossils of some of Australia's most mys-

terious animals: extinct marsupial megafauna.

The inaccessibility of the caves is a blessing and a curse to researchers.

Fewer people have entered the Tank cave's claustrophobic bone room than have set foot on the surface of the moon, leaving its fossils unmolested for millennia.

By studying the preserved fossils, Dr Louys hopes to reconstruct the environments the prehistoric creatures lived in and develop a better understanding about why they went extinct.

"Palaeontology is more than just studying dinosaur bones," he said.

"Where the fossils come from, their context, age and relationship to other fossils is critical information we use to understand past environments and how climate change impacted ecosystems in the past.

"That's one of the most long-ranging debates in Australian palaeontology and global palaeontology, what happened to these megafauna?"

The megafauna, which included wombats

weighing over a ton and an echidna the size of a sheep, went extinct towards the end of the Pleistocene era about 12,000 years ago.

"One of the key debates is whether it was humans that caused their extinctions or whether it was environmental change that caused their extinctions," Dr Louys said.

"There's been a lot of conjecture or a lot of hypotheses that humans may have caused the extinctions because climate changes weren't severe enough or weren't impactful enough.

"But one of the gaps in our knowledge of that time, and of these species, is what sort of environments they actually lived in and what sort of ecologies these megafauna species had."

The highly soluble limestone rock for which the region gets its name has over time weathered to form the spectacular sinkholes that attract scores of tourists each year.

In 2022, Dr Louys played an instrumental role in winning protections for key cave sites on the Limestone Coast to ensure the fossil record is preserved into the future.

South Australia listed Green Waterhole, which contains the only known extensive underwater vertebrate fossil deposits in Australia, on the State Heritage Register, meaning visitors can only access the site with supervision, reducing the risk of disturbance.

Dr Louys and the CDAA would like to see further protections imposed on cave sites in the region.

"Some of these sites are at risk of being lost forever," he said.

"They provide not only a window into Australia's past but their fossils can help educate and inspire Australians about our environments and are instrumental in understanding how past climate and environmental change affected ecosystems, fauna, and flora.

"The laws and legislation concerning fossil protection in Australia are not very clear, not consistent across states and territories and rarely if ever enforced.

"If these are lost or destroyed, they're gone for good and whatever we might be able to learn about Australia and our future wasted."



HONOURED: 2023 Corcoran Ward Citizen of the Year Susan Lines with family members Paul Lines, Kimberley Ferguson, Michelle Vine and Ian Lines.



RECOGNISED: 2023 Riddoch Ward Young Citizen of the Year Georgia Winter and Citizen of the Year Wendy Hollick.

Nominate someone great for Citizen of the Year

THE Wattle Range Council is on the hunt for the next Citizen of the Year and asking residents to nominate the communities unsung heroes.

Presented on Australia Day 2024, award categories include Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Community Event of the Year, Active Citizenship and the Youth Recognition Awards.

There is a possibility for four people to win each award, with ceremonies set to be

held in each council ward.

Mayor Des Noll said the awards allowed the community to show gratitude to those who volunteer their time and energy across a broad range of activities.

"Nominees can be anyone who gives back to our community," he said.

"Maybe a dedicated sporting coach, a tireless fundraiser, or a talented creative who has represented our region.

"We encourage you to nominate anyone who helps make our community a great place to live and work."

Nominations close at 5pm on Wednesday, January 3 2024, and forms are available on from council's website or offices.

NOMINATE: 2023 Kintore ward Citizen of the Year Liam Mills.



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Christian comment

HAVING recently commemorated Remembrance Day last Saturday it invokes thought around the meaning of true sacrifice.

Many young men and women back in the early 1900's served their countries in protecting our nation and those of our Allies from the perils of the enemy.

War is the most horrible thing, GK Chesterton once wrote "The true soldier fights not because he hates what's in front of him, but because he loves what is behind him". As we look on the commemorative boards in our regions town halls and look at the sadly long lists of names, we will remember them and give thanks for the ultimate sacrifice they made for the freedoms we walk in today.

If true sacrifice is being willing to lay ones life down for the betterment of others, than the epitome of this is Jesus Christs sacrifice on the cross of Calvary.

Jesus the Son of God, the blameless one walked this Earth as man to take on the sins of all mankind and as a result through the resurrection power on the third day arose from the tomb and reconciled all to God. He did this for me as for you who are reading this today.

In the same way as we celebrate Remembrance Day on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month when peace was declared over the world when the armistice was declared, when we choose Jesus as the Lord and Saviour of our lives we have the opportunity to journey our lives on this Earth in "the peace of God, that surpasses all natural understanding" Phil 4:6.

If you are looking for peace today it can be found in a relationship with Jesus Christ.

**Pastor Matt Neumann,
Highway Church Bordertown**



SACRIFICE: commemorating Remembrance Day has invoked thought around the meaning of true sacrifice. Picture: FILE

Hoping for federal cash

DEAR EDITOR,

The Premier's recent announcement regarding mobile phone coverage in the Limestone Coast attracted significant media coverage, and you could be forgiven for thinking that as a result 27 new mobile phone towers will be built across the region.

After all the media coverage was gushing, the announcement was subject to very little scrutiny leading one local politician to claim publicly that as a result of this announcement we 'will see the delivery of 27 new mobile base stations across the region'. Clear cut right? Wrong!

Now, I support rolling out additional towers, I expect everyone does. I welcome the State Government's announcement and Telstra knows their proposal has my full support, but the plan to build 27 new base stations in our region will only happen with significant Federal Government support, almost \$14 million from the Regional Connectivity Program to be specific.

I hope the State Labor Government has received assurances from Canberra that this funding is on its way otherwise no towers will be built and the recent announcement will

amount to nothing more than a cruel hoax.

Forgive my cynicism but the Federal Labor Government's track record on this topic is not great.

The Rudd-Gillard-Rudd Governments invested \$0 nationally and delivered zero new mobile phone towers. More recently, since being elected 18 months ago, the current Albanese Labor Government has failed to deliver any additional mobile phone towers in Barker.

In fact, Round 6 of the Mobile Black Spot Program saw the Albanese Labor Government roll out hand-picked locations, none of which were in Barker meaning the Limestone Coast was completely excluded from millions of dollars in that program.

In stark contrast, rounds 1 to 5A of the Mobile Black Spot Program, under the Coalition delivered more than 30 new towers across Barker alone. We are all now waiting in the hope that the Albanese Labor Government supports Telstra's proposal but to claim these towers are a done deal is sadly either naïve or deliberately misleading.

**Tony Pasin,
Member for Barker**

EDITORIAL

The decorations have started to go up across the Limestone Coast and Christmas season has arrived.

While it is a joyous time, it can also be a hard time for many, and this year will be no exception.

As the cost of living keeps climbing, a Christmas filled with presents, decorations and mounds of food moves further and further away for some families.

It's great to see locals supporting locals when the times get tough, and a number of Limestone Coast organisations are working hard to keep Christmas alive for families doing it tough.

Already there has been a lot of generosity from the Limestone Coast - the Toy Run was once again well supported, raising more than \$2000 to help buy toys for children in the region.

Likewise, Four Reasons Why has already seen many generous supporters dig deep to help make Christmas special for local families.

Times are tough for everyone, but if everyone gives a little, it adds up to a lot - just a \$10 toy will bring joy to a child these holidays.

I urge you all to give where you can this Christmas, and help to spread the holiday joy to other families.

**Lis Champion
Regional editor**

Gallery names needed to ID photo

THIS photo, from the Millicent National Trust Museum collection, was taken in the Admella Gallery previously housed in the Millicent Visitor Information Centre.

The man on the left was talented gallery wood worker Colin Arkley Smith and Joanne Kegel is on the right.

If you can identify the lady in the middle holding one of Mr Arkley Smith's red gum bowls contact SEFHG researcher Colleen Hammat via the South East Family History Group.

Phone on 8733 1100 during opening hours or leave a message, or email info@sefhg.org.



BOWLED OVER: Help is needed to identify the lady holding one of Mr Arkley Smith's hand made bowls.

Time for Christmas decorations to be displayed in homes, room full to choose from at Di's



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Giving back after tragic loss

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A MOTHER who suffered an unimaginable loss is gearing up to give back to the medical professionals who helped her children.

Mount Gambier/Berrin woman Amy Merrett will spend the month of November raising funds for medication and life saving medical equipment for premature babies.

It comes mere months after losing one of her twin boys Noah, after the two were born prematurely.

The other twin, George, remained in the newborn intensive care unit for three months before coming home late September.

Ms Merrett and her partner Brandon Triffitt decided to participate in the fundraiser after their experience, aiming to walk at least 300 kilometres throughout the month.

"This fundraiser means so much to my family, especially with what the fundraiser is raising money for which is life saving medical equipment and medications which could make that one difference between losing your premature baby or being able to take them home," Ms Merrett said.

"From our experience both our sons received lots of medical interventions and medications and even when I was pregnant I received the same.

"One medication I think made the world of difference was the antenatal betamethasone and lung function injection which were steroid injections I was given while pregnant to help develop the boys lungs faster and make



FAMILY WALKING TOGETHER: Amy Merrett with her sons Charlie and George and partner Brandon Triffitt are all fundraising for premature babies.

Picture: GOLDERN SOUL PHOTOGRAPHY

them strong enough to handle being outside the womb early."

Ms Merrett said throughout her pregnancy she received between seven and 11 injections which she believed gave her son Noah more time and assured the survival of George.

"This is why this fundraiser is so close to our hearts as raising money means we can continue giving these vital medications, using special medical equipment and having the resources and funding to even improve what we already know," she said.

"I know personally that Flinders in particular drive to always better their medical knowledge, they even have learnt different things from our birth journey which could be modelled further to possibly help another family and their babies one day."

Ms Merrett acknowledged 300km was a fair distance yet confirmed she would draw her strength from the memory of Noah.

"I wanted to truly push myself and I wanted to really try and make somewhat of a difference while also giving my part back and make my children proud," she said.

"I always come back to how much strength Noah and George had and I want to push myself like they did.

"I am hoping I can raise some funds but I can also sympathise with the world we are living in at the moment which makes it almost impossible for anyone to live comfortably in general, let alone donate."

Ms Merrett said those with premature babies should remember they were stronger than many believe.

"Premature babies already beat all odds by coming early and now they are also thriving and growing on their own," she said.

"I think they are the strongest people in this world and I am in awe of what they can accomplish and do in only 23 weeks.

"I met so many beautiful families and premature babies and I was astonished everyday at hearing how well they were doing against all the odds thrown at them."

Ms Merrett's donation link can be found online at Running for Premature Babies.

Windswept Robe Tree takes top art honour

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WILLALOOKA'S Jamie Prosser has taken out Robe's Southern Ocean Art Prize (SOAP) and won \$10,000 with her artwork Windswept Robe Tree.

Ms Prosser said the recognition was huge and provided validation that she was on the right track with her art.

"This piece in particular for me is one I've been wanting to create for a long time and it

just seemed to fit what this show was about," she said.

"I just love local support for the sort of art prices it's really nurturing for artists. It's so cool."

SOAP coordinator Anne O'Loughlin said this was the first time the prize money had been so big and Ms Prosser said the winnings would allow her to continue creating new pieces.

"It was amazing, and I think the quality actually increased as well because of that prize attracted," Ms O'Loughlin said.

"Like the judge said, we're going to get a lot more next year."

There were more than 90 works on show from artists all over Australia, but Ms O'Loughlin said it was important that local artists were able to exhibit too.

"The exhibition has been very successful in promoting art in Robe, and the greater Limestone Coast region and also provides a great opportunity to showcase all of our wonderful artists," she said.

Art Gallery of South Australia assistant director operations Emma Fey judged the show

and said events like this brought communities together.

"What I so thoroughly enjoyed about judging the work this afternoon, it's just the diversity, we've got sculpture, ceramics, textiles paintings, incredible local contributions from this whole region and representation from around the country," she said.

The three day exhibition opened on Friday, November 3, and included an art trail around Robe, before finishing up on Monday, November 6.

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Recycling helps everyone

A PROGRAM of free activities will be held by the City of Mount Gambier as part of National Recycling Week this week.

This year's theme 'What goes around, comes around' is about providing simple and actionable tips which enable Australians to keep those valuable materials in circulation whether it be at home, work or school.

Activities include free guided tours of council's waste sites including the Waste Transfer Station, Mount Gambier ReUse Market and Caroline Landfill.

City of Mount Gambier environmental sustainability officer Aaron Izzard said this year's campaign encouraged people to think twice before sending something to landfill.

"A lot of what we currently send to landfill is actually valuable material that could be re-used, repurposed or recycled," Mr Izzard said.

"Last year we saw an increase in recycling and FOGO collected through kerbside bins, which saved more than 6500 tonnes from landfill. We hope to see an even greater increase this year."

Mr Izzard said the available tours were an opportunity for residents to receive an exclusive insight into the city's reuse, recycling and safe disposal options.

"Waste Tour attendees go into the draw to



RECYCLING WEEK: Residents can participate in a range of free activities during National Recycling Week, including a composting workshop at the Mount Gambier Library. **Picture: SUPPLIED**

win a free Green Cone Solar Composter valued at \$299," he said.

The Mount Gambier Library will also host

a free composting workshop today, November 15, and facilitate a toy swap on Saturday, November 18.

Mount Gambier Library program team leader Kristi Brooks said staff knew how quickly children could outgrow their toys with the toy swap being an opportunity for people to exchange a toy their child no longer used for a pre-loved item.

"A token will be received for each clean toy dropped off, which will then be redeemable for a 'new' toy on Saturday and items can be dropped off on the Thursday and Friday before the event," Ms Brooks said.

The Riddoch Arts and Cultural Centre will also host the Second-hand Art and Art Supplies Market from 10am on Saturday at City Hall.

"We encourage anyone who might have cupboards full of old art and art supplies that are no longer used to consider booking a stall, or those who are looking to stock up on items to come along and have a look," Riddoch Arts and Cultural Centre coordinator Talie Teakle said.

Throughout the week, the City of Mount Gambier will be launching a range of new videos on Council's website and social media channels, and educational signage will be on display throughout the city.

The full program of activities are available online.

Surprise recognition for FM radio station

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IT is not often Connect FM station manager Sardia Kakoschke is surprised during her show, but that is exactly what happened when Bordertown on the Move (BOTM) visited the studios recently.

BOTM chair Cathy Langley dropped into the station to award a special effort award live on the air.

Ms Langley said Connect FM was recognised for their hard work entering the new era for the radio station, including a renovation and rebrand.

"We selected Connect FM for the Special Effort Award for their support of the community and their work rebranding the station," she said.

"A week before we visited the station we

took a tour and the staff members should be very happy with what they've done."

Ms Kakoschke said it was a great surprise to be visited by Bordertown On The Move and the award was a big change from her surprising listeners on the show.

"It was lovely to be recognised because there is a lot that goes on behind the scenes at a community radio station," she said.

"It is one thing to recognise the hard work of those here at the station myself, but to be recognised locally is a rewarding experience."

Ms Kakoschke said the stations recently completed renovation was undertaken by dedicated staff, friends, family and community groups.

"I am very thankful for the community and the support they have given the station," she said.



HARD WORK: Representatives from Bordertown on the Move presented a Special Effort Award to Connect FM station manager Sardia Kakoschke live on air. **Picture: SUPPLIED**

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SERVICE: Neville Dixon lays a wreath at Coonawarra.

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WREATH LAYING: A wreath was laid on behalf of the National Servicemen at Naracoorte.

Picture: SOPHIE CONLON



LET WE FORGET: Tony Rout speaks at the Bordertown Show's Remembrance Day service.

Locals pay their respects

PEOPLE around the Limestone Coast paid their respects at Remembrance Day services on Saturday.

MILLICENT

150 people gathered at Millicent's Cross of Sacrifice on Saturday, November 11 for Remembrance Day to honour armed forces members who have died in the line of duty.

Speakers included President of the Millicent RSL, Chris Mathias, Wattle Range Council Mayor Des Noll and honorary chaplain Paul Hales who led the prayer.

Bagpipe player Andrew Cruickshanks, from the Mount Gambier Blue Lake Highland Pipe band performed during the ceremony.

A bugle sounded the Last Post and a minute's silence was observed at 11am followed by the raising of the half mast flags.

Among those in attendance to pay their respects were Neil and Christine Grant.

The couple met when they were both enrolled in the army with Ms Grant a member of the Women's Royal Australian Army Corps (WRAAC).

It was a time she enjoyed immensely and recalls being the "best time of my life."

During the couple's romance Mr Grant was sent to Maralinga where he recalled writing letters daily to his sweetheart.

Ms Grant remembered the little cartoons he would draw on every envelope for her before posting it.

As the ending to Ms Grant's three year service with WRAAC neared the couple planned to marry.

Wedding plans were soon delayed when Mr Grant was with the first Australian troops to go to Vietnam as part of the 1RAR (Royal Australian Regiment) in 1965.

Wreaths were laid by Millicent RSL sub branch, Tony Pasin, Millicent Legacy, Mayor Des Noll, Wattle Range Lioness Club, Millicent High School, St Anthony's, Millicent Lions Club, SA Ambulance Ser-



IN HONOUR: Neil and Christine Grant attended Saturday's Remembrance Day ceremony to show their respects.

vice, Millicent North and Newbery Park and Mount Burr primary schools and McArthur Park and Millicent North Kindergartens.

NARACOORTE

The Naracoorte community came together to observe Remembrance Day at the War Memorial in the centre of town.

Organised by the Naracoorte Lucindale Council, schools, community groups and organisations gathered to lay a wreath and pay their respects.

The centenary of Legacy, an organisation helping veterans' families, was celebrated

during the service, with a representative from Legacy laying the first wreath.

MOUNT GAMBIER/ BERRIN

Hundreds gathered at Vansittart Park's War Memorial to commemorate Remembrance Day.

Schools, community group representatives and members of parliament laid wreaths at the memorial to commemorate the end of World War I.

Following the service, there was a fly over from a Boeing P-8A Poseidon military aircraft with a small lunch and refreshments held at the Mount Gambier RSL.

COONAWARRA

There was a good crowd at the Coonawarra Remembrance Day service.

Held as part of the Coonawarra Running festival, the crowd fell silent as Neville Dixon laid a wreath at the flag pole before The Last Post played and a minute silence was observed.

BORDERTOWN

Those enjoying the Bordertown show stopped the festivities to pay their respects to those who sacrificed their lives.

A Remembrance Day ceremony was held at the Bordertown Show on Saturday.

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WE WILL REMEMBER THEM: Mount Gambier Returned Services League vice president Peter Bruhn and president Bob Sandow.



LAYING OF WREATHS: Dave Taylor and Brendan MacMillan lay a wreath on behalf of the Millicent Lions Club.



REMEMBRANCE DAY: Cam and Zack represented the Naracoorte High School.

Picture: SOPHIE CONLON



COMING TOGETHER: Hafeezullah Haidari, Hanif Kohzad and Kaniz Kohzad lay a wreath on behalf of Naracoorte's Hazari Community.

Picture: SOPHIE CONLON



COMMEMORATE: The Third Light Horse Regiment Naracoorte paid their respects during the service.

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PAYING RESPECTS: Cubs and Joys from the Naracoorte Scout Group laid a wreath.

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VOLUNTEERS REMEMBER: Country Fire Service representative Luke Hutchinson lays a wreath to remember those who served in World War I.



REMEMBERING: Minister for Primary Industries Clare Scriven lays a wreath alongside Member for Mount Gambier Troy Bell representative Travis Fatchen.

Locals pay their respects

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HONOUR: Naracoorte Lucindale deputy mayor Monique Crossing represented the council at the ceremony.
Picture: SOPHIE CONLON



POPPIES GROW: Naracoorte South Primary School students Ava and Matilda lay a wreath.

Picture: SOPHIE CONLON

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LOOKING BACK: Harvey and Keanu from Naracoorte Primary School.

Picture: SOPHIE CONLON

Dig deep for animal appeal

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EVERYONE is encouraged to dig deep for furry friends this Christmas with the Petbarn Foundation's Tree of Hope Appeal.

This year, the foundation is aiming to raise a total of \$1.3 million to provide much needed support to 70 animal charities and the people who love and care for them.

Since 2014, the appeal has raised more than \$4 million for various charities that help animals.

Any donations given will go directly to the charities partnered with the Petbarn Foundation to provide support for people and pets across mental health, animal rescues, homelessness, and domestic violence.

Every region will raise money for different causes and for the Mount Gambier/Berrin store the chosen charity is the Safe Beds program.

Safe Beds aims to assist victims and survivors of family and domestic violence and people experiencing homelessness.

Animal abuse often occurs in domestic violent relationships and having a family pet is a huge factor in the decision-making process for somebody leaving this type of situation.

Safe Beds helps to ensure animals are kept safe in the interim, while victims and survivors are getting back on their feet.

Mount Gambier/Berrin Petbarn store manager Jamie Walker said these kinds of charities and programs are important to support, and the community support had been great already.

"The community has done amazing, they're really getting into it," she said.

In only the second week of the appeal, the tree is already full of donation baubles.

Ms Walker said that in addition to supporting local animal charities, the annual Tree of Hope Appeal is one that the Petbarn staff are happy to support.



TREE OF HOPE: Store manager Jamie Walker with Julie Wilks and her donation bauble for the tree.

Picture: MELANIE RILEY

"The biggest thing is being able to help communities, people in trouble and shelters throughout the year," she said.

"Pets love Petbarn because we care. All of our team members really do care."

The Petbarn Foundation manager Janelle Blossom said the initiative helped a range of people needing extra support and love this Christmas.

"Every day we hear about Aussies struggling – people who are fleeing from domestic violence, sick children in hospital separated from their families," she said.

"Rescue groups are bursting at the seams with pets who have been surrendered, or people who are homeless and can't feed themselves or their pets."

In addition, 100 per cent of donations made in Greencross Vet clinics will again directly support Animal Management in Rural and Remote Indigenous Communities (AMRRIC) this year.

These funds are used to improve the health and wellbeing of the companion animals of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

A total of \$25,000 was raised through Greencross Vet clinics in the successful appeal last year.

AMRRIC Board chair Jo Abraham said they were delighted to be a recipient of the appeal again.

"We look forward to positively impacting the lives of our First Nations people, their pets and communities," she said.

The Petbarn Foundation Tree of Hope Appeal will run at Petbarn until Sunday December 24.

Donations to the Tree of Hope Appeal can be made online on the Petbarn website or by purchasing a \$3, \$5 or \$10 bauble in any Petbarn store or Greencross Vet nationally.

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We will remember them...

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AFTER a moving service at Mount Gambier's Vansittart Park War Memorial, many gathered at the Mount Gambier Returned Services League (RSL) for light refreshments.

The morning concluded with a Boeing P-8A Poseidon military aircraft fly over and veterans and community members alike joining together for lunch.



FLYING HIGH: The flag flew at half mast across Australia on Saturday.



WONDERFUL SERVICE: Kelvin McRae with Don Crafter and Jack Dempsey after the Remembrance Day service.



NICE EVENING: Rod Wewer and Alex Hamilton have a great evening at the Mount Gambier RSL.



REMEMBRANCE DAY LUNCHEON: Mount Gambier RSL Blue Lake Highland Pipe Band member Ross Anderson with Dave Smillie.



EARLY LUNCH: Chris Summers with Jean Pike and Maureen Blue as they enjoy a lunch at the Mount Gambier RSL.

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FAMILY FUN: Annie Clifford with Deborah and Ross Johns as they celebrate.



COMMUNITY COMING TOGETHER: Marie Cheers with Marg Muller and Bill Cheers.



HAVING FUN: Maggie Murray and Ros Lynn have fun celebrating.

Happy 98th birthday, Roen!

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MANY gathered at the Penola Returned Services League (RSL) Hall on Friday evening to celebrate Roen Lynn's 98th birthday.

Mr Lynn is the town's last remaining World War II veteran after joining the air force.

During his time serving, Mr Lynn was stationed at Papua New Guinea near the Dutch-controlled border and was only 20 years old when the war had ended where he was on duty in administration.

Mr Lynn was also the Penola RSL president from 1961 until 1963 with the current president Peter De Garis congratulating Mr Lynn not only on his service but his continued high spirits.

Mr De Garis said it was a privilege to have Mr Lynn at the RSL to celebrate his birthday.

"He is our last living World War II veteran and he is still in pretty good spirits and good health for a 98 year old," Mr De Garis said.

"It was lovely to see his family turn up as well as other people who know him and the importance of celebrating veterans each birthday and in general.

"We need to recognise the service of people who have gone and served their country in time of war but we also need to recognise someone who has put in time for our country at anytime."



FAMILY CELEBRATIONS: Ros and Ryan Lynn with Deborah Johns, Caroline Rigoni, Judy Brodie, Pauline Hocking and the birthday boy Roen Lynn.
Pictures: CHARLOTTE VARCOE



COMMUNITY EVENT: Loane and Graeme Skene join in the celebrations.




COMING TOGETHER: Val De Garis and Neil Slade come together to celebrate Roen's birthday.



CELEBRATIONS: Joan and Dean Galpin celebrate Roen's birthday with Penola RSL president Peter De Garis.



FAMILY TOGETHER: Tony and Teresa Lynn with Deborah and Ross Johns and Ryan and Ros Lynn.

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Small businesses in demand

TYLER REDWAY

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THIS month's Thugi Summer Markets attracted an impressive crowd to the city centre, as attendees were eager to see the local products and trinkets on offer available for purchase.

Within a couple of hours, it was reported a few of the stalls had already sold all of their stock, as this month's markets were regarded as one of the busiest in a long time.



- 1: Joanne Meinck, Lisa Hinton, Amber Hinton and Kylie Seebohm enjoyed their day out together down at the Cave Gardens/Thugi.
- 2: Charmaine Herbert and Meg Young enjoyed some time out and about on the weekend.
- 3: Anne Irvine and Romlea Smith, accompanied by Mabel, took a seat to admire the success of this month's Summer Markets.
- 4: Chris and Kym Sutherland with Tammy Flier as they discussed the success of this month's Summer Markets.
- 5: Nikki and Mark Johnson met up with Heather and Adrian McMurtrie to catch up during the Cave Garden/Thugi Summer Markets.
- 6: Matthew Key, Mellisa Geard, Emma and Lucy Ackerly and Violet and Saphira had a great weekend together during the Summer Markets.
- 7: Maya and Kameron Lamb had fun checking out the local food and trinkets available on the day.
- 8: Karen and David Sherry were just passing by the Cave Gardens/Thugi, before wanting to investigate what all the hustle and bustle was about.
- 9: Shaun and Errin Abbott relaxed at the Summer Markets after returning from a nationwide trip.
- 10: Uma Kilsby, Kristine Berry and Tava took some time to take in the sights and smells of the Summer Markets.

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BIKES GALORE: More than 150 motorbikes and cars travelled to the Mount Gambier Railway Lands to raise funds for Four Reasons Why.



DRESS TO IMPRESS: Ely Horrigan dresses up as part of the event.

Roaring into town for cause

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MORE than 150 motorbikes and cars travelled to the Mount Gambier Railway Lands on Saturday to mark another year of the Limestone Coast Toy Run.

This year's event was raising funds for Four Reasons Why which would provide a range of gift cards leading up to the Christmas season.

On the day, the event raised more than \$2100 with a number of cars and motorbikes also winning a range of awards.

AWARDS:

- People's Choice Bike - Ray and Cathy Paine
- Top Car - Andrew and Kristy Janeway
- Top Bike - Luke Whermann
- Top Paint Bike - Leon Pycroft
- Top Paint Car - Rob Harmer
- Christmas Decorated Bike - Marcus Eccles-Smith
- People's Choice and Christmas Decorated Car - Cate and Craig Leggett
- Rattiest Bike - Nathan Sander
- Top Rattiest Car - Steve Manuel.



CHRISTMAS SPIRIT: Cindy Dyer lead the Limestone Coast Toy Run to the Mount Gambier Railway Lands on Saturday.

Pictures: CHARLOTTE VARCOE



TOY RUN FUN: Jaymeson and Adam Atkinson enjoy the day.



CHRISTMAS FUN: Mark and Diana Sims join in on the festive spirit.



CHRISTMAS CHEER: Hayley Ebel with Cathy and Ray Paine and young Lorenzo Bilardi on the People's Choice Bike.



BEAUTIFUL DAY: Jason Miatke and Cindy Dycer enjoy the beautiful weather.



TOP BIKE: Top Bike winner Luke Whermann with Nick White on the day.



FAMILY DAY OUT: Kellea, Ameila, Nick and Harrison Wilson enjoy the day out with Shaun Dunford.



FOUR REASONS WHY: Four Reasons Why volunteer Marg Morris with charity founder Trudi Shelton and chairperson Di Ind on the day.



DRESS TO IMPRESS: Craig and Cate Leggett receive People's Choice and Christmas Decorated Car on the day.



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A global health movement

SOUTH Australian emergency services workers have been encouraged to grow a moustache this month, for Movember.

In Australia, men are three times more likely to die by suicide than women, with six men losing their life to suicide every single day.

Movember executive director programs Paul Villanti said ex-serving veterans and first responders have a much higher risk of suicide than the general Australian male population, 24 per cent higher to be exact.

Since 2003, Movember has built a global men's health movement shaking up men's health research and transforming the way health services reach and support men.

Throughout the month of November, volunteers and staff of the South Australian Country Fire Service (CFS), State Emergency Service (SES), South Australian Metropolitan Fire Service (MFS), South Australian Fire and Emergency Services Commission (SAFE-COM) along with the SA Ambulance Service (SAAS) and South Australia Police (SAPOL) will participate in Movember to raise awareness on the three biggest health issues affecting men - mental health and suicide, prostate cancer and testicular cancer.

Members from each agency have accepted the challenge to compete with other first responders to see who can grow the best Mo, or make the biggest move for mental health to raise money for vital health projects supporting suicide prevention, prostate and testicular cancer.

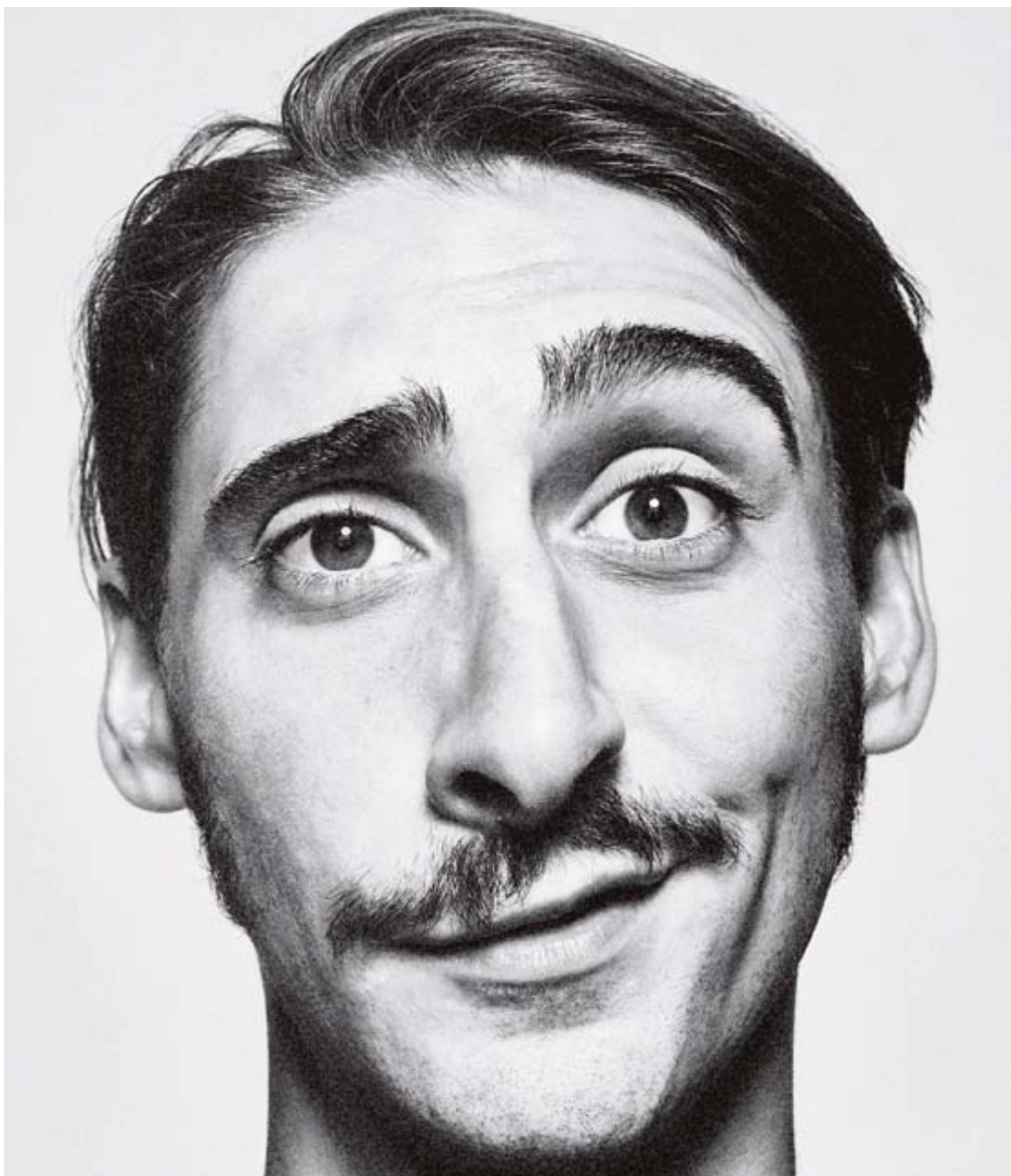
Police Commissioner Grant Stevens encouraged first responders across the state to get 'mo-tivated' and help fight the stigma around men's health.

