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PARK PLANS: Inaugural Lions Park Working Group member Anthony Thomas with his daughter Tahli and wife Natalie at last week's colour run held in the park.

Lions roar into action on park

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Break-in arrest

A MAN has been arrested after a break-in at Naracoorte last week.

Police will allege that about 6.10am on Tuesday, January 16, police were called to a house after the male occupant was woken by an unknown man inside his house.

The victim confronted the suspect who fled the scene.

Crime scene officers examined the scene and obtained forensic evidence which identified a suspect.

Later the same day, police went to a house in Naracoorte and arrested a 20-year-old man, charging him with aggravated serious criminal trespass, illegal interference of a motor vehicle, theft and being unlawfully on premises.

A search of his address located a car fridge which was also reported stolen earlier that morning.

The man was bailed to appear in the Naracoorte Magistrates Court at a later date.

Kingston to celebrate citizens on January 26

KINGSTON SE'S 2024 Australia Day Awards will be awarded to this year's selection of inspiring citizens and unique community events. Kingston National Trust Museum member Ross Johnston was picked as this year's Citizen of the Year, while Sheba Miller was voted for the Young Citizen of the Year. Community Event of the Year went to the

ever popular Kingston SE AP and H Society Show as the Maria Creek Reserve parkrun was nominated for the Active Citizenship Award, encouraging local residents to keep active and healthy.

Kingston's official Australia Day Ceremony will begin with a breakfast at 7am at Lions Park on Friday January 26.



TREASURE TROVE: In the group's computer room were Kelvin and Sandra Edlington with some of the items removed from storage.

History buffs are getting their hands dirty

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THIS year's annual stocktake at the South East Family's History group was replaced with a working bee instead at the suggestion of SEFHG librarian Sandra Edlington.

Severe storm damage to the group's computer room last winter saw all the research computers and microfilm reader moved while

Wattle Range Council (WRC) employees began repairs to the council owned building.

At the time damaged plaster was removed from a wall and fireplace, with a large section of wet carpet cut away.

The group are still waiting for the repairs to be completed which will mean replastering and re-carpeting but in the meantime have returned some of the equipment to the computer room.

Vice president of the SEFHG Kelvin Edlington said everything had to be removed to do the work.

"We had to move everything out so they could strip the walls and fireplace, pull the carpet up and attempt to dry the walls and floor," he said.

"Once they are completely dry, they will come back and replaster it, and the rest of the carpet will be removed and be replaced.

"We've got four computers and the microfilm reader set up in here, so at least people can do some research."

About a dozen members dropped in to help with the working bee which included clearing out the store room to be repurposed, rearranging the research room and cleaning out kitchen cupboards.

The SEFHG has been closed since early December for their annual holiday break but reopened to the public today.



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More time for lake swimming

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LAKE STAYS OPEN: The Millicent Swimming Lake will stay open.

Picture: FILE

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Chief executive Ben Gower said the delays were due to the "specialised nature" of the work, as well as illness and the Christmas break.

"There are only two organisations within a reasonable proximity - i.e Victoria or South Australia - that were able to do this work," he said.

"It's because of the nature of the lake - It's quite big and so from an engineering point of view, they've got to look at chlorine levels, flow

rates, all of those things to design the process.

"So it is quite specialised, it's not like a swimming pool you put in your backyard."

The works will include completely re-designing all of the plumbing to replace the 50 year old design that is currently there.

While the original motion put forward at the meeting was to have the lake remain open until February 29, the motion was amended to ensure the council would not go over its water allocation.

Mr Gower said they were unsure when the council would be ready to go to tender.

"We think at this stage, they've been very frank and very open with us, and they've said it's probably a four week delay," he said.

"What we don't want to do is put that four week peg in the sand and then have it shifted again.

"We want to under promise and over deliver rather than the other way around."

He said the council would be monitoring the water usage very closely.

Residents wake to burning boat

POLICE are investigating a suspicious fire in the front yard of a Mullins Street address which occurred around 4am Monday morning.

The two residents of the home heard noises and looked through the front window to see their boat alight in close proximity to their house.

With no hose connected in the front yard the residents used an esky filled with water to douse the flames before emergency services

arrived, however significant damage was caused.

One of the residents managed to remove a large orange fuel container from the rear of the boat before it caught alight.

Charring on the container shows how close the fire was to engulfing the fuel.

The boat's owner said they were happy the boat trailer and motor, since removed, were undamaged in the incident.

A second incident at the same address occurred sometime between 10pm Saturday, January 20 and 7am Sunday, January 21 when damage was caused to a car's tyres while it was parked in the driveway.

Police are investigating both incidents and believe they may be linked.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or report on line at www.crimestopperssa.com.au - you can remain anonymous.



CLOSE CALL: The damaged boat in the front yard of a Mullins Street home and the fuel container which was removed while the boat was alight.



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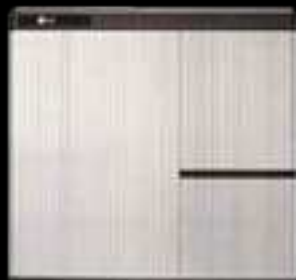


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REJUVENATION PROJECT: The Karst Springs project is underway.

Picture: SUPPLIED

Reviving wetlands

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A REJUVENATION project at Eight Mile Creek is underway.

The Karst Springs and Alkaline Fens Restoration Project aims to rejuvenate a critically endangered wetland ecosystem, contribute to water security goals and create new Caring for Country opportunities for First Nations communities.

The site includes three of the region's unique karst springs which previously supplied water to an extensive surrounding wetland ecosystem.

Reinstating water to the surrounding land will provide habitat for a range of biodiversity, including threatened species.

The 90-hectare land parcel was purchased last year with the Limestone Coast Landscape Board leading the restoration.

Landscape board chairperson Dr Penny Schulz said the property had been purchased so the site could be restored to a functioning wetland ecosystem.

"Careful investigations, monitoring and planning are now underway at the site and will continue over the life of the project and beyond," Dr Schulz said.

"Many people in the Limestone Coast might not be familiar with these rare and incredible



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karst spring systems on our southern coast.

"We are looking forward to this project shining a spotlight on how it is possible to transform parts of our landscape from pad-

dock to wetland."

First Nations elder Uncle Ken Jones said the rejuvenation would help increase iconic species such as Bissell birds, brolga, magpie geese, eels, freshwater fish, pigmy-back crayfish, snipes and other migratory shorebirds.

Uncle Ken said he was excited to have the wetland redevelopment after being a part of the 2005 Piccaninnie Ponds project.

"I am looking forward to having the new area back to wetlands and have been a long-time supporter of the application process to fund this," Uncle Ken said.

"I have been involved with it for years and I said it is a very valuable retention of habitat."

He said not much would change in the area with the aim being to retain and enhance it.

"It is very important that we reconstitute the over-stocking and damage to previous wildlife habitat," Uncle Ken said.

On-ground works would enable re-inundation to the karst springs site in late 2025 with works expected to be completed in 2028.

It would provide wetland habitat for native plants and animals while re-establishing population and providing agricultural benefits from a healthy landscape.

The restoration would also contribute to water security, carbon sequestration and provide ecosystem services to surrounding agriculture.

What's on at the library

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- 1pm-3.30pm

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Lunch will be provided for those attending both courses.

For further information about the courses visit the Bike SA website.

Limited spaces - bookings essential.

Australia Day Opening Hours

- Friday, January 26
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Under 5 Programs Return!

Returning week commencing January 29.

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- The Atlas Complex - Olivie Blake - Fantasy
- Heart of the River - Cheryl Adnams - Romance
- Absolute Power - David Baldacci - Crime



BACK ON: Programs for children under five-years-old will soon resume at the Mount Gambier Library: Picture: SUPPLIED



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Robe targeted by vandals

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THE District Council of Robe has expressed its disappointment after a string of vandalism recently swept through the town.

Graffiti was spotted on smaller infrastructure such as post boxes, bins and light poles with the addition of some buildings which were also targeted.

These buildings included the local supermarket, Robe Mitre 10 and the old service station.

Robe Marina sheds, warning signs and foreshore toilets were also among the infrastructure tagged by the vandals.

District Council of Robe chief executive Nat Traeger said the graffiti was "unsightly", especially during the town's busy summer season.

"We have a high level of civic pride and we like our town to be presented nicely," Ms Traeger said.

"When your population goes from roughly 1000 to 20,000 then you do expect misdemeanors and we have certainly planned for them.

"It's just disappointing we managed to get through the height of the busy season with little damage and then a couple of weeks later it is just mindless damage with people having no thought or consequence to what it costs our ratepayers and the community."

Ms Traeger said the cleanup would cost \$350 plus vehicle operations and additional cleaning equipment.



AFTERMATH: The District Council of Robe underwent a tedious process while cleaning the graffiti spread across the town, which took time away from other important projects.

Pictures: DISTRICT COUNCIL OF ROBE

She said it also affected the jobs of council staff who were assigned to the clean-up of graffiti.

"There is also the loss of productivity when we have to take staff off of other tasks so we are essentially taking them away from essential services to deal with mindless graffiti and vandalism," she said.

"We know no one has been caught or

charged yet, which is why we made it public on our Facebook page.

"Hopefully by making people aware of bad behaviour it also helps to make them more vigilant so they can look out for that sort of thing."

Ms Traeger said one sign which was graffitied over was a warning for members of the public to stay clear of a shuttlelift which was used to carry boats out of the Robe Wharf.



MINDLESS DAMAGE: Vandals also targeted road signs in the centre of town, which District Council of Robe chief executive Nat Traeger said reflected poorly on Robe as a whole.



UNSAFE: Some graffiti covered signs meant to warn people of dangerous equipment and areas.

She said the graffiti blocked the warning, which could pose a serious risk for the community if people did not already know the dangers of the area.

"It means if anyone entered there and the shuttle lift was being used, there is a possibility of people being impacted by it because it's such a large and heavy piece of equipment," Ms Traeger said.

AI cameras detect fire, as 400 hay bales burn

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A FIRE on the outskirts of German Flat was detected by the newly installed artificial intelligence bushfire cameras.

The cameras were installed late last year throughout the Limestone Coast after a state government initiative which remains supervised by the Green Triangle Fire Alliance.

In an Australian first, the cameras detection and monitoring system results in a fully integrated active bushfire detection, utilising ultra-high-definition 360-degree panoramic cameras.

It also used artificial intelligence and satellite technology.

Emergency services were alerted to smoke from the forestry cameras located at Mount Burr and Carpenter Rocks.

Five Country Fire Service (CFS) crews with 25 firefighters found about 400 hay bales, about one hectare of grass and a forklift alight.

The loss is estimated at \$90,000 with crews remaining for days on the scene, spreading the hay to extinguish hot spots.

Green Triangle Fire Alliance fire manager



GERMAN FLAT FIRE: A fire at German Flat was detected by the newly installed artificial intelligence cameras.

Picture: SUPPLIED

Anthony Walsh said the cameras were great although the fire was not in plantations specifically.

"This is a demonstration of how the systems benefit the wider community," Mr Walsh said.

"75 per cent of the area the system covers is not plantation, it is towns and farmlands.

"It is great to see the investment the South Australian government is paying off so early."

Mr Walsh said having better detection systems was a good thing, while staffed detection was still operating.

"We are still operating out of staff towers and they are important but what the system does is it extends it geographically and extends the area of fire detection," he said.

"There are additional cameras that will go in and cover areas that were not well covered but it is also just the hours of coverage because the fire towers only operate on the highest risk days and times whereas these cameras operate 24-hours a day."

Mr Walsh said the fire alliance had also organised access to the system for the CFS and spoke to the duty officer on when the fire was detected.

He said the duty officer looked at the images from the camera and knew it was not a small fire before organising more trucks to go on scene.

Speaking on the fire-danger season coming up, Mr Walsh said it had been a strange season and was not what was predicted.

"We just have to be on guard at anytime and although there is green grass in the paddocks, the bush and plantation areas are still quite dry and it only takes a few bad days and we could have a large-scale fire," he said.

A CFS spokesperson said crews were alerted to the haystack fire after images from the

artificial intelligence cameras were verified by an industry control centre operator.

"The CFS has a strong partnership with the forest industry and supports initiatives that enhance community safety," the spokesperson said.

"We recognise the installed cameras as an industry method for detecting fire and smoke, and the CFS has been given access to view vision as part of our information gathering process."

Minister for Emergency Services Joe Szakacs also congratulated the fire detection cameras, stating it was excellent to see the "game changing" technology in action.

"This vital collaboration helped provide a rapid response from South Australia's CFS and the Green Triangle Forest Industries Hub to assist with early detection of this fire," Mr Szakacs said.

"The State Government's \$2.346 million upgrade to the regions fire network, which included \$1 million targeting the new technology, puts South Australia in the best possible position to detect, manage and protect other landscape users, our primary producers and those in our South East communities."

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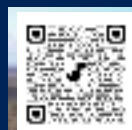


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Park for all is on the cards

MILLICENT Lions Club has unveiled bold plans to upgrade Lions Park in Millicent.

The aim of the project is to transform the area into a functional multi-use area, for all abilities and age demographics.

A working group for the park has been working on a concept plan and Lions Park Working Group members Dave Taylor, Anthony Thomas and Jacqui Matthews presented to the Wattle Range council meeting on Tuesday.

Mr Thomas said that as a member of the working committee, he had been asked by multiple people why there was "nothing there."

"There is nothing in that park and I see a lot of children playing on a swing that isn't supposed to be there," he said.

"Some days, there are 10 kids trying to play on one swing."

He said there were many people with disabilities living near the park, and having a playground and park close would be beneficial to them.

"It'll open it up to the wider community," he said.

"It brings people out of their houses to mix with each other and keeps the place looking good."

"It will do good for the community to have something there, because there is nothing there now."

In a report tabled to council, it said the working group had undergone consultation in 2021 about what people would like to see at the recreational area.

Suggestions included playground equipment, sports playing surfaces, outdoor gym equipment, a continuous pathway (full circuit), BBQ facilities, seating areas, shade structure, a drinking fountain, toilets, dog waste bags, increased planting and a community garden, public art and improved accessibility for prams and those with special mobility needs.

The report said residents of the area surrounding the Lions Park find it difficult to access other playgrounds in Millicent such as the Domain.

"Also having a facilities at the Lions Park that differ from other recreational areas within the town will encourage community members from outside the immediate vicinity to



SWING TIME: Avery Oszinski on the Lion's Park rope swing which is the only play equipment in the large park besides a basketball ring.

visit and interact,' it said.

"Providing infrastructure that encourages physical activity and social inclusion will improve outcomes, particularly important in an area of town where there is a high percentage of social housing and lower socio-economic households.

"By involving the community in the up-

grade, a sense of ownership and connection to the park is created.

"This creates a sense of place and a special connection to Millicent."

The Wattle Range council has already committed \$20,000 to the project to assist with the completion of the first stage.

Also partnering with the project is Unity

Housing Company, tenants, homeowners and Millicent community members, Millicent High School, Burrardies Aboriginal Corporation, and local businesses.

The first stage will be to reconnect water, plant fruit trees and erect AFL posts.

Following that, a footpath network will be constructed.

Calls for weed declaration fall on deaf ears

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DESPITE the Tatiara District Council campaigning, it is unlikely fleabane will be declared a weed in South Australia.

In July 2023 council wrote to Minister for Climate, Environment and Water Susan Close and the Limestone Coast Landscape Board calling for the plant to be declared a weed.

In the letter council chief executive Anne Champness said fleabane posed a risk to pri-

mary industries and declaring it a weed would enable more effective environmental protections. A response from Landscape Board chair Penny Schulz was received and noted at council's January meeting.

The letter from Dr Schulz said the priority weed list had been reviewed in 2023 and fleabane did not "warrant increased management priority or declared pest status, due to its low feasibility of control".

She said fleabane was listed under 'limited action' in all areas except in cropping areas,

where it was considered 'medium risk'.

"The proposed management action in cropping areas is to 'manage' sites through general integrated weed management as there is a low feasibility of containing the weed considering control costs, current distribution and persistence," the letter read.