"Working in emergency services can be challenging, and Movember presents a great opportunity to talk about men's health and to break down the barriers around the biggest health issues for men," he said.

"Mental health is a particularly important issue for police to talk about, and I'm pleased to see a massive groundswell of support for this year's campaign.

"Please support this cause, give generously, and remember to check-in on your mates."

If this story raises concern for you or someone you know, please contact Lifeline on 13 11 14.



GETTING HAIRY: Emergency services workers and volunteers are getting hairy this month.

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POTS AND PUNTS: Steve Jensen, Richard Mellor and Jake Dowdy.



CUP DAY: Bronwyn Hills, Paul Carroll, Karen Carroll, Peter Lamond and Marc Bryne.



LOOKING LOVELY: Raquel Woodall, Shannon Scheidl, Zoe Wighton and Morgan Hamill.

Day of elegance and giving

MELANIE RILEY

CHAMPAGNE was flowing and bets were on for a good cause this week for The Commercial

Hotel's Melbourne Cup ac.care Luncheon.

Guests were treated with champagne and canapes on arrival, a set menu lunch and some fun and games throughout the day.



CHEERS: Jason Wallace with owners Bronwyn Hills and Peter Lamond.



FRIENDS: Bronwyn Hills and Mary Tuite.



DRESSED TO IMPRESS: Colleen James, Ann Pegler, Bronwyn Hills and Deb Reid.



ALL SMILES: Monica Pendry, Sarah Sander, Ryan Kobes, Ian Humphries, Matt Heesemans and Lavenda White.



23 kilometre podium, Harry Schroder (1:41:41.3), Joey Ottoson-Crossling (1:49:56.8) and James Holme (1:55:55.4)



33 kilometre podium, Linda Vasey (3:00:37.0) and Carey Evans (4:13:33.4).



5 kilometre podium; Ben Phelan (23:03.1), Andrew Crouch (23:48.6), Kyrin Pettman (25:35.7).

Picture: NEAVE MOORE

Runners' success at caves

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MEMBERS of the Naracoorte district and south east community visited the Naracoorte and Tantanoola Caves on Saturday November 4 to take part in the returning Cave Run, hosted by Adelaide Trail Runners.

Participants took part in one of four events, including a five kilometre, 15 kilometre, 23 kilometre and 33 kilometre race and 149 times were recorded at the end of the day.

The overall winner of the five kilometre race was Naracoorte's Paige Rasheed, completing the course in 22 minutes 2.3 seconds.

The overall winner of the 15 kilometre trail was Onur Ucar in one hour 20 minutes and 44.7 seconds, closely followed by Emma Van Leeuwen in one hour 21 minutes and 26.9 seconds.

Harry Schroder was the overall winner of the 23 kilometre race in one hour, 41 minutes 41.3 seconds and Jeremy May was the overall winner in the 33 kilometre trail run, completing the distance in two hours 32 minutes and 23.3 seconds.

The female five kilometre distance winners were:

- 1st - Paige Rasheed (22:02.3)
- 2nd - Mary Ann Thompson (27:58.7)
- 3rd - Emma Rasheed (27:49.6)

The male five kilometre distance winners were:

- 1st - Ben Phelan (23:03.1)
- 2nd - Andrew Crouch (23:48.6)
- 3rd - Kyrin Pettman (25:35.7)

The female 15 kilometre distance winners were:

- 1st - Emma Van Leeuwen (1:21:27.9)
- 2nd - Jo Easson (1:23:44.5)
- 3rd - Sharryn Macgowan (1:25:05.3)

The male 15 kilometre distance winners were:

- 1st - Onur Ucar (1:20:44.7)
- 2nd - James Olszewski (1:21:27.6)
- 3rd - Joshua Rasheed (1:30:34.6)

The female 23 kilometre distance winners were:

- 1st - Jessica Day (1:53:05.7)
- 2nd - Tarsh McCallum (2:06:34.2)
- 3rd - Chloe Mcwhinney (2:12:53.6)

The male 23 kilometre distance winners were:

- 1st - Harry Schroder (1:41:41.3)
- 2nd - Joey Ottoson-Crossling (1:49:56.8)
- 3rd - James Holme (1:55:55.4)

The female 33 kilometre distance winners were:

- 1st - Linda Vasey (3:00:37.0)
- 2nd - Carey Evans (4:13:33.4)

The male 33 kilometre distance winners were:

- 1st - Jeremy May (2:32:23.3)
- 2nd - Josh Pettman (2:36:24.3)
- 3rd - Justin Hurrell (2:42:28.4)



15 kilometre podium, Emma Van Leeuwen (1:21:27.9), Jo Easson (1:23:44.5) and Sharryn Macgowan (1:25:05.3).



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5km podium; Paige Rasheed (22:02.3), Mary Ann Thompson (27:58.7) and Emma Rasheed (27:49.6).

Picture: NEAVE MOORE

Danni's advocacy honoured

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It was at the presentations of the first SE Nations Netball team where First Nations and Mount Gambier/Berrin woman Danni Smith received a pleasant surprise.

Ms Smith had been advocating and organising the first SE Nations team to compete at the statewide Nunga Netball Carnival for nine months with many teams making the trip to compete.

At this year's inaugural presentations, Ms Smith was overwhelmed with emotion as she discovered the club had named an award after her.

The Danni Smith Perpetual Award was donated by the Wanganeen family and was presented to Ava Gollan for her determination, persistence and perseverance towards sport and culture.

Speaking of the surprise, Ms Smith said it came as a "complete shock" to her when it was announced.

"Having the award named after me was a very heartwarming gesture because of the purpose of the award which is about dedication, leadership and having a sense of community, wanting change and culture which I thought was just beautiful," Ms Smith said.

"I am sad the Nunga Netball Carnival is over but I cannot wait until next year because I think there is a lot of momentum within the First Nations community for it to be up and running again and for it to be sustainable to keep going within our community."

Ms Smith said when the award was announced, she "just started crying" as she was overwhelmed with feelings of relief.

"It was a long nine months of planning and organising and to top it off with a beautiful sunny day for the carnival it was fantastic," she said.

"Most of our players and committee members were present and it was just a really lovely way to end nine months of hard work."

Ms Gollan said she was honoured and proud to have received the award which represented "such an amazing person".

"Danni went from ground zero all the way to getting a large number of kids to Adelaide to compete," Ms Gollan said.

"This award means so much to me and it has encouraged me to really keep going with my commitments to my sport and culture as well as my involvement within the community.

"Danni has put in so much work in getting us to Adelaide and she does so much work in the community and it is really hard to do what she has done so I really think it is an amazing achievement."

She said she really enjoyed participating in the carnival this year which promoted a sense of community in a great environment.

"I will definitely be signing up again next year and encourage other First Nations people in Mount Gambier to do the same," she said.



NEW AWARD: Ava Gollan and Danni Smith celebrate the first presentation of the Danni Smith Perpetual Award.

There's more - Danni wins award

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A prominent First Nations community member has secured the Regional South Australian Gladys Elphick Award.

Mount Gambier/Berrin woman Danni Smith will attend official presentations at Government House in Adelaide in the coming weeks where she will accept the award.

The award acknowledges the achievements of First Nations women who continue to work and advance the status of First Nations people through a range of ways.

It comes following Ms Smith traveling to Adelaide earlier in the year after being nominated for a South Australian NAIDOC Award and being personally invited to the legislation of the South Australian Voice to Parliament.

Within the local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community, Ms Smith is known for her advocacy in the Vote Yes campaign as

well as instigating a SE Nations Netball club which participated in the South Australian Nunga Netball Carnival for the first time.

Ms Smith said when she found out about her nomination for the award she was overwhelmed with emotion.

"I got a phone call on the way to a client's house and it was connected to the car and I could not quite understand what I was being told," Ms Smith said.

"It was not until I took it off Bluetooth that I was told I was nominated and received the regional award.

"My heart just dropped and the tears came because it was an overflow of emotion because I think the past nine months for me in terms of the SE Nations Netball and the referendum as well as the work I do in general for the community, it was really nice to be recognised."

Ms Smith said after a very big year, winning this award was the "cherry on top".

"For me this is just beautiful," she said.

Speaking about the local community, Ms Smith said there was still work to be done with disconnection to culture and identity for younger people still evident.

"We all know where that leads when our kids do not have that strong sense of identity," she said.

"Unfortunately it could lead to incarceration and the criminal justice system and we do not want that for our youth.

"I want to protect all of our youth and create opportunities for them which is one of my passions and always has been."

Ms Smith encouraged other community members to sign up to working groups and attend First Nation celebrations to help further close the gap.

"I encourage people to show up on the days we celebrate and be a part of it because we do have a voice and our culture is thriving," she said.



AWARD RECEIVED: Mount Gambier/Berrin First Nations woman Danni Smith has been announced as this year's recipient of the Regional South Australian Gladys Elphick Award.

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Millicent's best in show

Show Person

- Baby of the Show: Winner Mackensie Jusup, Runner-up Alisha Reiss.
- Miss Tiny Tot: Winner Elizabeth Lowndes, Runner-up Morgan Aberle.
- Master Tiny Tot: Winner Stan Chambers, Runner-up Will Chambers.
- Master Toddler: Winner Albert Chambers, Runner-up George Lowndes.
- Miss Toddler: Winner Mila Bytheway, Runner-up Ava Stone.
- Junior Show Person: Winner Addison Walker, Runner-up Riley Potter.
- Senior Show Person: Winner Georgina Hahn.

Adult's Indoor Section - Best Exhibits

- Art Champion: Marianne D'Aniello.
- Art Reserve Champion: Marianne D'Aniello.
- The Margaret Andre Memorial Prize, outstanding painting: Natalie Lowndes.
- Photography: Peter Barker.
- Handicraft: Esme Guy.
- Machine Embroidery: Joan Allen.
- Knitting: Julie Walker.
- Crocheting: Wendy Allwright.
- Produce: Peter McRostie.
- Cooking: Laura Wood.
- Bokes Chocolate Cake: 1st Jeffery Wood, 2nd Neville Hutchesson.
- CWA Lauke Savoury Scones: 1st Laura Wood, 2nd Sally Fennell, 3rd J A Wood
- Jams & Jellies: Susie Hutchesson.
- Pot Plants: Sue Van Der Heul.
- Champion Rose: Ian Nitschke.
- Champion Bloom: Kelly Yaro.
- Natives: Megan Whitehead.
- Floral Art Novice: Jackie Wells.
- Floral Art Open: Carol Garner.
- Woodwork: John Hamill.
- Wood Turning: Bruce Clayson.
- Metal Work: Georgina Hahn.

Children's Indoor Section

- Best exhibit: Bonnie McKenzie
- Wind Farms: R-2 Elizabeth Lowndes, 3-6 Monnie Peters, Secondary Georgina Hahn.
- Art: R-2 Indi Haines, Runner-up Indi Haines, 3-6 Mia Croser, Runner-up Jack Teagle, Secondary: Kaylei Alcock, Runner-up Jemma Bowering.
- Craft R-2 Archie Westerman, 3-6 Ruby Cebulski, Secondary: Hudson Simmons.
- Photography: R-2 Oliver Ballantyne, 3-6 Jack Teagle, Secondary Jediah Vanderheul.
- Cooking: R-2 Hayley Foster, 3-6 Bridie Foster, Secondary Mary Rose Vanderheul.
- Little Miss Orange Cake: 1st Ella Walker, 2nd Meka Walker, 3rd Isla Carpenter.
- Junior Bokes Chocolate Cake: Max Tilley
- Produce: Isla Carpenter
- Pot Plants: Jack Teagle
- Best Cup & Saucer: 1st Ziggy Patterson, 2nd Grace Westerman, 3rd Jessica Salotti.
- Junk Yard Art: 3-6 Jack Teagle, Secondary Jediah Vanderheul.
- Cut Flowers: Champion Rose: Won by Isla Carpenter, Secondary Mary Rose Vanderheul.

Millicent Speed Shear Results

- Novice: 1st Weston Rata 46.59, 2nd James Bachelor 47.06, 3rd Cameron Beaton 48.02, 4th Hayden Trowbridge 53.90, 5th Holly Chant (best local, best lady).
- Intermediate: 1st Jacob Reed 28.75, 2nd Blake Petuha 32.04, 3rd Blake Mitchell 32.50, 4th Max Reeves (best local), 5th Wes Redden.
- Senior: 1st Beau Harrigan 25.99, 2nd Ennis Maaka 26.53, 3rd Wills Taylor 28.16, 4th Justin Chapman 29.97, 5th Lockie Macrae.
- Open: 1st Caleb Morgan 21.91, 2nd Whanake Whare 22.29, 3rd Kevin Kinita 22.72, 4th Beni Maguire 23.45, 5th Halen 23.85.
- Best Locals: Open Trevor Wakefield, Senior Ben Wilson, intermediate Max Reeves, novice: Holly Chant.
- Best Lady: Holly Chant.

Demo Derby

1st Tim Humby

Unique Car Display

- Best in Show: Ford XB coupe owned by Justin Kain and entered by his son Mitchell.
- Best Ford: Mitchell Potter.
- Best Holden: Robbie Contin.
- Best motorbike: Emily Combe.



HORSE ON SHOW: Libby Halliday riding Libadee Park Wildcard, winner of the Millicent Racing Club OTT.

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- Roger Smith award: Roger and Lesslie Johnson.
- Shannon's award: Damon and Michelle Randall.
- Graham Surman memorial trophy: Jim Garner.
- Utes / small trucks: John Hateley.
- Oldest car: 1929 Dodge pickup owned by Peter Heyward.
- Youngest entrant: Jayden Garner.

SALMRA - Lawn Mower Racing

- Class: Junior Standard Modified: 1st William Jeanes - 120 points.
- Class: Junior Super Modified J 125cc: 1st Lachlan Platt - 118 points, 2nd Cruz Peglar - 108 points, 3rd Ella Platt - 105 Points.
- Class: Junior Super Modified C 200cc: 1st Jamison Platt - 118 points, 2nd Peter Bampton jnr - 116 points.
- Class: Standard Modified: Equal 1st Nick Galliford and Micheal Bottruff - 117 points, 2nd Peter Vanderbrink - 114 points, 3rd Chris Searle - 113 point.
- Class: Standard Ultimate: 1st Mark Kempster - 120 Points.
- Class: Super Modified C: 1st Connor Hill - 119 points, 2nd Andrew Collett - 111 points, 3rd Suzie Collett - 102 points.
- Class: Super Modified B: 1st Ashley Hill - 116 points, 2nd Daniel Platt - 115 points, 3rd Micheal Peglar - 112 points.
- Class: Super Modified A: Equal 1st Jamie Weller and Ivan Quinlan - 115 points, 2nd Ashley Hill - 113 points, 3rd Peter Bampton

snr - 112 points.

- Class: Outlaw: 1st Willem Botha - 100 points

Yard Dogs

- Open: 1st Rex Hocking, 2nd Herb Cooper, 3rd Darren Jenke, 4th Darren Jenke, 5th Cloe Latty.
- Improver: 1st Darren Jenke, 2nd Rex Hocking, 3rd Herb Cooper.
- Novice: 1st Herb Cooper, 2nd Ian Creeper, 3rd Rex Hocking.
- Maiden: 1st Herb Cooper, 2nd Chris Venter, 3rd Ian Creeper.
- Encourage: 1st Nicholas Curtis, 2nd Mack Varcoe, 3rd Nicholas Curtis.

Sheep

- Most Successful Exhibiter Overall Stud Sheep: W & JF Osborne.
- Supreme Breeders Group: B J & K A Walker.
- Reserve Breeders Group: Brummy's Blacks.
- Supreme Ram: MW & JF Osborne.
- Supreme Ewe: B J & K A Walker.
- Reserve Supreme Sheep of the Show Jim Walker Memorial Trophy: B J & K A Walker.
- Supreme Sheep of the Show Perpetual Trophy: MW & JF Osborne.
- Supreme Lamb of the Show: B J & K A Walker.

Young Judges Championships

- Fleece: 1st Emma Parker, 2nd Emmy Finlayson, 3rd Georgina Hahn.
- Meat Sheep: 1st Emma Parker, 2nd Emmy Finlayson, 3rd Georgina Hahn.
- Beef Cattle: 1st Olivia Baker, 2nd Maddi Hahn, 3rd Ema Parker.

Cattle

- Calf Classic: Woonallee Kathie U23.
- Junior Champion Female: Woonallee Vasti T188.
- Reserve Junior Champion Female: Woonallee Tinkerbell.
- Senior Champion Female: Woonallee Kathie S146.
- Reserve Champion Female: Nampara Sweet Pea S84.
- Grand Champion Female: Woonallee Kathie S146.
- Junior Champion Bull: Woonallee Told You So T31.
- Reserve Junior Champion Bull: Nampara Geddes T168.
- Senior Champion Bull: Nampara Platinum S340.
- Grand Champion Bull: Woonallee Told You So T 31.
- Alan & Betty Thompson Perpetual Memorial Supreme Beef Exhibit Trophy: Woonallee Kathie S146.
- Pair of Heifers under 21 months same breed: Nampara.
- Pair of Bulls same breed: Nampara Total perfection T90 & Eulypta T14.
- Breeders Group of 3 animals both sexes represented: Woonallee.
- Junior Handler 6-10 years: Austin Hahn.
- Senior Handler 11-15 years: Maddison Hahn.
- Open Handler 16 years and over: Olivia Baker.



START YOUR ENGINES: Lawn mower racing underway at this year's Millicent Show.

Picture: SALMRA



BEST BLOOMS: Opportunity abounds to stop and smell the roses at the annual show.



START YOUR ENGINES: Lawn mower racing underway at this year's Millicent Show.

Horse Events

- Supreme Ridden Exhibit: Tanglewood Park Mascot, ridden by Lucinda Smith.
- Supreme Led Exhibit: Sanlirra Artwork, owner Julie Baldock.
- Brian Edwards Memorial: Wren Gardiner riding Wynara Fair Lady.
- Zirka Cloud Memorial Champion Hack: DP Gangster ridden by Safari Smith.
- Senior Fashions on the Field: Donna Burns.
- Junior Fashions on the Field: Piper Gear.

Topsy Ring

- 201 LED Combination Pony ne 10 hands: 1st Georgie Braun Bella, 2nd Jorja Winter Kristamoor Lodge Bridadoon.
- 202 LED Combination Pony /horse 10- 14 hands: 1st Maggie Legoe Pablo, 2nd Charlie McDonald Figjam.
- 203 LED Combination Pony/horse over 14 hands: 1st Hayley Bowman Nike, 2nd Felicity Orton Kerranna Margarita.
- 204 Rider Class 3-5 years: 1st Digby Mitchell Brighthope Rookie, 2nd Jorja Winter Kristamoor Lodge Bridadoon.
- 205 Rider Class 6-9 years: 1st Swaye Deland Dalgangle Schubert, 2nd Hayley Bowman Nike.
- 206 Rider class 10- 16 years: 1st Charlie McDonald Figjam.
- 207 Pony with the longest mane and tail ne

12 hands: 1st Lilli D'Aniello Milonie Charlie Jorja Winter Kristamoor Lodge Bridadoon, 2nd Digby Mitchell Brighthope Rookie.

• 208 Pony/horse with longest mane and tail over 12 hands: 1st Jayson Letheby Phoenix Rising, 2nd Hayley Bowman Nike.

• 209 Most suitable learner pony under 12 hands: 1st Sam Bowman Marina, 2nd Julia Legoe Kenny.

Millicent Show Jumping Results Saturday 4th November 2023

• Class 150 50cm Optimum Time: 1st C Hann Thorwood Peter R, 2nd L Uotila Rivoli Bay SaHand Pepper, 3rd C Elsworthy More Lucky King, 4th P Richards Albatross.

• Class 151 60cm Optimum Time: 1st P Gear Walter, 2nd K Uotila Connie, 3rd C Elsworthy More Lucky King, 4th S Edwards Napoleon.

• Class 152 Open 70cm - Sweepstakes: 1st L Halliday LP Goldern Willow, 2nd L Clarke N Mia, 3rd M Raedel FP Tri Dozen, 4th W Gardiner Fair Lady.

• Class 152b Thoroughbred Sports Horse Association - 70cm: 1st C Collins Woolsthorpe Store, 2nd R Kenny RK Dynasty, 3rd L Halliday LP Rippingly, 4th S Edwards Kappy Lass.

• Class 153 Valma Clark Memorial - Open 80cm: 1st R Kenny RK Acquisition, 2nd Z Goode Viewmont Buster, 3rd L Uotila Rivoli Bay Royal, 4th L Halliday LP Goldern Willow.

• Class 153b TSHA - 80cm: 1st C Collins Wool-

sthorpe Store, 2nd L Halliday LP Rippingly, 3rd S Edwards Kappy Lass, 4th R Kenny RK Dynasty.

• Class 154 Open 90cm: 1st S Edwards Another Country, 2nd L Goode Bellrege, 3rd T Goodes Frank, 4th Z Goode Viewmont Buster.

• Class 154b TSHA - 90cm: 1st L Halliday LP Rippingly, 2nd R Kenny RK Acquisition, 3rd R Kenny RK Dynasty, 4th S Edwards Kappy Lass.

• Class 155 Bob Manhood Memorial - 104cm: 1st C Foster Aris Lillian, 2nd S Edwards Another Country.

• Class 155b TSHA - 104cm: 1st L Halliday Libadee Park Wildcard.

• Class 156 110cm: 1st L Halliday Libadee Park Wildcard, 2nd C Foster Aris Lillian.

• Class 157 115cm: 1st L Halliday Libadee Park Wildcard, 2nd C Foster Aris Lillian.
Sunday 5th November 2023

• Class 158 55cm Optimum Time: 1st M McGregor Imperial Star Bright, 2nd K Uotila Connie, 3rd S Edwards Napoleon, 4th M McGregor FW Dennis the Menace.

• Class 159 65cm Optimum Time: 1st M McGregor Imperial Star Bright, 2nd K Uotila Connie, 3rd S Edwards Napoleon, 4th M McGregor FW Dennis the Menace.

• Class 160 80cm: 1st L Halliday LP Golden Willow, 2nd A Schultz Balena Lollypop, 3rd R Kenny RK Acquisition, 4th G Hyde Storm.

• Class 161 90cm One Round Stakes: 1st S Edwards Another Country, 2nd L Halliday LP Rippingly, 3rd T Goodes Frank, 4th N Copping Belladonna.

• Class 162 100cm: 1st S Edwards Another Country, 2nd L Halliday LP Wildcard, 3rd R Kenny RK Acquisition, 4th T Goodes Frank.

• Class 163 110cm - Open: 1st L Halliday Libadee Park Wildcard.

Stockman's Challenge

• Junior: 1st Layla Clarke - Nathanda Mia, 2nd Jacqui Altus - Meg, 3rd Charlotte Ellul - Hannah.

• Encourage: 1st Ricky Smith - Wannan Shadowfax, 2nd MacKenzie Richards-Fennell - Showtyme Shy, 3rd Larnie Hobbs - King of Everything.

• Novice: 1st Kira Melano - Diesel, 2nd Jodie Deland - Ripp, 3rd Donna Burns - Dunc's Gambler.

• Open: 1st Simon Ellul - Jazz, Annette Thomas - Jed, 3rd Amanda Clarke - Twistydale Jagger.

• Australian Stockhorse: Ricky Smith - Wannan Shadowfax.

• Quarter Horse: Kira Melano - Diesel.

• Thoroughbred: Larnie Hobbs - King of Everything.

• Local: McKenzie Richards Fennell - Showtyme.



Parade excitement grows

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IT has been confirmed the jolly man in red will be making a special appearance in Mount Gambier/ Berrin soon.

Speaking with SA Today, Santa Claus said he would be making the trip from the North Pole for the upcoming Mount Gambier Christmas Parade.

"I am thrilled to be coming down to Mount Gambier/ Berrin and say hello to all the good children at the parade," Santa said.

"Because I have such good elves, I am able to take a day off from my Christmas preparations and come down for this wonderful event."

City of Mount Gambier's manager economy, strategy and engagement Biddie Shearing said council was excited be hosting Santa again this year.

"He's been asked to attend and we've got it on good authority that he will be with us, which is good to hear," she said.

"We can't wait to share his arrival with all the little children," she said.

With decorations going up around the city and the iconic tree lit up at the Ridoch Arts and Cultural Centre, Ms Shearing said the Christmas spirit was alive in Mount Gambier/ Berrin.

"Seeing the decorations go up in the city has been an exciting step forward as we get ready for Christmas parade day and the Christmas season," she said.

"We've got over 50 floats, so we've got a really great Christmas parade lined up."

Ms Shearing said two extra floats had been added to the line up of familiar favourites this year, with one helping to welcome the parade.

"The Scout Group of Mount Gambier, they walking down Commercial Street with chalk," she said.

"They will be handing out pavement chalk for families to enjoy, so they can get on the road and do their drawings."

Ms Shearing said Timmy the Christmas Train had been a well known float in the parade for a while now, but this year he



JINGLE BELLS: Santa Claus is coming to town for the Mount Gambier Christmas Parade.

Picture: FILE

would have a friend.

"Our volunteers, bless their hearts, they have been working really hard to create a spectacular carriage called Tammy the Carriage who will be accompanying Timmy down the Christmas parade," she said.

She was also looking forward to the Brass Band Festival returning to the city and its participants taking part in the parade afterwards.

"It's a very popular festival and I think the Christmas parade is just not the Christmas parade without the brass bands," she said.

"They come from all different parts of Australia to participate in the Brass Band Festival and then of course join our Christmas parade."

Ms Shearing said the parade was a culmination of the communities effort.

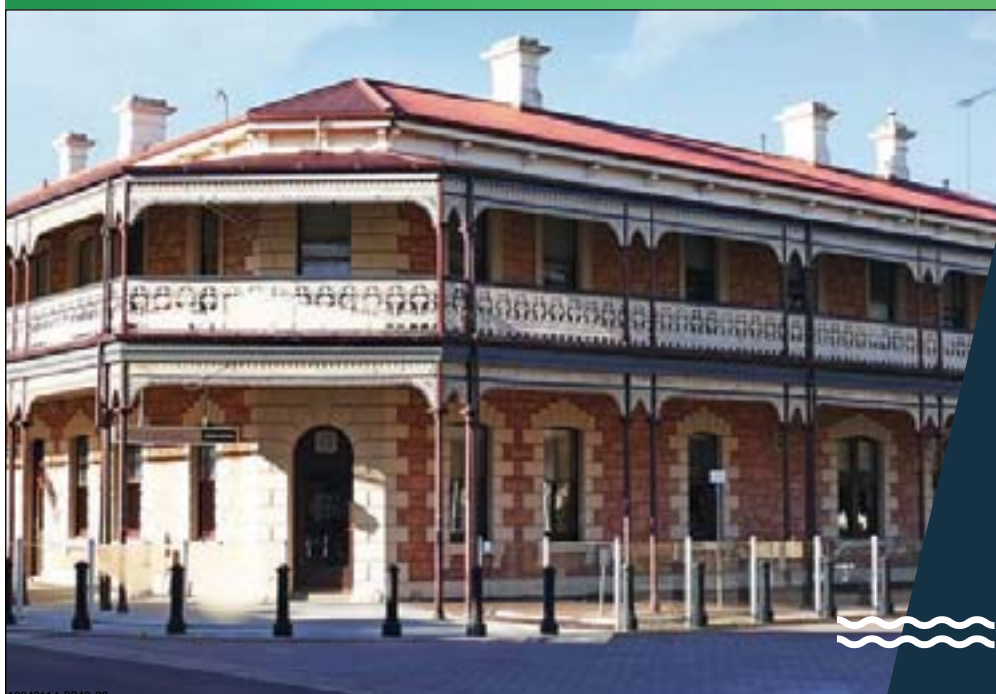
"Since June/ July we have had a group of volunteers meeting every week working in their little elf shed to help get the Christmas parade ready," she said.

"It just isn't possible without all the incredible volunteers that we have."

With thousands people expected to attend, Ms Shearing said it was important for everyone to stay behind the blue line during the parade that would be painted on Commercial Street.

"Making sure everybody stands behind the blue line to make sure everyone is as safe as possible," she said.

The parade will kick off at 11am on Saturday, November 18, leaving from the Commercial Street Woolworths and ending at Vansittart Park.



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Christmas IN MT GAMBIER



CHRISTMAS APPEAL: Mayor Lynette Martin with Uniting Care representative Laura Kilsby, Mount Gambier Community Mayor's Christmas Appeal committee representative Suzanne Roberts, ac.care representatives Trish Spark and Deanne Swift, Salvation Army representative John Douglas and St Vincent de Paul representative John D'Souza.

Help in need

LOCAL community members are encouraged to consider the less fortunate this festive season with Mount Gambier City Mayor Lynette Martin kick starting the Mayors Christmas Appeal.

This year it is expected the demand for assistance from local support agencies will be greater than ever due to the increased cost of living pressures.

Ms Martin said Christmas was not always a happy time for everyone in the community and she would like to work towards ensuring as many people as possible could experience the joy of Christmas.

Last year, the local community raised more than \$40,000 for the appeal which was distributed to local support agencies including Uniting Care, ac.care, St Vincent de Paul and The Salvation Army.

It helped provide food hampers, vouchers and gifts through the Christmas Cheer program and collectively the agencies assisted about 728 adults, 219 teenagers and more than 481 children.

"The agencies have advised me that the

number of requests for assistance they are receiving on a daily basis has increased and therefore they predict the demand for this Christmas will be greater than ever before in the history of the appeal," Ms Martin said.

"Donors to the appeal have been so generous over the past few years but if the need for assistance keeps rising we may struggle to meet the demand and therefore I urge you to consider donating whatever you can."

ac.care homelessness and community services senior manager Trish Spark encouraged anyone who may find themselves struggling financially this Christmas to register for support from the appeal by visiting or contacting ac.care or the other supported agencies.

"We are expecting the levels of demand to be higher this year due to cost of living. We are currently assisting people with food and utilities bills that we haven't seen before," Ms Sparks said.

"Many people who are just able to manage throughout the year without support

will also be requiring assistance at Christmas as they don't have that extra money for toys and Christmas food.

"Any donation of any size will be greatly appreciated by all organisations this year to ensure every child receives a toy and has a special Christmas dinner."

Ms Martin thanked the agencies for the role they play in the community throughout the year and for joining her at Christmas time to provide food hampers, gifts and vouchers for those in need.

Donations can be made at drop off points at the City of Mount Gambier customer service counter or by phoning 8721 2555 with credit card details on hand.

Other donations can be made by sending a cheque made out to 'City of Mount Gambier' PO Box 56 Mount Gambier SA 5290 with advice that the cheque is a donation to the Community Mayor's Christmas Appeal, to enable a tax invoice to be issued.

Tins and a 'tap and go' EFTPOS system will also be available at local businesses.



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Scholarship honours Poppy

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A SCHOLARSHIP has been established in memoriam of Keith teenager Poppy Crozier to assist Limestone Coast students in their agricultural studies.

Set up under community foundation, Stand Like Stone, chief executive Roger Babolka said they were approached by Poppy's family soon after her passing in May this year.

"It was great that they approached us," he said.

"Their family and friends got together and thought it would be an appropriate thing to establish in memory of Poppy and we were more than happy to do that."

With around 140 donations and counting, Mr Babolka said the community response had been overwhelming.

"We have never seen anything like that in terms of volume," he said.

"Our sub funds have to have a minimum of \$20,000 before we can use them as scholarships... that figure was reached in a day.

"It just seems to be continuing, every week we're getting a couple more donations, it hasn't stopped which means that it can grow tenfold."

Mr Babolka said it was special to see an outpouring of support during such a horrible time.

While keeping her memory alive, Mr Babolka said the Poppy Crozier Memorial Scholarship would help students pursuing the same goals.

"The scholarship has actually been established to reflect what Poppy was doing at university," he said.

"She was studying an agricultural course of some form and so the family wanted to establish a scholarship in her name that would support students who are undertaking some sort



In MEMORIAM: Stand Like Stone chief executive Roger Babolka was pleased with the continued support for the Poppy Crozier Memorial Scholarship.

Picture: SOPHIE CONLON

of study in the agricultural sector.

"Certainly there are preferences for students from within the Keith area, but it can be from the Limestone Coast."

By operating through a sub fund, Mr Babolka said the scholarship would live on forever, with some of the foundation's oldest more

than 20 years.

"The scholarship will provide year after year support because the the scholarships or the sub funds are never ending, so we receive donations, those donations get invested," he said.

"So those funds are locked away and can

only be used for that particular purpose.

Mr Babolka said he was looking forward to awarding the first Poppy Crozier Memorial Scholarship around this time next year.

"That'd be quite a special occasion, and I know the Croziers are really looking forward to seeing that happen," he said.

CheeseFest recognises our local produce

THE Limestone Coast's Leconfield 2021 Riesling will be among the 12 regional South Australian beers, wines, spirits and sodas featured at this year's annual CheeseFest.

Happening this weekend, the festival will showcase more than 70 local producers representing the very best cheeses, food, wine, beer and gin the state has to offer.

Brand SA will sponsor an SA Regions Bar expected to be held at Rundle Park where the top regional products will be showcased to local, interstate and international visitors.

CheeseFest 2023 is expected to attract the country's top cheesemakers along with leading winemakers, distillers, food producers and chefs.

This initiative also builds on Brand SA's new campaign 'Buy SA. For SA' which continues to

encourage shoppers to buy local rather than interstate or overseas.

The campaign hopes to help generate hundreds of millions of dollars in support for South Australian businesses.

Minister for Trade and Investment Nick Champion said CheeseFest had the ability to attract attendees from across the country and the globe to create a platform capable of expanding a featured product's customer base.

"South Australia's regions create world-class, premium produce and we are taking every opportunity possible to make that known," Mr Champion said.

The event will begin at 11am on Saturday, November 18, and continue on until 6pm November 19.



ON SHOW: The Limestone Coast's Leconfield 2021 Riesling will be among the 12 regional South Australian beers, wines, spirits and sodas featured at this year's annual CheeseFest. Picture: FILE

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Bringing a bit of magic

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FOR the fourth time internationally acclaimed violinist Jonathon Glonek will perform in the Naracoorte Caves and deliver a program of classical music.

Glonek said he had played in many different settings, but underground was one of the more unusual locations.

"The reason this is my fourth visit is because the acoustic in the cave is really on par with the very best concert halls," he said.

"It is a very direct and intimate acoustic, which a lot of people are freaked out by because it doesn't allow you to hide anything, but for me it allows me to do everything I want.

"The first time I played at Naracoorte I felt that immediately."

He said top tier concert halls paid fortunes trying to replicate the effect that occurred naturally in the caves, and he would like to see it become recognised in the musical world for the great location it is.

While his previous Classics in the Caves shows have been solo, this time Glonek will

perform with virtuoso pianist Nicky Poznak.

"She is an enormous pianistic talent and so we've partnered up on a few programs," he said.

"When you do a violin concert by yourself it is a very specialised thing, but when you have a pianist it really opens up the repertoire."

He said the program, which was full of classical music, was very tasteful and highly approachable.

"The first half will be Mozart and a composer called Cesar Franck," he said.

"The second half of the program is all these little virtuosic pieces for the violin and they're very entertaining and energetic."

He said the set up of Blanche Cave would be beautiful during the concert as it would be lit with candlelight.

"It is a real experience for people who come," he said.

"It's amazing, ancient, some of the oldest caves in the world and they make it look great, there are candles everywhere and it is just a wonderful experience."

Classics in the Caves will take place in Blanche Cave on Saturday, November 18, for tickets and information visit www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1121367



CLASSICS: Jonathon Glonek will perform in the Naracoorte Caves for the fourth time this weekend. Picture: FILE

Rewarding youth experience

CAROLINE HAMMAT

SINCE March, 11 dedicated young Wattle Range Council (WRC) residents have met regularly to form the Youth Advisory Council (YAC).

Last week the group held a graduation ceremony in the council chambers with family members in attendance to celebrate their achievements.

It was the second graduation ceremony following on from the first held last month in Penola where two YAC members were unable to attend.

Eight members of the group attended and spoke about the program in front of Mayor Des Noll, director development services Emma Clay and manager community development Caroline Hill.

Following their presentations, family members were invited to witness the group members receive certificates.

Unable to attend the first ceremony Katie Leyden and Chad Cockrum both received a pen crafted from recycled Beachport jetty timber and a notebook, which other members had already received.

Katie attends school in Mount Gambier and feels more connected to that community through her school.

Her involvement with the YAC gave her a better understanding of Millicent and the WRC region.

"I thought the council was really rewarding," she said.

"I go to school in Mount Gambier, but it was really cool planning an event in Millicent.

"The disco was really successful and I'd like to see something like that again.

"You learn a lot of skills like public speak-



INSPIRING YOUTH: Watched on by family members as they received their certificates are Sophie Tilley, Taine Wright, Katie Leyden, Aya Jones, Caelan Tsigros and Chad Cockrum (front), Rose Fry and Brogan Wright.

ing, working in a team and planning events."

Both Katie and Chad encouraged others to think about nominating for the 2024 YAC.

"I'd recommend others to sign up," Chad said.

"It's been a good opportunity for us to grow our different strengths and I think it would be good for other people as well.

"It's been a real pleasure to have my say in

what I'd like to see, and change, in the Wattle Range community.

"I was pleased to have the opportunity to be in a group of amazing confident people."

During their time on the YAC the group formed their own terms of reference and chaired their own meetings.

They attended a Youth Emergencies workshop and helped inform a pilot program for the Red Cross around youth and emergencies.



CONNECTING THROUGH COUNCIL: Youth Advisory Council member Katie Leyden with her father David at the graduation.

Working together the group planned and hosted a popular Halloween Disco and have a long term goal for a proposed youth hub in the community.

Ms Hill played a role in coordinating the program and said

"I have immensely loved my time working with these young people.

"They are a very unique, well engaged and well informed young group of people who clearly know what they want and are just a delight to work with."

The current members include Aya Jones, Brogan Wright, Chad Cockrum, Caelan Tsigros, Katie Leyden, Rochelle Crawford, Rose Fry, Starla Perry, Sophie Tilley and Taine Wright.

All members have expressed interest in nominating for the 2024 YAC.

New building open for Australian Rare Earths

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AUSTRALIAN Rare Earths (ARE) have officially opened a new office space in Naracoorte's industrial estate, and revealed their upcoming mining plans.

Works finished on their new facility a week before the opening event on Wednesday November 8.

Former ARE Chairperson Dudley Kingsnorth said that it was great to see so many people attend the evening.

"It is important to let the community know about our upcoming projects," he said.

"We don't want to start something and tell everyone later on.

"While I am stepping down as chairperson, I am staying on the board... I have been with ARE for three years.

Angus Barker was named as chairperson by Mr Kingsnorth at the end of the opening speech.

Chief Executive Officer Travis Beinke reintroduced the Koppamurra Project and said that following their exploration activities, ARE are proposing to apply for a mining lease for a parcel of land south of Wrattobully.

Mr Kingsnorth said that ARE mines the rare earth elements essential to many devices that people use daily in a way that is sustainable and reliable for the future of Australia.

The future use of mining land for farming was discussed.

Manager Community and Land Jacqui Owen said that through AREs work with local landowners, the chance to work with farmers on adjusting pH levels is a possible future.

When a member of the community asked about long term farming on formerly mined land, Ms Owen said that the studies were still being completed.

ARE separates the elements from removed soils through the use of water to make a slurry on site, and aims to be able to have a local processing facility to transport to.



WELCOME: Australian Rare Earths opens new building with support from Mayor Patrick Ross.

Pictures: NEAVE MOORE



NEW SPACE: Members of the community visit the new Australian Rare Earths.



LATEST: Board chairperson Angus Barker speaks about key ARE focuses and projects.



CHECK IT OUT: Jacqui Owen showcases samples for visitors.





Nathan, Riley, Kaylee and Mia



Heather Sharp, Bill Makin, David Durbridge and Helen Ryan

Sun's out for Spring Festival

HUNDREDS of people flocked to the Bordertown Spring Festival and Show over Saturday to enjoy a family day out.

There was entertainment galore at the showgrounds, with a sideshow alley, children's entertainment, fashion show, speed shear, car and truck display and much more.



Drazick and Logan



Cathy Langley and Liz Goossens



Lara, Tillie and Elise Jenkin



Gail Wheeler with Stella and Kylie Hicks.



Hailey sat patiently while her face was painted



The Tink family enjoyed the Bordertown Show

Road toll revised, drug bust

THE number of lives lost on South Australian roads has been revised following an investigation into the death of a man in Stewart Range.

The death of a 49-year-old Lucindale man involved in a crash on Lucindale Road, Stewart Range, just before midday on Sunday, August 20, has been determined to be due to a medical episode.

As a result, the man's death will not be counted in the number of 'Lives Lost' on SA roads.

The current number of lives lost is 96 compared to 60 at the same time last year.

Search in Mount Gambier leads to arrest

A man has been arrested after a search in Mount Gambier.

Police will allege that about 8.55am on Thursday, November 9, local police assisted by Dog Operations Unit officers and a police dog searched a house in Jarrah Street in relation to firearms being stored on the property.

Officers uncovered illegal drugs including liquid fantasy, ecstasy and other drug paraphernalia.

No firearms were located.

A 34-year-old man from the house was charged with trafficking a controlled drug and other offences.

He was bailed to appear in court at a later date.

A 34-year-old woman from the house was reported for drug offences and will be summonsed to appear in court at a later date.

Majority of drivers doing the right thing

Limestone Coast police conducted a traffic operation recently with the majority of drivers found to be doing the right thing.

Between Friday 3 to Monday 6 November, local police with support from the Traffic Support Branch Drug Testing Unit conducted a traffic operation which involved high visibility testing of motorists.

Police conducted driver testing on highways, public access four-wheel drive routes and beaches.



Over the four days 600 drivers were breath tested with only one positive reading where a fine was issued.

213 drug driving tests were conducted with 13 testing positive to driving with drugs in their system, including a 54-year-old Millicent man who allegedly tested positive to driving with methamphetamine in his system.

Of concern was that there was two children under 16 in the vehicle at the time.

He was reported for drug driving with a child under 16 present in the vehicle and will be summonsed to appear in court at a later date.

59 fines were handed out (mainly due to exceeding the speed limit), three cars were de-

fectured, and four people were reported for other driving offences.

Appeal

Police are renewing their appeal for information regarding a hit run crash at Glenburnie last month.

About 5.40am on Thursday, October 19, a man was riding his pushbike on Jubilee Highway East when he was struck by a car and knocked from his bicycle.

The crash occurred near the football club oval. The rider, a 46-year-old Mount Gambier man, sustained serious but non-life threatening injuries and was conveyed to the Mount Gambier Hospital for treatment.

The driver of the vehicle allegedly left the scene without stopping or providing assis-

tance to the injured rider.

Police are appealing for witnesses to the crash or any other information that may assist the investigation.

Police are also seeking anyone with dash cam footage that may relate to the collision.

It is believed that several trucks passed through the area at the time and may have potentially witnessed the incident.

CCTV of one of the trucks is available online. Anyone with information is asked to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or online at crimestopperssa.com.au

Any details provided will be confidential and callers can remain anonymous.

Valley Lake/Kelta Malpi toilets open

THE new \$750,000 public amenities at the Valley Lake/Kelta Malpi are now open.

The project - which was funded by the Federal Government Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program - incorporates timber and limestone look tiles to keep in line with the state heritage area.

Facilities include hot running water, six cubicles, an access toilet, parents room and a urinal room and was designed by Troppo Architects and constructed by building contractors Kennett.

Mount Gambier Mayor Lynette Martin said the new building included "much improved facilities" for families and individuals who visit the area.

"I am sure the community will put the new facilities to good use, particularly as we head towards the warmer time of the year," Ms Martin said.

Member for Mount Gambier Tony Pasin MP said the Federal program was unique in that it responded to expressed local needs via local government.

"I'm incredibly proud of the support provided to communities through the LRCI Program because it's projects like this that ensure our vibrant region remains strong, resilient and prosperous in the long term," Mr Pasin said.

"Valley Lakes precinct is a much-loved recreation area for local residents and visitors.

"Ensuring facilities are updated and up to modern standards is ensuring the precinct remains attractive for events, tourism and local residents."

Mount Gambier City Council project engineer Andrew Thompson oversaw the development and said the location of the new facilities directly adjacent to the playground, provided safer access for families.

"The old toilets are located across from



NEW FACILITIES: Kennett representatives Caolan Buckley and Bryce Allen with Mayor Lynette Martin and Council Project Engineer Andrew Thompson at the newly opened Valley Lake/Kelta Malpi public toilets. Picture: SUPPLIED

the roadway and car park, which posed a traffic risk to pedestrians, particularly children," Mr Thompson said.

"A path now leads from the playground gate to the amenities with wheelchair access to the facilities via a ramp."

The two old toilet blocks across from the playground car park and Freemans Landing will be demolished in December 2023.

Aprons avoid landfill fate

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INSPIRED by being a contestant in Mount Gambier's Recycled Runway event Kate Young is now using her sewing skills to raise funds for ac.care.

A discussion with Recycled Runway organiser and Belltower Op Shop volunteer Trudy-Anne Doyle highlighted how many second hand clothes are still sent to landfill.

Ms Young also volunteers at the Belltower Op Shop and thought she could start making aprons out of items destined for disposal.

It has been only two months since Ms Young had the idea to create her unique double sided aprons from a variety of items including shirts, pants, doona covers and even placemats.

The clothes all come from items that have remained unsold with Ms Young preferring to use pure cotton, linen or a blend of the two.

"I am absolutely surprised at what doesn't sell at the op shop, there are lots of pure linen shirts but they are small sizes and don't sell easily.

"A lot of the aprons are made from really good labels that haven't been worn much," Ms Young said.

The passionate recycler originally thought she would sew garments together in a patchwork style but decided to "keep true to the original garment."

This means labels are left on, shirt cuffs and pockets remain and most aprons include a secret pocket.

"Each one of the aprons is quite different

from every other one," she said.

"When I made the first one I thought it would just translate to the other aprons, but every shirt is constructed differently therefore every apron is constructed differently.

"It's one of the reasons I really enjoy doing it because each one is a new challenge."

Even the Re-Ap apron shaped swing tags are made from recycled cardboard and tied with recycled string.

Ms Young praised her fellow volunteers at the op shop who are now thinking about what items could make a good apron and put things aside for her.

McCourts Garden Centre in Millicent is the only stockist of the aprons and all money raised from the sale of the items is being donated to ac.care.

"Christine (McCourts owner) has been so supportive, I only had two made when I approached her about selling them.

"She loved them and we are so grateful for how supportive she is," Ms Young said.



CREATIVE APRONS: Christine Agnew displays two of the cleverly designed aprons made by Kate Young.

Speech pathologist welcomes degree move

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A Limestone Coast speech pathologist is hoping local access to qualifications will help reduce the region's wait times.

From next year Flinders University will offer allied health courses in speech pathology, occupational therapy and physiotherapy at the Mount Gambier/Berrin campus.

Communicate Better Speech Pathology owner Heather Cary encouraged people to look into taking on the degree.

"If you're looking for a career that helps people and if you are passionate about communication, it's probably the perfect career for you," she said.

"It's a very rewarding career, just to see the growth in children and giving them a voice."

The nationwide waitlists for allied health care has had an impact on the industry and Mrs Cary said it was increasingly hard to meet demands.

"There's a shortage for the profession in our region, a lot of kids are on the waitlists and are not being seen," she said.

"These are young kids not having access to the communication support that they need.

"Parents getting access to that training is vital to build their communication skills."

Ms Cary worked in the public sector, but decided to open Communicate Better Speech Pathology as she wanted to work closer with families.

"I was seeing a real need in the community for private speech pathologists," she said.

"I wanted to work closer with children, especially one-to-one with children."

Flinders University academic lead of rural allied health Ali Dymmott said Flinders was thrilled to offer speech pathology in the Limestone Coast.

"There is a significant shortage of allied health professionals in rural areas but espe-



COMMUNICATE BETTER: Owner Heather Cary is excited to see a speech pathology degree offered locally.

Picture: MELANIE RILEY

cially speech pathologists," she said.

"We know that rural people who study are more likely to work in a rural area and stay for longer, so we have designed a degree that will enable local people to study without having to leave the region."

Ms Dymmott said the course was designed to include a strong interprofessional component to prepare graduates for rural practice.

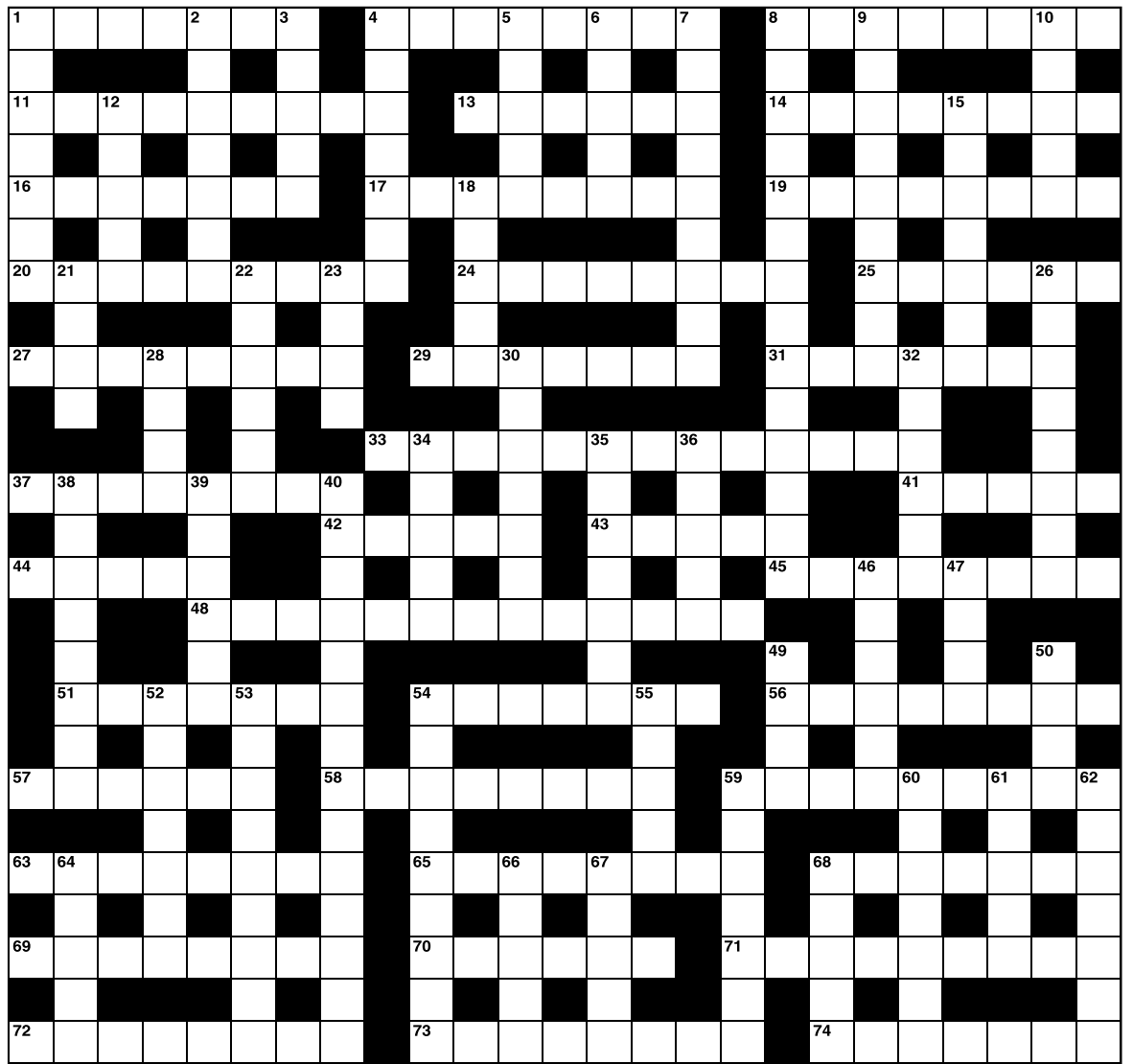
"We are drawing on the extensive experience Flinders has in teaching allied health courses for many years," she said.

"We have great opportunities for students to study locally and we would love to hear from anyone that is interested."

With the courses being offered from 2024, Mrs Cary said she was open to taking on students for placements to help build their skills to have them job ready upon graduating.

GIANT CROSSWORD

No. 123



ACROSS

- 1 Perplexing choice between two alternatives (7)
- 4 Kitchen tools (8)
- 8 Renounce one's throne (8)
- 11 Card given on February 14 (9)
- 13 A long and thin cream-filled cake (6)
- 14 Tasmanian location of the oldest stone span bridge in Australia (8)
- 16 Conspicuous success (7)
- 17 Used to hold a letter (8)
- 19 Impediment (8)
- 20 Clover-like plants (9)
- 24 Sensible (8)
- 25 Takes unjustly (6)
- 27 Revolving device (8)
- 29 Piece of plumage (7)
- 31 Neatest (7)
- 33 Female member of the US House of Representatives (13)
- 37 Ancient Greek festival held in honour of the god of wine (8)
- 41 Substance in the tusk of an elephant (5)
- 42 Italian isle (5)
- 43 Accustom (5)
- 44 Short-term retail outlet (3-2)
- 45 Carnival game (4,4)
- 48 Benevolent (13)
- 51 Pistol (7)
- 54 Professional school (7)
- 56 Number 1 on periodic table (8)
- 57 Slave to a habit (6)
- 58 Dining surface (8)
- 59 Measure (9)
- 63 Newspapers such as the *Herald Sun* (8)
- 65 Knick-knacks (8)

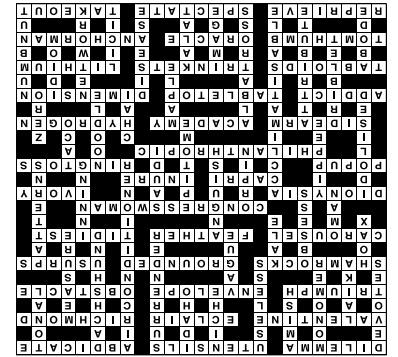
- 68 Lightest known metal used in batteries (7)
- 69 English folklore character (3,5)
- 70 Source of so-called divine guidance (6)
- 71 Chairman of a TV discussion program (9)
- 72 Stay (8)
- 73 Watch (8)
- 74 Fast food (4,3)

DOWN

- 1 Gives over to a particular pursuit (7)
- 2 A molecule that can be bonded to other identical molecules (7)
- 3 Orthodox mennonites (5)
- 4 Unavailing (7)
- 5 Ornamental recess (5)
- 6 US state (5)
- 7 Yield (9)
- 8 Machine that controls temperature in a building (3,11)
- 9 Dog breed (9)
- 10 Like Mandarin or Cantonese (5)
- 12 Russian space dog (5)
- 15 Gauge (7)
- 18 Ambiguous (5)
- 21 Trick (4)
- 22 Preoccupy with (6)
- 23 Leafy green (4)
- 26 Designs (8)
- 28 Middle Eastern country (4)
- 30 Torture (7)
- 32 Baseball round (6)
- 34 Perennial bearing purplish flowers (5)
- 35 Quintessence (7)
- 36 - Arabia (5)
- 38 Worshipped to excess (8)
- 39 Shout of joy or pleasure (6)

- 40 Being able to adjust to a new climate (14)
- 46 Pasta (6)
- 47 Mexican snack food (4)
- 49 Tea (4)
- 50 Nil (4)
- 52 Pittance (7)
- 53 Quality (9)
- 54 One better than a golfing eagle - or large seabird (9)
- 55 Tree - a source of timber and sugar (5)
- 59 Illness (7)
- 60 Mesh (7)
- 61 Dialect (5)
- 62 Idiot (7)
- 64 Quarters (5)
- 66 Portrait (5)
- 67 A region in western Pakistan (5)
- 68 Lawful (5)

ANSWERS:

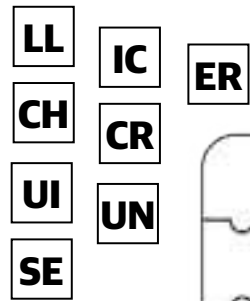


EDGEWORD

No. 123

ORIGINAL PUZZLE

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



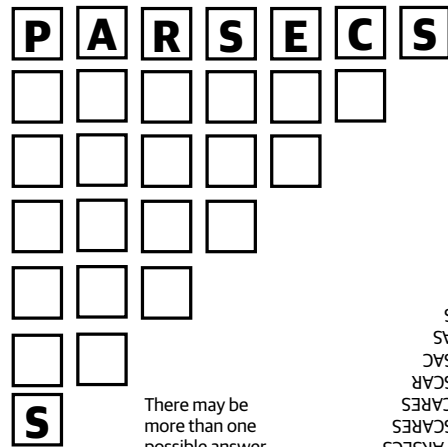
There may be more than one solution

ANSWERS: CRUISE, CRUNCH, SELLER, CHICER

DROP DOWN

No. 120

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: S, AS, SAC, SCAR, CARES, SCARES, PARSECS

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW...

Magda Szubanski

1. In which of the following has Magda Szubanski co-starred with Gina Riley?
A. *Fast Forward*
B. *Big Girls' Blouse*
C. *Kath & Kim*
D. All of the above
2. What sports uniform does Szubanski's character Sharon Strezlecki often wear?
A. Cricket
B. Netball
C. Basketball
D. Golf
3. Szubanski is set to host a reboot of which TV quiz show later this year?
A. *Sale of the Century*
B. *The Chase Australia*
C. *The Weakest Link*
D. *Deal or No Deal*

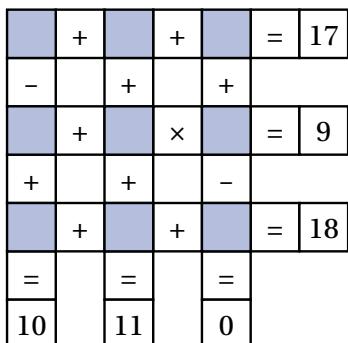
4. What is the title of Szubanski's 2015 memoir?
A. *Restitution*
B. *Reckoning*
C. *Retribution*
D. *Revival*
5. Which reality TV star appeared with Szubanski in a recent ad campaign?
A. Sharon Osbourne
B. Kelly Clarkson
C. Paris Hilton
D. Kim Kardashian



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

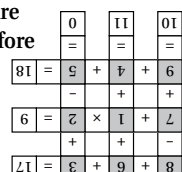
CROSSMATH

No. 0123



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

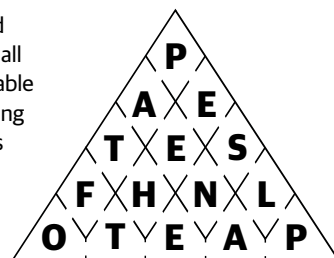
Multiplication and division are performed before addition and subtraction.



WORD TRIANGLE

No. 119

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.

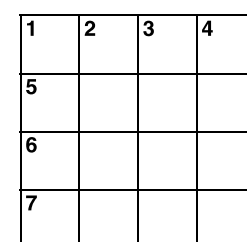


HINT: The answer is a movie title.

ANSWER: PLANET OF THE APES

4x4

No. 119



ACROSS

- 1 Cut roughly (4)
- 5 South American palm tree (4)
- 6 Part of the eye (4)
- 7 Device for converging light rays (4)

DOWN

- 1 Salute (4)
- 2 Land measure (4)
- 3 Abel's brother (4)
- 4 Osculate (4)

ANSWERS: 1. Hack, 5. Acal, 6. Iris, 7. Lens, DOWN: 1. Hall, 2. Acre, 3. Cain, 4. Kiss.

Motoring

Mazda CX-60 G40E

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THE Mazda line-up is becoming increasingly difficult to understand.

Once upon a time there was the Mazda2, Mazda3, and Mazda6 and it was easy to follow the progression (not forgetting the MX-5 and RX-8 sports cars).

Then along came the SUVs, denoted by a CX in front of the number, CX-3, CX-5, CX-8 and CX-9.

All good so far, except perhaps for CX-3 which actually sits on the same platform as Mazda2, making it smaller than its name might suggest.

More recently the CX-30 and MX-30 were added, including a fully electric version of the MX – Mazda's first EV.

We're not sure how or where the MX fits in, but to be frank it's a bit of a non-event anyway with its silly doors.

Now they've begun adding extra digits to the CX range, in the form of the CX-30, CX-60 and CX-90.

It's all a bit confusing and the thing is if we're confused, how must the buying public feel... and isn't that bad for sales?

Which brings us to the subject of our test drive, the all-new, five-seat CX-60, a car that's reportedly designed to take Mazda into hitherto uncharted premium territory.

Sitting on new rear-wheel drive architecture with straight six rather than V6 engines, there's no prizes for guessing which brand Mazda has in its crosshairs, make that BMW.

STYLING

The launch of the Mazda6 in 2002 was something of a turning point for the Japanese brand.

Since then, it has demonstrated an uncanny ability to produce cars that are more than the sum of their parts, vehicles that look and feel more expensive than they actually cost to build.

This design philosophy, known as Stylish, Insightful and Spirited, has seen Mazda climb to the number two position in the Australian market, second only to the seemingly unsailable Toyota.

But, like other Japanese and Korean car makers, Mazda must be starting to feel pressure from the Chinese, whose cars are rapidly getting better and have begun pinching sales from established brands.

They can't match the Chinese on price, so the only place left to go is up, producing more expensive models that carry a greater profit margin because they are unlikely to sell as many.

The CX-60 is the first of these models.

Mazda reckons CX-60 takes the premium experience to a new level.

It's a high-quality concentration of design, driving dynamics, technology and comfort developed around what customers want from a mid-sized SUV.

That's the spin anyway.

Whether people want or are prepared to pay more for their cars is another matter.

CX-60 is priced from \$59,800 plus on-road costs.

There's three grades and three different powertrains from which to choose, all of them hybrids - Evolve, GT and Azami.

And, at a time when most manufacturers are downsizing engines, always the innovator, Mazda has opted to go big with two six-cylinder offerings.

Kicking off proceedings is the 3.3-litre turbocharged six-cylinder petrol Evolve from \$59,800, followed by the 3.3-litre turbocharged six-cylinder diesel from \$61,800 and finally a 2.5-litre four cylinder turbocharged plug-in hybrid that starts from \$72,300.

Whatever grade you choose, you can pick any one of these powertrains.

Our test vehicle is the CX-60 Azami with



TEST DRIVE: Premium push... the five-seat Mazda CX-60.

the 3.3-litre petrol hybrid and optional Takumi package, priced from \$75,000 plus on-road costs.

Standard equipment includes artificial leather and dual-zone climate control with rear vents, while the steering wheel and transmission lever are trimmed in real leather.

Wheels range from 18 to 20-inch in size, with black body cladding and heated body-coloured exterior mirrors that dim and fold automatically, along with a power-operated tailgate.

There's also head-up display, 7.0-inch driver display, LED lights, auto high beam, keyless entry and start, auto dimming mirror, auto lights and wipers, and front and rear parking sensors.

GT and Azami add 20-inch alloys, panoramic sunroof, full leather trim, heated steering wheel, electric steering wheel adjustment, heated power-adjust front seats, 12.3-inch infotainment and a fully digitised 12.3-inch instrument cluster and 12-speaker Bose audio.

They also boast the new driver personalisation system which automatically adjusts the driver position to each driver.

The system uses facial recognition to remember each driver's preferences.

Azami ups the ante with Nappa leather, ventilated front seats, LED ambient lighting, leather side door trim with courtesy light, 360-degree see-through monitor and adaptive headlights.

It also adds easy entry and driving position guide to the personalise system.

Our test vehicle was also fitted with the \$2000 Takumi package which includes white Nappa leather, white maple wood console panel and cloth dashboard panel with "Kakenui" stitching.

CX-60 is covered by a five-year unlimited kilometre warranty with five-year roadside assistance, with service intervals of 15 months/15,000km.

INFOTAINMENT

Infotainment consists of a 10.25-inch display which grows to 12.3 inches in higher grades, but as is the norm with Mazda neither are touchscreens and must be controlled from the centre console.

Eight-speaker audio is standard with Bluetooth, built-in navigation, AM/FM/DAB+ digital radio, Apple Carplay and Android Auto (wireless and USB), plus wireless phone charging.

There's two USB-C ports front and back, plus a 12V/120W socket in the front, 150W AC socket in the back, plus another 12V/120W socket in the luggage area.