Though Dr Schulz said the Landscape Board would liaise with the Department for Infrastructure and Planning with their roadside weeds spraying to limit its spread from roadsides in the region.



PEST PLANT: It is unlikely fleabane will be declared a weed in South Australia. **Picture: FILE**



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Council looks towards growth

WATTLE Range Council could look very different in the coming years, with the council looking to rezone ten parcels of land to ensure future growth.

Consultation will open in the coming months on a proposed major rezoning application, with the state government calling on the community to provide feedback on the plans.

Wattle Range Council is applying to rezone ten parcels of land, specifically around Millicent, Penola, Beachport and Glencoe. The council has grouped all ten potential rezonings into the one code amendment application to streamline the process and provide greater transparency for the community.

The areas under consideration have been identified in the council's 25 Year Strategic Land Use Plan to accommodate housing and employment growth, as the population surges in Mount Gambier and Robe. If approved, the rezoning would facilitate a wider range of housing including rural living opportunities, as well as accommodation and employment uses on strategic sites located close to town centres.

The application states it would protect the productive farming land in the area and also provide accommodation to reinforce the region as a strong tourism destination. The code amendment proposal will soon proceed to the consultation phase, with the council undertaking further investigations with input from the local community later this year.

Member for Mackillop Nick McBride has



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: Wattle Range Council chief executive Ben Gower said the council recently developed a comprehensive Strategic Land Use Plan to provide development pathways for the next 25 years.

Picture: FILE

been a vocal advocate for increasing and improving the housing supply in the region which he said was a powerful economic stimulator for

the state.

"I have been working with all tiers of government to seek solutions to the housing shortage

that exists across my electorate," he said.

"I am pleased the Wattle Range Council is taking a proactive approach by seeking to open up land for development.

"A shortage of affordable housing has significant personal, financial and economic impacts. It affects the way businesses can operate and makes it difficult to attract workers across vital sectors including agriculture and food processing.

"I encourage the community to provide their feedback on the proposed rezoning option and hope that it leads to a positive outcome.

Wattle Range Council chief executive Ben Gower said the council recently developed a comprehensive Strategic Land Use Plan to provide development pathways for the next 25 years.

"The plan was established in conjunction with each of our 13 townships through multiple community engagement sessions that took place over a 12 month period," he said.

"After reviewing the amount of land available for development, we then initiated the above code amendments to address any gaps in the property market.

"Now that the minister has approved the initiation of the code amendments, we would like to hear from our communities once again to ensure there are no surprises before they are implemented.

"Further consultation sessions will be occurring in mid-2024."

'More realistic' goals for Robe council

THE District Council of Robe has decided to begin development on a new and shorter strategic plan following last week's council meeting.

The plan will use elements from the original budget assigned to the existing Robe 2050 Plan in favour of more realistic and measurable outcomes developed in collaboration with the community.

District Council of Robe mayor Lisa Ruffell said council was keen to begin their work on the new plan, which would build on the findings from the 2050 Community Survey conducted in mid-2022.

"We are very appreciative of the time taken by nearly 400 survey participants and will use their responses as the first stage of engagement for our new strategic plan," Ms Ruffell said.

"There is strong evidence to support Robe retaining its unique characteristics, which include the rugged natural coastline, the vast natural ocean and beach views, our boutique retail ambiance, high quality cafes and restaurants, old stone buildings, the quaintness, and village feel.

"The Robe 2050 Plan is something to aspire to but right now our immediate focus is

on current issues, planning for the future and achieving outcomes in the current term of council."

Incumbent chief executive Nat Traeger said she was keen to be able to manage the new project.

"It will give me an opportunity to work with the council and community to set our strategic path together right from the start," Ms Traeger said.

"It is important to put our future in the hands of the community and we will ensure there is a rigorous community engagement strategy in place, with many ways to get involved and provide input."

Key areas which were voted as a focus by residents included more vegetation, walking/biking tracks, more community gathering spaces and events, better traffic flow, reduced traffic congestion and affordable housing for families, workers and retirees wishing to downsize.

Members of the council have confirmed work on the new strategic plan was to commence immediately and would respect the feedback of community members from the survey.



FRESH START: District Council of Robe chief executive Nat Traeger and mayor Lisa Ruffell were keen to get started on a new strategic plan, building on from the Robe 2050 Community Survey.

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Voice of the people

How will you be celebrating Australia Day?



We will be attending the Torquay service that recognises the Indigenous perspective. I prefer to take part in that. - Petronella Boonen.



We don't celebrate Australia Day because to us, it is not a day of celebration, and it is a day of invasion. We believe Australia Day should be a day of mourning, not a celebration. - Stella Howell, Maya Taylor, Janelle Black, Emily Gray and Jakobi Sailor.



I have no plans. I won't be working, I'll just be at home doing nothing. - Brian McQuade.



I don't celebrate it in any way. I think it would be good if we could change the date and it could include Indigenous people. It hasn't always been that date anyway. - Beverley Weir.



I have nothing planned; I don't celebrate it anymore. I might go to the beach if the weather is nice, or the courthouse markets. - Naomi Brick.

Celebrate

DEAR Editor,

Australia Day is an important opportunity to celebrate our success as a nation. Our history, like that of all nations, is complex. Whilst not losing sight of that complexity we can, and indeed should, celebrate the fact that in shaping a nation that is the envy of the world, we have together overcome, over generations, significant challenges and adversity.

Australia is a vibrant, thriving country that punches well above its weight globally because we have successfully blended our Indigenous heritage with our British inheritance and the cultures of those from the four corners of the earth that have come to call Australia home.

Australia Day is a time for all of us to pause, acknowledge our history and celebrate how lucky we are to be Australian.

I'm sick and tired of people running our nation down. I'm proud to be Australian and I'm also proud of the Australian flag and what it represents. I hope like me the flag makes you feel a sense of gratitude for Australia, and a sense of responsibility to defend it and protect the nation it represents. To support our flag and show pride in our nation, I have produced the 'Together Under One Flag' bumper sticker, which is available free to all residents in Barker. Contact my electorate office on 0887247730 or send an email Tony.Pasin.mp@aph.gov.au to request your bumper sticker and join me in celebrating pride in Australia.

Happy Australia Day!

*Tony Pasin,
Federal Member for Barker*

Name scrapping erodes traditions

DEAR Editor,

Australia Day is more than just a symbolic date on the calendar, an excuse to crack a cold beer and throw some lamb on the barbie. It is a day that brings us together to celebrate the rich tapestry of cultures that has helped shape today's vibrant community.

It is a day to proudly celebrate how far we've come as a nation and to reflect on our history, many achievements and the diverse society that's grown around us.

Unfortunately, it is not one without controversy. But in a lively, liberal democracy like ours, it is easy to take for granted the freedoms we have to vehemently disagree with one another in a civil and respectful way.

While I was disappointed to hear of Woolworths' woke decision to scrap selling Australia Day merchandise, it is not in the buying of cheap Chinese-made goods that makes the day worthy of celebrating.

More concerning, however, is the Malinauskas Government's decision to scrap the names of our public holidays, such as Christmas Day, ANZAC Day and Australia Day, in the Public Holidays Act 2023.

Collectively, decisions such as these lead to the erosion of our traditions and culture.

They are disrespectful to our veterans who fought to defend this country under the Australian flag.

Throughout the years, immigrants have chosen to call Australia home because they

respect, appreciate and want to be a part of the Australian culture.

Surely that is as good a sign as any that we must be doing something right as a country.

We must never lose sight of the uniquely Australian characteristics that make us great – larrikinism, mateship and giving others 'fair go'.

I believe we are mature enough to embrace and take pride in our country's history, in the knowledge that, while we are far from perfect, we still live in the greatest country on Earth. Happy Australia Day!

*Ben Hood,
Shadow Assistant Minister for
Regional South Australia
Member of the Legislative Council*



CELEBRATION DAY: Help fill in the gaps.

Mystery

THIS group of guests were photographed at the wedding of Aurey Altschwager and Harry Olsen.

The photo has been partly named but the Millicent Museum would appreciate any assistance in completing the names. From left: unknown, Fay Slaughter, unknown, Mabel Lock, Val Wyman, Mrs Galloway, unknown and far right is Iris Howe. If you can identify any of the unnamed women in this photo please contact SEFHG researcher Colleen Hammat via the South East Family History Group. Phone on 8733 1100 during opening hours, leave a message or email info@sefhg.org.



CARTOON



Tatiara kids take on water

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AROUND 150 of the Tatiara's smallest residents have brushed up on their water safety skills through VACSWIM.

The water safety program ran at the Bordertown Swimming Pool just before Christmas, and then at the Keith Swimming Pool in early January.

Head instructor Ruby Schwarz said it was great to have so many children involved in the week long holiday program.

"You always hear this incidence of drownings, so it's really good, especially VACSWIM because it's not just swimming lessons," she said.

"It's also water safety, not just at the pool, but we talk about the beach and the river."

With nearby beaches like Kingston SE not patrolled, Ms Schwarz said children were taught how to stay safe without lifesavers present.

"We have a chat, especially because they're not flagged beaches, about ways to stay safe, stay with the person and swim where your adults tell you to," she said.

Being an agricultural area, Ms Schwarz said the program also focused on other areas like dams, water troughs and irrigation channels.

"It doesn't take much for a kid to topple in and just teaching them how to get themselves out of that, or at least enough that they can roll themselves over and yell for help, is really good," she said.

She said the program helped build children's confidence and - working as a life guard - she had seen more VACSWIM families coming to the pools since the program's end.

"They're not always the families that come all the time to the pool, but if they come to this [VACSWIM] they're more likely to come and just have a swim on a random weekend which was really good," she said.

Just under 100 children took part in the Bordertown sessions and a little more than 50 took part in the Keith program.

Ms Schwarz said this was about double the number of sign ups Keith had seen in the past.

"I think it was a lot of the word of mouth be-



WATER SAFE: Bordertown VACSWIM instructors Meg Blackwell, Mary Green, Lewis Green, James Arney, Harry Schwarz and Will Harvey. Pictures: SUPPLIED



SWIM PROGRAM: Lauren Rowett, Meg Blackwell, Ruby Schwarz, Will Harvey, Harry Schwarz



POOL FUN: About 150 children took part in the program throughout the Tatiara.

cause it is such a good thing to do," she said.

"Especially it is just a week and you can kind of feel like as a parent that that's your lessons done for the year a little bit there."

The program was available to children between five and 15-years-old and Ms Schwarz said it was great to see participants improve so much in just a week.

"Because they're coming in every day for the week they improved so much, you can see from the first lesson to the last lesson that actually they've got so much better," she said.

Trouble in the water after liquidation notice

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WATTLE Range council officers are investigating alternative floating pontoons at Beachport as the company awarded the contract for them goes into liquidation.

The contract was awarded to Sea-Slip Pontoons & Products Pty Ltd more than a year ago, but the project had been fraught with issues.

At the council meeting last week, it

was revealed the company had gone into administration.

Speaking outside the meeting, council's chief executive said the council had started to notice issues early on.

"We were aware of the problems early on, it's not something you normally share openly with the public and but we have withheld money because they had not completed the works that was all in accordance with the contract," he said.

"And we will be reallocating those funds

to other contractors to do that rectification work."

He said the pontoon was mostly finished, but was too high in the water.

"That works if you're in a larger boat, but it doesn't work if you're in a smaller boat," he said.

"So we're getting feedback from the community that some boaties like it and some don't.

"One solution, because there's a couple of pontoons, is we have a high one and a low

one and the big boats head to the high one, and the little boats the to the low one, but we're just going to sort that out and then we'll rectify whatever needs to be fixed."

Sea-Slip were awarded the contract in September 2022 to design, supply and install two new boat ramp pontoons at Beachport, with fingers one and two pontoons being more than 20 years old. Council sought tenders for the design and construction of the replacement of the ageing pontoons with the provision of gangways including handrails, and received three conforming tenders.

Nicole joins the team

REGIONAL Development Australia Limestone Coast has welcomed their newest team member, Nicole McGuiness.

Ms McGuiness has jumped on board in a business support coordinator role.

She has eight years' experience in book-keeping and general accounting and will predominantly be offering business support in nearby rural areas.

Nicole has a lovely and friendly nature so feel free to reach out at nicole@rdalc.org.au to see how she can support you, and your small business.



WELCOME: Newest team member Nicole McGuiness brings extensive experience to her new role. Picture: SUPPLIED

Public Consultation Naming of Roads Policy



Wattle Range Council is reviewing its Naming of Roads Policy and, in accordance with the Community Engagement Policy, invites public comment.

Under section 219(5) of the Local Government Act 1999, all Councils in South Australia are required to have a naming of roads policy. Naming roads is an important function of Council and provides the opportunity to recognise a region's history and heritage.

Council values input from residents and stakeholders to inform its decisions and welcomes your feedback. Consultation is open until **5 pm on Thursday, 15 February 2024.**

Copies of the Policy, and information on how to provide feedback, are available from Council's Principal Office, Civic Centre, George Street, Millicent or online at www.engage.wattlerange.sa.gov.au

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Exciting times ahead in 2024

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THE next two years will be looking positive across the Mount Gambier/Berrin region with about \$100 million worth of infrastructure beginning to get off the ground.

Member for Mount Gambier Troy Bell is looking forward to seeing the multi-million dollar investment from the state government to begin this year including the upgrades to the Mount Gambier and District Hospital and the technical college.

Mr Bell said it was going to be a very exciting next two years with lots of promises and money being budgeted.

"Those projects are in full development this year and next year," Mr Bell said.

"These are major investments including the hospital, mental health beds and the emergency department upgrade where the designs have been released.

"Now the challenge is that I have to make sure local builders secure the majority of that work."

He said the technical college and upgrades to Yahl Primary School were also exciting projects coming to fruition.

"It is extremely exciting the telecommunications towers which are planned to be completed within two years, and over the next 12 to 24 months we are going to see nearly \$100m of development which is state government funded."

Mr Bell said he had never seen a bigger injection of funds into the region. He acknowledged it had taken time to get the designs and costing, and to go out to tender.

"Over the next two years we are really going to see major developments really take shape," he said.

"I think the next two years are going to be extremely exciting for our community and



2024 EXCITEMENT: Member for Mount Gambier Troy Bell is looking forward to the infrastructure builds coming to the region this year.

Picture: CHARLOTTE VARCOE

there will be a lot of work coming out of it.

"After that, we are focusing on what is next and 2026 is the next state election and I want to have another list of priorities that I take to both the Liberal and Labor parties and get commitments out of them to fund and keep our region really top of mind for the state government."

Moving forward, Mr Bell said he was going to focus on road infrastructure and increasing the patient assistance transfer scheme to cover accommodation.

Member for Mackillop Nick McBride said

he was also looking forward to the coming years with a multitude of infrastructure upgrades across the region.

"In 2024 we are looking forward to the beginning of the mobile towers coming on board," Mr McBride said.

"We are looking forward to working with the Limestone Coast Local Health Network and the health advisory boards into what is going to work with the health precincts.

"It is going to be interesting and obviously we will be looking at all other elements like childcare, housing and educational options

and opportunities that we can roll out as many as possible and perhaps some major sporting developments as well."

He said he believed the Naracoorte Hospital and Community Health Service assessment would also be an exciting opportunity for future election commitments.

"The health network is going to be building and creating that, and there is no doubt it will set the agenda for a lot of material about what we could potentially have in the region for health services," Mr McBride said.

Another successful festival for Robe

THE Health Harmony and Happiness Summer Festival in Robe has been successful for another year.

The Robe group started with an inaugural festival in 2010, and have been giving back to community groups with the money raised ever since.

There were some new additions to the stallholders this year adding to the regular attendees, including Vietnamese and Lebanese food being offered as a festival first.

Health, Harmony and Happiness secretary and treasurer Heather Gibbons extended her thanks to the community for a successful event.

"It was so good to see the smiles of the daily raffle winners thanks to the generosity and support of local businesses and stallholders," she said.