The plug-in hybrid scores a rear 1500W AC three-pin power outlet.

ENGINES / TRANSMISSIONS

The 48-volt mild hybrid powertrain delivers 209kW of power from 5000-6000 rpm and 450Nm of torque from 2000-3500 rpm, propelling the wagon to 100km/h in 6.9 seconds.

In comparison, the diesel delivers 187kW and 550Nm while the plug-in hybrid puts out 241kW and 500Nm.

With auto-stop-start and an eight-speed auto, drive is to all four wheels via a torque on demand system.

It is predominantly rear-wheel drive.

SAFETY

Five-star safety includes front, side and curtain airbags, as well as a driver knee airbag and centre airbag designed to stop front seat occupants bumping heads in a side impact.

There's a 360-degree camera, Smart Brake Support (SBS) with Turn-across traffic and Blind Spot Monitoring (BSM) with Vehicle Exit Warning.

Autonomous emergency braking (Car-to-Car, Vulnerable Road User and Junction Assist) as well as a lane support system with lane keep assist (LKA), lane departure warning (LDW) and emergency lane keeping (ELK), and blind spot monitoring (BSM) are also standard.

DRIVING

CX-60 feels big and hefty.

It's 16.5cm longer than CX-5, but 16cm shorter than CX-8.

And it weighs 1949kg, about 220kg more than the top CX-5, but 28kg less than the range-topping diesel CX-8.

Mazda argues the large capacity 3.3-litre engines actually improve efficiency.

It says the higher volume of air enables more complete combustion and a wider lean-burn range, leading to lower fuel use and reduced engine emissions.

With a 58-litre tank, fuel consumption is a claimed 7.4L/100km, compared with the 2.5-litre turbo CX-5 which is good for 8.2 (and it takes standard unleaded).

Mazda says the use of a clutch in place of a torque converter means switching between gears is clean and rhythmic.

It also enables accurate control of the electric motor.

But it's not the smoothest.

Drive modes include Normal, Sport, Off-Road and Towing.

Performance is strong, six-cylinder strong, with a feel and note to match, as the wagon gathers speed, remembering it's a straight six.

Just driving around, however, it feels like an excited dog on a leash.

The transmission, which also manages assistance from the electric motor, seems unable to settle down, constantly straining forward and falling back again.

Prodding the accelerator in any gear produces an initial, half-second hiccup before the wagon responds.

Cleverly, when you back off and the engine is no longer under load, the tach needle flat lines as the six shuts down for several seconds at a time.

Oddly, of the various drive modes, Off-Road mode felt the more relaxed, even without leaving the bitumen – and that's where we left it.

But it's not all peaches and cream, because twice in the course of the week the CX-60 refused to start.

Put the transmission in park, the message warned us.

Trouble is, we were already in park and no amount of prodding the start button could spur the thing into life.

Park resides up and to the right by way of explanation.

Further investigation revealed it was possible to put it in park, but not fully in park, even though the light confirmed it was.

The transmission needs to be pushed firmly forward and all the way to the right before it will start.

It's all good, once you know the trick, but we found the change generally awkward to use when moving rapidly between forward and reverse.

The suspension is biased towards the softer end of the spectrum, with a cabin that is well insulated but feels somewhat isolated, detracting from the overall drive experience.

CX-60 sits reasonably flat and corners enthusiastically, but jars on city roads and became bouncy at speed on a country run.

After going through the routine to set up driver personalisation, it failed to activate when we returned to the car.

Guess you need three profiles, one with glasses, one with sunglasses and one without – or remember to take them off.

Walkaway locking is signified by the mirrors folding.

Sometimes it works, sometimes it doesn't (a bit of a worry).

The long thin infotainment screen is ideal for Android Auto which splits the screen in a 2:1 ratio, with the larger section just right for navigation and the smaller area perfect for music.

Having said that, the screen went blank at one point and returned only after we switched the car off and on.

Unlike most hybrids, fuel consumption drops fairly quickly on the motorway.

We were getting 9.2L/100km after close to 400km of mixed driving including some dirt roads, but this dropped to 8.7L/100km on the run into Sydney.

SUMMING UP

If it was our money, we'd take the top-of-the-line CX-8 turbo-diesel Asaki LE.

It is a little larger, but doesn't feel so and costs slightly less at \$72,010 plus on-roads.

With quilted leather and real wood inlays, the CX-8 simply oozes class, with sharper ride and handling belying its size.

It also gets better fuel consumption.

Grab one while you can.

RATINGS

- Looks: 7.5
- Performance: 7
- Safety: 8
- Thirst: 7
- Practicality: 7
- Comfort: 7.5
- Tech: 8
- Value: 6
- Overall: 7.3

Italian Meatballs with Eggs

Prep time: 20 mins

Cook time: 30 mins

Serves: 6

Difficulty: Easy

Ingredients

- ½ cup grated zucchini
- ½ cup grated carrot
- 500g beef and pork mince
- 6 eggs
- 3 teaspoons Italian seasoning mix

- 1 small onion, finely chopped
- 1 clove garlic, crushed
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire
- ½ cup grated parmesan
- ½ cup dried breadcrumbs
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 400g jar pasta sauce with basil
- 400g can diced tomatoes
- 1 cup grated mozzarella
- Basil leaves, to serve
- Cooked garlic bread, to serve (optional)

Method:

1. Process zucchini and carrot in a small food processor until finely chopped. Combine vegetable mixture, mince, 1 egg, seasoning, onion, garlic, Worcestershire, parmesan and breadcrumbs. Season with salt and pepper. Mix well. Roll heaped tablespoons of mixture into balls using damp hands.
2. Heat oil in a large, frying pan over a medium low heat. Cook meatballs, shaking pan, for 8 minutes until browned. Add pasta sauce and tomatoes. Stir to combine. Bring to a simmer. Simmer for 8-10 minutes until thickened.

3. Use a spoon to move meatballs aside to make 6 holes. Crack remaining eggs into each hole. Sprinkle mozzarella around eggs and over the top. Cover and cook for a further 7-9 minutes or until eggs are just set and mozzarella melted. Serve sprinkled with basil leaves.

Tips:

- Double the meatballs and freeze half so you have a meal ready to go during the week
- Warm leftovers gently on 50% microwave heat for approximately 3-5 minutes
- You could also serve with fettuccine and a crisp green salad

Recipe courtesy of Australian Eggs.



Soba Noodle Nourish Bowl with Miso Dressing And Eggs

Prep time: 10 mins

Cook time: 10 mins

Serves: 4

Difficulty: Easy

Ingredients

Miso dressing

- 2 ½ tbsp white miso
- 2 tbsp rice vinegar
- 1 tbsp soy sauce
- 2 tsp honey
- 3 tbsp olive oil

Nourish Bowl

- 4 eggs
- 140 green soba noodles
- 1 cup frozen edamame
- 350g Kaleslaw kit
- 1 medium Lebanese cucumber, halved lengthways, diagonally sliced
- 1 avocado, sliced into wedges
- 150g hot smoked salmon, skin removed and flaked

Method:

Miso dressing

1. Whisk dressing ingredients together and set aside.

Nourish Bowl

1. Cook medium boiled eggs by adding eggs to a saucepan and cover with tap water. Cook over medium heat. Once the water reaches a simmer, start a timer for 6 minutes. Gently stir the eggs in a clockwise direction (the movement of the water will help centre the yolks).
2. Use a large spoon to remove the eggs from the saucepan. Cool the eggs by running them under cold tap water for 60 seconds or placing them in a bowl of iced water.

3. Add noodles to a second pan with simmering water and cook for 4-5 minutes or until tender. Add frozen edamame for the last 60 seconds. Drain in a colander and refresh with cold water.
4. Divide noodles and edamame into serving bowls. Arrange kaleslaw, cucumber, sliced avocado and flaked hot salmon over the top.
5. Cut eggs in half and add to bowl. Drizzle over miso dressing and sprinkle over seeds from kit. Serve immediately.

Tips:

- You can use bottled Japanese or Asian dressing if preferred.

Recipe courtesy of Australian Eggs.

Your year ahead

Four outer planets stalled in retrograde? Who cares, when this week's fiery Sun, hothead Mars and chatty Mercury, in speed-talking Sagittarius, hit the heavenly accelerator to rev this year into its final furlong. Though with temperatures rising it isn't surprising that tempers could be touchy...



ARIES

(Mar 21 - Apr 20)

When the Sun and Mars burst into entrepreneurial, free-ranging mode in a fellow fire sign this week, expect a tonic blast of positive, can-do energy you can ride into the silly season. Though in this fast and furious vortex you could lose your cool, so breathe deep, keep calm and relaxez-vous.

Best day:
Thursday 23 November



TAURUS

(Apr 21 - May 20)

This week's increasingly panoramic outlook suggests that a change of scene or routine will work wonders to renew your joie de vivre for the upcoming festive season, so explore beyond your core crew and connect with people outside your familiar zone. Be open to diverse perspectives and opinions.

Best day:
Saturday 25 November



GEMINI

(May 21 - Jun 21)

As the pointy end of the year draws near, life on earth starts getting frenetic and humans become increasingly reactive. Relationships morph into 'situationships', and even making the gentlest of waves can attract backlash. So, take it easy Twins - under this week's starscape, less is most definitely better.

Best day:
Monday 20 November



CANCER

(Jun 22 - Jul 22)

As this week's go-go-go astrology officially switches into overdrive for the leadup to the year's grand finale, don't let yourself be pressured by impatient planet Mars. Savvy Crabs will get on the same page with family plans and make a commitment to communicate honestly when things get out of sync.

Best day:
Wednesday 22 November



LEO

(Jul 23 - Aug 23)

Cosmic energy in your fiery house of creativity can also fan all sorts of other flames. If it starts getting hard to keep your temper in check, vent to a level-headed friend until that blood pressure settles. Focus on the outcome you want, and work towards a solution-oriented mindset.

Best day:
Friday 24 November



LIBRA

(Sep 23 - Oct 23)

Librans are the jugglers of the zodiac, and this week's astral energetics in your socialising sector requires what you do best: blending and balancing. Not saying it's an either/or situation, just a matter of choosing the right mix of what you can reduce or eliminate, what you can keep and enjoy.

Best day:
Monday 20 November



SAGITTARIUS

(Nov 23 - Dec 21)

This week's Sun and Mars blazing into Sagittarius join communicator Mercury to announce a month of celebrating you know who. With your sizzle factor through the roof and your personal mojo off the charts, happy birthday Archers, and good luck finding someone to keep up with you.

Best day:
Friday 24 November



CAPRICORN

(Dec 22 - Jan 20)

This week's planetary trinity in your sector of closure suggests taking inventory of your life just as it is right now. Not just obligations - even too many invitations can feel like overload. Start wrapping up and signing off on business projects. Feel the freedom of not overbooking your schedule.

Best day:
Saturday 25 November



AQUARIUS

(Jan 21 - Feb 18)

The energetic trio of Sun, Mars and Mercury in your astrological zone of community and groups could bring an opportunity to collaborate. It's especially worthwhile reaching out to colleagues and connections this week in the lead-up to a full moon in the sign of kindred spirits on 27 November.

Best day:
Sunday 19 November



PISCES

(Feb 19 - Mar 20)

Recent weeks haven't exactly been agenda-free, and if you've been getting mixed messages or wondering What the?, this week's tell-it-like-it-is astrology supports asking direct questions. If answers direct you towards the exit ramp, then bow out with grace and gratitude and look to the path ahead.

Best day:
Tuesday 21 November



VIRGO

(Aug 24 - Sep 22)

As the year heads into its home stretch and to-do lists get longer, this week's speedy astrology needs you to pace yourself. To unplug and recharge your batteries so you can hear the rich inner downloads of this transit, which you won't even notice if you're in constant motion.

Best day:
Tuesday 21 November



SCORPIO

(Oct 24 - Nov 22)

This full-forward week arrives with a real risk of saying yes to more than you can realistically handle - even you. So stretch restrictive edges by all means, but stretching too far, too fast is only likely to fry your circuits. Spreading yourself too thin could court burnout.

Best day:
Wednesday 22 November

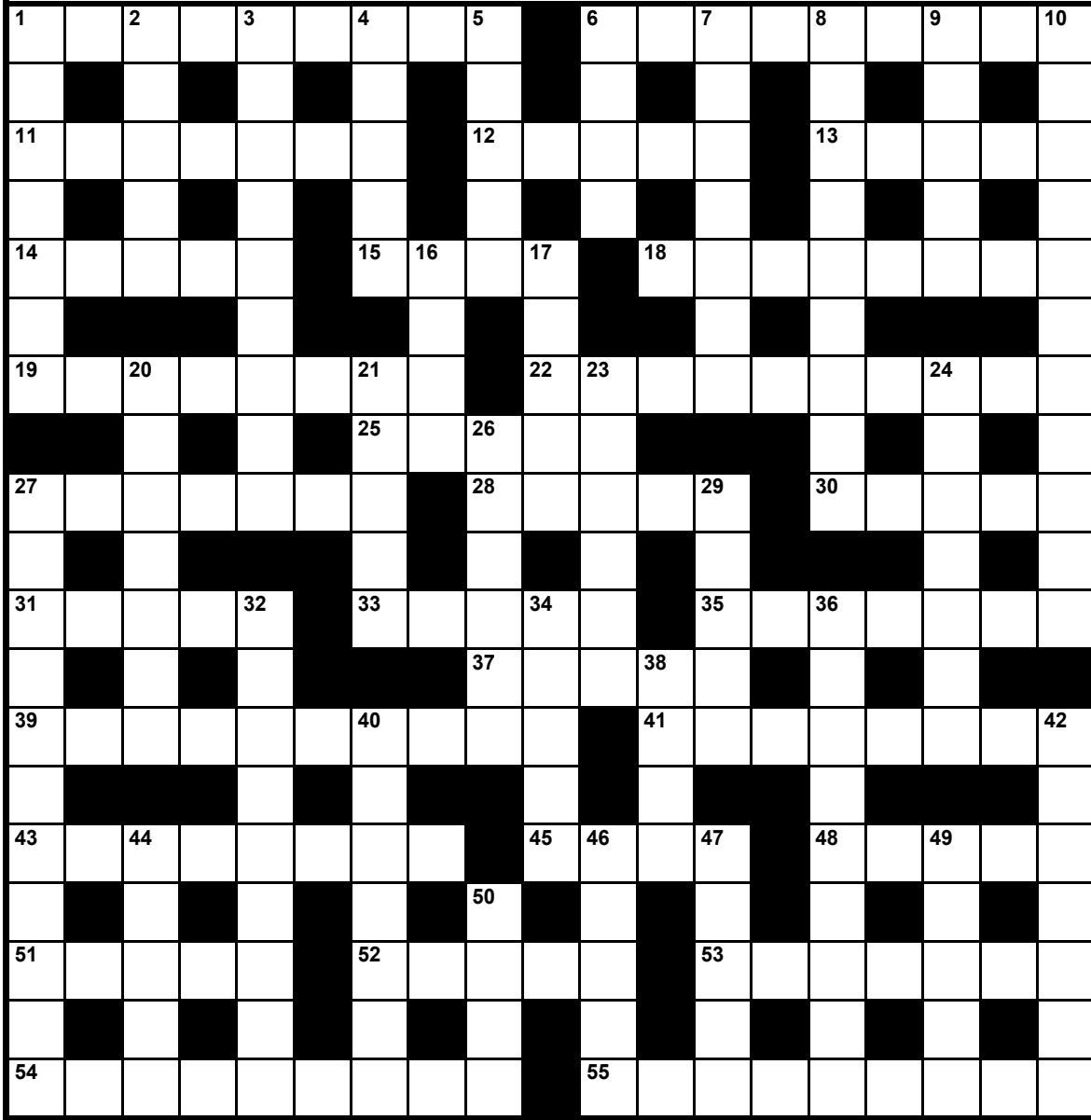
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				Skin condition		Born as			

SOLUTION

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OZ CROSSWORD

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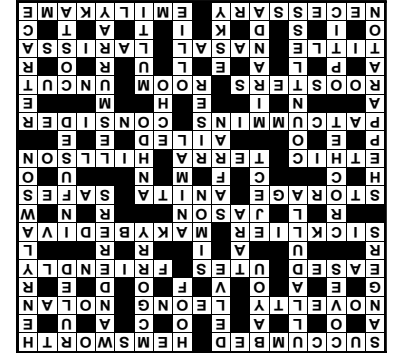


- 30 Hotel amenities (5)
- 31 Moral (5)
- 33 'Nobody's land', - nullius (5)
- 35 Australian architect - Beasley (7)
- 37 Had a bug (5)
- 39 Captain of Australian cricket team in Test and One Day International cricket (3,7)
- 41 Think about (8)
- 43 Sydney NRL team (8)
- 45 Study, say (4)
- 48 Not edited (5)
- 51 Name of artistic work (5)
- 52 Belonging to the nose (5)
- 53 Greens senator, - Waters (7)
- 54 Required (9)
- 55 Indigenous Australian artist from the Utopia community (5,4)
- 20 Knitting alternative (7)
- 21 Expel (5)
- 23 Creature (6)
- 24 Instilled into (7)
- 26 Australian radio personality and satirist John - (6)
- 27 City located on the Goulburn River in northern Victoria (11)
- 29 Hosts ABC's *Brush With Fame* (3,2)
- 32 Innumerable (9)
- 34 Vertical part of a stair (5)
- 36 Australian poet (3,6)
- 38 Reverberate (4)
- 40 Actress who wrote the memoir *Top End Girl*, - Tapsell (7)
- 42 Go back over (7)
- 44 Concerned with the eyes (5)
- 46 2021 Brownlow Medal winner, - Wines (5)
- 47 Prefix meaning more than one (5)
- 49 *Gardening Australia* host, - Georgiadis (5)
- 50 Portable drink cooler (4)

DOWN

- 1 Sandwiches (coll) (7)
- 2 Recesses (5)
- 3 Coastal town in New South Wales (9)
- 4 Crawdad habitat (5)
- 5 Rummage (5)
- 6 Clop maker (4)
- 7 Australian psychiatrist Patrick - (7)
- 8 Nomads (9)
- 9 Handed down a decision (5)
- 10 Australian colonial writer (5,6)
- 16 Comedy series starring Toni Collette, *United States of -* (4)
- 17 Star of *The Mentalist*, born in Launceston, - Baker (5)

ANSWERS:



ACROSS

- 1 Surrendered (9)
- 6 Australian actor brothers, Liam and Chris - (9)
- 11 Kind of shop (7)
- 12 Television foodie, Melissa - (5)
- 13 20th century artist, Sydney - (5)
- 14 Alleviated (5)
- 15 Utility vehicles (coll) (4)
- 18 Amicable (8)
- 19 In worse health (8)
- 22 Only horse to win three Melbourne Cups (6,4)
- 25 Australian actor and singer - Donovan (5)
- 27 Safe custody (7)
- 28 Indigenous author, - Heiss (5)

WORDFIND

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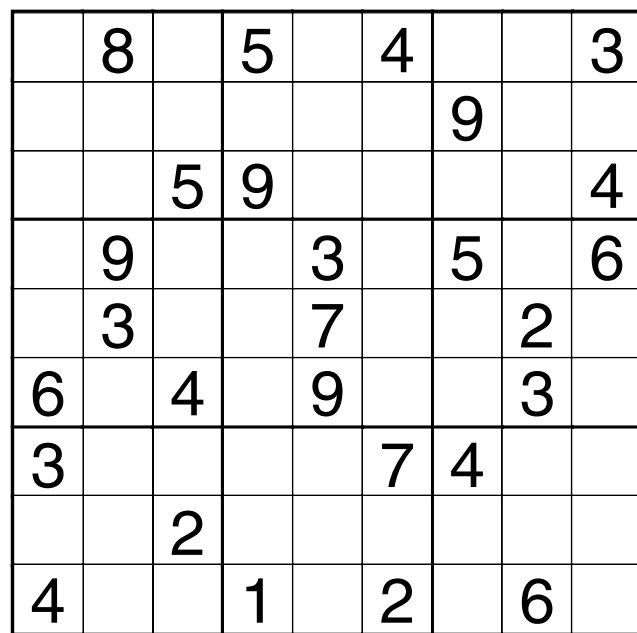
Can you find all the words listed in the grid below? The remaining letters will spell out a message.

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- BERKELEY
- BIRMINGHAM
- BROWN
- CALTECH
- CHICAGO
- CORNELL
- DUKE
- DURHAM
- FUDAN
- KING'S COLLEGE
- LUND
- MCGILL
- MIT
- MONASH
- NYU
- OXFORD
- PRINCETON
- QUEENSLAND
- RICE
- ST ANDREWS
- STANFORD
- SYDNEY
- UCL
- UNSW
- UWA
- WARWICK
- WASHINGTON
- YALE
- YONSEI
- ZHEJIANG
- ZURICH

SECRET MESSAGE: the brightest minds will change the world

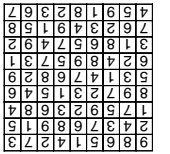
SUDOKU

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HOW TO PLAY: To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every number from 1 to 9 must appear in: each of the nine vertical columns, each of the nine horizontal rows and each of the nine 3 x 3 boxes. Remember, no number can occur more than once in any row, column or box.

ANSWERS:



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JUMBLE

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Can you unscramble the words below? The circled letters will create another word.

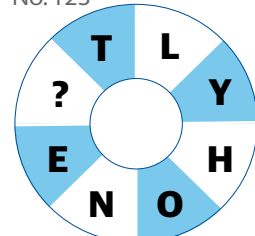
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- SUEED E E E E E E CHNIF I H N I F C H
- EWTAK K A T E W T E E E E E E E

ANSWERS: BEEFY, SUEDE, TWEAK, GLITZ, FINCH, (CHEWABLE)

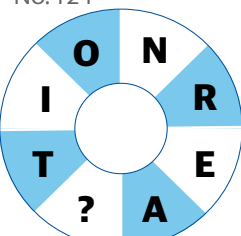
EIGHT AROUND

Can you work out what the missing letter is that spells an 8-letter word? It could read either clockwise or anti-clockwise.

No. 123



No. 124



ANSWERS: HONESTLY, REACTION

WORD STEP

No. 063

MALTA

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

BEEPS

Complete the list by changing one letter at a time to create a new word at each step.

There may be more than one possible answer.

ANSWERS: MALTA, MALTS, MELTS, MEETS, BEETS, BEEPS

WEATHER

FORECAST

Warnings

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

SOUTH AUSTRALIA:

Keith: Partly cloudy. 7/24

Tomorrow: Partly cloudy. 9/23

Bordertown: Partly cloudy. 6/25

Tomorrow: Partly cloudy. 8/23

Naracoorte: Partly cloudy. 6/23

Tomorrow: Partly cloudy. 7/22

Robe: Cloudy. 10/17

Tomorrow: Partly cloudy. 12/17

Coonawarra: Partly cloudy. 6/21

Tomorrow: Partly cloudy. 8/20

Mount Gambier: Cloudy. 6/19

Tomorrow: Partly cloudy. 10/18

State Forecast:

Showers and possible storms north of a line Ceduna to Broken Hill, more frequent in the far northwest. Isolated showers about southern coastal areas. Generally mild about the south grading to warm to hot about the north. South to southeasterly winds, fresh to strong near the coast in the afternoon and evening.

Thursday. Showers and possible storms over the pastoral districts, mostly north of about Woomera. Isolated light showers about southern coasts and ranges. Generally mild about the south grading to warm to hot about the north. South to southeasterly winds, fresh to strong near the coast in the afternoon and evening.

Friday. Showers and possible storms about the far west. Mild to warm about the agricultural area with southerly winds, but warm to hot across the north with southeasterly winds.

Lower South East District:

Partly cloudy. Light winds becoming southwesterly 20 to 30 km/h in the morning.

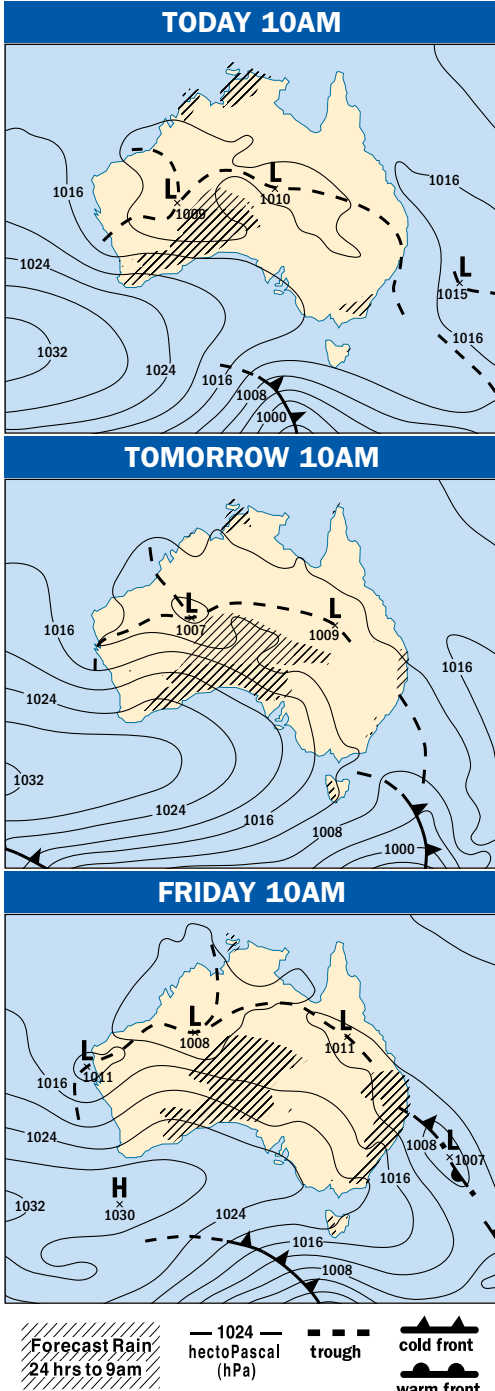
Thursday. Partly cloudy. Winds south to southwesterly 20 to 30 km/h becoming light during the evening.

VICTORIA:

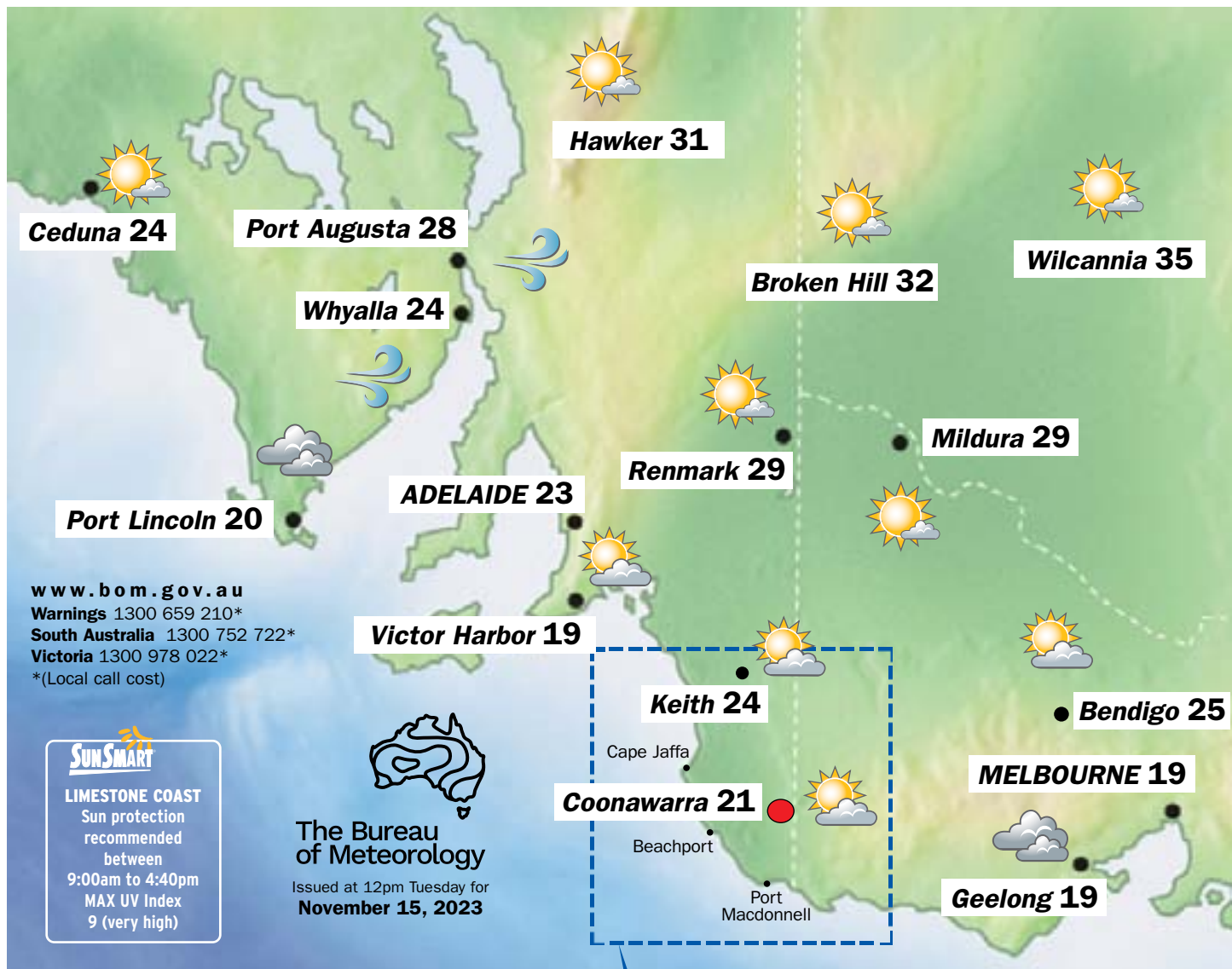
South West District:

Partly cloudy. Slight chance of a shower near the Otways. Light winds becoming southwesterly 15 to 25 km/h in the early afternoon.

Thursday. Partly cloudy. Medium chance of showers near the Otways, slight chance elsewhere. Winds southwesterly 25 to 35 km/h.



LIMESTONE COAST



COASTAL WATERS

Upper South East Coastal Waters:

Murray Mouth to Cape Jaffa
Winds: Southerly about 10 knots increasing to 15 to 20 knots in the middle of the day. Seas: Below 1 metre, increasing to 1 to 1.5 metres during the afternoon. Swell: Southwesterly 3 to 4 metres, decreasing to 3 metres around midday. Weather: Cloudy.

Tomorrow: Winds: Southerly 15 to 20 knots. Seas: 1 to 1.5 metres. Swell: Southwesterly 2.5 to 3 metres. Weather: Partly cloudy.

Lower South East Coastal Waters:

Cape Jaffa to SA-Vic Border
Winds: Southerly below 10 knots tending southwesterly 10 to 15 knots early in the morning. Winds reaching up to 20 knots north of Beachport in the evening. Seas: Below 0.5 metres, increasing to around 1 metre around midday. Swell: Southwesterly 3 to 4 metres, decreasing to 3 metres during the afternoon. Weather: Cloudy.

Tomorrow: Winds: South to southwesterly 15 to 20 knots. Seas: Around 1 metre, increasing to 1 to 1.5 metres south of Port MacDonnell. Swell: Southwesterly 2.5 to 3 metres. Weather: Partly cloudy.

West Victoria Coastal Waters:

SA-Vic Border to Cape Otway
Winds: Variable below 10 knots becoming southwesterly 10 to 15 knots in the early afternoon. Winds reaching up to 20 knots in the far east in the late evening. Seas: Below 0.5 metres, increasing to around 1 metre during the afternoon. Swell: Southwesterly 3 to 5 metres, decreasing to 3 metres during the afternoon. Weather: Cloudy.

Tomorrow: Winds: Southwesterly 15 to 20 knots. Seas: Around 1 metre, increasing to 1 to 1.5 metres in the east. Swell: Southwesterly 2.5 to 3 metres. Weather: Partly cloudy.

CAPITAL CITIES

City	Condition	Max
Adelaide	Partly cloudy.	23
Brisbane	Partly cloudy.	31
Canberra	Partly cloudy.	26
Darwin	Shower or two. Storm.	33
Hobart	Partly cloudy.	19
Melbourne	Partly cloudy.	19
Perth	Partly cloudy.	29
Sydney	Possible shower.	26

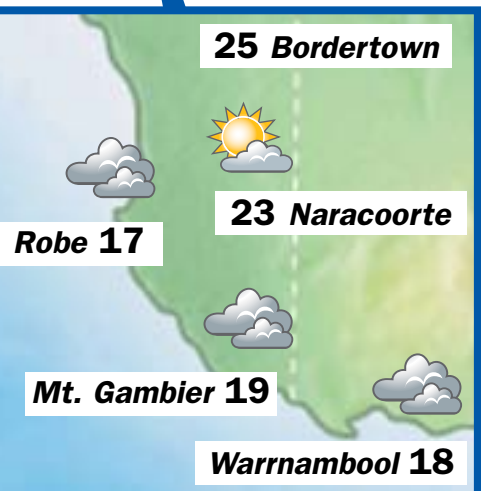
SUN & MOON

	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Thursday	5:47am	7:55pm	7:27am	11:14pm
Friday	5:47am	7:57pm	8:25am	Nil
Saturday	5:46am	7:58pm	9:33am	12:11am
Sunday	5:45am	7:59pm	10:45am	1:00am
Monday	5:45am	8:00pm	11:58am	1:39am
Tuesday	5:44am	8:01pm	1:11pm	2:13am



TIDES

Beachport	
Today:	
H:	1:50am 1.1m
L:	8:52am 0.4m
H:	12:49pm 0.5m
L:	6:45pm 0.1m
Tomorrow:	
H:	2:18am 1.2m
L:	9:27am 0.4m
H:	12:56pm 0.5m
L:	7:03pm 0.1m
Friday:	
H:	2:48am 1.1m
L:	7:24pm 0.1m
Saturday:	
H:	3:20am 1.1m
L:	7:43pm 0.1m
Sunday:	
H:	3:58am 1.0m
L:	8:02pm 0.2m
Monday:	
H:	4:43am 0.9m
L:	8:11pm 0.2m
Port Macdonnell	
Today:	
H:	1:55am 1.3m
L:	8:48am 0.5m
H:	12:44pm 0.7m
L:	7:03pm 0.2m
Tomorrow:	
H:	2:28am 1.3m
L:	9:26am 0.6m
H:	12:48pm 0.7m
L:	7:16pm 0.2m
Friday:	
H:	3:00am 1.2m
L:	10:06am 0.6m
H:	12:59pm 0.7m
L:	7:29pm 0.2m
Saturday:	
H:	3:30am 1.2m
L:	11:01am 0.7m
H:	12:53pm 0.7m
L:	7:52pm 0.2m
Sunday:	
H:	4:01am 1.1m
L:	8:19pm 0.3m
Monday:	
H:	4:39am 1.0m
L:	8:42pm 0.4m



THE WORLD

World conditions yesterday

City	Weather	Max	Min
Athens	fine	24	14
Auckland	showers	20	14
Bangkok	storms	34	23
Beijing	cloudy	9	-2
Berlin	rain	9	8
Christchurch	fine	17	9
Denpasar	cloudy	33	26
Dublin	sunny	10	7
Hong Kong	sunny	25	20
Honolulu	showers	28	23
Jakarta	rain	30	26
Johannesburg	fine	24	12
Kuala Lumpur	storms	33	25
London	sunny	11	9
Los Angeles	rain	21	13
Madrid	sunny	18	9
Moscow	rain	4	3
New Delhi	fog	27	11
New York	sunny	11	3
Noumea	fine	27	19
Paris	sunny	13	9
Auckland	showers	20	14
Port Vila	cloudy	28	22
Seoul	cloudy	13	2
Singapore	storms	34	24
Suva	rain	28	23
Tel Aviv	showers	23	19
Tokyo	cloudy	18	9
Vancouver	showers	7	3
Wellington	windy	19	13

Limestone Coast

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RENOVATED RURAL LIVING DELIGHT

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RENOVATED RURAL LIVING DELIGHT

HAVE you dreamed about owning a parcel of land with family home just outside of Penola? Situated on 18.44 acres (approx), only 15 minutes North West of Penola this is an opportunity that rarely presents itself.

This property is the ultimate lifestyle escape, perfect for those wanting to run a few horses, sheep or cattle in a pristine setting. The home presents in fantastic condition, with recent renovations bringing the solid home into the modern era. Situated on a rise, the home's elevation offers beautiful views out every window. The home is surrounded by a fenced, well maintained grassed area, perfect for children to roam and pets to run around.

As you enter the front door of the home you'll be greeted to a vast living area complete with reverse cycle air conditioner, slow combustion in-built fireplace and ceiling fan. The living area extends to the open plan kitchen and dining area which can be accessed via sliding doors to the front yard. These areas are cosy and bright with light flooring and paint pallet, further complemented by natural light flooding through the North facing windows. The kitchen mixes contemporary with country charm and offers a dishwasher, double sink with window overlooking the yard, and direct access to the rear entertaining area. The home presents four spacious bedrooms, two with BIRs and all with new, neutral carpet and ceiling fans. The main bedroom is connected to a new, modern ensuite.

The main bathroom has also undergone extensive renovation, and offers separate bath and shower.

Connected to the home is a huge outdoor entertaining area that has to be seen to be believed. The space is a whopping 132m² in size and can be used in a multitude of ways. Roller and double doors allow it to garage cars, or you can also utilise one of the many sheds on the property.

Shedding is huge feature of the property, offering:

- High clearance 18.45m x 9m open fronted shed with 6.25 x 15.55m extension
- 26.9m x 9.45m with concrete base, power and mechanics pit
- 11.1m x 7.9m Zincalume concrete base and power

Other highlights of the property include:

- High capacity rainwater storage
- Sheep holding yards
- Bore
- Pop up sprinklers
- Established gardens
- Chook shed
- Nearby school bus pick up
- Rubbish collection available

Established family homes on small acreage are hard to find! Don't miss this opportunity. Expressions of Interest close 15th of December 4:00pm. Call Tom Pearce 0427 642 138 or Mark De Garis 0428 372 128 today for an EOI form or to arrange an inspection. ●



HOME ESSENTIALS

Address: 544 V&A Lane, WATTLE RANGE EAST **Description:** 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 4 garage **Inspect:** By appointment

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285 Plunkett Tce, Millicent
'Oldbury Farm'
Rural living at its best

84 ac / 33.99ha

Expressions of Interest close 15th December, 4pm

'Oldbury Farm' offers a stunning character filled homestead situated on 84 highly productive acres less than 5 minutes from the centre of Millicent

- Three bedroom main homestead plus detached living quarters with one bedroom, bathroom and laundry
- Horse lovers are well catered for with a 60m x 40m horse arena, full stables, tack room and yards
- Fenced into 8 paddocks all serviced by a central laneway
- 'Oldbury Farm' is a feed machine, with highly productive black friable loam growing a bulk of rye grass, clover, chicory and lucerne
- Sheep and cattle yards and ample shedding (6m x 10m hay shed, 11m x 18m high clearance shed and 21m x 9m open fronted high clearance machinery shed)

Contact Tom Pearce or Mark De Garis to arrange an inspection

4 Beds
 2 Bath
 3 Car

FOR SALE

49 Church St, Penola
81 Henty St, Casterton

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2023 IN COLOUR

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

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

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

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

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

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

Recent trends have seen a sky rocketing of pulling themes from nature and

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

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

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

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

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



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544 V & A Lane
Renovated rural living delight
Rare offering only 15 minutes from Penola

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This property is the ultimate lifestyle escape, perfect for those wanting to run a few horses, sheep or cattle in a pristine setting. The home presents in fantastic condition, with recent renovations bringing the solid home into the modern era.

- 4 bedrooms (main with ensuite & WIR), 2 bathrooms & generous living spaces all freshly renovated
- Open plan kitchen, living and dining filled with natural light and views of scenic surrounds
- Huge 132m2 outdoor entertaining area
- Ample shedding including: High clearance 18.45m x 9m open fronted shed with 6.25 x 15.55m extension, 26.9m x 9.45m with concrete base, power and mechanics pit, 11.1m x 7.9m Zincalume concrete base and power
- Rainwater, sheep holding yards, pop up splinkers and much more!

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4 Beds
 2 Bath
 4 Car

18.44 ac / 7.46 ha

FOR SALE

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Concrete exteriors are popular exteriors for modern housing. 209918



Pictures: ISTOCK Concrete floors are no longer confined to sheds and industrial showrooms. 209918

RISING FROM THE CONCRETE JUNGLE

CONCRETE has long been a go-to material for the building industry.

It's weathered the elements since ancient times - proving its strength, durability and versatility.

Its usage worldwide, ton for ton, is twice that of steel, wood, plastics, and aluminium combined, according to Wikipedia.

But what was once confined to the urban landscape is shirking its concrete jungle tag and expanding into our homes and hearts.

Everything from polished concrete floors to benchtops, light fittings and accessories is taking on a cement hue. There's even special effect paint to give your walls a rough-strewn look in place of the real deal.

As an exterior cladding concrete is aesthetically pleasing but it brings with it a range of other benefits that are making it a popular choice among home builders and renovators.

Apart from the fact that it's strong, concrete is low maintenance, sound proof and can withstand our harsh elements such as rain, wind and fire. It's also termite-proof.

Depending on the look you're aiming for, concrete walls can be left natural, if you do decide to paint them they only need to be repainted every five to 10 years.

Another key benefit of concrete in housing construction is its high thermal properties.

It can absorb heat in the warm weather and release it during cooler periods - helping reduce energy costs.

Polished concrete floors provide much of the same benefits as far as durability, maintenance and life span, and there are a variety of colour and texture effects to personalise the look.

It can be cold underfoot, particularly in winter, but so too can floor tiles.

Interior concrete walls can bring modern, clean lines to a home.

Clad an entire room in it for an almost industrial vibe, or use it as a stand out feature wall.

If you're concerned about having to live with concrete floors or walls long past the trend's use-by date, there are less permanent, cheaper alternatives to bring a touch of the natural element inside.

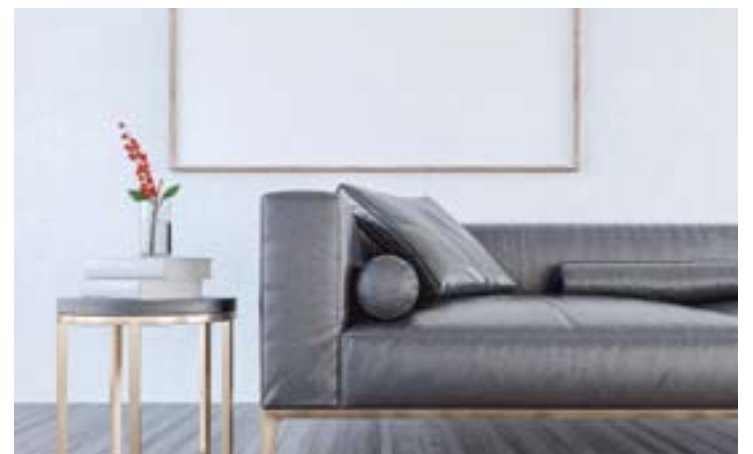
Concrete table and bench tops are popular at the moment and look beautiful juxtaposed with timber cupboards or table legs.

Try a concrete light fitting to bring an edgy look to the kitchen or as a feature in a hall way.

Candle holders, plant pots, lamps can all be used to bring concrete in to your interior design and can easily be replaced if you tire of the look. ●



Concrete walls bring a sleekness to modern interiors. 209918



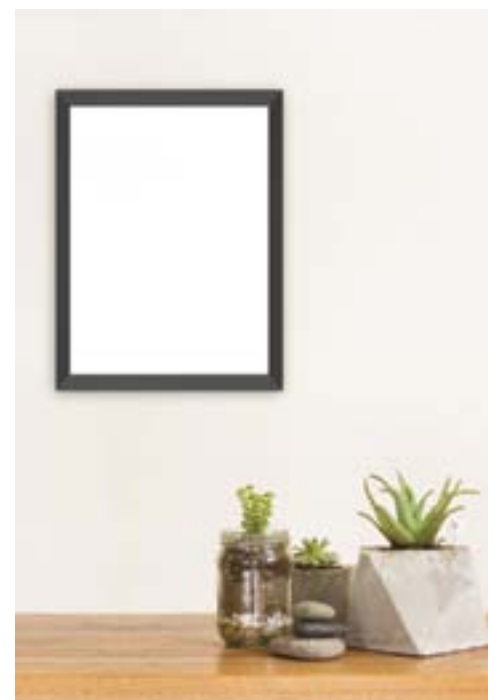
SAL Real Estate presents
82 JENNINGS ROAD, MILLICENT
146 ACRES | 3 BED 1 BATH 6 CAR
 Expressions of Interest by 27/11/2023,
 2pm at the SAL Office

- Close to Millicent, black flats ideal cropping or Livestock opportunity
- Substantial Mount Gambier Stone Home
- 3 generous size bedrooms
- 3 Main living areas with additional outdoor enclosed pergola area with second toilet
- Open plan kitchen meals area with electric cooking facilities
- Slow combustion heating and solar hot water
- 3 Bay stone Garage plus workshop area with concrete floor and power connected
- Fenced into 6 main paddocks would suit cropping or livestock pursuits
- Close to Millicent approx. 11kms and 37 kms to Mount Gambier
- Your very own dam with established native gardens around the home
- Various other shedding on the property well maintained throughout
- Situated on two titles




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Friends formed teams for the event.



Tegan Elliot, Kylie Ware and Ronnie Willis.

Quiz night supports the kids

THE Lucindale community came together on Friday evening to have some fun and raise money for the Balharry Memorial Children's Centre.

Attendees to the quiz night enjoyed an auction and a night of laughs while fundraising for the local centre.



The evening offered a chance for friends to come together.



It was a great night of trivia for all.



Milly, Mary-Ann and Kate.



The community came out to support the children's centre.



Funds were raised for the Balharry Memorial Children's Centre.

Opportunity to shop late

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A number of opportunity shops in Mount Gambier/Berrin were open late on Tuesday to encourage people to reduce, reuse and recycle this festive season.

Six opportunity shops stayed open until 7pm for the third year to allow those unable to shop till they drop during work hours to give it a go.

Anglican Belltower Opportunity Shop manager Trudy-Anne Doyle said the initiative encouraged people who typically could not make it to opportunity shops to see what was available.

"It should be pretty good and the people who do tend to come have allowed us to keep it going because for many it is their only real chance to go to the opportunity shops," Ms Doyle said.

"It can be hard to get to the shops for people who work or just cannot manage to get out during opening times so this is a nice thing to offer people."

She said having the late-night opportunity shopping event close to the festival season also allowed many people to reconsider what they purchase for gifts.

"Nearly all of the opportunity shops have got their Christmas stuff out so people can expect plenty of tinsel and Christmas decorations which is nice to buy second hand if you need extra decorations," Ms Doyle said.

"There was also the opportunity to buy nice little presents for Kris Kringle at work because you really cannot go wrong with tree ornaments and there is plenty of that as well.

Ms Doyle said each year the community had responded well to the event with some shops even providing finger food.

"We are really targeting the working people who want to do something economically



LATE NIGHT OP SHOPS: Anglican Belltower Opportunity Shop volunteer Sandra Grant looks forward to welcoming the community through the doors on Tuesday.

friendly for Christmas and particularly those people who want to come and have a look because there are a lot of things marked as brand new in our shops which would be a great gift

idea," she said.

She said as the cost of living increased as well as power bills, Christmas shopping through opportunity shops was a great cost-

effective way to celebrate the festive season.

"I would definitely encourage people to go to opportunity shops this coming Christmas," she said.

All eyes on George the Farmer as store nears

PENOLA will remain abuzz with anticipation with iconic Australian children's brand George the Farmer officially opening its new concept store this Sunday.

The store will house brands which consist of a farm or educational focus as well as featuring George the Farmer books and toys.

Attendees can join George on a yellow-brick road of educational adventures including mini tractor rides, milling wheat to flour, sheep fleece throwing and potato digging with an expectation of about 300 people to attend.

Children completing all activities will receive a special free gift from George the Farmer as a memento of the grand occasion.

Other free activities will include horse and cart rides, face painting, a farm animal petting zoo and meet-and-greets with George the Farmer himself.

Food and local wine will be available for purchase with the event coinciding with National Agriculture Day celebrations.

George the Farmer owner, author and creator Simone Kain said it was the perfect opportunity to give back to local fans.

"George the Farmer is the National Agriculture Day official ambassador so it was fitting to time our celebrations in with this national event," Ms Kain said.

"We've received wonderful support over the years which I'm so grateful for and visitors are welcome to stay for 30 minutes or the whole day."

She said she was looking forward to seeing lots of excited George the Farmer fans on Sunday while also being able to say thank you to those who have supported the brand.

In support of the opening, local retail outlets such as Koonara Wines, Salt and Co and Di's Gifts and Flowers were also offering in-store promotions.

"The town has thrown their support behind the opening and the instore promotions being offered will entice visitors to explore Penola after our celebrations," Ms Kain said.

All retail promotions for the town of Penola



GRAND OPENING: George the Farmer owner, author and creator Simone Kain is excited for the concept store's official opening.

Picture: SUPPLIED

will be listed on the reverse of the children's activity cards.

George the Farmer was first established in 2016 and now features 13 picture storybooks, 20 original songs, 13 paddock-to-plate televi-

sion episodes and a nationally touring performance.

There is also a wide range of free curriculum-aligned resources for educators to teach children about food and fibre production.

The George the Farmer concept store is open from Tuesday to Sunday from 10am until 1pm or by appointment.

The grand opening will be held on Sunday from 11am until 3pm.

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Agriculture path to net zero

AUSTRALIANS now have an opportunity to share their views on how the agriculture and land sectors can play a part in the Federal Government's economy-wide Net Zero 2050 Plan.

A discussion paper for the Agriculture and Land Plan – one of six sectoral decarbonisation plans under the Net Zero 2050 Plan – has been released as part of broader public consultation.

Agriculture, as a sector in the National Greenhouse Account, made up 16.8 per cent of national greenhouse gas emissions in 2020–21. This share is expected to increase as other parts of the economy, such as the electricity sector, take up more readily available and lower cost abatement options.

The agricultural industry has long been calling for collaborative policy and national plans to ensure a profitable, productive and sustainable future. Modelling from the Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics and Sciences (ABARES) shows that recent seasonal conditions (2001 to 2020) reduced the profitability of Australian broadacre farms by an average of 23 per cent, or around \$29,200 per farm.

Producers and land managers are adapting but reducing emissions is a complex task and needs strong collaboration with governments.

Now they have a government willing to partner with them to develop an Agriculture and Land Plan to do that.

Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, Murray Watt will lead the plan's development in collaboration with the Minister for Climate Change and Energy, Chris Bowen, and the Minister for the Environment and Water, Tanya Plibersek.

The discussion paper will be the start of a longer-term, ongoing discussion with the sector on lower emissions pathways.

Minister Watt said the discussion paper is about understanding and identifying opportunities for the sector in reducing emissions while building agricultural productivity, sustainability and resilience.

"The government is seeking views and feedback from industry, experts and the community on ways that agriculture and land can contribute to the whole-of-economy emissions reduction task," Minister Watt said.

"Farmers and landholders are already seeing the impact of climate change on their businesses, and have been leaders in sustainability for a long time. Their expertise in this area will be valuable in putting together the Plan."

Minister Bowen said Australian farmers are on the front line of climate change and working with the agriculture sector will help us reach Australia's net zero goals and protect this critical industry.

"We know farmers and landholders are best placed to share their knowledge, innovation, ideas and experience to get the best outcomes," Minister Bowen said.

"The Albanese Government wants to work in partnership with industry to get this Agriculture and Land Plan right – supporting them to adopt low-emission technologies that boost productivity and reduce costs, and maximise opportunities to increase carbon



PATH TO NET ZERO: Minister for Climate Change and Energy, Chris Bowen said working with the agriculture sector will help Australia reach its net zero goals. Picture: MICK TSIKAS/AAP



KEY ROLE: Minister for the Environment and Water Tanya Plibersek said landholders and land managers, including those in Indigenous Protected Areas, will play a key role in protecting and repairing nature and helping it be more resilient. Picture: DEAN LEWINS/AAP

storage in the landscape."

Minister for the Environment and Water Tanya Plibersek said landholders and land managers including those in Indigenous Protected Areas, will play a key role in protecting and repairing nature and helping it be more resilient.

"Farmers are terrific stewards of our natural environment. When they act to reduce greenhouse gases, they can also have a fantastic impact on improving biodiversity – for example



OPPORTUNITIES: Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, Murray Watt said the discussion paper is about understanding and identifying opportunities for the sector in reducing emissions while building agricultural productivity, sustainability and resilience. Picture: AAP IMAGE/LUKAS COCH

by better protecting remnant bush or improving planting around dams. When farmers earn money from carbon farming, they will also be able to earn money through our nature repair market.

"We are determined to better protect nature and leave it better off for our kids and grandkids – and we know farmers play an important role in that."

Public submissions will be made available via DAFF's Have your Say website at haveyour-say.agriculture.gov.au/agriculture-and-land-sectoral-plan and will close on 13 December 2023.

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The government will continue to engage on the Agriculture and Land Plan and the other sectoral decarbonisation plans, as part of the whole-of-economy net zero plan, over the coming months.

For more information on this process, visit dcceew.gov.au/climate-change/emissions-reduction/net-zero

Government looks to better serve agribusiness

FARMERS and agribusinesses will have the chance to provide feedback on the products and service delivery of the Regional Investment Corporation (RIC) and the effectiveness of concessional loans thanks to an independent statutory review.

Assistant Secretary Andrew O'Sullivan said the review of the Regional Investment Corporation Act 2018 (RIC Act) would be a chance to take stock of how the RIC and government could better serve agribusinesses.

"The Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, Murray Watt, has appointed Dr Wendy Craik AM to undertake a review of the operation of the RIC Act," Mr O'Sullivan said.

"Dr Craik has experience in undertaking reviews – including complex statutory reviews relating to strategy and governance – and has a wide range of experience across agricultural and financial policy, including recent terms on the Reserve Bank Board and as a member of the Future Drought Fund's

Consultative Committee.

"I have every confidence that Dr Craik will deliver a thorough assessment of the RIC Act and related matters."

The review will enable the Australian Government to examine the best possible methods for managing the RIC into the future.

"Currently, the Australian Government provides up to \$4.075 billion in concessional loans to farm and farm-related small businesses through the RIC," Mr O'Sullivan said.

"It's important that this money is being spent wisely and to improve the long-term strength, resilience and profitability of Australian agribusiness.

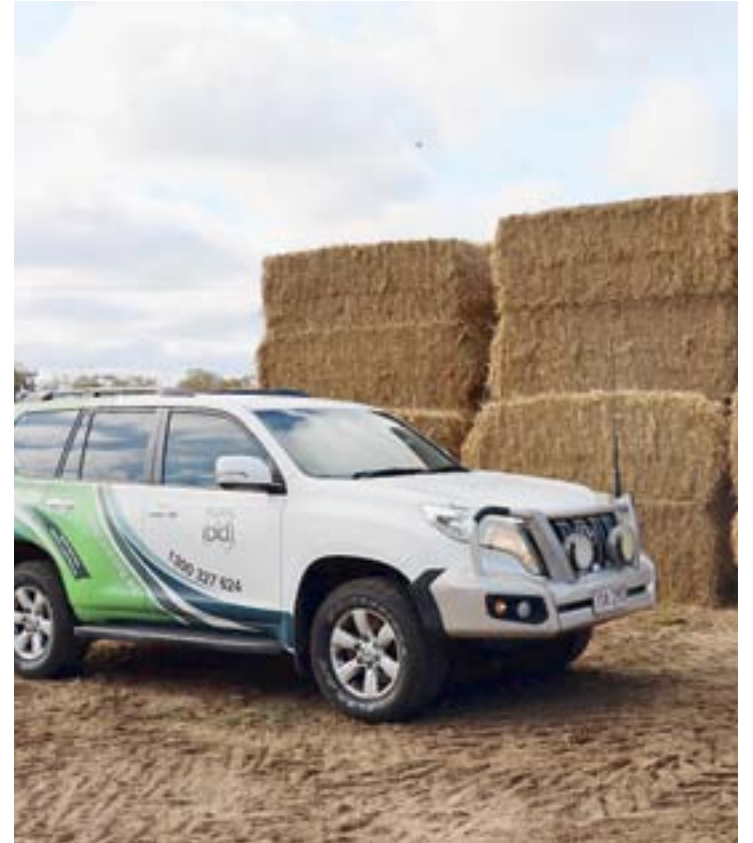
"Dr Craik will look at the scope of the RIC's activities after 30 June 2026, and the appropriate governance arrangements for the RIC after that date."

For more information visit agriculture.gov.au/agriculture-land/farm-food-drought/drought/assistance/ric

Farm



DEMAND: A tractor picks up a large bale of hay from the Rural Aid/DAF hay drop.



SUPPORT: A Rural Aid car in front of a stack of donated hay.

Rural Aid fears 'tipping point'

THE surging demand for fodder for drought-stricken livestock has come as no surprise to the nation's most trusted rural charity, Rural Aid.

It says the Bureau's declaration of the three months, August to October, as the driest on record since records began in 1900, coincides with the rapid increase in calls from farmers for assistance – especially hay for livestock, emergency drinking water and mental health and wellbeing support.

Rural Aid chief executive officer John Warlters said farmers had registered requests totalling more than a \$1 million for fodder, the majority of which had been received from families in NSW drought hot spots including

the Northern Rivers, New England, Hunter Valley.

More than 50 per cent of NSW was now impacted by drought, an almost doubling of the area affected since September.

On the Queensland side of the border, the state's south was desperately dry and without widespread and substantial rain it would only be a matter of time before drought declarations followed.

Rural Aid CEO John Warlters said, while attending a hay drop for bushfire affected graziers, that it's a challenging outlook for farmers.

"Right now, what we're seeing is below aver-

age rainfall, above average temperatures and so much of the countryside is tinder dry.

"It's very, very early to see this level of fire activity and it gives us great concern about what this summer is going to look like."

Mr Warlters said Rural Aid has been monitoring the impending weather conditions closely, as the reality of the current season starts to emerge.

Requests for Rural Aid's assistance have increased markedly over the past three months.

Mr Warlters said many farmers have no feed for their livestock and are extremely anxious about the months ahead.

"We're really concerned at Rural Aid that we

are almost at a bit of a tipping point right now.

"Collectively, it means we're all on edge, and we know that really puts so much more stress and worry on our farmers at this time.

"The number of calls to our counsellors has effectively doubled from this time last year."

Mr Warlters said Rural Aid is working hard to support farmers, but it can't do it alone.

"As we come into Christmas, it's a time that we can all contribute to an organisation like Rural Aid so that we can help farming families and get them through these challenging times," Mr Warlters said.

Donations can be made at buyabale2023.ruralaid.org.au or by calling 1300 327 624.

Experienced Angus takes on sheep role

RESPECTED market analyst, Angus Gidley-Baird, has been appointed to the role of independent chair of the Sheep Sustainability Framework (SSF).

Mr Gidley-Baird brings deep and broad experience in the red meat sector and agriculture industry advocacy, and is currently senior analyst, animal proteins at Rabobank, where he has worked for the past 10 years.

Prior to that, he spent a decade at New South Wales Farmers in various roles including managing the livestock, economic and rural affairs policy areas.

The trained agricultural economist said he was looking forward to helping drive the SSF forward, particularly as national and international attention focuses on the sustainability efforts of primary production.

"After moving through its initial setup stage, the SSF now leads some of the most important global discussions on sustainability in the wool and sheepmeat industries," he said.

"My term will coincide with the red meat sector approaching the CN30 target – carbon neutral by the year 2030 – so this period will be critical in how the industry positions itself and demonstrates its progress."

Mr Gidley-Baird said his work with Rabobank involved analysis of all key livestock markets including pork, poultry, beef, sheep-



CHAIR: Angus Gidley-Baird has been appointed to the role of independent chair of the Sheep Sustainability Framework. **Picture: SUPPLIED**

meat, goats and seafood, giving him the opportunity to connect with colleagues around the world and regularly discuss key issues in sustainability.

"Within the global team at Rabobank, we've got a lot of exposure to different groups around the world, including Roundtables for Sustainable Beef, and I've been following programs to understand the potential implications for our livestock clients and the broader industry," Mr Gidley-Baird said.

"My current role at Rabobank also gives me great exposure to the whole supply chain. I can go from talking to a country banking client in Hamilton on what's influencing the

sheep market, to a wholesale client who is a big meat processor or a US colleague about what's going on in the North American market and what that means for the next 12 to 18 months. These are very diverse conversations approached with a business lens.

"I hope to bring to the SSF a perspective of business practicality, but also my thoughts on the wider implications to the market and our trade access. Progress on sustainability needs to be workable for the whole supply chain, and any costs need to be managed to ensure our products remain a strong value proposition for consumers.

"It also needs to reflect our commitments to mitigating the environmental impacts of our production systems while recognising the critical role our producers have in feeding the community and the financial resilience that underpins that responsibility."

The SSF has also welcomed the appointment of Courtney Nelson as manager, Sheep Sustainability Framework, at Meat & Livestock Australia (MLA). In addition to being a trained animal bioscientist, having completed an honours degree at the University of Sydney, Ms Nelson recently added a Master of Science Communication from Australian National University.

She joins the SSF following six years at LiveCorp working in research communications and is excited bring her skillset to

the Framework.

"It's an incredibly exciting time to be coming to the SSF, two years into its life cycle and at a point where it is established and gaining momentum," Ms Nelson said.

"Australia is known for the quality of its sheep and wool products so working in the sustainability space is a natural fit to ensuring its longevity.

Meanwhile, Emma Gittoes Bunting, global sustainability manager at Australian Wool Innovation (AWI), takes over SSF responsibilities from Bridget Peachey.

The SSF is owned, developed and led by industry through the peak national policy bodies Sheep Producers Australia (SPA) and WoolProducers Australia (WPA), with resources, including the secretariat, provided by MLA and AWI.

Ms Gittoes Bunting said from her experience in international markets, the development of the SSF showed the Australian sheep and wool industry was leading the world.

"As they say, data is king, and we are ahead of the curve internationally," she said.

"I don't know any other industry globally that's collecting this data and I don't think we've tapped into the full potential of it yet, but it is an amazing starting point."

For more information on the SSF visit sheepsustainabilityframework.com.au

Farm



BIOCONTROL: Australian chief environmental biosecurity officer, Dr Bertie Hennecke.

Picture: DAFF

Natural weed enemies

RENEWED focus on weed biocontrol through a collaborative initiative is set to deliver benefits to land managers and the environment in the fight against weeds.

The initial phase of implementing the National Weed Biocontrol Pipeline Strategy includes the drafting of a national priority list of candidate weeds for biological control.

Biological control, or biocontrol, is the practice of managing pests or weeds by introducing its 'natural enemies', such as insects and pathogens (known as biocontrol agents).

Australian chief environmental biosecurity officer, Dr Bertie Hennecke, said the development of biocontrol capability is a complex process.

"Research into biocontrol can take years to complete, but by establishing a national priority list we can best direct investment to get the

ball rolling," Dr Hennecke said.

The Centre for Invasive Species Solutions (CISS), partnering with Australia's national science agency CSIRO, Biosecurity Queensland - Department of Agriculture and Fisheries, Agriculture Victoria, New South Wales Department of Primary Industries, and Wild Matters will collectively lead the project.

The strategy (prepared by CSIRO and CISS) has been approved by the Environment and Invasives Committee, a subcommittee of the National Biosecurity Committee, and the initial phase of work is funded by the Australian Government with in-kind support from the states and territories, and research institutions.

CISS CEO Andreas Glanznig said that weed biocontrol is a great investment in Australia's landscapes, biodiversity, and agriculture.

"Previous research has shown that from an average annual investment of \$4.3 million, Australia reaps annual benefits of \$95.3 million," Mr Glanznig said.

Senior research scientist at CSIRO Dr Michelle Rafter said biocontrol is an effective way to control weeds across the landscape.

"Modern science-based biocontrol is a sustainable, safe and cost-effective way to help control weeds at a landscape scale," Dr Rafter said.

Weeds have a negative impact on Australia's environment, livelihood, and agricultural productivity, with an overall average cost of nearly \$5 billion across Australia each year. Biocontrol offers a way forward to potentially claw back some of this huge cost to Australia.

For more information, visit weeds.org.au/overview/lists-strategies

High cost of pests, weeds

PESTS and weeds are costing farmers a combined \$5.3 billion a year in both management and production loss.

Australian farmers are spending \$3.8 billion a year to control vertebrate pests and weeds and suffering production losses of 1.5 billion.

ABARES executive director Dr Jared Greenville said the latest ABARES report, Cost of established pest animals and weeds to Australian agricultural producers, was an eye-opening reminder of the immense task of managing pests and weeds.

"Costs vary across industries and type of pest and weed, with New South Wales accounting for the largest share of estimated costs at 26 per cent, followed by Western Australia at 25 per cent, and Victoria and Queensland at each 17 per cent," Dr Greenville said.

"Some farmers are able to manage and reduce damage from pest animals and weeds, but the cost of management is high and outright elimination is much harder.

"Despite their best efforts, agricultural producers still lose an estimated \$1.5 billion a year in damage to crops and livestock.