"A big thank you to the festival sponsors Robe Ice cream Shop, Caledonian Inn, Robe and Districts Community Bank, SE Plumbing Supplies, Grey Masts, Nampara Cottages, Robe Auto Marine and Robe Mitre 10."

Ms Gibbons said the festival is an opportunity for attendees to gain new knowledge, have new experiences, see different products and feel more centered and relaxed.

"It was wonderful to see people leaving with a renewed sense of inner strength and balance," she said.

The Health Harmony and Happiness Winter Festival will be held on June 8-9, over the June long weekend.

Check out the Health, Harmony and Happiness Facebook page for more details.

COLOURFUL: Kylz Kreationz had many bright and colourful goodies on offer. Pictures: SUPPLIED



SEEING THE FUTURE: Valerie offered readings at her stall Tools for Living.



SOUTH AUSTRALIAN ELECTORAL DISTRICTS BOUNDARIES COMMISSION

Notice issued pursuant to section 85(1) of the Constitution Act 1934

Pursuant to section 82(1) of the *Constitution Act 1934* the South Australian Electoral Districts Boundaries Commission ("the Commission") is about to commence proceedings for the purpose of an electoral redistribution of South Australia into House of Assembly electoral districts.

What is the basis of the redistribution?

Whenever an electoral redistribution is made, the number of electors in each electoral district must not vary from the electoral quota by more than 10 per cent. The electoral quota is obtained by dividing the total number of electors for the House of Assembly as at a specified date, being a date not earlier than six months before the date of the Commission's order, by the number of electoral districts.

What is the task of the Commission?

In making an electoral redistribution, the Commission is required to:

- have regard, as far as practicable, to-
 - a) the desirability of making the electoral redistribution so as to reflect communities of interest of an economic, social, regional or other kind;
 - b) the population of each proposed electoral district;
 - c) the topography of areas within which new electoral boundaries will be drawn;
 - d) the feasibility of communication between electors affected by the redistribution and their parliamentary representative in the House of Assembly;
 - e) the nature of substantial demographic changes that the Commission considers likely to take place in proposed electoral districts between the conclusion of its present proceedings and the date of expiry of the present term of the House of Assembly.

The Commission is also authorised to have regard to any other matter it thinks relevant.

Can you make a submission?

The Commission invites representations from any person in relation to the proposed electoral redistribution.

Any persons wishing to make representations to the Commission regarding the proposed electoral redistribution may do so in writing, and deliver the representation either personally or by post to the Secretary of the Commission, by 5:00pm on Friday 19 April 2024.

When and where will the hearings take place?

The Commission will conduct a preliminary hearing as to demographic data which will commence at 10:00am on Tuesday, 6 February 2024 in the Supreme Court Building, 1 Gouger Street, Adelaide.

Please refer to our website edbc.sa.gov.au for more information and details of the Commission.

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- 6: Lucy and Alice Reschke, Tia Latas, Maya Anderson and Chara Kumbhare.

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Call for dual highway lanes

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THERE have been fresh calls for the state government to duplicate the Dukes Highway following a string of safety concerns.

It comes following a truck rollover earlier this month which caused headaches for travellers as both ends of the highway were closed.

Tatiara District Council mayor Liz Goossens said having dual lanes for the highway would be "ultimately amazing" despite council being "quite realistic" to know it would not happen immediately.

"We are starting the campaign to do that and that is really coming from a message from our communities, working along with the mayor from the Coorong District Council and we are trying to work together on this and bring it to the government's attention," Ms Goossens said.

"We do see it as a priority and there have certainly been accidents there which is part of it too."

She said as well as locals being the first responders, people detouring onto roads they were not familiar with also posed a high risk.

"It is also the efficiency which is part of the dual highway," Ms Goossens said.

"Having dual lanes would be safer, more efficient and we are going to be able to produce far more."

"It is more the efficiency and safety of getting bigger trucks moving around and being safe."

She said the current improvements to the highway was a positive step yet at the end of the day, the ultimate goal would be to have dual lanes.

"Anything is going to be an improvement and we are the first to recognise that," Ms Goossens said.



CLOSED: A truck rollover on the Dukes Highway at Culburra cut off the highway for several hours earlier this month.

"Certainly the passing lanes have improved and made a big difference.

"Since we have started having discussions about this we have had a lot of support from people all over the state saying they are in agreement with what we are trying to achieve."

Member for MacKillop Nick McBride said he wanted to have as many upgrades for the highway as possible.

"I would like to see this start at Taillem Bend towards Bordertown, particularly because of the amount of traffic and accidents occurring," Mr McBride said.

"The sooner the Dukes Highway becomes a dual lane highway the safer and better it will be for both Victorians and South Australians."

He said he would be supportive of any developments but would not forget about the needs of other roads such as the Princes Highway.

"All accidents are a concern in safety and the closing of roads and bypassing of roads can

be very confusing and people are getting lost which adds onto their time," Mr McBride said.

"The Dukes Highway is a major route from Adelaide to Melbourne and obviously the Princes Highway is a major route down to the Limestone Coast, particularly along the coastline so they all have their major roles.

"In any sort of high accident rate it does not bode well for either safety or transportation of goods."

A Department of Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) spokesperson said the Dukes Highway was one of three highways being funded under the \$500m Nationwide Freight Highway Upgrade Program.

"The upgrades will boost the productivity and reliability of the national freight network, as well as improving safety for all road users," the spokesperson said.

"Projects being considered for the Dukes Highway include junction upgrades, shoulder sealing, new or extended overtaking lanes, ad-

ditional wide centreline treatments and rest area improvements.

"Works started and completed in the past year include road resurfacing at multiple locations between Coomandook and Bordertown, installation of safety barriers between Taillem Bend and Wirrega, and the Keith rest area upgrade."

They said future works - such as pavement rehabilitation for a 1.5km undulated section of the highway - was set to be carried out this financial year.

"The Department for Infrastructure and Transport is also undertaking a strategic business case for High Productivity Vehicle Network Access which will consider a range of options to further improve safety and efficiency across the regional road network, including duplication of the Dukes Highway," they said.

"This state-wide analysis is expected to be completed later this year and will help identify the remaining scope and priorities of the 10-year funding program."

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Trial to reduce waste

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SOUTH Australian red wine grape growers are eligible to take part in an Ethephon trial through the Department of Primary Industries and Regions (PIRSA).

Research has shown that Ethephon can reduce a crop load by up to 90 per cent, and with the Australian wine industry experiencing an oversupply of red wine grapes, some growers may wish to resting their vineyard.

Conducted by South Australian Research and Development Institute (SARDI), the New South Wales Department of Primary Industries and Wine Australia found while

Ethephon reduces the crop healthy foliage is maintained.

Growers involved with the trial can apply for a rebate of \$40 per hectare sprayed to cover the cost of Ethephon, up to 1,000 hectares per ABN.

PIRSA is hoping to see 5000 hectares sprayed in Ethephon to represent 10 per cent of South Australian vines.

The rebate can be applied for seven days after Ethephon is sprayed and applications close on January 31 at 5pm, with the trial results expected about four weeks later.

For more information or to apply visit business.gov.au/grants-and-programs/vineyard-rebate-for-ethephon-trial-sa

Giving back earns top honour

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AS Australia Day approaches, the Robe District Council has announced their Australia Day award winners for the year.

Among the recipients was Citizen of the Year Tracey Bainger, who received the honour due to her involvement in multiple community groups in the region. Ms Bainger, who has worked in one of Robe's local bank branches for 10 years, has volunteered her time as chair of the Robe National Trust, the treasurer of the Robe Sports and Recreation Association as well as the event organiser for the Robe Christmas Parade.

Ms Bainger said she was "very honoured and humbled" to be named Robe's Citizen of the Year and paid tribute to the community groups which inspired her.

"I know how many volunteers our small community has and the work a lot of our volunteers do," Ms Bainger said.

"I feel a lot of the values I have and the roles I have seen other volunteers play in the community have been instilled in me from the community bank network.

"I have just moved to a mobile lending role in the Mount Gambier region and to see the impact which the small role people can have is really inspiring."

Ms Bainger said without the dedication from local volunteers and their groups, many initiatives and projects would not be possible.

"So many projects and initiatives would not come to life if it wasn't for local supporting volunteers, businesses and councils which provide funding," she said.

"There are hundreds of volunteers and it is lovely to see them all recognised with the national volunteer days and things like the awards as well because a lot of people just do it as a part of their small town without realising the full impact they have."

She said the award was more of a testament

to her community which inspired her work instead of a personal achievement for herself.

Ms Bainger said a challenge for local volunteer groups was being able to find new members who shared the same interests and goals.

"It's always hard finding enough people to be a part of the group, whether it be general, committee members or people already holding positions," she said.

"Being a small town, we have a lot of community groups and a lot of people allocate their time and I think people also naturally transition if they have kids, so they start becoming more involved with schools or Nippers.

"Trying to find people outside of their direct interest groups is an issue and even with me doing something like the National Trust is not something you would typically see someone in their thirties being a part of."

Ms Bainger said she has enjoyed the challenge of trying to encourage people from a younger generation to join volunteer groups such as the National Trust in hopes younger and older members would collaborate and share their ideas together.

"I think collaborating with the younger and the older generations is really pivotal because it's rewarding to see how an idea from the younger generation can inspire the older one and vice versa," she said.

"You don't need to have hours and hours of free time every week to make a difference, everyone is busy but you can find some time in the day to do something you are passionate about. "For younger people, it's about finding something you are passionate about and branching off into areas in which you can drive your passion for other people too."

Ms Bainger will receive her Citizen of the Year Award during Robe's Australia Day Celebrations on Friday January 26.

Others receiving honours during the day include Young Citizen of the Year Ella Mackey and Kerrie Boyd, who received a Mayoral Award.



UPSTANDING CITIZEN: Robe Citizen of the Year Tracey Bainger said her award ahead of the Australia Day Celebrations was more to commemorate her inspiration from her fellow volunteer groups in her local community rather than a personal achievement. **Picture: SUPPLIED**



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Bright future ahead for youth

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EIGHTEEN months ago Brogan Wright and her family returned to live in Millicent and in that short time the 14 year old has created an impact in the local community.

Brogan is being acknowledged this Friday as the recipient of Wattle Range Council's (WRC) Youth Recognition Award for contributions to the community.

The Year 9 student said she found out she won when her mum handed her the phone and it was mayor Des Noll wanting to speak to her.

"I was really surprised and wasn't expecting it, but it was great."

Brogan was a member of last year's WRC Youth Advisory Council (YAC) and Limestone Coast Youth Environment Council (LCYEC).

During her time on the YAC, Brogan worked alongside 10 other young people to help give a voice to this demographic.

The group assisted in informing a youth focused pilot program for the Red Cross and worked together to host a popular Halloween disco.

"The YAC was great, I learnt so much, it was great meeting new people and I really enjoyed it."

Her involvement with the LCYEC led to gaining conservation knowledge and skills through events and a camp and the opportunity to experience and learn about local landscapes.

Brogan also volunteers weekly at a local op shop one day a week.

"My friend was telling me about her job at Lifeline so I decided I would just go and ask to volunteer and they accepted me.

"I do all sorts of things like stacking shelves and using the register, it's a great skill to learn."



YOUNG CONTRIBUTOR: At just 14 years old Brogan Wright is a valued contributor to the community.

The Year 9 student is part of the home school network and actively helps organise activities for home-schooling teenagers across the Limestone Coast.

"We do all sorts of things, catch ups in the park or maybe we will go on tours and sometimes we just hang out."

An overriding theme for Brogan is the en-

joyment she gets from meeting and talking to people.

"I think volunteering is a great experience, you learn a lot, but it also feels good to be doing something for other people.

"And everyone is really nice, I love talking to everyone as well."

Alongside her volunteer work Brogan is a

valued member of the Beachport Surf Life Saving Club, Girl Guides and Rangers and learns Tae Kwon-do.

Girl Guide leader Heather Lowndes said Brogan is a very quiet achiever who just "goes about doing all these things she is involved with".

"She's an organiser, it's just amazing," she said.

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Card replaces honesty box

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THE honesty box at Bordertown's Recreation Lake RV Park has been removed, despite recommendations to keep the payment option available.

At the January Tatiara District Council meeting councillor Miles Hannemann put forward a successful motion which called for the honesty box to be removed within seven days of the decision. Though, in the same meeting chief executive Anne Champness told elected members cash was still a viable option for payment and the honesty box should be retained.

"Part of the reason why at the time we didn't have the cash as part of the ticketing machine was that the people who provided the machine strongly recommended against it," she said.

"There are faults that can occur quite frequently, a coin might get stuck or whatever, and our location here they felt the cost of fixing them far outweighed any income that would be generated."

She highlighted neighbouring council projects which had received backlash for eradicating a cash payment option and said some community members would not like the idea of being "forced" to use an electronic payment method.

"While we are taking cash though the cash box I think it is worthwhile to keep it for a transitional period, particularly for the Easter holidays coming up," she said.

Councillors were presented with data that showed how and when campers were paying, highlighting that cash was still being used.

However councillor Lynton Mackenzie raised concerns that campers were not paying their share, questioning the figures presented.

In favour of removing the honesty box, Cr Makenzie was also worried vandals might target it and steal the money.



EFTPOS CHARGE: Recreation Lake RV Park users will only be able to use EFTPOS to pay for a night at the site.

Picture: FILE

Doing some of her own research and speaking to campers, councillor Linda Andersen said she had found people did not mind paying with EFTPOS.

"I don't believe cash is going to be an advantage from the people I got feedback from," she said.

Backing up his motion, Cr Hannemann said they were "not reinventing the wheel" and should remove the honesty box to bring the campground to the standard of similar sites

in Australia.

"I think we should get rid of the cash because our staff have to count it, this way there is no counting, you just everyday look in the bank," he said.

The second part of Cr Hannemann's motion called for daily checks on at the site to ensure user payment, although this was abandoned, with elected members agreeing it was not financially viable.

A recommendation put forward by staff

later in the meeting, which called for the honesty box to remain, fell as a result of Cr Hannemann's motion.

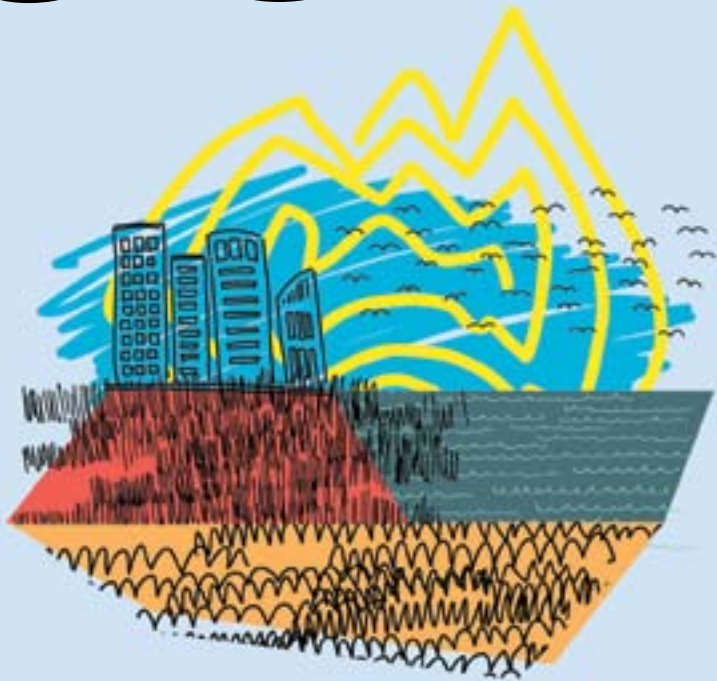
However a second recommendation, to update council's Fees and Charges Policy - to include a charge \$10 per site per night - was carried.

During discussions several elected members raised concerns about signage, promoting the new fee structure and checks, which staff said they would take on board.

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Nominations closing

NOMINATIONS to fill the role left vacant on Wattle Range Council following the resignation of former councillor Moira Neagle in November 2023 are set to close tomorrow.

Candidates have until noon on Thursday, January 25 to submit their nomina-

tions through the Electoral Commission of South Australia website.