"The biggest impact was from weeds, which contributed 82 per cent of the cost to farmers.

"Vertebrate pests still have a significant impact on farmers. Foxes, rabbits, feral pigs, wild dogs and goats collectively cost landholders \$866 million every year.

"It also absorbs time and effort – around 72 per cent of the estimated cost is in the working hours devoted to managing pests and weeds."

The latest ABARES report, Cost of established pest animals and weeds to Australian agricultural producers, can be read at agriculture.gov.au/abares/research-topics/biosecurity/biosecurity-economics/cost-of-established-pest-animals-and-weeds-to-australian-agricultural-producers

Two new market indicators launched

THE online selling of sheep and cattle has been growing in popularity in recent years.

In response to this growing online marketplace, Meat & Livestock Australia (MLA) has launched the first publicly available online indicators.

The National Livestock Reporting System (NLRS) reports on over 50 physical saleyard markets producing 16 price indicators that are reported on a daily, weekly and fortnightly basis. These indicators, along with accompanying market reports, drive more than 70 per cent of MLA website traffic and cover about one quarter of all livestock transactions.

The two indicators will monitor the online sales of cattle and lambs, called the Online Young Cattle Indicator (OYCI) and the Online Lamb Indicator (OLI).

According to Stephen Bignell, MLA's market information manager, by developing online indicators published on the MLA website, MLA would open-up greater information on this important area of the market.

"Online sales have been steadily growing in popularity as an alternative for producers to market their livestock," Mr Bignell said.

"The online indicators provide producers with a greater breath of data than they've previously had. It increases the sales-channels that MLA reports on."

The sale information is recorded through the online platforms and presented to MLA in a clean format which is simple to input into in-



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dicator frameworks.

"Online marketplaces boomed during the national rebuild between 2020 – 2022. Even as the herd and flock rebuild matures, we've seen online marketplaces remain popular."

The OYCI and OLI follow the same structure

and model of current indicators published on the MLA website, providing a useable interface for producers and other stakeholders. They will capture cattle and lamb sales on online platforms that match predefined specifications.



COST: ABARES executive director Dr Jared Greenville said the latest ABARES report was an eye-opening reminder of the immense task of managing pests and weeds.

Welcome, new members

BORDERTOWN Lions Club have welcomed two new members.

Recently the club inducted Rob Sheffield and Ruban Thanabalastngham as new members.

President Cherie van Gastel welcomed the two new members, and

president from The Lions Club of Meningie May Virgin, performed the induction.

May was presented with a gift for travelling from Meningie to join the Bordertown Lions for the occasion.



NEW MEMBERS: Sponsor David Ciampa with new member, Rob Sheffield, new member Ruban Thanabalastngham, and president of Meningie club May Virgin.



WELCOMED: Reina Gonzales, son Oliver Sheffield with Rob Sheffield, Ruban Thanabalastngham, son Yukith, May Virgin, May-oori Thanabalastngham, son Kiruthig and Cherie van Gastel.



INDUCTION: President of The Lions Club of Meningie May Virgin performed the induction.

Give blood, give life: Donor centre in town

NEXT week everyday Naracoorte residents will have a chance to save a life with a Lifeblood Pop-up Blood Donor Centre coming to town.

Lifeblood spokesperson Zoe Ross said donating blood was an incredibly selfless and meaningful thing to do, and each donation can save up to three lives.

"We know one in three people in Naracoorte will need blood at some stage - this

could be you or someone you love," she said.

"We've made it easier and more convenient to help those in need by bringing a Pop-up Blood Donor Centre to you."

There are around 60 appointments left during the week, with each appointment taking around an hour.

With donated blood commonly needed for cancer treatment, emergency surgery, road trauma and bleeding during childbirth

Ms Ross said the need for it never stopped.

She encouraged regular donors to return and those who had never done it to roll up their sleeve.

"If you've given blood before, be a local legend and spread the word with your friends, family and neighbours," she said.

"We are so grateful for the support of generous communities like Naracoorte and hope to see you at the Pop-up Blood Donor

Centre."

Lifeblood's Pop-up Blood Donor Centre will be operating at the Naracoorte Town Hall Function Centre from Monday, November 20, to Thursday, November 23.

To book a donation, call 13 14 95 or book online at lifeblood.com.au or on the Donate-Blood app.



GIVE LIFE: Naracoorte locals are encouraged to roll up their sleeves and give blood at the Lifeblood Pop-up Blood Donor Centre next week.

Picture: SUPPLIED

Festival coming our way

BEER, barbecue and music will come to Mount Gambier/Berrin next year for an inaugural festival.

The South East Beer and BBQ Festival will head to the Mount Gambier Railway Lands with an exciting line up of musicians.

It comes off the back of the Adelaide-based festival which has hosted music icons such as The Living End, Dune Rats and more.

Next year the event will bring a line up of brewers to the region including Pirate Life, Big Shed and Mismatch.

There will also be Sydney brewers Bracket Brewing and Melbourne-based company The Mill and Sure Brewing.

Local brewers such as The Woolshed, Loop-hole and Little Ripa will also be making an appearance.

South East renown chef Kirby Shearing will be headlining the barbecue line up alongside Burn City Smokers, Smokey Uppercuts and Mount Gambier/Berrin's very own Lumberjack's BBQ.

There will also be a special collaboration between Big Bad Wold and Elementary by Soul Co plus another collaboration between Pirate Life Kitchen's Rocky Oliveria and Mayura Station.

Filipino BBQ by Sydney-based Hoy Pinoy will be there alongside Cheekies Hot Chicken with a further line up of Limestone Coast venues to be announced in the future.

As for music, Melbourne band The Smith Street Band will be making an appearance alongside Bad/Dreams, The Pretty Littles and Adelaide's Blush and LOLA>

Mount Gambier/Berrin band Sexy as Shit will also play alongside The Stokes, Regurgitator and Magic Dirt.

Other bands include DEM MOB, Tonix, Street Legal and Mums Favourite.

Alongside music, food and beer there will also be a range of entertainment including BMX and skating demonstrations, the Southern Steak Showdown and Backyard BBQ



FESTIVAL TO HIT SOUTH EAST: Mount Gambier/Berrin band Sexy as Shit will be one of many bands playing at the inaugural Beer and BBQ Festival in March.

Championships, masterclass panel talks with brewers and chefs, a hot dog eating contest, axe throwing, a tattoo parlour, markets, a silent disco and the iconic Beer Bod Wet T-Shirt Competition.

Beer and BBQ Festival co-director Gareth Lewis said they were stoked to bring the event

to the South East.

"We have felt nothing but supported by each and every person we have consulted with in building this event concept and feel privileged to be welcomed into the area. South East Beer and BBQ Fest is not a half-baked version of the Adelaide event but kind of like a 'greatest

hits' of all the things we love," Mr Lewis said.

"We hope it develops its own unique identity tied to the Limestone Coast and the great producers, bands and people who are lucky enough to call it home."

The event will be held on March 9 and 10 with tickets on sale now.

People in need: Report shines a light on struggle

THOUSANDS of South Australians have had to seek support from ac.care during the last financial year as a result of the rising cost of living, lack of affordable housing and the impacts of the River Murray floods.

Data collected during the 2022-2023 financial year showed an increased demand across many key ac.care services including homelessness, emergency relief, financial counselling and a desperate need for foster carers.

ac.care's annual report was released to coincide with its recent annual general meeting and highlighted the agency's achievements across South Australian regions.

Early intervention support helped 510 people avoid homelessness across the regions – an increase of 107 compared to 2021-2022, with a further 698 people moved from homelessness to stable accommodation.

ac.care chief executive officer Shane Maddocks said data showed a clear growing need for the agency's services, which includes family and relationship support, Aboriginal services and management of nine residential care homes for children under the Guardianship of the chief executive of the Department for Child Protection and for whom foster or kinship care is not currently an option.

"A housing crisis combined with increasing costs of living mean that safe homes are harder to keep and to find," Mr Maddocks said.

"Sadly though, there are many people we are unable to help find that longer term answer to their needs.

"We have seen increasing demand for our financial counselling and emergency relief programs with more and more people also collecting donated food to be able to feed their families."

Mr Maddock said ac.care also received more requests to care for children and young people who were unable to safely continue living with their birth families.



END OF THE YEAR: Balloonologist Miss C, ac.care community engagement manager Jason Wallace, ac.care Limestone Coast Homelessness Services manager Kelly McGuinness, Basketball Man and Fringe Mount Gambier artistic program manager Louise Adams. **Picture: SUPPLIED**

During the 2022-2023 financial year, ac.care supported 147 foster carer families who provided stability and security for 335 children and young people, while a 24/7 roster of dedicated ac.care staff cared for 51 children and young people living in the residential care homes.

Securing ongoing funding for the agency's three community centres in Mount Gambier/Berrin, Berrin and Millicent, as well as the strong response by staff to assist communities affected by the River Murray flooding

were highlights of the 2022-2023 period for the agency.

This also included the launch of Weaving Stronger Futures Together – a 10-year vision and strategy for disrupting cycles of disadvantage and strengthening the fabric of our communities.

"Our new strategic plan has a strong focus on getting in early to prevent and address issues before they become a crisis," Mr Maddocks said.

"We will continue to advocate for increased funding for prevention and early intervention support and will be adapting our services to increase this focus where we can in collaboration with our communities.

"We cannot achieve significant change unless we all work together and this is why we will be working more closely with our communities to develop local responses and solutions."

Mr Maddocks said ac.care's work with Aboriginal people and communities continued to be a significant focus for the agency, underpinned by the commitments in its Stretch Reconciliation Action Plan.

Cultural bus tours led by Boandik Elder Aunty Michelle Jacquelin-Furr in the Limestone Coast proved an important way for staff and volunteers to learn about the impact of colonisation in these communities.

"Listening to the voice of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander clients, staff and communities has always led to better outcomes and we hope that everyone in our communities will open their hearts and listen more deeply," Mr Maddocks said.

Looking ahead, ac.care board convenor Rick Fisher backed the agency's new strategy as a carefully staged plan to weave communities together, break cycles of intergenerational disadvantage and increase aspirations, optimism, opportunity and hope for country people.

"We believe now is the right time to step up as leaders to affect transformative community change," Mr Fisher said.

"We see disturbing evidence that many children begin their education on 'the back foot', and that many do not recover or catch up with learning.

"We aim to make sure children start school prepared for learning on their first day and that all are supported to learn and to succeed, then to contribute fully to community life."

Rams retain a leading edge

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MILLCENT BLACK HATS 2/121 d MOUNT BURR MOZZIES 10/108

MILLCENT Black Hats notched up their third win of the Millicent and Naracoorte cricket season after they chased down Mount Burr with ease on Saturday.

The Round 4 clash was played on the Mozzies' home deck, but the guests were unfazed by the foreign turf.

They won the toss and sent Mount Burr in to bat, with the hosts all out for 108 in the 37th over. Opening batsmen Jack Francis and Jordan Muhovics struggled dealt minor damage, with four and seven runs respectively.

However, Jack Muhovics managed to find some rhythm and when he was finally judged lbw from a Sam Hunt delivery, his 37 runs would be the top score for his team.

Taylor Allen and Mark Wright both added four runs during their time at the crease, while the only other double-figure score came from Arjun Shrestha with 16 runs.

Sukhchain Dhaliwal scored eight, while Chris Scott had five. At the end of the innings the Mozzies were all out for 108, setting an achievable target for the Black Hats. Millicent's bowling was led by Hunt, who finished on 5/20.

Hunt went on to also top score with the bat, in an impressive day out.

Jacob Todd excelled with the ball as well with figures of 3/14, while Michael Gibson and Ashton Lindner had a wicket each.

The Black Hats wasted no time establishing a solid partnership with opening batsmen Hunt and Teej Lawlor combining for 63 runs before the latter was run out for eight.

Ashton Lindner stepped up for a short appearance, contributing three runs before he was caught and bowled by Francis.

Enter Todd and he and Hunt would see out the innings for Millicent.

They chased down the target in the 29th over, with Hunt not out on 65 and Todd not out on 34.

NARACOORTE WARRIORS 4/208 d ROBE ROOSTERS 10/160

The Naracoorte Warriors chalked up their first win of the 2023-24 Millicent and Naracoorte cricket season on the weekend.

They hosted the Robe Roosters and after winning the toss elected to bat.

That decision proved fruitful, as the Warriors went on to score a credible 208 runs with six wickets still in hand.

The bulk of the damage came from the middle order, with Loren Bald's unbeaten 63 runs a highlight.

Aaron Haines and Jason McClure opened

proceedings with the bat with 32 runs put on the board before the former was bowled for 10.

McClure's wicket fell soon after for 24 runs.

Remi Brown had two more partners before Bald took to the crease, with an impressive 55 runs coming from Brad Redding before he was run out by Robe's Zac Deane.

Bald was up next and from there the wickets dried up and the runs kept flowing.

After the 40 overs Brown finished up with 31 runs, while Bald's 63 came off just 30 balls and included an impressive three fours and five sixes. Jack Sneath was the best with the ball for the Roosters with two wickets.

Sneath also impressed with the bat, but despite best efforts Robe was unable to chase down the target of 208.

The Warriors bowled their seaside rival out

in the 39th over for 160 runs and claimed a win they hope will kickstart their season.

RENDELSHAM RAMS 3/121 d NARACOORTE TOWNIES 10/111

Naracoorte Townies hit the road for a meeting with Rendelsham Rams on Saturday.

The guests won the toss and elected to bat, but their total was easily chased down by the home team.

Naracoorte managed to last 34.5 overs, but its steady scoring had the total at 111 when the 10th wicket fell.

Rendelsham padded up and was quick out of the gate.

Captain Ayden Reid and Dylan Clough opened the batting and did a bulk of the run making.

Reid finished up with 17 runs before he was

caught and bowled by Jaspreet Singh, while Clough went on to top score with a half century of 50.

Other notable scores came from Jake Wight and Tyson Smith, who finished not out on 16 and 23 runs respectively.

The win keeps Rendelsham undefeated at the top of the ladder after four rounds.

It puts the Rams in a good place as they attempt to defend their title, with another home game against Mount Burr set for this weekend.

In other games Naracoorte Townies will have a bye as Kingston Saints has forfeited the remainder of the season due to player numbers.

Meanwhile Lucindale Roos play Robe Roosters and Millicent Black Hats welcome Naracoorte Warriors to Norm Facey Oval.

CRICKET SCOREBOARD

TATIARA DISTRICT CRICKET ASSOCIATION A-GRADE ONE-DAY GAMES

TINTINARA STUBBIES DEFEATED KANIVA by forfeit

MUNDULLA V WILLALOOKA at Mundulla Ovals - Oval #1

MUNDULLA 1ST INNINGS BATTING

J Wiese c S Doecke b J Weaver.....	16
A Toogood c M Cunningham b J Alexander	0
L Wiese c G Verco b J Weaver	47
A Davies c S Doecke b J Weaver	11
S Gudipati c T Moyle-Read b J Weaver	0
J Turgoose c T Moyle-Read b J Weaver.....	0
B Jenzen run out J Alexander, T Moyle-Read	4
R Noonan c T Moyle-Read b J Weaver	2
B Dinning not out.....	13
B Geary c S Doecke b J Simpson	0
N/A c S Doecke b J Simpson	5
Sundries (0b 1lb 4w 1nb) 6	
TOTAL 10 wickets for 104 (21.3 overs)	

WILLALOOKA 1ST INNINGS BOWLING

J Simpson 2.3-1-3-2, J Weaver 9-1-31-6, R Doecke 2-0-16-0, J Alexander 5-1-30-1, S Doecke 3-0-23-0
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WILLALOOKA 1ST INNINGS BATTING

J Alexander b S Gudipati.....	30
J Simpson not out	34
M Cunningham not out	28
Sundries (0b 0lb 15w 0nb) 15	
TOTAL 1 wickets for 107 (22.5 overs)	

MUNDULLA 1ST INNINGS BOWLING

B Jenzen 2.5-1-21-0, S Gudipati 6-0-23-1, L Wiese 4-1-12-0, A Toogood 3-0-12-0, A Davies 7-0-39-0

KEITH V WESTERN FLAT at Keith Oval

KEITH 1ST INNINGS BATTING

R Simpson c J Cashin b M Douglas	34
A Stevens c J Cashin b Z Douglas	1
M Bartlett b J Hunt.....	10
J Rantall c J Cashin b J Hunt.....	15
A Cameron b J Hunt.....	1
D Gericke c E Turner b T Fulcher.....	39
T Bagshaw b M Douglas	10
B Boender c E Turner b T Fulcher.....	4
N/A st J Cashin b J Hunt.....	3
N/A not out	0
N/A b J Hunt	0
Sundries (0b 0lb 16w 2nb) 18	
TOTAL 10 wickets for 135 (36.4 overs)	

WESTERN FLAT 1ST INNINGS BOWLING

Z Reardon 3-0-15-0, G Laucke 3-1-13-0, E Turner 6-1-16-0, J Hunt 7-4-2-30-5, M Douglas 3-1-12-2, D Verrall 3-0-19-0, T Fulcher 2-0-4-2, M Wiech 2-0-14-0, Z Douglas 7-3-12-1
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WESTERN FLAT 1ST INNINGS BATTING

E Turner c&b T Bagshaw	34
H Verco c R Simpson b A Stevens.....	2
J Cashin b T Bagshaw	10
M Douglas b J Rantall.....	27
Z Douglas b J Rantall	12
G Laucke b A Cameron.....	2
Z Reardon lbw A Cameron.....	8

J Hunt not out.....	22
D Verrall b A Stevens	2
M Wiech c A Cameron b J Rantall.....	5
T Fulcher not out	2

Sundries (0b 3lb 7w 1nb) 11

TOTAL 9 wickets for 137 (36.4 overs)

KEITH 1ST INNINGS BOWLING

J Rantall 7.4-0-18-3, A Cameron 9-0-36-2, D Gericke 2-0-9-0, A Stevens 9-0-43-2, T Bagshaw 9-2-28-2

TINTINARA TINNIES V BORDERTOWN at Tintinara Oval

TINTINARA TINNIES 1ST INNINGS BATTING

T Kennett c A Lange b J Searle.....	13
J Camac b J Searle.....	4
L Mill c N/A b J Pepper.....	26
D Cosgrave b N/A	7
H Dow b J Pepper	0
C Richardson not out.....	29
H Clarke c A Lange b S Pepper	9
L Mooney c A Lange b G Kumar	2
B Huddle b N/A	1
R Zadov b N/A	0
L Schreiber c S Pepper b N/A.....	6
Sundries (6b 0lb 8w 0nb) 14	
TOTAL 10 wickets for 111 (29.4 overs)	

BORDERTOWN 1ST INNINGS BOWLING

N/A 1.4-0-6-3, N/A 4-1-12-1, G Kumar 3-0-6-1, J Pepper 8-2-45-2, S Pepper 6-1-22-1, J Searle 7-2-14-2

BORDERTOWN 1ST INNINGS BATTING

E Smedley c L Schreiber b T Kennett.....	36
J Searle c J Camac b H Clarke	28
J Pepper c&b D Cosgrave	15
N/A c L Mill b H Clarke	2
A Lange b C Richardson	5
J Dolling not out	15
S Pepper not out	0
Sundries (0b 1lb 6w 4nb) 11	
TOTAL 5 wickets for 112 (29.2 overs)	

TINTINARA TINNIES 1ST INNINGS BOWLING

L Mooney 0.2-0-6-0, H Clarke 6-0-12-2, B Huddle 8-1-29-0, C Richardson 3-0-10-1, T Kennett 4-0-18-1, J Camac 5-1-19-0, D Cosgrave 3-0-17-1
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UNDER 16S ONE-DAY GAMES

KEITH V KANIVA at Keith Oval

KANIVA 1ST INNINGS BATTING

B Merrett b D Walker	5
H Tink b A Nutt	10
J Rabone c H Martin b E Ruchs	4
L Coad c E Ruchs b A Nutt	6
O Jewell b O Bunnett.....	4
A Bradburn lbw T Rosenzweig	25
B Meyer run out O Bunnett.....	2
H Dickinson b T Rosenzweig.....	4
P Rabone c T Rosenzweig b H Tugwell.....	2
Z Hawker not out	0
K Jewell b R Jones.....	0
Sundries (20b 1lb 19w 4nb) 44	
TOTAL 10 wickets for 106 (24.2 overs)	

KEITH 1ST INNINGS BOWLING

O Bunnett 4-0-22-1, H Tugwell 1-1-0-1, A Nutt

4-0-14-2, D Walker 4-1-5-1, E Ruchs 4-1-15-1, T Rosenzweig 3-0-13-2, R Jones 0.2-0-1-1, J Smith 3-0-10-0, W Ruchs 1-0-5-0

KEITH 1ST INNINGS BATTING

J Smith	53
D Walker b L Coad	25
W Ruchs not out.....	7
T Rosenzweig not out	6

Sundries (0b 0lb 12w 5nb) 17

TOTAL 1 wickets for 108 (15.3 overs)

KANIVA 1ST INNINGS BOWLING

A Bradburn 3.2-0-27-0, J Rabone 4-0-20-0, L Coad 3-0-32-1, B Merrett 3-0-16-0, O Jewell 2-0-13-0
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MILLCENT & NARACOORTE CRICKET ASSOCIATION A-GRADE ONE-DAY GAMES

RENDELSHAM V NARACOORTE at Rendelsham Oval

NARACOORTE 1ST INNINGS BATTING

Details unavailable

TOTAL 10 wickets for 111 (34.5 overs)

RENDELSHAM 1ST INNINGS BOWLING

Details unavailable

RENDELSHAM 1ST INNINGS BATTING

A Reid c&b J Singh	17
D Clough c T Ahmadi b S Henschke	50
N/A b S Henschke.....	10
T Smith not out.....	16
J Wight not out	23
Sundries (0b 2lb 3w 0nb) 5	
TOTAL 3 wickets for 121 (24 overs)	

NARACOORTE 1ST INNINGS BOWLING

Details unavailable

MOUNT BURR V MILLCENT at Mount Burr Oval

MOUNT BURR 1ST INNINGS BATTING

J Francis b J Todd.....	4
J Muhovics b J Todd	7
J Muhovics lbw S Hunt.....	37
T Allen c J Todd b A Lindner	4
M Wright c&b J Todd	4
A Shrestha st J Todd b S Hunt.....	16
N/A c R Lindner b S Hunt	2
S Dhaliwal lbw S Hunt	8
N/A not out	0
C Scott c A Lindner b M Gibson.....	5
N/A b S Hunt.....	0
Sundries (5b 3lb 12w 1nb) 21	
TOTAL 10 wickets for 108 (37.3 overs)	

MILLCENT 1ST INNINGS BOWLING

A Wesolowski 7-0-25-0, M Gibson 7-0-14-1, S Hunt 7.3-0-20-5, A Lindner 8-0-27-1, J Todd 8-0-14-3
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MILLCENT 1ST INNINGS BATTING

S Hunt not out	65
T Lawlor run out N/A.....	8
A Lindner c&b J Francis	3
J Todd not out.....	34
Sundries (0b 0lb 0w 0nb) 0	
TOTAL 2 wickets for 121 (29 overs)	

MOUNT BURR 1ST INNINGS BOWLING

Details unavailable

Basketball

FROM PAGE 65

U/16 Squad defeated Queen Slayers. U/16 Squad point scorers – Hidden Player 17, Hannah Edwards 11, Evie Mott 8, Hidden Player 4. Best players -NA. Queen Slayers point scorers – Jess Bittner 9, Sophie Lambert 6, Sophie Bates 4, Gemma Romer 3.

U/18 Squad defeated Panthers. U/18 Squad point scorers – Macca Burke 21, Gina Mahney 6, Grace Gale 6, Abby Anderson 3, Tayla Garwood 2. Panthers point scorers – Libby Pretlove 8, Lucy

Henschke 8, Hidden Player 6, Hidden Player 5, Sophie Gibbs 4. Best players – Lucy Henschke and Sophie Gibbs. The Stones defeated Toyota. The Stones point scorers – Chelsea Bull 13, Amelia Harris 6, Chelsea Woodard 6, Hayley Walter 4, Emma Rasheed 2, Felicity Clayton 1. Toyota point scorers – Lauren Montgomery 10, Krystal Miller 9, Hannah Edwards 6, Alicia Munro 4. Padthaway defeated West Dist. Padthaway point scorers – Heidi Berkin 12, Aimee Whibley 9, Hannah Grady 8, Danielle Moore 6, Sarah Selig 4, Indi Venables 4. Best players – Aimee Whibley and Heidi Berkin. West Dist point scorers – Zoe Grigg 23, Molly Crouch 6, Kelsey Grigg 5. Best players – Zoe Grigg and Molly Crouch.



GIRLS WINNER: Maggie Bell.



SISTERS: Simone Fisher and Yvette Cooke.



JOYFUL STRAINS: The Coonawarra Choir sang for the crowd at the festival.

Running for a good cause

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PEOPLE from every state in Australia laced up their shoes and hit the pavement for the Coonawarra Running Festival.

It is the second time the event has been run, after the inaugural event raised \$27,000 for Breakthrough Mental Health.

There were plenty of runners ready to go, and people donned their best costumes for the Wobbly Wine Walk.

Winning best costume was Hugh Hefner, aka Barry White, and his Playboy bunnies.

At 11am, there was a Remembrance Day service, followed by the Coonawarra Choir performing the national anthem.

RESULTS

HALF MARATHON

- 1st: David Staehr
- 2nd: Danny Habets
- 3rd: Tre Davis

12 KILOMETRE

- 1st: Josh Cameron
- 2nd: Jake Cuming
- 3rd: Kevin Haggerty

SIX KILOMETRE

- 1st: Page Rasheed
- 2nd: Gavin Kearney
- 3rd: Darryl Patzel

ONE KILOMETRE

- 1st: Nicholas Ghan
- 2nd: Jackson Staehr
- 3rd: Angus McGregor



BEST COSTUMES: Vash Haicker, Marie Prior, Amy Gaukroger, Josie Abbey, Erin Jordan, Barry White and Carmel White.



DUO: Father and Daughter duo Skye Robertson (who came second in the girls category) and Dale Robertson.



BEATING DAD: David Staehr and his Sophie race to the finish line, with Sophie just getting ahead.



LEGO MAN: Human Lego Batman had a photo finish at the Coonawarra Running Festival.



GREAT RESULT: Charlie Price enjoyed his second fun run with Nicola Turner and Helen Daily.



RUNNING TOGETHER: Naomi and Bec O'donohoe finished the run together.



THIRD PLACE: Stephen Cooke and Kevin Haggerty, who came third in the 12 kilometre.



FINISHED: Emma Rasheed.



Mount Gambier RSL Red's Simon Attwill.



Mount Gambier's Mick Ashby.

Aim true and away they roll

Lower South East Bowls Association, Round 6 results Open Pennant

- Division 1: Naracoorte 81/10 d Robe 55/2; Mount Gambier Blue 70/10 d Millicent Blue 65/2; Mount Gambier RSL Red 108/12 d Port MacDonnell 49/0; Millicent Red 70/8 d Naracoorte RSL 66/4; Mount Gambier Red 74/10 d Mount Gambier RSL Blue 58/2.
- Ladder: Mount Gambier RSL Red 56 points, +136 shots; Mount Gambier Red 56, +128; Naracoorte RSL 43, +25; Mount Gambier RSL Blue 39, +20; Mount Gambier Blue 33, -93; Naracoorte 32, -16; Robe 29, -17; Millicent Red 28, -21; Port MacDonnell 26, -88; Millicent Blue 18, -74.
- Division 2: Kalangadoo 77/10 d Beachport 75/2; Kingston 113/12 d Frances 41/0; Port MacDonnell 82/10 d Mount Gambier RSL 76/2; Penola 69/8 d Mount Gambier 67/4; Robe 79/10 d Naracoorte 67/2.
- Ladder: Kingston 68, +229; Kalangadoo 47, +4; Penola 43, +16; Port MacDonnell 39, +42; Mount Gambier 33, +6; Mount Gambier RSL 32, -23; Frances 28, -95; Beachport 27, +10; Robe 22, -135; Naracoorte 21, -54.
- Division 3 South: Port MacDonnell 68/10 d Millicent Blue 54/2; Penola 75/9 d Mount Gambier Blue 70/3; Mount Gambier RSL Red 99/12 d Beachport 47/0; Mount Gambier Red 85/12 d Mount Gambier RSL Blue 57/0; Millicent Red - Bye.
- Ladder: Millicent Red 61, +111; Mount Gambier RSL Blue 55, +62; Mount Gambier RSL Red 49, +122; Mount Gambier Red 49, +85; Millicent Blue 38, -5; Penola 34, +14; Port MacDonnell 31, -41; Mount Gambier Blue 14, -148; Beachport 11, -146.
- Division 3 North: Naracoorte 68/7 d Lucindale Red 68/5; Millicent 101/12 d Lucindale Blue 40/0; Kingston Red 88/10 d Naracoorte RSL 58/2; Kingston Blue 94/12 d Kalangadoo 51/0; Penola - Bye.
- Ladder: Kinston Red 65, +150; Millicent 53, +111; Kingston Blue 53, +85; Naracoorte 37, -16; Naracoorte RSL 31, -6; Lucindale Blue 27, -62; Lucindale Red 27, -68; Penola 36, -72; Kalangadoo 23, -68.

Friday Pennant - cancelled due to heat policy.

Midweek Pennant

- Division 1: Port MacDonnell Red 43/6 d Mount Gambier Blue 41/2; Naracoorte 50/8 d Mount Gambier RSL Blue 39/0; Mount Gambier RSL Red 69/8 d Port MacDonnell Blue 40/0; Millicent Red 59/8 d Millicent Blue 35/0; Mount Gambier Red 43/6 d Robe 36/2.
- Ladder: Mount Gambier Red 40, +111; Mount Gambier RSL Red 36, +64; Robe 32, +44; Mount Gambier Blue 28, +27; Naracoorte 28, -1; Port MacDonnell Red 27, -3; Millicent Red 19, -5; Port MacDonnell Blue 10, -52; Mount Gambier RSL Blue 10, -63; Millicent Blue 10, -122.



Mount Gambier RSL Red's Jennifer Bowering.



Mount Gambier RSL Blue's Gary Feast prepares to make his shot.



Mount Gambier RSL Red's Zac Pearson.



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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

SELECT COMMITTEE ON SUPPORT AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR POLICE

A Select Committee of the Legislative Council has been established to inquire into support and mental health services for Police, with particular reference to:

- Exploring whether the services provided by the Employee Assistance Program and other mental health services offered to police, former police, and their families are sufficient;
- Determining whether an annual psychological review is sufficient for employees in roles where there is higher psychological demand;
- Assessing the Early Intervention Program to ensure its suitability for psychological injury;
- Determining whether additional mental health support for police officers and their families is required;
- Exploring strategies of boosting police morale to make sure police have the support they need to perform their duties;
- Exploring resourcing and recruitment within SAPOL;
- the prevalence, cause and effect of post traumatic stress disorder among serving and retired police officers and prevention strategies to mitigate risk;
- Consideration of legislative amendments to the Return to Work Act 2014:
 - to prescribe that when a serving or former police officer is diagnosed with post traumatic stress disorder, it is presumed to have arisen from their employment in the absence of proof to the contrary;
 - the extent to which other first responders who deal directly with emergency situations when performing paid or voluntary work should be captured in the legislative amendments, including but not limited to ambulance officers, firefighters, nurses, medical practitioners, members of the SACFS and SASES, correctional services officers and train drivers; and
 - Any other relevant matters.

Any person or organisation wishing to make a written submission to the Committee or register an interest in presenting oral evidence to the Committee is invited to do so by Friday, 26 January 2024. Written submissions and expressions of interest should be addressed to the Committee Secretary at scpolicesupport@parliament.sa.gov.au or C/- Parliament House, GPO Box 572, Adelaide SA 5001.

For any queries, please contact the Committee Secretary on (08) 8237 9417 or at the above email address.

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Public Notices and Event

MILLICENT CANCER SUPPORT GROUP AGM

to be held at the
Millicent RSL Hall
at 5.30pm on Tuesday
28th November 2023.
Meal to follow at the
Somerset Hotel.
New members are
most welcome.
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Health
Limestone Coast
Local Health Network

Bordertown and Districts
Health Advisory Council

Notice of AGM and Call for Nominations

Nominations are hereby
called to fill three (3) positions on the
Bordertown & Districts Health Advisory
Council at the Annual General Meeting.

Nominations must be in writing, signed by two
residents of the Community and the nominee, who
must also be a resident of the Community.

The AGM will be held on Monday 27 November at
7:00pm at the Bordertown Memorial Hospital, Activity
Centre, 23 South Terrace, Bordertown. If more than
the required number of nominees applies, voting will
be undertaken at the AGM.

Nomination forms are available from the Bordertown
Memorial Hospital Administration (87529 000) and
must be received by the Returning Officer up til
5:00pm on Thursday 23 November 2023.

Returning Officer
Limestone Coast Local Health Network
PO Box 196
Bordertown SA 5268

The term "community member" refers to a person who
lives in the Bordertown area or who lives outside the
council area but uses, or may use services provided by,
or associated with the Bordertown Memorial Hospital.

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Public Notices and Event



Boandik Notice of meeting 70th Annual General Meeting

NOTICE is hereby given that the 70th Annual General Meeting of Boandik Lodge Incorporated (Boandik) will be held on **Thursday, November 30 at 2:00pm.** The AGM will be held as an in-person meeting at the Boandik Wellbeing Centre (Maney Room), 101 Lake Terrace East, Mount Gambier SA, 5290.

Items of Business will include:
• Reports from the Board of Directors, Treasurer and CEO.
• Presentation of audited accounts for 2022/2023.
• Election of members to the Board of Directors.

Whilst the AGM is open to the community, only members of Boandik are eligible to vote where an election is required. To qualify for membership it is necessary to have donated a sum of not less than \$25.00 to Boandik during the last financial year.

For further information or to RSVP your attendance please email livewell@boandik.org.au or phone 08 87257377 by **Monday 20 November 2023.**

For those who prefer to participate in the AGM remotely, please register by emailing livewell@boandik.org.au before 5:00 PM on **Friday 24 November 2023.** The necessary webinar details will be emailed to you 24 hours before the meeting commences.

For more information, visit our website!
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All genuine tenders and enquiries are welcome. However, Australia Post is not obliged to accept the lowest or indeed any tender and reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders if it considers that it is in the interests of Australia Post to do so.

INVITATIONS TO TENDER FOR DELIVERY SERVICES
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Tuesday, 28th November 2023**

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Burrandies Aboriginal Corporation
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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2023
To be held at Burrandies Aboriginal Corporation (Ngula Wiwuni-wa)
68-70 White Avenue, Compton, SA, 5291
Wednesday 6th of DECEMBER 2023
Commencing at 5.00pm

Agenda

- Welcome
- Confirmation of minutes from last AGM
- Chair Executive Officer's Report
- Financial Report
- Auditor's Report
- Confirmation of Director's Positions
- Any other business
- Meeting Closed

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Deaths

AMOS, Mary Lu
 Passed away peacefully 4th November 2023 (75 years)
 Loving wife of Bill Snr (dec)
 Loved mum and mum-in-law to Bill Jnr and Mandy; Helen; Ross and Ma to Miles
 Private cremation and scattering of ashes, always remembered.
 Grateful thanks to the staff at Charla Lodge for their care and compassion.

Deaths

OPPERMAN Pamela Kaye (Pam)
 Passed away peacefully at Boneham Aged Care.
 Youngest child of Raymond and Edna.
 Partner of Frank Elliot (dec).
 Per her wishes, Pam was privately laid to rest with Frank.

Funeral Services

COLLINS
 The family of the late Mr. James Barry Collins respectfully advise their relatives and friends that his Funeral Mass will be held in St. Paul's Catholic Church, on Monday, 20th November at 10:30am.
 Following the Church Service, the funeral cortege will proceed to the Carinya Gardens Lawn Cemetery, where Barry will be peacefully laid to rest.

Deaths

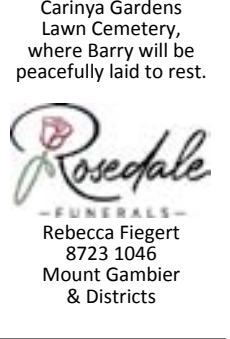
HAWKINS TIMOTHY JAMES
 Passed away on the 14th October 2023. Aged 51 years.
 Devoted and dearly loved Husband of Annabel.
 Adored Dad of Henry and Isabella.
 Those we love don't go away they walk beside us every day, unseen, unheard but always near, still loved, still missed & very dear

Deaths

HAWKINS, Timothy James
 Our much loved brother, brother-in-law and Uncle Tim.
 Although you have left us, the special bond we shared, your big heart and beautiful smile will remain with us forever.
 All our love and support is with Annabel, Henry and Isabella, now and for always.
 Tim, Always in our hearts
 Your loving sister Kate, and James, Georgia, Isaac and Emma.



WILLIAMS Gavin James
 29.11.1940-11.11.2023
 Passed away in St Marys, Boandik on Saturday 11th November, 2023. Aged 82 years.



HAWKINS Timothy James
 Annabel, Henry, and Isabella invite their family and friends to celebrate the life of their dearly loved Husband and Dad at 225 Minimay-Frances Road, Minimay on Friday, 8th December 2023 commencing at 1.00pm (VIC time)

HAWKINS, Timothy James
 28.12.1971 – 14.10.2023
 Dearly loved son of Pauline and Ron and brother to Andrew, Nick and Kate.
 Our dear boy Tim, we miss you everyday. Your outgoing, friendly nature and cheeky smile endeared you to everyone.
 Over your life you were our son, brother, business partner and friend.
 We have been privileged to work together as a family over 30 years and enjoyed so many good times.
 We pray that Annabel, Henry and Isabella find comfort in all the goodwill from the community.
 We appreciate all the support we have received and thank everyone.
 Love from Pauline, Ron and Nick.

HAWKINS, Timothy James
 Our much loved brother, brother-in-law and Uncle.
 We will always remember your cheeky grin and love for your family.
 You will always be respected as a professional in your work and a true gentleman.
 It won't be the same without you.
 We will love and miss you always, until we meet again.
 Much sympathy to Annabel, Henry and Isabella, and to Pauline and Ron.
 Love from Andrew, Mandy, Angus, Chelsea and Brooke

Loving eldest brother and brother-in-law of Cheryl and Don (dec), Ricky (dec) and Marie, Chris and Lay Hoon, Tony and Diane, Laurie (dec), and Jan and Sue.
 Loved and loving Uncle and Great Uncle to his many nieces and nephews
 Thanks to the marvellous caring staff at St Marys Boandik.
A beautiful gentle man now at peace.
 In keeping with Gavin's wishes, a private cremation will be held.
 A celebration of his life will be held in Broadford, Victoria with Gavin's family at a later date, and his ashes will be spread with his Mums on Murchison Hill.



Shelby Cooper 8723 1046 Mount Gambier & Districts

Deaths

JOHNSON, Ronald Kevin (Ron)
 Aged 90 years
 Passed away peacefully on 9th November 2023 after a short illness.
 Dearly loved husband of Shirley, father and father-in-law of Kevin & Sophie, Helen & Pat, Jenny & Dave, Robin & Georgia, and larger than life Pa to Jules, Jess, Harry and Jack.
 "We are all stories in the end, remembered by the adventures we had, the achievements we made and the people we loved"
 Please refer to later editions for the funeral details.



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Tough hilltop finish

THE Mount Gambier Cycling Club members ventured back out towards Glencoe for the third race in their Country Post and Bistro Super Series, the eighth race in the club's Spring Series.

Beginning on the Overland Track, the relatively flat out-and-back course would have a sting in the tail when the riders passed the start line, turned right and headed up the Mile Hill for a hilltop finish.

A number of the faster riders were away due to other racing commitments, but the addition of new riders from the track academy meant 12 signed on and were grouped for the handicapped race.

First riders away were Martin Farmilo and Lachlan Becker, with the following group containing Jen Buckland, Molly Opperman and John Cranwell, leaving two minutes later.

The next group to leave had to wait a further four minutes, with Spek Peake, Xavier Farmilo, Chris Neave and Ethan McKenny then heading off.

Finally, the scratch group containing Elmer Buckland, Matthew Opperman and Craig Andrae, after waiting a further four minutes set off to chase down the riders ahead of them.

The journey to the turnaround mark saw a couple of splits as riders took advantage of the tailwind.

Jen Buckland was unable to hold on to the fast pace of Molly Opperman and Cranwell, while Peake and Neave could not keep up with Xavier Farmilo and McKenny.

Just before the turnaround Molly Opperman and Cranwell caught and passed Martin Farmilo and Becker, with Jen Buckland the next to turn, hopeful of catching the group ahead in the head wind.

Xavier Farmilo and McKenny were the next to turn, ahead of Peake and Neave, with the final trio of Matthew Opperman, Andrae and Elmer Buckland still working together to chase



Runner-up Molly Opperman, winner John Cranwell, third place Xavier Farmilo and fastest time Craig Andrae.

everyone down.

With 2km still to go in the race, the riders turned right and began the climb up to the finish.

The scratch riders were now close to the back of the next riders, with the sight of them providing inspiration to chase up the hill.

However, Molly Opperman and Cranwell continued their high speed and reached the finish line, with Cranwell crossing the line first ahead of Opperman.

Xavier Farmilo was next to cross, ahead of Ethan McKenny, just under 2 minutes later, with Andrae putting on a final burst of speed to finish just ahead of Elmer Buckland and take out fastest time honours.

November 19 will see the MGCC at the Glenburnie Go Kart Track for a Come and Try Criterium session.



John Cranwell leads Molly Opperman to the finish line during the weekend's cycling road race.

Pictures: MICHELL MCKENNY

Junior tennis matches

NARACORTE Red d Lucindale Roos 42-40 games

In another close rubber for the Lucindale Roos in the Southern Ports Junior Tennis Association, Naracoorte Red proved too strong in the end, winning 42 games to 40.

It all came down to the singles between Charles Bruce and Angus Redding, with teams tied at 36 games all. Angus was able to hold 6-4 to secure his teams victory.

All matches had been close all day, providing plenty of entertainment.

Kingston d Naracoorte White 49-20 games.

It was a tough day for Naracoorte, losing a few players to illness before the games even began. Thanks to Kingston's Jack Starling for filling in for Naracoorte, they were able to go ahead. Kingston was too strong right across the board, having some convincing wins.

There was some excellent match play from both teams, with good sportsmanship from all players.

Naracoorte Blue d Lucindale Koalas 50-18 games

Naracoorte Blue came to play with an experienced side and pushed the developing Koala team to lift. Some great rallies ensued and close games that the spectators on the hill enjoyed.

Millicent/Beachport played Naracoorte Yellow

No report or scores were available.

Perfect conditions

IN ideal bowling conditions, 34 players took part in the 2-4-2 game played over 20 ends at the Millicent Bowls Club last week.

The overall honours went to John Madden and Peter Scanlon with a good score of 36+27, only losing four of the 20 ends.

Runners-up were Peter Hyland and Kym Stewart with a score of 34+7.

Other winning teams were Joy Warren/Eddie Hann 33+6, Peter Varcoe/David Reichelt 32+8, John Eldridge/John Scudds 31+5, Rob Chambers/Jim Campbell 30+8, Phil Keatley/Rod Gibbs 30+5 and Gary Wilson/Iain Campbell 30+2.

Players are reminded the Men's and Ladies' Fours will be played on the December 10.



Runners-up Peter Hyland and Kym Stewart.



Winners John Madden and Peter Scanlon.

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White Division Winners, Lions Roar, Simon Laslett, Brenton McMillan, Ralph Domaschenz and Wally Lang.

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Fun times for owls

DESPITE one team having to forfeit, the Millicent Bowls Club Night Owls competition went ahead, with the opposing team filling positions for other sides

Some draws followed, with some happy players as a result.

Touches went to Wally Land (Lions Roar) 4, Bernie Bowman (Achie's Owls) 4, John Cockrum (Untouchables) 4, Ian Slape (Easy Beats) 3, Richard North (Rams) 3 and Bob Reilly (Sparkies) 3.

The Red division win went to Rovers - Steve Skeer, Loise Butler, John Buhlmann and Mick Pedlar - who defeated Grand Hotel 28+15.

Other winners were Mossies 28+9, Maccas 28+5 and Jack Attack 27+5.

Somerset Legends - Ian Grosser, Robert Lesslie, Robert Atkinson and Craig Stewart - defeated Birdies 29+14 to claim White division.

Other winners were Max's Fours 28+7, Acky's Owls 27+8 and Lions 25+2.

White division went to Lions Roar - Wally Lang, Ralph Domaschenz, Brenton McMillan and Simon Laslett - who defeated Lions Cubs 29+5.

Other winners were Try Hards 28+7, Misfits won on a forfeit 27+0 and Black Beatles 25+2, while Wanna B DJ's drew with Scrapers 16+0.



Red Division winners, Rovers, John Buhlmann, Louise Butler and Steve Skeer. Absent - Mick Pedlar.



Blue Division winners, Somerset Legends, Ian Grosser, Robert Lesslie, Robert Atkinson and Craig Stuart.

Central shows true class

FRIDAY night saw Mount Gambier and District baseball powerhouse Division 1 club Central make short work of its clash with Tigers.

Batting first, Tigers were off to a good start by way of two walks to Ben Marcus and Harrison Elletson, then both were batted in by Kane Harrison's two-bagger to left-field.

However, from there on it was all downhill.

Pitcher Kane Harrison saw 13 batters face him in the bottom of the first inning.

His radar was off, throwing three base on ball, two hit batters, gave up two hits and nine

runs while the team created two expensive errors before he removed himself from the mound.

Two more runs crossed home on a triple from Alex Ridding on reliever Jake Powell.

Powell then proceeded to keep the black and white scoreless for the next two digs, but they went for broke in the bottom of the fourth.

Aided again by four base on ball, another hit batter and three field errors, Central added a further eight runs to give them a mercy winning lead 20-2.

Tigers fought back in the top of the fifth, scoring three consolation runs from relief pitcher Dylan Gull.

Matt Thompson singled, as did coach Kane Harrison.

They were both batted in when Powell hammered a double to centre-field.

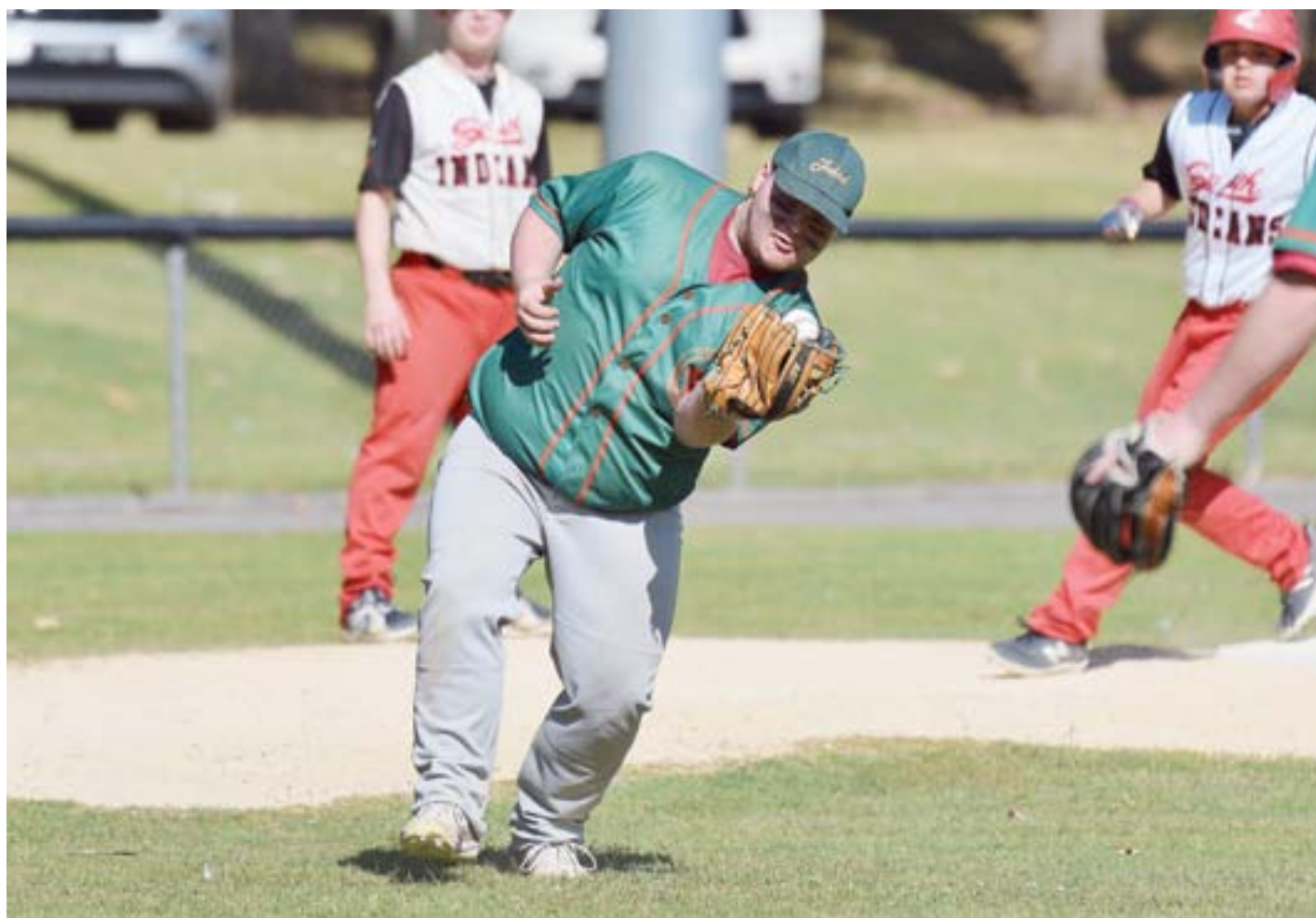
He then scored on Ben Marcus' Texas Leaguer to centre-field before the final out was made.

Not to be denied Dylan Chuck, in the bot-

tom of the fifth, singled to right-field and scored, as did Ridding, who blasted the ball to deep right-field for an in-the-field home run to complete the hitting cycle – a single, double, triple and home run in the one game.

Central's two pitchers gave up five base on ball, six safe-hits, five runs, made two errors and picked up seven strikeouts.

Tigers' three pitchers gave up 10 base on ball, three hit batters, 12 safe-hits, 22 runs (10 earned), made five errors and picked up four strikeouts.



CLOSE CALL: Federal's Ray Hutchesson takes a catch on the edge of his glove.

Pictures: JAMES MURPHY

Federal cut loose in fourth dig

SOUTH Indians opened the scoring in the bottom of the first inning in Saturday afternoon's Mount Gambier and District baseball Division 1 game against Federal.

Lead-off batter Tarkyn Morale singled to left field and crossed home after Blake McAdam's infield hit to third base resulted in a wild throw from that player.

However, the Demons bounced back in the top of the second dig.

Clay Carpenter picked a base on ball, the next two batters were struck out, Dean Searcy and Owen Wheatley both singled as did Nash Lobley whose hit pushed both Carpenter and Searcy home before the inning was wrapped up.

In the fourth inning Federal let loose.

A base on ball, an error at first and another walk loaded the bases.

All three scored on Nash Lobley's triple to deep left-field.

Riley Rolph singled and added to the score on Alex Pearson's Texas leaguer.

Rolph crossed the plate on Craig Nicholls sacrifice fly to centre-field and a hit from Carpenter was followed by a walk by Jordan Johnson.

Roy Hutchesson's sacrifice fly scored Pearson, Dean Searcy hit into an infield error, Owen Wheatley's safety to left-field scored Carpenter, a walk by Lobley pushed Johnson home and a ball that got past the catcher saw Searcy cross.

A base on ball to Rolph and consecutive hit pitched ball gained Federal two more runs with a total of 11 for the dig.

The Indians were unable to make an impression in the even inning.



BATTER UP: South Indian's Deklin Joyce takes a swing during Saturday afternoon's clash with Federal.

Three walks, a hit batter and two more safe-hits added a final six runs to the Demons score while the Indians scored a consolation two runs in the final even inning.

Deegan Habner hit safely to left-field and scored on an infield error on Blake McAdam's contact with the ball.

He hit home when Branden Horrigan's hit, also to the infield, created a wild throw.

For the red and white, Ben Nash gave up 10 base on ball, three hit batters, 10 safe-hits and 19 runs.

He picked up three strikeouts while the team made three errors.

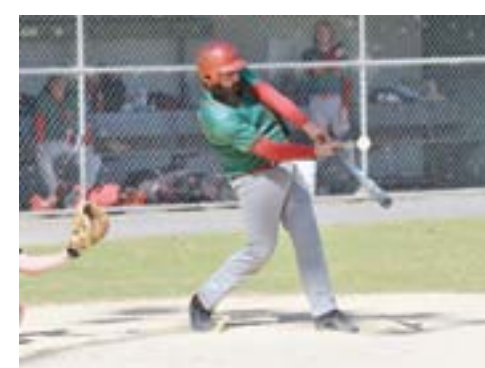
For Federal, Rolph had three walks, three safe-hits and three runs, while he picked up two strikeouts and the team made six errors.



ON THE MOUND: Federal's Riley Rolph sends a bullet towards the South Indian batter.

District baseball results

- Division 1: Central 22 d Tigers 5. Safe-hits – Central: A. Ridding 4 (HR), D. Chuck 3, K. Chant 2, D. Harris, N. Meinck, C. Muller 1; Tigers: K. Harrison, J. Powell 2, M. Thompson, B. Marcus 1.
- Federal 19 d South Indians 3. Safe-hits – Federal: N. Lobley 3, A. Pearson, O. Wheatley 2, R. Rolph, C. Carpenter, D. Searcy 1; South Indians: T. Morale, B. Horrigan, D. Habner 1.
- Division 2: South Indians 9 d Central 4. Safe-hits – South Indians: N. Habner 2, S. Unayama, B. McAdam, R. Whitwell, B. Morale, T. Foote 1; Central: B. Walkom, M. Cutting, J. Tzioutziouklaris, M. Ruwoldt 1.
- Division 3: Game 1 – South Indians 7 d Central 5. Safe-hits – South Indians: K. Rowe, D. Cole, S. Lewis 2, K. Joyce, B. Kroon, J. Henke, J. Parker 1; Central: A. Ridding, L. Ridding, D. Cutting 2, S. Kuhl, D. Chuck, C. Tzioutziouklaris, A. McClean 1.
- Game 2 – Central 8 d/w South Indians 8. Safe-hits – Central: L. Ridding, D. Chuck, C. Tzioutziouklaris 2, A. Ridding, D. Cutting, S. Frankenburg 1; South Indians: K. Rowe, H. Timms, B. Kroon 2, D. Cole, K. Joyce, J. Parker 1.
- Big League: Central 9 d Tigers 8. Safe-hits – Central: M. Ruwoldt 2, B. Walkom, J. Harten 1; Tigers: C. Scott 2, K. Stratman, J. Hillstone, T. McKinnon 1.
- South Indians 11 d Federal 1. Safe-hits – South Indians: C. Clark, J. Lewis, S. Cole 1; Federal: O. Wheatley 1.
- Junior League: Central 16 d Tigers 7. Safe-hits – Central: J. Walkom 2, A. Hitchon, C. Ruwoldt, W. Walkom 1; Tigers: T. Dumigan 2, A. Mutton 1.
- Tigers 8 d South/Federal 4. Safe-hits – Tigers: A. Mutton, J. Hillstone 1; South/Federal: P. Cole, L. Ratcliffe 1.
- Little League: Central 14 d South Indians 3. Safe-hits – Central: W. Walkom, K. Wren-Mitchell 3, H. Gull, J. Odgers 2, O. June, J. Lynagh, C. Ruwoldt, T. Klaassens 1; South Indians: A. Williamson 2, K. Ratcliffe, P. Farmillo, H. Seebohm, H. Howlett, E. Plunkett, J. Devlin 1.
- South Indians 5 d Tigers/Federal 2. Safe-hits – South Indians: A. Williamson 1; Tigers/Federal: J. Freckleton 1.
- Minor League: Federal 9 d Tigers 7. Safe-hits – South Indians: R. Patzel 2, S. Koppe, T. Wright, C. Noonan 1; Federal: S. Banks, B. Cannon 1.



CONTACT: Federal's Craig Nicholls makes a big hit - which was ultimately caught in the field - during Saturday's meeting with South Indians.

Picture: JAMES MURPHY



The recent Robe Bowls Club Ladies Triples champions Fleur Roachock, Kerry Pedlar and Pam Robinson. Pictures: SUBMITTED

Corporate bowls begins

THE Robe Community Bank Corporate bowls commenced last Wednesday night with 12 teams competing.

The Sky Lifters won with 16+8 ahead of Matt's Plumbing were runners-up with 17+6.

Equal third were Hook and Harvest and Sea Vu with 16 points.

In the Mid-week Pennant Robe ventured to Mount Gambier and played Mount Gambier Red. Mount Gambier Red 43 shots 6 points defeated Robe 36-2.

Paul Truelove, Pam Robinson, Jim Gray and Steve Farrell defeated Bryan Vorwerk's team 22-17.

Rob Lawrie, Josh Waddell, Dean Burgoyne and David Robinson were defeated by Jeff England's team 26-14.

The women's Friday pennant was cancelled due to heat conditions.

Both Division 1 and 2 Open pennant teams travelled to Naracoorte with mixed results.

Division 1 Naracoorte 81 shots 10 points defeated Robe 55-2.

Pat Lynch, Fleur Roachock, Steve Farrell and Stephen Kennett defeated Tom Williams team 26-23.

Peter Gregory, Robbie Dahler, Dean Burgoyne and Peter Roachock were defeated by Peter Marshall's team 31-12.

Jim Gray, David Robinson, Glenn Wright and Harold Manton were defeated by Ian Williams team 27-17.

Division 2 Naracoorte 67 shots 2 points were defeated by Robe 79-10.

Doug Baker, Barry Bennett, Ali Douglas and Mark Giles defeated David Bennett's team 23-22.



Recent Robe Bowls Club Men's Triples champions Harold Manton, Dean Burgoyne and Barry Bennett.

Bill Cook, Vic Dawson, Josh Waddell and Paul Truelove were defeated by Robert Kirkland's team 31-20.

Rob Lawrie, Peter DeLaine, Gordon Brown and Deane Nankivell defeated David Parker's team 36-14.

Naracoorte basketball

JUNIORS

DUE to the heat on Friday games were cancelled

U/10 BOYS

Red defeated Grey. Red point scorers – Joel Slotegraaf 8, George Willson 6, Charlie Haynes 1. Best players – Ryan Bytheway and George Willson. Grey point scorers – Ethan Cother 4, Harper Willson 2,

Jack Walter 2. Best players – Ethan Cother and Harper Willson.

U/10-12 GIRLS

Black defeated Green. Black point scorers – Emma Myers 12, Bianca Mahoney 5, Mavi Temel 2, Temperance Pearce 1. Best players – Emma Myers and Temperance Pearce. Green point scorers – Pippa

Rasheed 4, Makenzie Bell 2, Alex Phelan 2. Best players – Pippa Rasheed and Stella Laycock.

Grey drew with Pink. Grey point scorers – Grey point scorers – Alice Fry 2, Mia Walter 2, Paige McRostie 2, Whitney Donnelly 2. Best players – Alice Fry and Mia Walter. Pink point scorer – Alice Mott 4, Alexis

Bytheway 3, Ellen Fitzgerald 1. Best players – Alexis Bytheway and Maise Miller.

U/12 BOYS

Red defeated Purple. Red point scorers – Hyuan Coronel 11, Kyrin Pettman 10, Harry Miller 3, Reggie Mueller 2. Best players – Hyuan Coronel and Kyrin Pettman. Purple point scorers – Sandy Fitzgerald 2,

Rylan Maywald. Best players – Rylan Maywald and Sandy Fitzgerald.

Yellow defeated Grey. Point scorers: unknown. Best players – Hurley Sinclair and Nate Harris.

U/14 GIRLS

Navy defeated U/12 Squad. Navy point scorers – Jorja Walker 32, Piper Southern 15,

Ava Maresch 14, Eliza Crossling 4, Chelsea Secker 2. Best players – Chelsea Secker and Eliza Crossling. U/12 Squad point

scorers – Isla Slotegraaf 6, Emma Myers 2, Alice Mott 1, Pippa Rasheed 1. Best players – Isla Slotegraaf and Willow Wardle.

Light Blue defeated Green. Light Blue point scorers – Isy Mahney 18, Isabell Willson 16, Ripley Gould 11, Matilda Doolan 9, Alexis Bytheway 7. Best players – Isabella Willson and Isy Mahney. Green point

scorers – Hidden Player 4, Pippa Rasheed 2, Ava McCarthy 2.

U/18 BOYS

U/16 Squad defeated Black. U/16 Squad point scorers – Tommy Taylor 12, Jackson Oster 11, Darcy duRand 6, Doug Slattery 6, Blair Manalastas 4, Lui Coronel 4, Quentin Mitchell 4. Best players – Tommy

Taylor and Jackson Oster. Black point scorers – Jack Barker 16, Ben Phelan 11, Hemi Woolley 7, Callum Hancock 3, Jacob Thornhill 2. Best players – Ben Phelan and Hemi Woolley.

Light Blue defeated Navy. Light Blue point scorers – Charlie Williams 20, Logan Brodie 10, Bernie Watson 7, Chad Hoskin 5. Best players – Charlie Williams and Bernie Watson. Navy point scorers – Zach Boston

6, Eamon Southern 5, Riley McMullan 5, Matt Bird 4, Jake Bates 2. Hidden Player 2.

SENIOR WOMEN

Mudlarks defeated Eagles. Mudlarks point scorers – Tahlia Kavanagh 17, Tahlia Maresch 12, Hidden Player 10, Ebony Pretlove 6, Jemma Kavanagh 6, Floss Kavanagh 4. Best players – NA. Eagles point

scorers – Ella Leehane 8, Lily Larder 7, Abby Anderson 4, Abbie O'Brien 3, Macca Burke 2, Renee Pomery 2.

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Naracoorte falls away

AFTER a cancellation of women's on Friday due to heat, Naracoorte RSL and Districts Bowling Club had both Saturday divisions play away.

Division 1 played against Millicent Red and had two rinks up and one down.

Graham East, Chris Castine, Joe McGrath and Jeff East were the losing rink only managing 12 shots to Wayne Ross's side 35.

Ryan O'Shaughnessy, Geoff Hurn, Dean Cazzolato and Lindy Mark had a nice win of 29 shots to Kym Stewart's 15 and David O'Shaughnessy, Greg Mark, Jodie Mark and Corey Zeuner had a five shot win over Strawb Masters 25 shots to 20.

Unfortunately the two winning rinks could not quite cover the losing one.

Final score Millicent Red 70 shots 8 points defeated Naracoorte RSL 66 shots 4 points.

Division 3 played at Kingston against the Red side and the "Kingston gentle breeze" and fared not so well with two sides down and one up.

Brett Hill, Joan Hurn, Kristy Hill and Linda Prentice had a very close game right the way through and finished winning narrowly with 25 shots to 21 against Keith Jarrad.

Allan Brody, Justin Redding, Rick Petrie and Helen Brody were four shots down at smoko, but the break didn't help them and they went down 19 shots to 29 against Rick Shiells.

Lou Hirschmann, Paul Neilson, Lachy MacDonald and Steve Hansen were out-bowled all day against Chris Watts going down 14 shots to 38.

Final score Kingston Red 88 shots 10 points defeated Naracoorte RSL 58 shots 2 points.

The club has their Quiz Night with Rob Norton, this coming Saturday, November 18, at 7pm for a 7.30pm start, tables of up to 8, \$50 per table - BYO nibbles.

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Championships cut it close

LAST Wednesday the semi-finals of the Blue Lake Golf Club's Open club championships for the women in Division 1 and 2 were held, with the finalists playing off on Sunday.

The Division 1 first semi-final saw Dianne Perryman and Sue Agars go head to head in match-play, with both evenly matched, but it was to be Agars' day with a 5/3 win.

The second semi-final went to Ronda Edwards on forfeit from Josie Ashby, after the latter withdrew due to illness.

In Division 2, the first semi-final between Bev Pascoe and Johanna Gogan went to the wire, finishing on the 18th hole, with the win going Pascoe's way 2-up.

The second semi-finalists were evenly matched, with Jaynee Oberer a 4/3 winner over Trudy Herbert.

The championships were played in cool conditions on Sunday, with both divisions going down to the wire.

Division 1 was played over 36 holes between Edwards and Agars.

Edwards led 3-up after nine holes, then scores did see-saw a bit, but it was Edwards 5-up after 18 holes.

Agars started to loosen up, winning the 19th and 22nd holes, then had couple of halved holes.

She lost 25th hole, but was able to keep the score steady to maintain 4-down.

After lunch the last nine holes were played and it appeared Agars made the most of the break, coming back with a vengeance to win four holes and halve three to make it all square heading to the 35th, which Edwards won to lead 1-up on the 36th.

Going down to the wire on the last putt, the win was in Edwards hands 2-up.

Division 2 played out over 27 holes between Pascoe and Oberer and was again a tight result.

Pascoe has a lot of finals match-play experience and Oberer not so much, but it was no deterrent, as she came out firing from the start with halved holes, one lost and wins on the third through to the seventh to be 4-up going to the 10th.