A supplementary election will be held through February and March if voting is required to fill the vacancy.



RESIGNATION: Former councillor Moira Neagle's spot on council now needs to be filled.

Jay loves catering for causes

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JAY Watson is well known in the Millicent community and often the first person people turn to when they need catering help.

It was the first thing crossing her mind when she heard Wattle Range Council mayor Des Noll on the phone

"I thought 'I wonder what Des wants me to cater for'."

The mayor was not chasing catering assistance, instead phoning to inform Ms Watson she was this year's recipient of the Wattle Range Council's award for active citizenship in Corcoran Ward.

Millicent Shares a Plate, Meals on Wheels, Millicent Cancer Support Group, Mount Burr Football Netball Club and the Millicent Gymnastics Club are all currently benefiting from Ms Watson's volunteer hours.

For at least 20 years she has catered for the Millicent High School graduation dinner with a group of parents who were canteen volunteers and have remained as friends.

"I volunteered when my kids were at primary school," she said.

"When I was the high school canteen manager I always relied on volunteers and from those volunteers there was always someone that belonged to something that needed a hand.

"I think that is probably how I got into volunteering."

Ms Watson's granddaughters attend Newbery Park Primary school and the dedicated grandmother is a regular volunteer at the school.

"The school doesn't have a canteen so we started doing two lunch days a term and we raised \$7,000 last year."

"I also volunteer for the school breakfasts



HOORAY FOR JAY: Jay Watson and her granddaughter Zoe Salotti are looking forward to Friday's presentation.

once a week and then we have a warm up day every other week where kids bring food from home that we can warm up for them."

For several years the experienced caterer and cook has assisted Wattle Range Council employee Caterina Santos with Seniors Month.

"Caterina asks me to help and the council provides a fee," she said.

"I find a group that can benefit from the fundraising and has volunteers to help.

"Then we go in and help dish up for the opening, and we do the afternoon tea at the closing."

Several years ago Ms Watson took on the full time carer role to her three granddaughters and now they are helping out as well.

"I've got them on board, the girls came and helped for seniors month, the fashion parade and the recent charity ball as well."

When Ms Watson's youngest granddaughter, Zoe, was asked 'what else does nanna do?' the response was a simple "gives me hugs" summing up the warmth and generosity of Ms Watson's spirit.

Fight MND funds leads to recognition

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SEVERAL years ago Kate Nowak received the news her father, Reg Hamilton, had been diagnosed with Motor Neurone Disease (MND), a debilitating disease which affects the nerve cells controlling the muscles.

This announcement has since led to Ms Nowak raising thousands of dollars for research into the condition.

Her fundraising efforts has seen the busy mother, wife and business owner recognised this year for her active citizenship in Kintore Ward by the Wattle Range Council.

Ms Nowak has been raising money for Fund MND through hosting fashion parades, Melbourne Cup luncheons and selling MND beanies.

"Dad was diagnosed seven or eight years ago and I probably started fundraising six years ago," she said.

"In some ways, to start with, the fundraising was a bit of a coping mechanism.

"Once you're aware, you know there is not much awareness, and know they need much needed funds.

"It makes me feel like I'm doing something even though you can't do anything, if you know what I mean."

Two years ago Ms Nowak approached the Hatherleigh Football Club about hosting a dunking tank for a MND Big Freeze event.

The club was happy to support the initiative and Hatherleigh players and club members dressed in costume before taking on the icy cold plunge during their home ground game.

Opposition teams have supported the fundraiser with Mount Burr Football Netball Club getting involved in 2022 and last



BLUE BEANIE: Kate Nowak with MND beanies for sale at last year's Big Freeze fundraiser at Hatherleigh.

year Port MacDonnell Football Netball Club supported the initiative.

"It's been good to do it with different clubs because everyone is affected in some way by MND," Ms Nowak said.

The two events combined have raised over \$45,000 and much needed awareness for MND.

Ms Nowak will collect her award on Friday at Beachport's Australia Day breakfast event.

"I'm pretty honoured and feel quite proud, but I was not expecting it," she said.

"Everyone puts their hand up to help, so I'm never short of help.

"I am very grateful for the community, because people getting behind me, gets behind the cause."

NORTHERN LIMESTONE COAST REGIONAL ASSESSMENT PANEL CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR INDEPENDENT MEMBERS

Expressions of interest are sought from people who have the qualifications and an interest in joining the Northern Limestone Coast Regional Assessment Panel (NLCRAP) constituted by the Naracoorte Lucindale Council, Tatiara District Council and Kingston District Council.

The role of the NLCRAP is to make decisions on more complex developments as defined in the Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016 and on those matters which may be prescribed by regulations. The NLCRAP's role is limited to powers that are given to the Panel through the Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016.

There are two positions available for people who are accredited professionals – planning level 2 under PlanSA's Accredited

Professionals Scheme:

- Independent Member x 1
- Independent Presiding Member x 1

The initial term of office will be 2 years, panel members will also be eligible for reappointment at the expiration of the term. A member must continue to be an accredited professional while holding office. Information on the Accredited Professionals Scheme is available at www.plansa.gov.au

The NLCRAP also includes one elected member from one of the Councils

Other conditions of appointment are set out in section 84 of the Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016. Expressions of interest must include Certificate of Accreditation, resume and cover letter. As the Presiding Member's role is to chair formal meetings, expressions of interest for this position should outline experience in chairing formal meetings and knowledge of the operation and requirements of the Act.

More information on the Panel is available on each Council's website or by contacting the NLCRAP Assessment Manager Rocky Callisto on 87521044 or 0418832588. Expressions of interest should be provided by post or email by 5.00pm, 1st March 2024 to Naracoorte Lucindale Council, PO Box 555, Naracoorte SA 5271 or council@nlc.sa.gov.au.



Bike path funding success

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CYCLISTS will have yet another leg of land to explore after a number of councils across the Limestone Coast receive funding for ongoing projects.

Tatiara District Council received \$12,000 to help fund the planning of the 5.5km shared path which links existing shared paths of the Clayton Farm Trail from Bordertown to Mundulla.

Mayor Liz Goossens welcomed the funding towards the \$24,000 project stating she had been "really keen" for it to happen for sometime.

"We have got this funding to see how feasible that is and it will give us a costing while trying to make sure it can be done safely," Ms Goossens said.

"It may well be something we do in stages because we have done some of it from Mundulla to Pigeon Flat Road and some of it is done from Bordertown to Clayton Farm.

"We need to find out what the cost of it is and if it is feasible and how safe it would be so council can make a more informed decision on it."

She said bike tracks and walking tracks were great for people's wellbeing but also a great tourism attraction.

"It is also a different backdrop and is a popular area and I believe there is a strong push for it," Ms Goossens said.

"The cost is going to affect what we can achieve and that is why it may be looked at in stages but last year we opened the footbridge at Mundulla which is for bikes and walking and there was a huge turnout."

She said the investment into bike paths throughout the region also allowed for future links between councils with the District Council of Grant, Naracoorte Lucindale Council and Kingston District Council also receiving funding.

"I think it is a great way to bring us together and then to be promoted as a region," Ms Goossens said.

"As a region we have so much to offer and we all support one another so if people can spend a few days at the top and then move throughout the Penola Coonawarra region there are a lot of different experiences."



GET SINGING: The Naracoorte Singers have started rehearsals for 2024.

On the road again

THE Naracoorte Singers have already started planning their events for the year.

The group will begin rehearsals on Monday, February 12 for a performance planned for Sunday June 2 in the Naracoorte Town Hall.

The concert will again be in the cabaret style and include some guest artists.

The music selected for the June performance will include a wide variety of pieces including Fields of Gold, The Sounds of Silence, Africa by Toto, On the Road Again and the 1920's Anything Goes. The men and women will also feature in their groups.

More details will be given close to the performance.

Rehearsals are held at 7pm in the Seymour Hall which is located next to the Anglican Church.

Anyone who enjoys singing are encouraged to come along and join the group.

For more information, please contact publicity officer Amanda Wardle on 0437 001 522.

More than three times the limit

Man caught drink driving at Penola

A MAN has lost his licence for 12 months for drink driving.

About 7.55pm, Friday January 19, police stopped a 2010 Ford Focus on Robe Road, Penola and the driver underwent a breath test.

The driver was conveyed to the Mount Gambier police station where he conducted a further breath analysis recoding a positive reading of 0.167.

The 45-year-old man from Penola was reported for drink driving and received an instant loss of licence.

He will be summonsed to appear in court at a later date.

Police investigate animal cruelty incident in Mount Gambier

Police are aware of a video circulating online which shows several people setting fire to a



dead cat on a roundabout at North Terrace in Mount Gambier.

The incident is alleged to have occurred

about 11.40pm on Saturday, January 20.

Police have spoken to the persons involved and are investigating the matter.

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Partner up, groups

THE District Council of Robe has allocated a funding package of \$10,000 to the Community Assistance Fund for the 2023/24 financial year.

The fund was designed to build a stronger and more diverse economy by encouraging community groups to partner with the council to support its objectives and goals from the Community Strategic Plan.

The Plan's goals and objectives included an innovative and adaptable economy, support for business growth and providing an ideal setting for current and future lifestyles and businesses.

Although the Community Assistance Fund received five applications from various businesses and organisations in Robe, only three were deemed eligible for the criteria of the funding.

The Robe Sports and Recreation Asso-

ciation, the Robe Netball Club and the SA Rural Women's Gathering Robe Committee were all successful in their grant applications and received a total of \$2000 each in funding to contribute towards their current projects.

The Sports and Recreation Association's project requested more security at the Robe Sports Complex over the New Year period.

The Netball Club's funding would be directed towards upgrades for outdoor lighting.

The SA Rural Women's Gathering Robe Committee focused their funding on an upcoming SA Rural Gathering event in Robe.

Other unsuccessful applications included those from Health, Harmony and Happiness Inc. and Boatswain Point Community.

Farm

Exploring spray best practice

A forum focused on planning for best practice agrichemical spray application in the South Australian grain industry will be held at Freeling in March.

The forum is free for Grain Producers SA (GPSA) members and will feature a range of experts in the field of spray application, including internationally renowned expert in spray drift management Dr Andrew Hewitt and weeds expert Professor Chris Preston.

The one-day forum will be held at the FARM Centre at Freeling on March 7 with GPSA members able to access free tickets and non-GPSA members' tickets being \$50.

GPSA chief executive officer Brad Perry said the Spray Forum would provide a comprehensive full day program of expert speakers and discussions.

"GPSA's Spray Forum will be a full day where grain producers can come together to not only hear from world renowned experts but have

the important discussions that need to be had on agrichemical application," he said.

"It is positive to see a targeted focus on best spray practices with workshops on the Yorke Peninsula, Mid North, Murraylands and Fleurieu in the coming months and we want to build on that momentum by holding the Spray Forum.

"GPSA is taking leadership in spray application through our campaign with the tagline 'Don't Spray Your Dollars Away', reminding producers that off target spray doesn't just impact livelihoods and communities, but it can cost that farmer financially."

The forum will cover education and awareness through topics such as social licence, droplets and nozzles, market access, optimising spray effectiveness, hazardous inversions, weather stations and boom sprays.

To register or purchase tickets, visit sprayforum.eventbrite.com.au



GRAIN SPRAY: A forum focused on planning for best practice agrichemical spray application in the South Australian grain industry will be held at Freeling in March. **Picture: GPSA**

Tensions spilling over

TRADE logistics are set to become increasingly challenging for Australia's agricultural sector with the escalating tensions in the Red Sea disrupting global trade, according to agribusiness banking specialist Rabobank.

However, there are also potential upsides for the nation's wheat and barley exports, the bank said.

RaboResearch general manager Stefan Vogel said as ocean shipping companies divert more vessels away from the Suez Canal to avoid attacks by Houthi militants and the escalating military action against them in the Red Sea, Australian canola exports may be particularly impacted as the bulk of these are destined for the EU and normally shipped through the canal.

Australia may also have to deal with some increased costs for imported goods – such as certain fertilisers, ag chemicals and machinery parts – as importers face higher freight costs, as a result of diverting around the canal and impacted areas. However, the elevated freight costs are not expected to reach the Covid-related highs seen in 2021, Mr Vogel said.

"Globally, for containerised and bulk goods, the shipping industry has to make tough decisions at the moment – either to navigate the Suez Canal and risk severe attacks by Iran-backed Houthi rebels or to take a nine to 15-day detour around Africa's Cape of Good Hope," he said.

Mr Vogel said initial attacks by the Houthi on cargo ships had seen bulk freight rates spike in December, though these had now settled back closer to 2023 average prices.

For Australian canola exports, shipments to "our prime markets in Europe are likely to get more complicated and expensive", he said, "as they do usually pass through the Suez Canal, while canola shipments to the EU from our competitors in Ukraine and Canada do not".

Conversely, Mr Vogel said "the canal issues might help Australian wheat and barley shipments to be slightly more competitive into destination markets in Asia, the Middle East and eastern Africa".

"This is because our key competitors from Russia, Ukraine, the EU and even the east coast of the US will struggle to get to these destinations as they usually pass through the Suez Canal, while Australian grain does not," he said.

The impact of the Suez/Red Sea crisis on agricultural fertiliser and other farm input imports is likely to be mixed, Mr Vogel said.

"Fertilisers used on farm in Australia are largely imported in bulk. And, at least for nitrogen and phosphate fertiliser supplies, they should not be impacted much as they mostly derive from Asia and the Middle East and don't pass through the Suez Canal," he said.

Containerised shipments – both to and



RaboResearch general manager Stefan Vogel.

from Australia – will also be affected, Mr Vogel said.

"And this is likely to have time and cost impacts on plant protection chemicals and machinery parts coming into Australia as well as Australian meat and fresh produce exports," he said.

"During the 2021 freight crisis, Australia struggled to find sufficient containers for exports as shipping companies gave preference to their major global routes and somewhat neglected Oceania or they tried to quickly take empty containers back from Australia to China rather than adding in shipping time to export Australian goods. A similar struggle for containers is not unlikely to materialise again if the Red Sea struggles tighten global container freight capacity further."

The FBX global ocean freight container index has more than doubled from early December to mid-January to reach the highest price level seen since October 2022, Rabobank said.

"The good news is container freight rates at the moment are still three to four times below the massively Covid-inflated levels of 2021," Mr Vogel said.

"Imported goods into Australia will have to bear the higher freight costs, but container freight is unlikely to get as expensive as in 2021."

RaboResearch global economic strategist Michael Every said while "things aren't as bad as the last shipping crisis, they could still get painful if the Suez/Red Sea crisis is not resolved soon".

And total container transits and tonnage via the Suez Canal have now slumped to Covid-era lows, he said.

"Helpfully, ocean carriers have added 11 per cent container ship dead weight tonnage capacity since Covid," Mr Every said.

Fighting fire ants

A NATIONAL commitment to eradicate one of the world's worst invasive species, the red imported fire ant (RIFA), has been reinforced with further confirmation of funding to the National Fire Ant Eradication Program.

The Australian, Queensland, New South Wales, the Northern Territory, Australian Capital Territory and Victoria governments have now all locked in funding to deliver the four-year response plan, with Western Australia confirming funding for two years.

These commitments maintain important momentum of the national eradication effort, endorsed by all jurisdictions through the Agriculture Ministers' Meeting.

Since the first detection in 2001 in south-east Queensland, the Australian Government along with all states and territories, have been committed to the eradication of RIFA.

Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Murray Watt said the national commitment to this biosecurity response was a critical step towards eradication of RIFA.

"The Albanese Government has locked in a record funding commitment of \$296 million over the next four years as its contribution to the eradication program," said Minister Watt.

"Eradicating fire ants is not an easy task – many countries have tried and failed, but we have been largely successful in containing their spread.

"Without the 20-plus year eradication program, led by the Queensland Government, RIFA would likely have spread from south-east Queensland north to Bowen, west to Longreach and as far south as Canberra.

"The funding will see the 2023-27 Response Plan, worth a total of \$592.8 million, deliver stronger containment and more aggressive treatment, demanding a more rapid scale-up of effort across a broader operational area and eventual eradication.