Pascoe decided that was enough leeway so won the 10th, 11th, 15th 16th and 18th, with only one more win on the 12th for Oberer and was all square.

Pascoe had wins on 21st, 23rd and 25th, then Oberer won the 20th and 24th.

Pascoe was 1-up then halved the 26th and



Division 1 stableford winner Jorja Morale (back left), third Geraldine Scott, runner-up Lee-Anne Medhurst, Division 2 runner-up Dianne Allen (front left) and winner Rose Case.

Pictures: SUBMITTED

27th holes to take the win in an epic game.

Meanwhile, in Wednesday's stableford competition, Jorja Morale, who loves a game of golf and is often seen playing with her father Bruce on Saturdays, had the score of the day, signing for 40 points.

Starting with a wipe on the first hole, she composed herself and gathered a great amount of points from four-pointers on the fourth and 10th, a par on the 16th for three points and several other three-pointers in her splits of 20/20 off her 28 handicap.

A count-back for second place between Lee-Anne Medhurst, Geraldine Scott and Rosemary Martland was required after all posted 36 points.

Medhurst claimed runner-up, with her card

showing splits of 17/19 off a 25 handicap.

A highlight was a birdie on the 15th hole from a chip-in to earn her four points, along with some three-pointers and scores on every hole.

Playing off 26, Scott had pars on the second and 15th holes, together with three three-pointers and also no wipes in her 17/19 splits.

Martland (17) had splits of 19/17 that included six pars and two wipes.

Division 2 players did find the long course set-up challenging and it was Rose Case who claimed the win with 31 points from splits of 15/16 and Dianne Allen finished runner-up with 23 points.

Saturday's stableford produced some excel-



Division 2 Club Championship winner Bev Pascoe, with runner-up Jaynee Oberer.



Open Club Championship winner Ronda Edwards, with runner-up Sue Agars.

lent scores, with the top four all breaking their handicaps.

Once again it was Karyn Coon 105/37/68 setting the pace, playing consistent golf to finish four strokes under her handicap, which included scores on every hole and a par on the 12th.

Christine Morrison 102/32/70 was runner-up with 49/53 splits and a birdie-three on the dog-leg ninth hole.

Annette Ford was rounded out the podium with 96/25/71 from splits of 48/48.

Her round included pars on the first, fourth, ninth, 14th and 15th holes.

The long drive was won by Dianne Perryman and putting by Geraldine Scott.

Trophies handed out

THE Millicent Golf Club saw 18 women play a nine-hole ambrose competition last week, with trophy presentations for the year handed out after a luncheon.

Winners of the ambrose competition with Debbie Tincknell, Bec Shanks, Kathy Webber and Mary Winsler with a score of 31.5.

The club thanked all trophy donors and congratulated winners.

2023 TROPHY WINNERS

- Shylie Rymill foursomes: Kirsty Bailey and Mary Winsler nett 75.5.
- International bowl silver: Kirsty Bailey nett 76.
- International bowl bronze: Karen Lock nett 66.
- Laurel Wreath: Heather Anderson.
- Club foursomes: Lois Tilley and Sharne Peacock.

- President's Trophy: Kirsty Bailey nett 150.
- Captains Trophy: Karen Lock nett 141.
- Olympic event: Annie Maclennan - 9.
- Short Course Olympic Event: Val Williams - 13.
- Hong Kong Cup: Karen Altschwager.
- Margaret Young Eclectic: Heidi Muhovics.
- Eclectic A Grade: Kirsty Bailey.
- Eclectic B Grade: Bronwyn Clarke.
- Eclectic short course: Sue Agnew nett 64.
- Ferret Board: Debbie Tincknell 6.
- Monthly medal finalist: Bec Shanks 75c/b.
- Nitschke pin: Kirsty Bailey.
- Anne Whitty Memorial: Kathy Webber +5 c/b.
- Heather Walker Memorial: Sue Ireland 148 points.



Millicent Golf Club's women were all smiles after the 2023 trophy presentations. Picture: SUBMITTED



Division 2 winner Lizzie Clements, runner-up Mary Kentish, Division 1 runner-up Janina Morrison and winner Bernie Jennings. Picture: SUBMITTED

Impressive at the top

A STABLEFORD round was held on Wednesday in overcast conditions at the Mount Gambier Golf Club, with a field of 42 women competing.

At the top of the table in Division 1, Faye Mainwaring claimed the win with an impressive 39 points, from Kate McCormick, also on 39 points.

Division 2 was won by the new women's captain Lizzie Clements with 39 points, ahead of Debbie Sheather on 37.

Other winners were Betty McKechnie for

the pro shot on the eighth hole, Rab Headlam for the A Grade long drive second shot, Yvonne Shirley for B Grade long drive second shot and Linda Boylan C Grade long drive second shot.

Meanwhile, on Saturday 23 women played a stableford round in good weather conditions.

Kathy Ewer claimed the win with 45 points, ahead of Trudy Johnson with 41 and Faye Mainwaring with 38.

Division 2 comp heats up

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DIVISION 2 tennis was highlighted by a nail-biter at Mil Lel on Saturday afternoon.

The Round 5 Mount Gambier and District Tennis match-up had the home team matched against West Gambier Blue and at the end of the day Mil Lel/Reidy claimed the honours by just two games.

The top men's singles reflected the closeness of the fixture, with a tiebreak required to determine Lochie Arnold the winner over West's Jamie Higgins.

The other men's singles were also won by Mil Lel/Reidy, with Harrison Ellis and Christopher Cowland winning 6-2 and 6-3 respectively.

The women's singles were split, with Jessica Douglas' 6-0 win over Kirra McKenny the only win from the hosts.

West's Sharon Edwards defeated Jorja Douglas 6-3, while Carey Grivell accounted for Aynslee Hayman 6-2.

While Mil Lel/Reidy had the better of the singles, West was on top in the doubles winning four of the six sets.

Of those, three were close 7-5 encounters.

Higgins and Matthew Charlton teamed up for a win over Arnold and Cowland, while Edwards and McKenny defeated the Douglas'.

Edwards had a second 7-5 win when she paired up with Grivell against Jorja Douglas and Hayman.

In the end it could have been the closeness of those sets which decided the outcome, with the two teams finishing level on six sets each.

However, Mil Lel/Reidy had won 59 games at the end of the day, while West won 57.

The second fixture of the round had Suttontown/Glencoe Tigers visit West Gambier Red at Malseed Park.



MID SWING: West Gambier Blue's Layla McPherson put in a solid single's performance on her home courts.

Pictures: JAMES MURPHY

The teams sit second and first on the ladder respectively, so the early bragging rights were on the line between the top teams.

In the end it was the combined side which edged out the hosts with a 7-5 set win.

The men's singles were all won by Suttontown/Glencoe.

The top rubber went to Sam Auld in a tie-breaker over Peyton Robinson, while Brody Sharam was too strong for Justin Robinson on the day.

Alexandre Rigaux rounded out the men's singles winners with his 6-4 triumph.

The women's sets were balanced in favour of West.

Suttontown/Tigers' Casey Sampson defeated Kyra Kuchel 6-3, while the other sets went to West as Rylee Kuchel and Layla McPherson both won 6-1.

The doubles were an even split, with three sets each.

The Suttontown/Glencoe men dominated the court as Auld won his sets with Sharam and Rigaux 6-1 and 6-0 respectively, won 6-0, while Rigaux and Tom Inglis had a 6-3 victory.

West had the better of the women's doubles, with the closest result a 6-3 win to Kyra Kuchel and McPherson over Lizzie Doyle and Molly Lennon.



GOOD WIN: Suttontown/Glencoe's Brody Sharam during his winning singles match on Saturday.



REACH: Suttontown/Glencoe's Aimee Inglis makes a return during Saturday's Division 2 clash with West Gambier Blue.

Mount Gambier and District tennis results

MOUNT GAMBIER AND DISTRICT TENNIS ASSOCIATION ROUND 5 RESULTS

- Division 1: West Gambier 8-10-79 d Reidy Park 4-4-45; Uniting 7-8-66 d Mount Gambier 5-6-60; Glencoe 10-11-81 d Mount Schank 2-3-46.
- Division 2: Mil Lel/Reidy 6-59 d West Gambier Blue 6-57; West Gambier Red 5-49 lt Suttontown/Glencoe Tigers 7-49; Mount Schank/Mount Gambier - Bye.
- Division 3: Suttontown 6-54 lt Uniting/Glencoe 6-59; Mount Gambier 8-57 d Glencoe 4-41; Mil Lel 3-27 lt Centrals 9-61; Moorak - Bye.
- Mixed Doubles: Mount Schank 0-10 lt Glencoe 6-36; Moorak 6-36 d Mil Lel 0-9; Mount Gambier Green 0-18 lt Mount Gambier Blue 6-37; Suttontown - Bye.
- Women's Doubles: Uniting 6-37 d Mil Lel 0-7; Glencoe v Reidy Park (Result not supplied); West Gambier - Bye.

LAKES JUNIOR TENNIS ASSOCIATION ROUND 5 RESULTS


- A Grade Boys: West Gambier 4-31 d Glencoe 2-22; Mount Gambier Blue 3-29 d Mount Schank/Mil Lel 3-25; Uniting/Reidy 6-36 d Mount Gambier White 0-12.
- A Grade Girls: Reidy/Uniting 2-18 lt West Gambier 4-30; Mil Lel/Uniting/Suttontown 2-18 lt West/Mount Schank/Uniting 4-30; Mount Gambier/Glencoe - Bye.
- B Grade Boys: Mount Gambier 2-18 lt Moorak/Suttontown 4-27; Mount Gambier White 2-21 lt Uniting Red 4-26; Uniting White 4-26 d Mount Gambier Blue 2-14; Reidy Park 5-26 d Mil Lel 1-12.
- B Grade Girls: West Gambier 5-29 d Mount Gambier 1-12; Uniting 4-23 d Mount Schank 2-18.
- C Grade Boys: West Gambier 5-25 d Uniting 1-7; Mil Lel 5-27 d Glencoe 1-14.



WIND UP: West Gambier Blue's Justin Robinson runs in to a forehand shot during his single's match.

Picture: JAMES MURPHY

- C Grade Girls: Glencoe/Reidy v Glencoe (Result not supplied); West Gambier 4-24 d Mount Gambier 2-20; Moorak/Mil Lel - Bye.
- D Grade Boys: Reidy Park 0-0 lt Mil Lel 6-30 (forfeit); West Gambier 3-18 d/w Mount Schank 3-18; Mount Gambier - Bye.
- D Grade Girls: Uniting 1-15 lt Mount Gambier Blue 5-26; Mount Gambier White 4-28 d Mount Schank 2-17.
- E Grade Green Ball: West Gambier Blue 6-30 d Mil Lel 0-17; Mount Gambier 4-24 d West Gambier Red 2-17; Glencoe 2-18 lt Uniting 4-25.
- F Grade Orange Ball: Reidy Park - Bye.
- Mount Gambier Blue 4-16 d Mount Gambier White 2-16; Mil Lel 0-2 lt West Gambier 6-24; Glencoe/Uniting 5-23 d Mil Lel/Mount Schank 1-12.



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DECEMBER 28 Sprintcars Speedweek Speedcars, SA Modlites Title	MARCH 30 Easter Sprintcar Trail Super Rods, Junior Sedans
JANUARY 5 Formula 500 Speedweek Wingless Sprints Summer Slam	APRIL 6 SA Limited Sportsman Title Junior Sedans Classic Sedans & Rods
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Close, but South falls short

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WEST GAMBIER 9/183 d
SOUTH GAMBIER 10/178

SOUTH Gambier fell agonisingly short of victory in round 3 of Barber Shield cricket on Saturday.

There was just five runs in the game when the final South wicket fell, with the Demons on the wrong side of the ledger on their home deck at Blue Lake Sports Park.

Much of that can be attributed to an impressive spell of bowling from Sam Willis, with five wickets just when the Roos needed them to halt the runaway South momentum.

West won the toss and elected to bat, with a handy opening stand ensuing.

Justin Dejong and Nuwan Gunawardana were well set in the middle when Elwood Geary had the former caught for four runs with the total at 26.

Gunawardana was in fine touch and pushed on with the help of Bray Stephenson and again the pair looked settled.

Both were finding the boundary, but with the total at 69, Gunawardana was clean bowled by Robert Drenthen for a steady 20 runs.

Sujith Nikethana came in and wasted no time, with the runs then flowing, but with the haste came the wicket and he was sent back to the sidelines, run out for 11 off just 13 balls.

Stephenson finally succumbed to the attack, but not before a timely half-century.

He was caught off the bowling of Adam Vause for 55, which included nine boundaries and on six.

By then the Roos has passed the century mark, but few more runs were added before Sam Willis was sent on his way for just two runs, with the total then at 5/125.

Jack Geddes and Sam Coxon pieced together



West Gambier's Bray Stephenson looks to score on his way to a half-century. Pictures: JAMES MURPHY

er a handy partnership, but after contributing 13 runs, the former fell victim to Drenthen, who again disturbed the woodwork.

Kyal Chapman then lit up the venue, with two sixes and a boundary on his way to 18 runs off just nine deliveries.

His innings was then cut short and few more runs came before the overs were completed.

However, with a total of 183, the Demons

were always going to have a tough run chase.

Elwood Geary was best with the ball for South, with three scalps.

South's run chase was off to a perfect start, with a century stand to kick proceedings off.

Drenthen eventually fell to Sam Willis, but not before contributing 53 runs off just 40 balls.

That included nine fours and a six, as he and Stephen Easterbrook took the bowling at-



South Gambier's Jakob Opie delivers the ball.

tack apart to chalk up an impressive 114-run opening stand.

With the Demons in the box seat, West needed to lift and Willis continued to provide hope.

He claimed the wicket of Jed Sims, clean bowled for a three-ball duck, had Jaggar Geary caught for one, then bowled Elwood Geary for another three-ball duck.

Suddenly South was on the back foot, with the total at 4/120.

Easterbrook was next to go, clean bowled by Willis for 42.

James Miller looked in good touch, with 11 runs off 13 balls, but Nikethana cut his innings short. Likewise, Bryce Whicker looked set, with a steady 34-ball innings, which produced 12 runs. Ryan Kuhl was finding runs, clocking up 13 until he was caught off the bowling of Stephenson.

When Jake Hollis was bowled by Stephenson South's chances became quite slim, despite plenty of overs remaining.

However, with six more runs required for victory, Jakob Opie was run out and the Roos celebrated.

Willis was impressive with his five wickets, but more importantly, the timing of those scalps created a Demons collapse they could not recover from.



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STEADY: North Sportsman's Michael Johnstone focuses on the ball.

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Tigers up to challenge

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**NORTH SPORTSMAN'S 9/192 d
MIL LEL 9/120**

NORTH Sportsman's was simply too strong for Mil Lel in Round 3 of Barber Shield cricket on Saturday at Marist Park.

Both sides batted out their 40 overs, but it was the Tigers who made the most of it to easily pass the required total for victory and push on further.

North won the toss and sent Mil Lel into bat, which paid dividends almost immediately, when Jarrod Sanders was caught off the bowling of Tim Young for a duck, with no runs registered to Mil Lel.

However, from there a half-century stand played out, with Ty Dinnison and the incoming William Rowland looking solid in the middle.

Rowland fell just shy of his half-century,

seeing the total along to 62 before falling lbw to Nick McNerney for 43.

Darcy Williamson came in and stuck around for nine balls before being sent on his way for no score and just one more run added to the total.

When Jack Miller became the second lbw victim of McNerney, Mil Lel was struggling at 4/72.

only one more double-figure score would come, with Archer Virtanen taking 27 balls to reach 10 runs, then clean bowled by Declan Kenny with the total on 99.

while Mil Lel reach the century mark, few more runs would come and with 40 overs complete, the Tigers needed just 121 for victory.

McNerney claimed three wickets for North and Isaac Mulraney two.

The run chase was solid and quite entertaining, with a half-century stand mid-way through to seal the win.

Alex Hutton was bowled by Miller for 20, with the total at 46, before Elliott Fisher followed suit, bowled by Miller for 31, but off just 24 balls.

Opener Michael Johnston followed soon after, caught off Miller for a steady 27 off 73 balls.

McNerney and Brad Robi9nson then dug in for a half-century stand, with the latter out for a run-a-ball 29 with the victory already secured.

McNerney fell soon after for a timely 37 off 25 deliveries, but from there it was a matter of batting out the overs to see how many runs could be had.

Only Young reached double figures from there on, with 10 runs off 10 balls, with Matthew Robinson and Nicholas Copping unbeaten at the end of the day, with the Tigers finishing on 9/189.

Miller was best with the ball with three scalps.

A busy month for greyhound track

DAVID LEWIS
on the lure
GREYHOUND RACING

THE running of another Tara Tipsters Cup, this time once again recognising the Visually Impaired Club of Mount Gambier, kicks off a busy December at the Mount Gambier Greyhound Racing Club's Tara Raceway on Lake Terrace East.

The cup, an eight-dog race over 512 metres, is framed at the grader's discretion and run on Sunday, December 3 prior to a presentation to representatives of the local charity.

Then, at the time-graded meeting on Thursday, December 7, heats of the final Fast Forward series for the year will be run over 400 metres for 1-4 wins greyhounds.

Selected from "Worst to Best" category, the Fast Forward final – to be run for Category 2 prize money a week later – comprises the eight greyhounds running the fastest times in the heats, regardless of their finishing positions.

Heats of the Williams Crane Hire Christmas Cup/Border Challenge (Open, 512m) will be decided on Sunday, December 10.

They will be complemented by heats of the Peter Whitehead Memorial (Maiden, 400m), and the Santa Sprint (Open, 400m).

Highlighting the Sunday, December 17 meeting is the Williams Crane Hire Christmas Cup final.

Other supporting events on the day are the Christmas Challenge (Grades 5/6, 600m), the Merry Masters (305m) and the Dasher Distance (732m).

Subject to meeting the Border Challenge criteria, the first four over the line in the Christmas Cup final will also be Mount Gambier's first choices to represent the club in the Warrnambool v Mount Gambier Border Challenge (450m) in Warrnambool on Thursday,



PACE: Max Power defeats Wind Burn Flash in last year's Border Challenge at Tara Raceway.

Picture: SUBMITTED

December 21.

As far as Mount Gambier conditions are concerned for the Border Challenge, trainers must have had starters at 15 Mount Gambier meetings in the past 12 months.

They must have trained the greyhound nominated for the previous three months.

Also, the greyhound must have started at least four times in the past 12 months at Tara Raceway.

The Christmas Cup goes back to 2011 when it was won by the David Peckham trained Napoleon Wiz. Winners since have been 2012 Lika Gem (Allen Williams), 2013 Bourne Again (David Peckham), 2014 Who's Doing What (Tracie Price) and 2015 Fear The Rascal (Tracie Price).

In 2016 the Christmas Cup was won by Glenville Jester (Richard Clayfield), 2017 Hit The Runway (Nicole Stanley), 2018 Hutch (Robert Halliday), 2019 Squishy Pea (David Peckham), 2020 Golly Gumdrops (Tracie Price), 2021 Bungaloo Anne (John Little) and

2022 Aston Ziebell (David Peckham).

The Border Challenge was first run over 450 metres at Warrnambool on December 5, 2019 when won by the home track representative Lektra Fireball, trained by Phil Lenehan.

Representing Mount Gambier on the night were Wanchai Express (Nicole Stanley), Galactic Mojo (Steve Bartholomew) and Flash Jackie (David Peckham).

But with Covid and the border closures that followed, it was not until last year that the Mount Gambier Greyhound Racing Club finally staged its first home track Border Challenge.

Once again, though, it was Warrnambool that came out on top after Max Power, trained at Dennington by Dustin Drew, defeated the Jason Newman trained local hope Wind Burn Flash by 1½ lengths in 29.88 seconds.

Other local representatives were Aston Ziebell (David Peckham), Banjo Bert (Tracie Price), Aston Marlon (David Peckham) and Departure Gate (Jason Newman).

Bulldogs the easy victors

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**EAST GAMBIER 7/179 d
PENOLA 10/96**

PENOLA could not put up a fight against East Gambier in Round 3 of Barber Shield cricket on Saturday.

Despite the home-ground advantage, the Eagles were sent into bat and fumbled their way to just short of a century in just 33 overs.

Just three batsmen reached double figures in what was a complete rout, with wickets falling like dominoes.

First to go was Jack Miller for one run, with the team total the same, while the incoming Tom Clayfield hung around to add a further 17 runs with the help of Michael Waters.

Waters scored the majority of those, as Clayfield was out for five off 20 deliveries.

Eli Hunter came and went for a two-ball duck, before Nathan Fulton arrived in the middle and looked to hold up an end while Waters found some runs.

Unfortunately he was gone for just six runs, flogged soon after by Waters for 21, with the total at a dismal 5/41.

Matthew Honner contributed two and Ned Skeer eight, before Josh Doyle and Jacob Robbie provided some hope for the Eagles.

Doyle was gone for 11 after a 24-run partnership with Robbie.

Brad Maney fell for five, while Gerard Merrett was out for a duck, leaving Robbie unbeaten on 17 and the total at just 96.

Liam Turley and Connor Little did the damage, with three wickets each.

The run chase looked simple enough for the Bulldogs, but it did not start out that way.

East threatened to follow Penola's path, with Aiden Creasey out for an 11-ball duck with just two runs on the board for the Bulldogs.

However, Alex Hill joined James Sullivan in the middle and the runs began to flow.

A half-century stand followed, with Hill out for 19 off a steady 44 deliveries and the total at 52.

Emerson Marks came and went cheaply, bowled by Mullan for just six, before another half-century stand between Sullivan and Ben Robinson easily passed the required runs for victory.

Sullivan fell to the bowling of Waters for a well-constructed 59 off 84 balls, with the total at 117.

Robinson was the only shining light from there, as he worked his way to a half-century, unbeaten for 56 at the end of play.

Waters and Mullan claimed two wickets each.



ACCURATE: Liam Hurley claimed three wickets for East Gambier.

Picture: FILE



Subarus were the order of the day, as were Brands, as the family made a dent in the numbers at the Legend of the Lakes hill climb.



The slogan on the bottom front of Jack Monkhouse's Datsun said it all, as he entertained the crowd at the Legend of the Lakes hill climb.

Day retains Legend status

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It surpassed Peter Gazzard's long-standing record of seven overall victories and of course sets a new record for the most wins in a row.

Day's fastest time of the weekend, a 49.85-second run, was set on Sunday, but for the first time he was down into the 49-second bracket on Saturday.

In fact, his first run up the hill was faster than any other driver went all weekend.

The performance was not lost on the current "Legend", who was extremely pleased with the weekend overall.

"For the first time we did a 49 on the first

day," Day said.

"The weather was better on Saturday, with some sunshine, but Sunday was overcast all day, so track conditions weren't perfect.

"Saturday we ran old tyres for the first couple of runs and were straight into the 51s, just getting back into the swing of it.

"The last run on Saturday with the new tyres we got a 49.9 out of it, so I slept really well Saturday night knowing we were there or thereabouts pace wise."

Day said he had a simple focus for Sunday – to go faster and look for a new record time.

However, with the weather closing in, that was not going to be a reality.

"On Sunday there was no sunshine, a cold track and a cool wind," he said.

"The tyres I run really need the heat in the track to work properly.

"We went a bit faster and I think we did a 49.85 on the third run, but that was all we had with the track conditions.

"But I was very happy to take number eight win, which is the record now."

Despite the cooler conditions on Sunday, the 49.85-second run is the second fastest anyone has been up the hill.

While Day has been into the 49-second bracket on a few occasions, Sunday's run was just .4 of a second outside his record time from last year.

That would suggest the changes to the aero package on the Subaru worked as expected.

"I definitely think the car was at its absolute best," Day said.

"The one thing you can't control is the weather conditions, but if you put this year's car on last year's track, there is definitely a high 48 in it.

"The car was exceptionally fast given the conditions."

While it may seem a bit mundane considering every time Day attends the event he wins it, he has set goals along the way, with eight in a row the major focus for this year.

However, that does not mean the dream run is over just yet.

"It was always a goal when we won our third, fourth and fifth titles to look for eight in a row," he said.

"We looked at the record books to see how many Peter had and I knew I had to run the car until 2023 to get the record.

"Now we have won the eight and secured that record, us as a family and a team, we have been talking and the next goal is to make it 10 in a row.

"That means at least another couple of years going back up there.

"We are always trying for that new record and I would love to go into the 48s one day."

Speaking of the team, Day's father Sean ran his personal-best time in his beautifully turned out Subaru WRX 22B, a 53.5-second run, which was only good enough for seventh place, such is the level of competition.

That competition is one thing that Day said should draw more interest to the event.



Crowd favourite Kevin Mackrell rounded out the podium at the Legend of the Lakes hill climb on the weekend.



Douglas Johnson finished runner-up in the Legend of the Lakes hill climb on the weekend.

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"I wish the event had more recognition around Australia, because it deserves it," he said.

"My dad's time of 53.5 put him in seventh place, but you look back 10 years and that would nearly win the event.

"There are a lot of fast cars there now, which is good for the event and good for the sport.

"The top 40 times are probably under the 60-second bracket.

"There is a lot of competition there throughout the field, the people are very friendly and happy and everyone is having a ball.

"They love the driving and the social aspect, and the organisation of the event is exceptional."

On that point, Day made mention of the effort Kevin Raedel and the SEAC team put into

the event.

"I can't imagine how much work they put in throughout the year," he said.

"It is a big event to pull off.

"Kevin is so humble and really needs to know how good a job he and the SEAC team do."

As for the future runs, it appears there is no end to Day's appearances at this stage.

"As a family we treat it as a mini holiday," he said.

"I don't see why we would sit it out.

"We will continue doing it, but if something overlaps one day and we have to miss it, I won't be too upset because I have set that record.

"We will definitely be back for the next two years with 10 wins in a row as our goal.

"We will see what life looks like after that."

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Sandrine in action.



Farr-Mer leads Billy 2.

At the starting line for season

AFTER two weeks of abandoned racing due to the weather and a race in Portland, sailors were finally able to take to the waters off Port MacDonnell and properly start the 2023-2024 sailing season.

Four boats of varying classes braved the white caps to sail the course set by the race officer, commodore Jennifer Jones.

She and committee boat driver David Jones set an interesting course, with a loop from the start line to the first mark to the south west and back, another loop from the start directly south and a final loop to the south east before finishing in front of the club house.

It was a spread out start, with Sandrine skippered by Chris Lynch as the first boat across the start line and Mack Ferguson's Papillion behind them.

New boat to the club, Billy 2 sailed by Nick Watson, did not compete in the first race, instead opting to sail around the course to get a handle on the new boat.

Chris Lynch and David Bryson's hard work at the start paid off as they led the fleet the entire race and claimed line honours.

Dave Evans, Adrian Romescu and Damian McMahon on Farr-mer were second across the finish line.

The wind held steady for the second race, with a close start.

Farr-mer had a strong start as first boat across the line and Mack Ferguson, John Kain and Graham McKay on Papillion were close behind.

The whole fleet was close by the end of the first lap, with three boats rounding the buoy in short succession.

Despite starting the race in third position, Billy 2 showed the speed which little catamarans are capable of and pulled out well in front to take its first line honours.

Farr-mer was able to stay in front of the other two trailable boats and crossed the fin-



Tight starts were the order of the day at the Port MacDonnell Sailing Club.

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ish line in second position.

The wind speed dropped during the two races and due to the favourable conditions, a third race was undertaken.

The third race had a close start, with all boats crossing the line within seconds of each other, but Farr-mer once more crossed the line first, ahead of Papillion.

With a near capsize at the finish line, Billy 2 managed to stay upright and take out line honours in the third race as well.

Sandrine and Farr-mer had a tussle to the finish line, with Sandrine winning out and crossing the line in second place.

A fourth race commenced straight after the

third, to make up for some of the missed races in October.

It was another close start, with Sandrine this time taking out the start and Farr-mer close behind.

However, once racing started it was easy to see the advantage Billy 2 had over the larger boats as it once more easily took line honours.

There is a two-day regatta at Port MacDonnell this coming weekend, with boats of all classes encouraged to enter.

The public is welcome to come down and take a look on both days.

Race 1: Sandrine (C. Lynch, D. Bryson); Farr-mer (D. Evans, A. Romescu, D. McMahon);

Papillion (M. Ferguson, J. Kain, G. McKay); DNS. Billy 2 (N. Watson).

Race 2: Papillion (M. Ferguson, J. Kain, G. McKay); Farr-mer (D. Evans, A. Romescu, D. McMahon); Sandrine (C. Lynch, D. Bryson); Billy 2 (N. Watson).

Race 3: 1. Papillion (M. Ferguson, J. Kain, G. McKay); Sandrine (C. Lynch, D. Bryson); Farr-mer (D. Evans, A. Romescu, D. McMahon); Billy 2 (N. Watson).

Race 4: Billy 2 (N. Watson); Papillion (M. Ferguson, J. Kain, G. McKay); Sandrine (C. Lynch, D. Bryson); Farr-mer (D. Evans, A. Romescu, D. McMahon).

Results reversed: Grand final replay surprises

THE South East Coast Basketball League winter season grand finalists met in Round 4 of the summer season and resulted in respective runner-up teams turning the tables on reigning premiers.

The outcome adds another level of unpredictability to the competitions in the coming weeks.

The winning performance of a stronger Cougars men's team further adds to the interest in the summer season as well.

WOMEN

BULLDOGS 59 (A. Collins 20, S. Adams 11, T. Human 10) d SAINTS 32 (M. Burke 11, L. Paul 10, A. Dean 6).

This reverse winter grand final result was engineered by an in-form Ava Collins, who is following up her winter season achievements for Bulldogs by consistently posting game-high personal tallies.

Tenille Human and Siobhan Adams were lively in their defensive work and provided multiple avenues in offence in the

comfortable win.

In contrast, Saints players were relentless in their efforts, led by Mackenzie Burke and Piper Paul, but could not cover the absence of on court go-to players, Edie Easterby and Poppy Venn.

COUGARS 77 (M. Horrigan 19, M. Wormald 18, A. Beveridge 11, T. Crouch 11) d CATS 49 (M. Lynch 12, P. McRae 9, T. Rowe 7).

Cougars set the scene by dominating their first half against Cats, who took some time to adapt to not having playing coach Alana Berkefeld leading the way on court.

It was all Cougars in the first half. Mylee Lynch and Paula McRae lifted and guided Cats in a more competitive second half.

Mikaela Horrigan has played consistently well for Cougars and scored a game-high 19 points, while Maddie Wormald's experience and 18-point tally were valuable factors in Cougars' win.

Roos had the bye.

MEN

BULLDOGS 84 (B. Young 23, Shaun Lock 20, H. Wright 17) d SAINTS 73 (J. Bowden 25, H. Mules 18, A. Fuller 16).

Bulldogs and Saints went into this game without two of their stars – Simon Berkefeld on holidays and Jack Hagggett nursing a niggling injury.

This game, judged the best for the night, was a close contest in which both sides were in positions to win throughout the 40 minutes of action.

Bulldogs eventually recorded an 11-point win, 84-73, reversing the winter grand final result.

For the winner, Ben Young recaptured his top form, Shaun Lock continued to add to his game as a leader and Harry Wright made the most of his opportunities.

SA Under 20 state player Jackson Bowden, displaying his typical athletic ability and commitment, worked tirelessly to try and close the small margin for Saints.

State Under 20 development player Harry Mules maintained his valued contributions for Saints and quiet achiever, Austin Fuller continued to get the job done.

COUGARS 94 (T. deWit 24, B. Ousey 23, W. Wimshurst 18) d PANTHERS 57 (J. Ryan 19, T. Stephens 13, T. Brumby 13).

As predicted preseason, a stronger and balanced Cougars flexed their muscles against Panthers to post an impressive win 94-57 win.

Toby deWit, Braiden Ousey and state junior Will Wimshurst were instrumental in setting up the result.

While Panthers has struggled to cover the long-term injured Kyle Tipene and Brad Jachmann last week, Pioneer Kane deWit did not suit up for Cougars.

For Panthers it was emerging talent, Teangi Stephens and state junior Taj Brumby who supported Jak Ryan.

Roos had the bye.

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Dan Day set a new record for the amount of wins at the Legend of the Lakes hill climb on the weekend.

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Day of records

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FOR fans of the Legend of the Lakes hill climb, it was probably no surprise to see Dan Day take his Subaru WRX STi to the top of the leaderboard on the weekend.

Day claimed his eighth straight win at the iconic Valley Lakes course, ahead of Douglas Johnson in second place and crowd-favourite Kevin Mackrell rounding out the podium.

The win included two records along with it.

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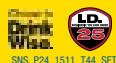
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