"The plan uses the best available science, technology, and innovative approaches to deliver efficiencies and maximise resource allocation."

This important confirmation of funding comes days after another RIFA detection in Ballina in northern New South Wales.

The nest was destroyed immediately and a control order was placed within a 5km radius of the site, restricting the movement of soil in the area.

Minister Watt said the Federal Government, in partnership with the Minns and Miles governments, was committed to halting the southward march of the fire ant.

RIFA is one of the world's worst invasive ant pests, because of its harmful effects on people, agriculture, flora and fauna, infrastructure and recreational activities.

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Liza's decade of dedication

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AFTER 10 years on the committee for the Mil Lel Agricultural and Horticultural Show Society, life member and treasurer Liza Kirby has been awarded Citizen of the Year.

Ms Kirby will accept the award from the District Council of Grant at this year's event after spending much of her spare time volunteering for the annual event.

Ms Kirby said she first started volunteering with the show committee when her children were at the local primary school.

"I started as a primary school parent club representative going to the show committee," Ms Kirby said.

"Now all my kids have left the primary

school and I just kept going."

She said she enjoyed working alongside the committee and was friendly with hosting the show as a full group effort.

"What I do I would not be able to do without the help of the entire committee so it is difficult to be awarded this but I feel very proud and lucky to have been chosen," Ms Kirby said.

"I am still a little bit shocked but I am honoured that my contemporaries or my colleagues and committee have felt the need to nominate me."

She said she was "lucky and proud" to have been chosen by council to receive the award as she enjoyed what she did.

"I really enjoy volunteering and doing everything for the community but I do not do it

to be highlighted," Ms Kirby said.

"The show has certainly grown a lot in the last 10 to 12 years with popularity with young families in particular.

"Our horse events and things have gone really well and we have got a lot of great volunteers and things in that area who have worked hard to build up the different classes and get good judges."

She said the committee had also managed to maintain the young family country show.

"It is still a real country show where kids run around and do all sorts of things such as steam engines and old fashioned things and cattle," she said.

"We still have a few rides and things like that but not a lot, it is a mixture of everything."

Following on from the Covid-19 pandemic,

Ms Kirby said not much had changed with the show yet the years following had been quite popular.

"I think people are just wanting to get out and support the community," she said.

"We have also had some really great volunteers in the community that are happy to help and I would like to also thank the committee because I would not be able to achieve this award without their support and encouragement."

She said those wishing to join the committee for future shows were more than welcome, especially those with young children.

"They may want to see things a little bit differently or they want to add things to it because we want to keep it modern and keep it suitable for kids of today," Ms Kirby said.



AWARD-WINNING: Nurtured Village Upper South East Limestone Coast coordinators Chloe Dix with her daughter Izzy, Emma Mehlhopt, and Molly Hannaford with her son Digby.

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Community spirit shines with nod to support

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MATERNAL mental health will be highlighted this Australia Day with the Nurtured Village Upper South East Limestone Coast group receiving the Naracoorte Active Citizenship award.

The Nurtured Village initiative is a nationwide volunteer not-for-profit organisation which rallies local communities to support new mothers or families experiencing hardship.

Nurtured Village coordinator Emma Mehlhopt said receiving the award was a surprise for the coordinators but further proved the community spirit within the region.

"Our first hamper went out around May last year and we have just been blown away

with the support," Ms Mehlhopt said.

"It is always a risk bringing something like this to a community as we did not know how it was going to be received but it had exceeded our expectations."

She said the people involved in the initiative were amazing, with the hampers and deliveries bringing out the best in people.

"It is so important to bring awareness to maternal mental health and I think there needs to be a lot more done to break down the stigma around it and highlight it," Ms Mehlhopt said.

"For me this all started with a mothers group which was needed in the region after the Covid-19 pandemic to help with connection as there was such an enormous amount of isolation, mental health problems and anxiety.

"There were a lot of people that were really struggling and a lot of mothers with young children, everywhere I went I could see it."

Ms Mehlhopt said for her the mothers group became a preventative measure which enabled others to catch maternal mental health before they "fell in a hole".

"I then saw the Nurtured Village hampers as a way to help mothers of young children who are having a hard time and it is a great way to show them they are not alone and that we as a community care," she said.

"That has been really highlighted well from month-to-month with the amount of support we have had from individual community members."

She said the Nurtured Village had brought out the best in people with further flow on effects lifting the spirit of the community.

"Receiving the award was not expected but it really highlights how the community can come together because we would not be able to do what we do without people who donate," Ms Mehlhopt said.

"It is about the community coming together to support new mums or struggling families and our coffee catch ups are also popular for anybody who feels like they need to meet, have a coffee and get out of the house.

"There have also been mothers who have been struggling on a regular basis and it is a place where we can check in with like-minded people who understand what they are going through."

She said the coordinators also wanted to use the opportunity of receiving the award to thank the initiative's supporters and donors.



ID WANTED: Do you know this man?

Police call on public for help

THE man pictured at Millicent about 3.30am on Tuesday, January 9 may be able to assist a police investigation.

Police urge anyone who knows the identity of the person in the image, or his where-

abouts, to contact Crime Stoppers immediately on 1800 333 000 or report online at www.crimestopperssa.com.au - You can remain anonymous.

Please quote reference 24-010M.

Search called off after man's body found

■ NEVE BRISSENDEN, AAP

A 72-HOUR search for a missing swimmer was called off after his body was found swept up on a South Australian beach.

The body of the 43-year-old Roxby Downs man was found at Sleaford near Port Lincoln on Monday morning.

Just after 4pm on Friday, police and emergency services were called to Mary Ellis Beach, southwest of Port Lincoln, amid reports of

people caught in a rip and unable to return to shore.

Six people were helped from the water and treated at the scene, with four children taken to hospital.

Emergency services began a large-scale search for the man who didn't make it back to shore, involving police helicopters, boats, SES drones and ground crews.

There are no suspicious circumstances and police will prepare a report for the coroner.



SEARCH CALLED OFF: The body of a 43-year-old man has been found at Sleaford near Port Lincoln in South Australia. Picture: JACOB SHTEYMAN/AAP PHOTOS

Award for a simply outstanding citizen

FOLLOWING in her parents footsteps is the Riddoch Ward Active Citizen of the Year is Judy Goodes-Mountford.

Over the years, she has worn many hats, organising Hot Shots tennis, serving on the school board, serving on committees for local sports clubs and currently she is the chairperson of the Scouts, among other roles.

"Whatever my kids and I have been involved in, I've always not just played that sport but been on the committee for it as well," she said.

Most recently, as the chairperson of the Penola Rodeo committee, she helped to pull off the community event, which attracted more than 2000 people to the town.

Mrs Goodes-Mountford said she was "very humbled" to be nominated.

"I certainly don't do what I do within my local community for accolades, but it is very nice to be recognised by others for the extra work that you put in."

The keen community volunteer said her parents, Ken and Margaret Mountford, were active volunteers themselves and she learned her community spirit from them.

"They are very, very community minded people," she said.

"My mom was an incredible volunteer of her time, there wasn't a committee that she wasn't involved in.

"I grew up in that environment and I went along to help her, I saw what she got out of it, I saw the things that you can do within your local community.

"So I suppose it's really very ingrained in my family."

Now, she is passing on that mindset to her own children, with her son joining her

on the Penola Rodeo committee.

She said volunteering had helped her in many ways.

"I've seen the big picture of what you should get out of that, if you're willing to put into those sorts of things," Ms Goodes-Mountford said.

"It's wonderful to sit back, and I didn't have a lot of time to sit back on the weekend and look at the rodeo, but when you reflect on that community event, and I reflect on what our community group, and our community has achieved, that's amazing.

"To have over 2000 people there, the flow on effect, that all of those people have spent money within our local community, that's something to be really proud of, and I enjoy that part of it.

"I've also been really lucky to make lots of friends out of all the committee groups that I've been on, I have a really huge network.

"So when we were planning the rodeo, I was able to draw on that network of people to help me, so I think that's really important.

"I've also been able to travel through the volunteer stuff that I've done.

"I suppose it's a two way street when you're volunteering, I try and encourage people to do that, because you get a lot out of it.

"The more put into it, you actually get a lot out of it as well."

She thanked her family and friends for their assistance over the years.

"While my name is on the certificate, I've certainly not done what I've done in the community without the wonderful committees that have been behind me and certainly haven't been able to do what I've done without my family's support," she said.

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TIE DYE: Jorge Paterson and his cousin Ella Allen's previously white shirt and caps were completely coloured during the morning.



SLIP SLIDING FUN: Ruby Reilly and Avery Oszinski started their colour run on the waterslide.



PAINTED POOCHES: Evalie and Jarrah Schaefer even had their dogs Muffin and Goldie joining in on the fun.

Colourful run full of fun

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COOL weather, wind and a few drops of rain did little to dampen the enthusiasm of around 50 children who took part in last week's colour run in Millicent.

Participants began the morning with warm up exercises and a walk through of the course before beginning their run at the top of the inflatable water slide.

The free event was held in the Lion's Park and included large games and a barbecue cooked by the local Lions Club.

Skye Wooding was announced winner for the Rider Safe draw held during the school holidays and won a new BMX bike for her entry.

Second prize winner was Halo Lloyd who received a new skateboard and bike helmet, and third prize winner Hazel Bellin also received a new helmet.

SAPOL and Wattle Range Council (WRC) general inspectors have been catching young people doing the right thing on their bikes and offering them an entry form during the promotion.

The colour run and Rider Safe program were part of the Full Throttle in Wattle school holiday program hosted by the WRC.



LIONS PARK: Following the colour run Lions club members Dave Taylor, Jack Gysbers and Peter Hyland cooked the barbecue for plenty of hungry children.



PARK FUN: Bella and Ruby Reilly did not let the cooler weather dampen their enthusiasm for the waterslide.



SWING TIME: Melissa Oszinski gives her daughter, Ashlynn, a push on the swing after the run.



ANOTHER LAP: Ziggy and Jorge Paterson with Sienna Lamond (centre) were heading for another trip down the waterslide.



FUN RUN: Isla, Flynn and Skyla Ellis kept moving to keep warm.



ANTICIPATION: Emma Haydon's children, Paige and Byron, were preparing themselves for the colour run.



TRIO OF COLOUR: Brogan and Tane Wright, and Josh Keen paused for a photo before doing another colour run lap.

Beachport's wonder woman

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LINDA Carter-Shepherd thought it was a joke when Wattle Range Council mayor Des Noll phoned to inform her she would be receiving an Australia Day award.

"I couldn't believe it, I was literally blown away and completely in shock" she said.

The Beachport mother of three has been selected as the recipient of Kintore Ward's Citizen of the Year.

Ms Carter-Shepherd has lived in Beachport since 2006 and is an important link in her community, helping people when they need it the most.

As a volunteer team leader for SA Ambulance Service (SAAS) first response team, Ms Carter-Shepherd is often one of the first people on hand to help patients until ambulance crews arrive from Millicent or Mount Gambier/Berrin.

"When somebody in Beachport or Southend calls triple 0, and we are on call, the Beachport first response team will go out to the patient and do whatever needs to be done until a crew comes."

The first response team has a 4WD ambulance available which allows access to the dunes where a lot of accidents can occur.

"We don't transport in our ambulance, we just go and stabilise the patient and then wait for other resources to come.

"I think when volunteering in the SAAS, although you give up your time, you get so much back in return.

"It's a privilege to be able to go to people in their time of need and be able to offer some assistance, whether that's reassurance or actual first aid."

The qualified mental health counsellor also uses her skills and knowledge volunteering as a peer support officer for the SAAS.



FIRST RESPONSE: Beachport resident Linda Carter-Shepherd is the 2023 Kintore Ward Citizen of the year.

Picture: SUPPLIED

"Sometimes in that role we do get to see things that maybe most people wouldn't get to see, and sometimes that can be daunting or triggering. If any paramedic or volunteer ambulance personnel go to a job that is flagged as something that could be a stressor or a trigger, then they get a call within 24 hours from

a peer support officer to check in and see how they are. As a peer support officer, if the person needs extra psychological support, then we can refer them on to whoever they need to be referred on to."

Ms Carter-Shepherd is also a trainer for the Beachport Life Saving Club and assists people

in achieving their surf rescue certificate or bronze medallion ready for beach patrol.

"Even the training with the surf life saving, it's a privilege to be part of someone's journey and even with my work I do with mental health it's amazing to be part of somebody's journey through mental health as well."

Quiz Time

AUSTRALIA DAY EDITION

1

What constellation is depicted on the Australian flag?

2

Which Australian batsman has the highest average in Test cricket, and what is his average?

3

What do you call a group of platypuses?

4

In what sport did Steven Bradbury win his 2002 Olympic gold medal?

5

What animals are on the Commonwealth Coat of Arms?

6

Who became Australia's first female Prime Minister in 2010?

7

What is the name of the highway that links WA to SA via the Nullarbor Plain?

8

What is the nickname of the Sydney Harbour Bridge?

9

What is the highest grossing Australian movie?

10

What is the square-shaped sponge cake that is coated in a layer of chocolate icing and desiccated coconut, and often described as the "National Cake of Australia"?

11

Which Australian was the first player to reach 200 wickets and 2,000 runs in Test cricket?

12

What separates Tasmania from the Australian mainland?

13

The Australian Senate has how many members?

14

What is a baby Koala known as?

15

Who was the sportswoman who won gold in the 400 metres at the Sydney Olympics in 2000?

16

Which classic Aussie film features the phrase, "Tell him he's dreaming."?

17

What is the name of the train that runs between Sydney and Perth?

18

Jane Turner and Gina Riley played which Australian characters?

19

What is the name of the road that travels past the 12 Apostles?

20

What year of the 1930s did the Sydney Harbour Bridge open?

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BONUS QUESTION:

Of the 25 deadliest snakes in the world, how many are found in Australia?

Answer in next week's Quiz.

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Locals show off their talent

BORDERTOWN OVER 50s CLUB

MEMBERS of the Bordertown Over 50's community were treated to a local program in January which was full of variety and showcased the talent we have in the community.

It also included two guest artists from Kaniva.

The first item was the Over 50s choir singing Things, Those Lazy-Hazy-Crazy Days of Summer and Summer Holiday.

Next were regular performers Jim Irvine on guitar and vocals and Digby Grosser on piano.

Their songs included Missing Someone, Looking for Love and I Should Have Known Better.

To everyone's delight, Mr Grosser also played solos on piano.

Later they invited Steve Hicks from Kaniva to join them for Johnny B. Good and Rave On.

Pat Martlew, Olive and Keith Lee and Jenny Marshall performed a skit about a dog who pretended to have fleas so it could have a park bench to itself.

Steve and Marianne Hicks then sang two brackets in beautiful harmony including Annie's Song, Could I Have This Dance and The Rose.

Eleven-year-old Hudson Botha played a song he composed himself on piano then You Are My Sunshine.

Mr and Ms Lee performed a comedy song



FIVE STAR: Steve Hicks and Jim Irvine performed Johnny B. Good and Rave On.

Side by Side, which depicted a couple getting ready for bed.

The wife put her wig, false teeth, hearing aid, glass eye and artificial leg on the chair and the husband thought he would sleep on the chair - there was more of her there.

The choir finished the program with The Teddy Bear's Picnic, Running Bear and Any Dream Will Do.

The next program will be held on Friday, February 16, with Graeme Hugo as the guest artist.



ON STAGE: Steve and Marianne Hicks came from Kaniva to perform at the January Over 50s meeting.

Pictures: SUPPLIED

Buckle up, urge police

A NEW advertising campaign to target seat belt complacency on South Australian roads is set to launch next month.

The confronting and graphic campaign will urge South Australians to buckle up, after the state government committed \$98 million in last year's state budget towards road safety initiatives.

A further \$168 million joint package between the South Australian and Commonwealth governments was also announced last month.

The ads will be set at Sellicks Beach and Alberton and will show how rollovers and T-bones impact road users not using their seatbelts.

Not correctly wearing a seatbelt is one of the 'Fatal Five' causes of trauma on SA roads alongside speeding, distractions, drink and drug driving, and dangerous road users.

In 2023, not wearing a seatbelt contributed to 10 per cent of deaths on South Australia's roads, while nearly 3000 people received fines.

Last year 117 lives were lost on South Australian roads, while 856 people suffered serious injuries.

To date, two lives have been lost on SA roads in 2024.

Minister for Police and Emergency Services Joe Szakacs said he hoped the campaign would encourage people to take wearing a seatbelt



BUCKLE UP: South Australia Police are urging people to take wearing a seatbelt seriously.

Picture: FILE

more seriously.

"It's mind boggling that people on our roads are not wearing their seatbelt when we know how effective they are at reducing trauma on our roads," he said.

"This campaign will be graphic, and it will show you what is likely to happen if you don't buckle up and are involved in a crash.

"We want to reduce road trauma and we're hoping to shock people into action. It's unacceptable to not be wearing a seatbelt. It can save your life."

Recruitment underway

THERE has been strong early interest from international police officers to join the South Australia Police force.

More than 200 international officers from the UK, Ireland and New Zealand have registered for SAPOL's online information sessions.

SAPOL has already received nearly 60 job applications.

As part of the state government's budget last year, there were plans to deliver a comprehensive police recruitment package.

There was a commitment of more than \$12 million from the government, which included funding the training of 900 cadets at the Fort Largs Police Academy over three years to bolster the police service.

For overseas officers, there is a minimum three years' experience required, which will allow SAPOL to deliver a condensed training course designed to accelerate their deployment to the front line.

The first international cadet training course is scheduled to commence in mid-2024.

In addition to international recruits, the government and SAPOL remain committed to prioritising opportunities to attract and recruit local South Australian applicants for careers as police and police security officers.

Funding has been committed for the training and employment of an additional 189 police security officers.

SAPOL's domestic 'You Belong in Blue' recruitment marketing campaign was launched at the end of September 2023.

The campaign enlisted the support of SAPOL staff to talk about their experiences and why they have been attracted to careers in policing.

A variety of creatives have been produced for use across social media, print, TV and radio platforms showcasing SAPOL careers, which have been very positively received.

The campaign will now be visible on trams.

Last year, 230 local cadets were sworn in from the Fort Largs Police Academy, nearly doubling the 2021 figure and the highest since 2018.

Minister for Police Joe Szakacs said South Australia had one of the highest rates of police officers per capita across all Australian jurisdictions, and the state government was committed to recruiting more to keep the state safe.

"Attracting experienced officers from the UK, Ireland and New Zealand will complement our plans to train 900 cadets over three years through the Police Academy," he said.

"We are committed to ensuring our police service is highly resourced and the results we're getting show that our plan is working."



NEW RECRUITS: SAPOL international recruitment is underway.

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Quiz Time Answers

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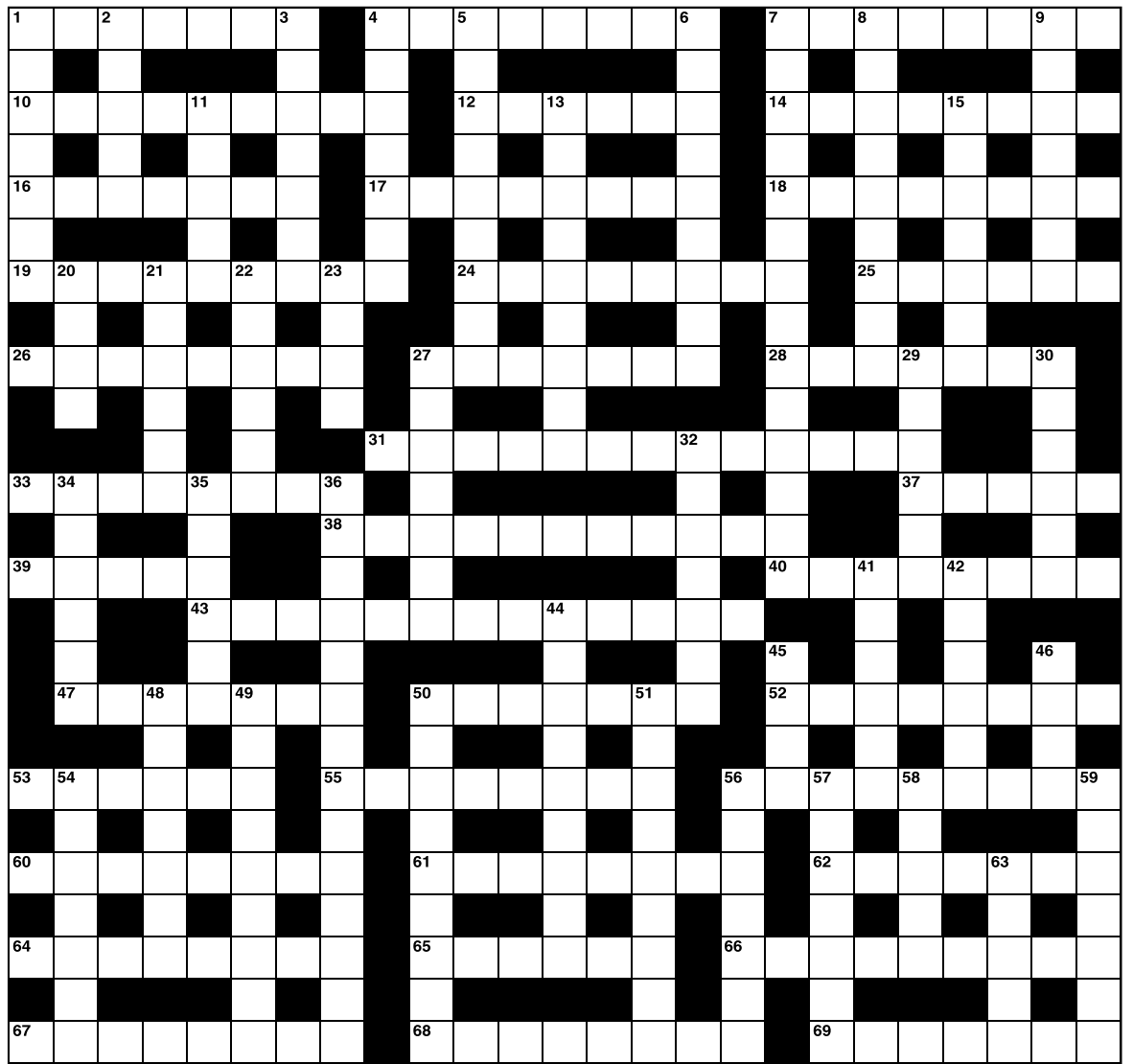
1 Southern Cross	6 Julia Gillard	11 Richie Benaud	16 The Castle
2 Don Bradman 99.94	7 Eyre Highway	12 Bass Strait	17 The Indian Pacific
3 A paddle	8 The Coat Hanger	13 76 members	18 Kath & Kim
4 Speed Skating	9 Crocodile Dundee	14 Joey	19 The Great Ocean Road
5 Kangaroo and emu	10 Lamington	15 Cathy Freeman	20 1932

BONUS QUESTION ANSWER (from the last edition):
Six stars appear on the flag of Kosovo.

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GIANT CROSSWORD

No. 133



ACROSS

- 1 Wash thoroughly (7)
- 4 Silvery-white metal used in jewellery (8)
- 7 Amateur (8)
- 10 Gross flattery (9)
- 12 Former Ellice Islands in the Pacific Ocean (6)
- 14 Variety of cheese (8)
- 16 Drummers drumming were received on the - day of Christmas (7)
- 17 Punch (8)
- 18 Dusk (8)
- 19 Trickster (9)
- 24 Respiratory opening, particularly in insects (8)
- 25 Evades (6)
- 26 Rude (8)
- 27 Leaves (7)
- 28 *Titanic* sinker (7)
- 31 Iconic *Princess* *Bride* line said by Vizzini (13)
- 33 Unending (8)
- 37 Revolver (5)
- 38 Relating to gospel (11)
- 39 Mediterranean oil-producing tree (5)
- 40 Longing, pining (8)
- 43 Refurbishment (13)
- 47 Venetian boat (7)
- 50 Whim (7)
- 52 Tongue (8)
- 53 Forks (6)
- 55 Hallucination (8)
- 56 Limit (9)
- 60 Hard grains of wheat used in puddings (8)
- 61 Better (8)
- 62 Vest (7)

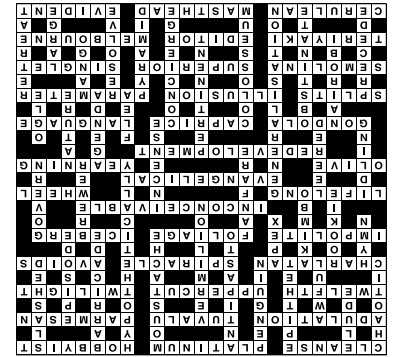
- 64 Japanese dish of marinated and grilled meat (8)
- 65 Press boss (6)
- 66 Victoria's capital (9)
- 67 Sky blue (8)
- 68 Newspaper's printed title (8)
- 69 Plain (7)

DOWN

- 1 In a state of disorder (7)
- 2 Dodge (5)
- 3 Descriptive nickname (7)
- 4 A flightless bird (7)
- 5 Appetiser course (9)
- 6 Facial hair (9)
- 7 For the sake of argument (14)
- 8 Roadblock (9)
- 9 Discounted (a price) (7)
- 11 Horrible (5)
- 13 Cinnabar pigment (9)
- 15 Serial part (7)
- 20 Religious song (4)
- 21 Novice (6)
- 22 Hands on hips with elbows outwards (6)
- 23 Crown (4)
- 27 Flamboyant burst of publicity (7)
- 29 Beer maker (6)
- 30 Rule (6)
- 32 Make angry (7)
- 34 Passing time doing nothing (6)
- 35 Looked in an unpleasant or lascivious way (6)
- 36 Non-specific statement (14)
- 41 Program of business (6)
- 42 Disposition (6)

- 44 Apposite (9)
- 45 Wingless insect (4)
- 46 Leer (4)
- 48 Capital of Kenya (7)
- 49 Stubborn (9)
- 50 Vast amphitheatre in Rome (9)
- 51 Apartment building doorkeeper (9)
- 54 Go before (7)
- 56 Ancient Egyptian tomb (7)
- 57 Determine (7)
- 58 Tropical fruit (5)
- 59 Go back (7)
- 63 Big (5)

ANSWERS:

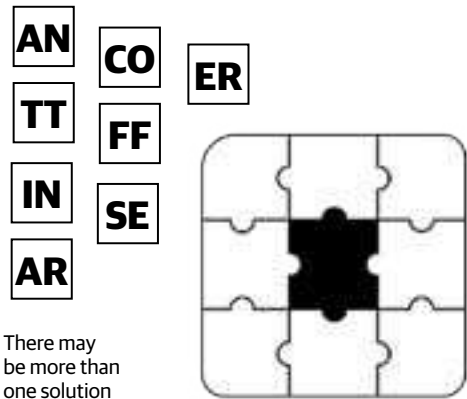


EDGEWORD

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ORIGINAL PUZZLE

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



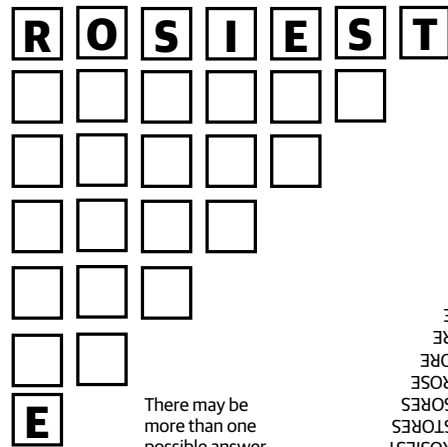
There may be more than one solution

ANSWERS: COARSE, COFFIN, SETTER, INANER

DROP DOWN

No. 130

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: ROSIEST, STORES, SORES, ROSE, ORE, RE, E

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW...

Jason Sudeikis

1. What sport is Jason Sudeikis hired to coach in *Apple TV+* series *Ted Lasso*?

- A. Football
- B. Baseball
- C. Soccer
- D. Fencing

2. What is Sudeikis' real first name?

- A. Christopher
- B. Daniel
- C. Jonathan
- D. Jason

3. Which TV series did Sudeikis get his major break on?

- A. *The Late Show*
- B. *The Daily Show*
- C. *The Tonight Show*
- D. *Saturday Night Live*

4. Which film did Sudeikis star in with Charlie Day and Jason Bateman?

- A. *Drinking Buddies*
- B. *Horrible Bosses*
- C. *Downsizing*
- D. *We're The Millers*

5. Which film did Sudeikis star in that landed the entire cast a Golden Raspberry Award?

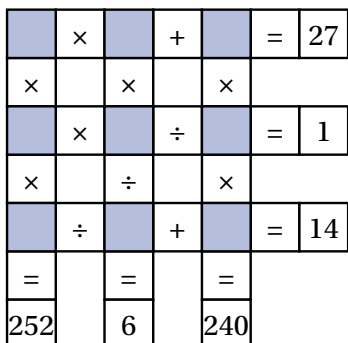
- A. *Movie 43*
- B. *The Angry Birds Movie*
- C. *Semi-Pro*
- D. *The Campaign*



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

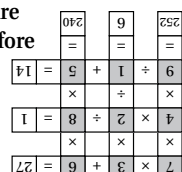
CROSSMATH

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

Multiplication and division are performed before addition and subtraction.



WORD TRIANGLE

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

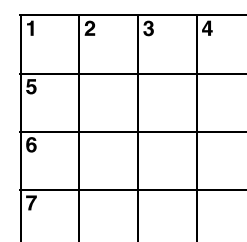


HINT: The answer is a word.

ANSWER: AGRICULTURALIST

4x4

No. 129



ACROSS

- 1 Fashion (4)
- 5 Submit to (4)
- 6 Australian fashion model, Miranda - (4)
- 7 Central European river (4)

DOWN

- 1 Donkey (coll) (4)
- 2 Cain's brother (4)
- 3 Street edge (4)
- 4 Australian explorer, Edward John - (4)

ANSWERS: 1. Make, 5. Obey, 6. Kerr, 7. Elbe, 3. Kerb, 4. Eyre, DOWN: 1. Moke, 2. Abel, 3. Kerb, 4. Eyre.

Motoring

KONA N REFLECTS FUTURE

BY DEREK OGDEN,
MARQUE MOTORING

THERE'S nothing new about 'influencers', that cohort of 'pretty' girls and boys who lead youngsters by their credit cards to so-called desirable dressing.

For years automobile manufacturers have used 'futurists' to try to predict what the car buyer will want in four years' time – the average development period for a new vehicle.

With EVs and hybrids rapidly accelerating up the sales charts the new Hyundai Kona, including petrol powered-only models, has been designed to look like an electric vehicle – no radiator grille – the maker claiming this is to make the whole range of the small SUV blend in with traffic better in the future.

This Hyundai hype was recently reinforced with the new all-electric Kona landing in Australia in three versions – Kona standard and extended ranges, plus Kona Electric Premium.

More of those at a later date.

The 'petrols' on offer at present are a 2.0-litre four-cylinder with a CVT automatic and front-wheel drive, and a turbocharged 1.6-litre four-cylinder with an eight-speed torque converter automatic and all-wheel drive.

I took the former on extended test.

Prices for the second-generation SUV 'petrols' start at \$32,000 and rise to \$46,500, plus on-road costs.

The N-Line pack adds an extra \$4000.

Considerably more kit does come with the price premium.

The EVs come in at \$54,000 for the standard range, topping off at \$68,000 for the Premium.

The new Kona is covered by a five-year 100,000 kilometre warranty and attract Hyundai's Premium Roadside Support Plan free for the first 12 months and renewed annually for up to ten years so long as the vehicle is serviced by Hyundai.

STYLING

With the aforementioned nod to electric vehicles, the ICE car's looks make Hyundai literally a leading light in automotive design.

The absence of a grille apart, up front the full width of the compact sports utility vehicle is emphasised by an LED strip light – similar to one which debuted in the Staria – on the leading edge of the bonnet from wing to wing.

Not far behind is a similar single bar across the rear, highlighting the futuristic (EV) view from behind.

Outboard lighting matches the front triangular set-up. Inside and out the new Kona is bigger than its predecessor.

In profile, apart from muscular wheel arch covers, the rest is very much de rigueur for the class.

INTERIOR

At a tad over 4.3 m long, 1.8 m wide and almost 1.6 m tall, the 'small' SUV is more spacious on the inside too thanks to a 60 mm increase in wheelbase front to back.

This translates to much more leg room in the back compared with before.

Head room is more than adequate for the average adult.

Absent in the 2.0 is a shift-by-wire transmission stalk to the right behind the steering wheel found in Premium and turbo grades.

In its place here is a conventional centre-console gearshift.

Storage abounds, with bins in the front doors big enough for large bottles and two retractable cup holders in the centre console, plus a generous glove box, as well as wireless charging, USB-C jacks and a 12V socket.

Rear doors can take small bottles and there are two cup holders in the fold-down centre armrest and pockets on the front seat backs.

Adjustable ventilation outlets and a pair of USB-C power sockets are in situ.

The boot will hold 407 litres with the rear seat backs raised, or up to 1241 litres with



ROAD TEST: Unique design features look to an electric future for the Hyundai Kona.



TEST DRIVE: With seven airbags Kona is on board with Hyundai's SmartSense safety system.

them folded flat.

A space-saver spare is carried.

INFOTAINMENT

A high-resolution 12.3-inch widescreen digital infotainment display sits above the centre stack, which incorporates climate control air-con buttons.

Directly in front of the driver is a digital instrument screen inside a 12.3-inch panel.

Wireless Apple CarPlay and wired Android Auto are standard low down the model range, while Premium variants with satellite navigation have only wired systems.

This is due to change later this year with wireless becoming available to all.

Hyundai's Bluelink connection enables remote access from a paired smartphone with vehicle location, remote lock and start services, plus the ability to contact emergency services in the event of an accident.

ENGINES / TRANSMISSIONS

The Kona and Kona Premium come with either a naturally aspirated Atkinson cycle 2.0-litre four-cylinder petrol engine sending 110 kW and 180 Nm at 6200 rpm and 4500 rpm, respectively, to the front wheels through a CVT automatic transmission.

Hyundai claims a combined urban / high-way fuel consumption figure of 6.6 litres per 100 kilometres, while the test car came up with 6.1 litres per 100 kilometres over two weeks of varied driving conditions.

SAFETY

Kona is on board with Hyundai's SmartSense safety system, which includes front and rear autonomous emergency braking (with car,

'powered two-wheeler', pedestrian and cyclist detection), blind spot view and collision avoidance, lane-following and lane keeping assist.

There's also rear cross-traffic alert, active cruise control, safe exit warning, surround view monitor, driver attention warning and tyre pressure monitoring.

A multi-collision brake is designed to minimise the chance of additional impacts after an initial crash and an emergency stop signal function are also standard.

There are seven airbags, including a front centre bag to minimise front occupant injuries in a side impact, as well as three top tether anchors and two Isofix positions across the rear seat.

DRIVING

On a second (and longer) stint with a Kona N, over two weeks, we covered close to 2000km, which presented a first for this driver, with the tyre pressure monitor proving its worth.

With all four tyres at recommended maker's pressure of 33 psi a drop to nine in the rear near-side tyre pressure showed up on the instrument screen.

Dropping in to the closest tyre shop came up with the result that the tyre in question had picked up a 5 cm nail where the wall met the running surface.

Too dodgy to plug, the whole tyre was replaced and on we drove.

Riding on the standard 18-inch wheels the Kona kept up a steady, if not always smooth, march over some neglected city road surfaces and held cabin noise intrusion to an acceptable level on concrete motorway surfaces.

Steering followed suit with positive feed-

back from the road, while disc brakes, ventilated at the front, had little trouble stopping the 1.4 tonne-plus vehicle in the dry-only conditions encountered.

Speed presented only one problem and that was purely electronic.

The test car speed-sign recognition indicator suffered from a form of dyslexia: the 10 km/h speed limit registered in a shopping centre car park remained unchanged through several streets before the instrument display switched to the correct legal limit.

Other speed limits were slow to catch up and slip roads constantly over-rode the legal motorway limit.

On the other hand, audible constant legal speed limit warnings turned out to be handy over the long run with constant changing of limits, while lane change alarms at times were annoying and unnecessary with driver concentration levels high.

SUMMARY

In typical Hyundai fashion the new Kona 2.0 stands apart in its class from a design point of view and it will be interesting to see what the new EV take-up is.

RATINGS

- Looks: 8/10
- Performance: 6/10
- Safety: 7/10
- Thirst: 7/10
- Practicality: 8/10
- Comfort: 6/10
- Tech: 8/10
- Value: 7/10

Crying Tiger Lamb

"My spin on the Thai classic dish will make all your grilling dreams come true. So long as said dreams involve drenched-in-flavour, so-soft-it-melts-in-your-mouth and faff-free lamb, that is. Which all good dreams should, always. Serve this one family style with fresh lettuce, herbs and shoots, then wrap and roll, my friend."

Prep time: 5 mins
Cook time: 20 mins
Serves: 4

Ingredients

- 1 tbsp oyster sauce
- 1 tbsp fish sauce
- 4 x 150g (5 oz) lamb steaks
- vegetable oil, for brushing
- fresh lettuce leaves, to serve
- fresh mint, to serve
- trimmed green beans, to serve

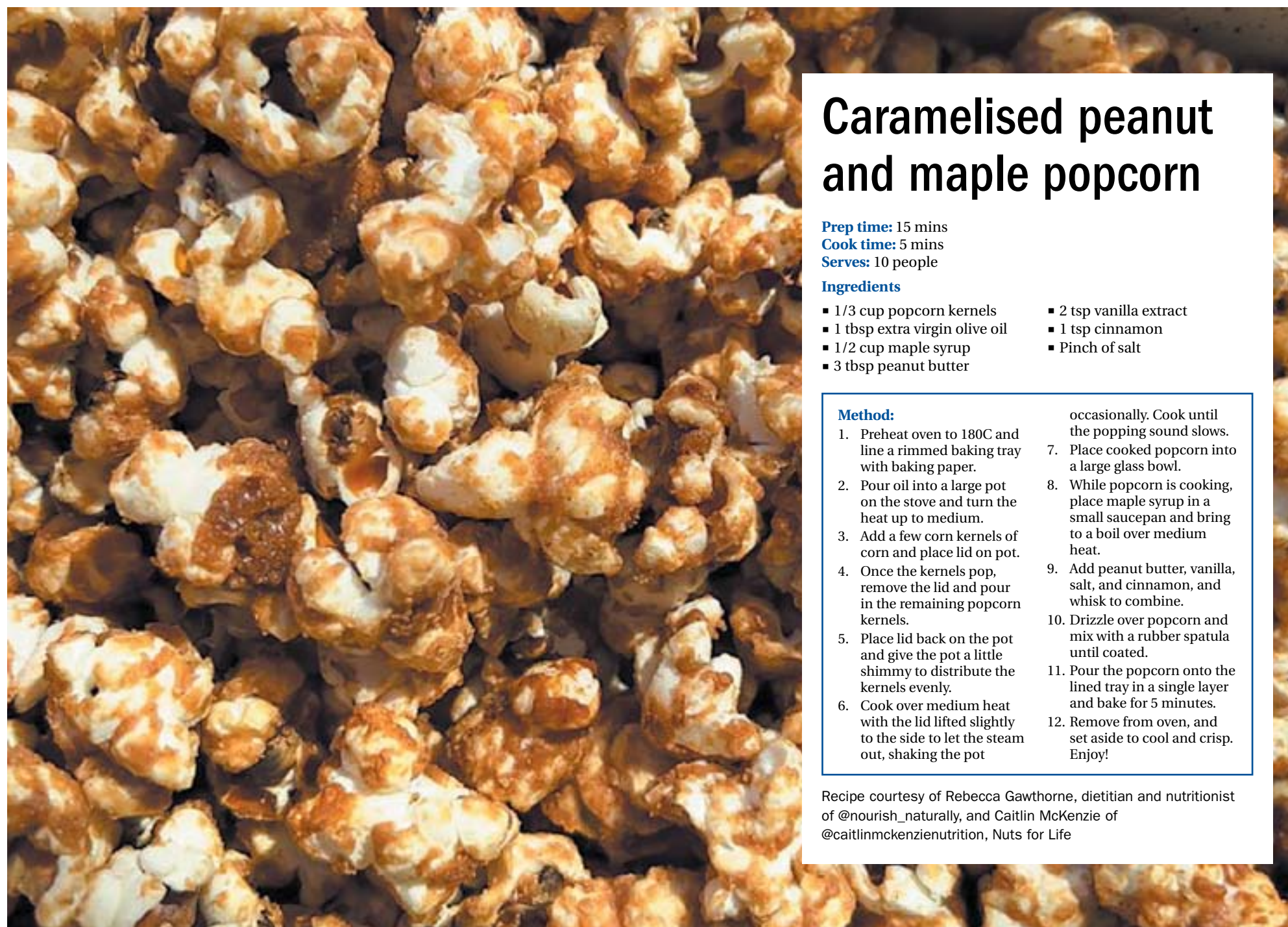
- snow pea shoots (optional), to serve
- Spicy dipping sauce (nahm jim jaew):**
- 2 tsp raw glutinous rice (also known as sticky rice)
 - 1 tbsp tamarind concentrate
 - 3 tbsp fish sauce
 - 1 tbsp brown sugar
 - 1 tbsp Thai chilli powder
 - 1 tbsp lime juice
 - 1 small red shallot, sliced into fine wedges
 - 2 tsp finely chopped coriander (cilantro)

Method:

1. Preheat the oven to 180°C (350°F).
2. Place the lamb steaks in a shallow dish and pour over the oyster sauce and fish sauce. Use your fingers to massage the marinade all over the steak pieces, then set aside to marinate while you prepare the remaining ingredients.
3. For the spicy dipping sauce, toast the rice in a dry frying pan over high heat for around 2-3 minutes or until golden brown and fragrant (it should smell like popcorn). Use a mortar and pestle or a spice grinder to grind to a fine powder. In a bowl, combine the tamarind, fish sauce, sugar, chilli powder, lime juice, shallot and coriander. Add in the toasted rice powder and mix until well combined. Transfer to a small serving bowl and set aside until ready to serve.
4. Heat a large heavy-based, ovenproof frying pan over high heat. Brush with oil. When hot, add the lamb steaks and cook one side for 2 minutes until you get a nice charred colour. Flip the steaks and cook for a further 2 minutes on the other side until golden. Now transfer the pan to the oven and cook for 4-5 minutes (for medium rare – my steaks were roughly 3cm/just over 1" thick) or until cooked to your liking. Transfer to a cutting board and allow to rest for 5 minutes.
5. Slice the lamb steaks on the diagonal and then transfer to a large platter or board along with the fresh lettuce leaves, mint, beans, snow pea shoots (if using) and the spicy dipping sauce. Serve family-style.



Recipe courtesy of Marion Grasby, Australian Lamb



Caramelised peanut and maple popcorn

Prep time: 15 mins
Cook time: 5 mins
Serves: 10 people

Ingredients

- 1/3 cup popcorn kernels
- 1 tbsp extra virgin olive oil
- 1/2 cup maple syrup
- 3 tbsp peanut butter
- 2 tsp vanilla extract
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- Pinch of salt

Method:

1. Preheat oven to 180C and line a rimmed baking tray with baking paper.
2. Pour oil into a large pot on the stove and turn the heat up to medium.
3. Add a few corn kernels of corn and place lid on pot.
4. Once the kernels pop, remove the lid and pour in the remaining popcorn kernels.
5. Place lid back on the pot and give the pot a little shimmy to distribute the kernels evenly.
6. Cook over medium heat with the lid lifted slightly to the side to let the steam out, shaking the pot occasionally. Cook until the popping sound slows.
7. Place cooked popcorn into a large glass bowl.
8. While popcorn is cooking, place maple syrup in a small saucepan and bring to a boil over medium heat.
9. Add peanut butter, vanilla, salt, and cinnamon, and whisk to combine.
10. Drizzle over popcorn and mix with a rubber spatula until coated.
11. Pour the popcorn onto the lined tray in a single layer and bake for 5 minutes.
12. Remove from oven, and set aside to cool and crisp. Enjoy!

Recipe courtesy of Rebecca Gawthorne, dietitian and nutritionist of @nourish_naturally, and Caitlin McKenzie of @caitlinmckenzenutrition, Nuts for Life

Your year ahead

With outer planets Pluto, embarking on a twenty-year voyage of historical import, and Uranus, turning forward, we can expect the coming months to continue rolling out significant changes in our world, from climate to politics to economics to availability of essential services...



ARIES

(Mar 21 - Apr 20)

Motivational Mars, your primo planet, in Aries' astro-zone of ambition and public recognition till mid-February, makes this a good time to reach out to mentors and supporters, and/or launch some vigorous self-promo, perhaps set up a stylish rebrand. This week says: Don't wait – investigate.

Best day:
Wednesday 31 January



TAURUS

(Apr 21 - May 20)

In addition to Uranus, planet of change, in Taurus, Pluto's long-term move to the sign of the unexpected can be taxing for fixed signs like yourself. But with this celestial scenario in place for the foreseeable future, best start finding a way of making obligatory changes work in your favour.

Best day:
Monday 29 January



GEMINI

(May 21 - Jun 21)

Predominantly air-sign vibes are this week's gift for your busy, buzzing Twinship. Which is great for brainstorming and inspirational ideas, but carries the danger of overload, making it difficult to focus and move forward with grace and glide, so factor in downtime, quiet time, device-free time.

Best day:
Thursday 1 February



CANCER

(Jun 22 - Jul 22)

While this week's astrology has its wild surprises and friendly pleasures, it's not the most sensitive or sympathetic of transits. But no being hard on yourself or others please; the variations of the human dance won't always favour our preferences, so just do your best and forget the rest.

Best day:
Saturday 3 February



LEO

(Jul 23 - Aug 23)

This week's celestial energies are mentally and technically oriented. According to physical astrology, your fiery sign rules over the heart, so the question for Leos is: how can you bring more heart energy into this digital, tech-obsessed world? Even just one thing each day could make a significant difference.

Best day:
Tuesday 30 January



LIBRA

(Sep 23 - Oct 23)

With astral energetics in your sector of self-expression and creativity, which some astrologers call the house of fun, what could be more enjoyable for a Libran? Use this cycle to explore and experiment, and if you feel you might be outgrowing who you've been up till now, then you're on the right track.

Best day:
Wednesday 31 January



SAGITTARIUS

(Nov 23 - Dec 21)

As this busy week escalates activities in your local community and social groups, don't be surprised if its digital insistence starts giving you a brain ache. Should this happen, go for a walk or drive in nature (preferably off your beaten path) to reboot your organic, natural intelligence.

Best day:
Friday 2 February



CAPRICORN

(Dec 22 - Jan 20)

Though its random and sometimes radical energy might seem counter-intuitive to your structured sign, this week's planetary emphasis in Capricorn's zodiac zone of finances and holdings offers plenty of scope for making progress on what's most valuable to you, so stay open to new opportunities.

Best day:
Tuesday 30 January



AQUARIUS

(Jan 21 - Feb 18)

Happy birthday Aquirkians! With the Sun in your sign, plus the indelible imprint of Pluto's entry into Aquarius for the next twenty years transforming the world at large, its scientific discoveries, technological advances, social changes and progressive ideas will be the background to your own personal evolution.

Best day:
Thursday 1 February



PISCES

(Feb 19 - Mar 20)

Planetary emphasis on the final cycles that are naturally occurring in your life asks what do you need closure on before your astrological new year kicks in? Executive Mercury in efficient mode is assisting this audit with sensible judgments, unsentimental decision-making and no-nonsense communication.

Best day:
Saturday 3 February



VIRGO

(Aug 24 - Sep 22)

Virgo's mentor planet, Mercury, in its most organized and efficient mode, is currently offering an excellent assist for decluttering, downsizing and ticking off the to-do list. Perfect timing to take advantage of this week's astral energy firing up your work zone with a stimulus package from the cosmos.

Best day:
Sunday 28 January



SCORPIO

(Oct 24 - Nov 22)

This week's planetary pattern offers Scorpios the opportunity to catch yourself digging in your heels and stay flexible. To be willing to pivot, especially in negotiations concerning home, family or base of operations. Proposed changes may be challenging, but patience and curiosity can uncover their exciting sides.

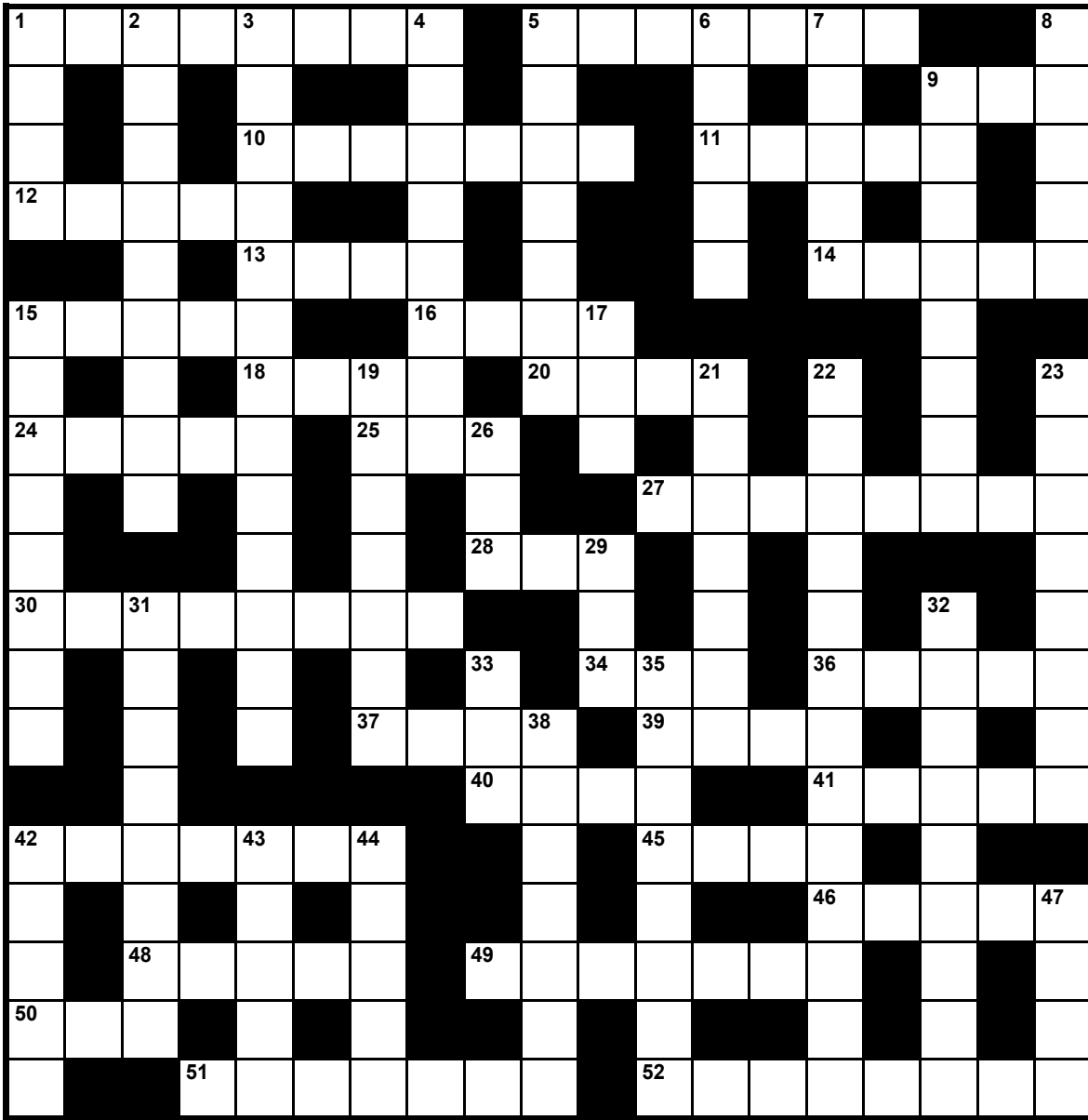
Best day:
Friday 2 February

ARROW WORDS										
	Protective covering	Capable	Globule	Shuts tight	Performs	Rent	Flying mammals			
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	Beauty And The ... Disney film					Fur	Haul			
	Boy				Emits and lets fall					
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				Skill	Least good	Creature	Chair			
Stretch out		Uncooked		Cache	Smallest quantity					
			Actor's part		Units of length	Pull along	Flora and fauna			
Red, felt cap	Small river					Sound quality				
			This place	Satisfy	Employs	Spoken				
Makes in the oven	Humble dwellings				Everything	Item of neckwear	Public transport	Acquire		
				Bitter			Creepy-crawly			
Fire remains	Scarlet				Free time					
				Otherwise			Class			

SOLUTION									
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OZ CROSSWORD

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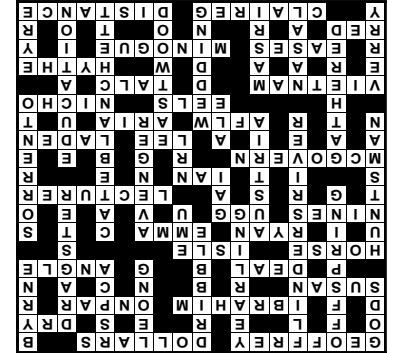


- 27 Teacher (8)
- 28 Gold medallist, - Thorpe (3)
- 30 West Coast Eagle since 2011, Jeremy - (8)
- 34 *Catch My Disease* singer, Ben - (3)
- 36 Burdened (5)
- 37 Women's football league (1,1,1,1)
- 39 Music trade association (abbr) (4)
- 40 Parramatta rugby team (4)
- 41 2022 Dally M Medal winner, - Hynes (5)
- 42 Cambodia's neighbour (7)
- 45 Mineral used in baby powder (4)
- 46 Tasmanian suburb (5)
- 48 Relaxes (5)
- 49 Sisters Kylie and Dannii - (7)
- 50 Skyhooks lead guitarist, - Symons (3)
- 51 Noongar writer, - Coleman (6,1)
- 52 Book on Australian history, *The Tyranny of* - (8)
- 19 Directly follows Australia in an alphabetical list (7)
- 21 Chris Hemsworth's Thor is one (7)
- 22 Actress of *Carol* and *The Aviator* fame (4,9)
- 23 Victorian town on the Mornington Peninsula (8)
- 26 Sydney horse trainer, - Waterhouse (3)
- 29 National Rugby League (1,1,1)
- 31 Brought in (8)
- 32 Jason Clare's ministry portfolio (9)
- 33 Type of beer (3)
- 35 Sydney suburb (8)
- 38 Miranda Tapsell's 2019 rom-com, *Top End* - (7)
- 42 Melbourne Cup-winner, - Elleegant (5)
- 43 Of the nose (5)
- 44 Hazem El - played more than 300 games for Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (5)
- 47 South Australian peninsula (4)

DOWN

- 1 Aussie Brenton Thwaites played Bek in this, - of *Egypt* (4)
- 2 Asher Keddie's TV series (9)
- 3 Queensland's longest river (8,5)
- 4 Horse between one and two years old (8)
- 5 Kick type in Aussie Rules (7)
- 6 Television foodie, Melissa - (5)
- 7 Animal welfare organisation (1,1,1,1)
- 8 Balmain-born Hollywood star, Rose - (5)
- 9 Car built for drag racing (8)
- 15 Large spider species (8)
- 17 Big bird (3)

ANSWERS:



ACROSS

- 1 2012's Australian of the Year, - Rush (8)
- 5 Currency units (7)
- 9 Jane Harper's 2016 novel, *The* - (3)
- 10 Kings Cross figure, John - (7)
- 11 Equal to (2,3)
- 12 Colourful native shrub, black-eyed - (5)
- 13 Briefcase reality show, - *Or No* - (4)
- 14 A position from which something is viewed (5)
- 15 Winx or Black Caviar (5)
- 16 Small island (4)
- 18 Australian actor, - Corr (4)
- 20 Former yellow Wiggle, - Watkins (4)
- 24 NRL preseason competition last held in 2020 (5)
- 25 Australian footwear company (3)

WORDFIND

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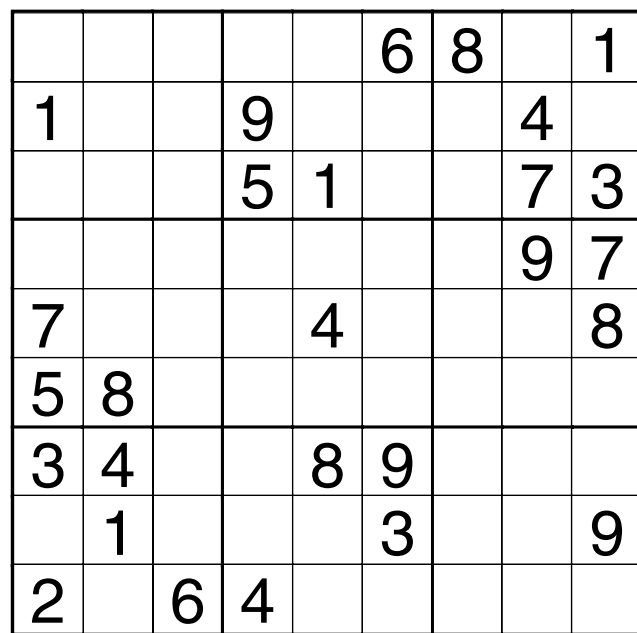
Can you find all the words listed in the grid below? The remaining letters will spell out a message.

- ACADEMY
- ADAGIO
- BALLROOM
- BARRE
- CAKEWALK
- CULTURE
- CURTSY
- DISCO
- FLOOR
- FOLK
- FORMAL
- GLIDE
- GRACE
- GROUP
- HULA
- JAZZ
- JUMP
- LEAP
- LEOTARD
- MOTION
- MUSICAL
- ORCHESTRA
- ORIGINAL
- POLKA
- POSITION
- PRODUCTION
- REHEARSAL
- ROLE
- STEPS
- STUDIO
- TANGO
- TECHNICAL
- TROUPE
- TWIRL
- UNITARD
- WALTZ

SECRET MESSAGE: Put on your red shoes and dance the blues

SUDOKU

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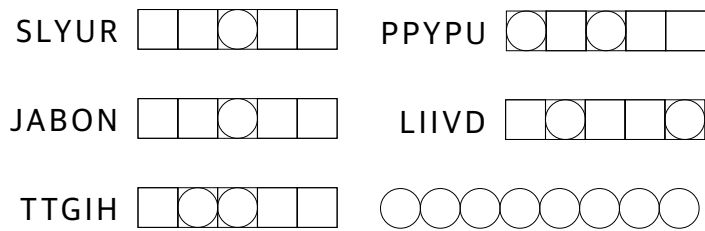
HOW TO PLAY: To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every number from 1 to 9 must appear in: each of the nine vertical columns, each of the nine horizontal rows and each of the nine 3 x 3 boxes. Remember, no number can occur more than once in any row, column or box.



JUMBLE

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Can you unscramble the words below? The circled letters will create another word.

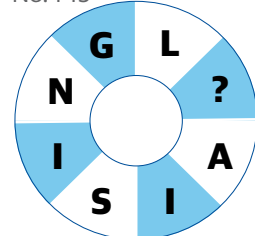


ANSWERS: SURLY, BANJO, TIGHT, PUPPY, LIVID, DRIPPING

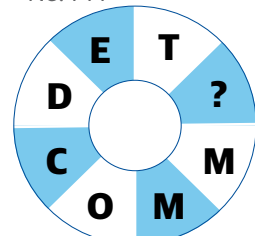
EIGHT AROUND

Can you work out what the missing letter is that spells an 8-letter word? It could read either clockwise or anti-clockwise.

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No. 144



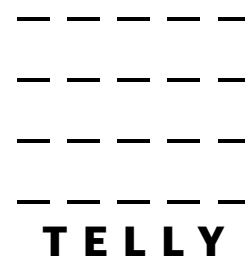
ANSWERS: LAISING, COMMUTED

WORD STEP

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ROBES

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: ROBES, ROLFS, ROLLS, TOLLS, TELL, TELLY

WEATHER

FORECAST

Warnings

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

SOUTH AUSTRALIA:

- Keith:** Possible shower. 19/33
Tomorrow: Possible shower. 15/26
- Bordertown:** Shower or two. 20/33
Tomorrow: Possible shower. 15/26
- Naracoorte:** Shower or two. 19/31
Tomorrow: Partly cloudy. 13/26
- Robe:** Possible early shower. 15/22
Tomorrow: Partly cloudy. 14/21
- Coonawarra:** Possible shower. 19/30
Tomorrow: Partly cloudy. 14/26
- Mount Gambier:** Possible morning shower. 17/27
Tomorrow: Partly cloudy. 12/25

State Forecast:

Isolated showers and storms extending across the west and south. Maximum temperatures well above average apart from near the coast. Northeast to northwesterly winds ahead of a fresh and gusty southwest to southeasterly change extending across the south.
Thursday. Isolated showers and storms over the west and south, becoming more frequent in the south and possibly tending to rain at times. Maximum temperatures well above average in the north but below average elsewhere. Southwest to southeasterly winds extending across all but the far northeast, fresh to strong and gusty at times in the north, with areas of raised dust possible in the evening.
Friday. Isolated showers and storms contracting northwards. Isolated showers about the southern agricultural area and near western coasts. Maximum temperatures above average in the far northeast, but below average otherwise. Southwest to southeasterly winds, fresh to strong and gusty at times in the north.

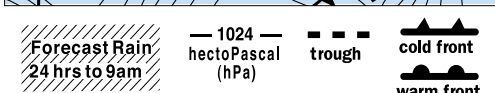
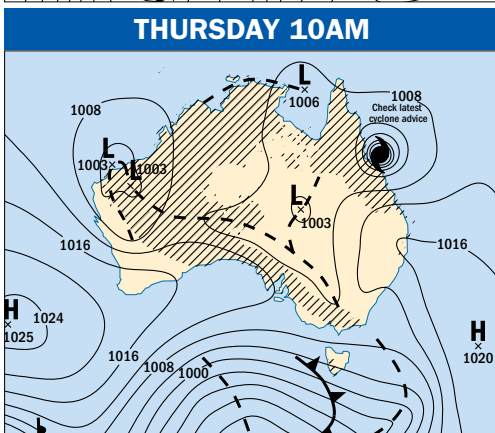
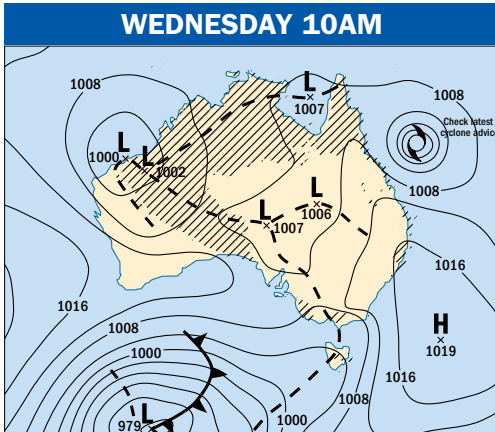
Lower South East District:

Partly cloudy. Medium chance of showers in the morning. The chance of a storm. Light winds becoming southwesterly 15 to 25 km/h in the morning then becoming light in the late evening.
Thursday. Partly cloudy. Slight chance of a shower in the north in the afternoon and evening. The chance of a storm in the north in the afternoon and evening. Light winds becoming westerly 15 to 25 km/h during the morning then becoming light during the evening.

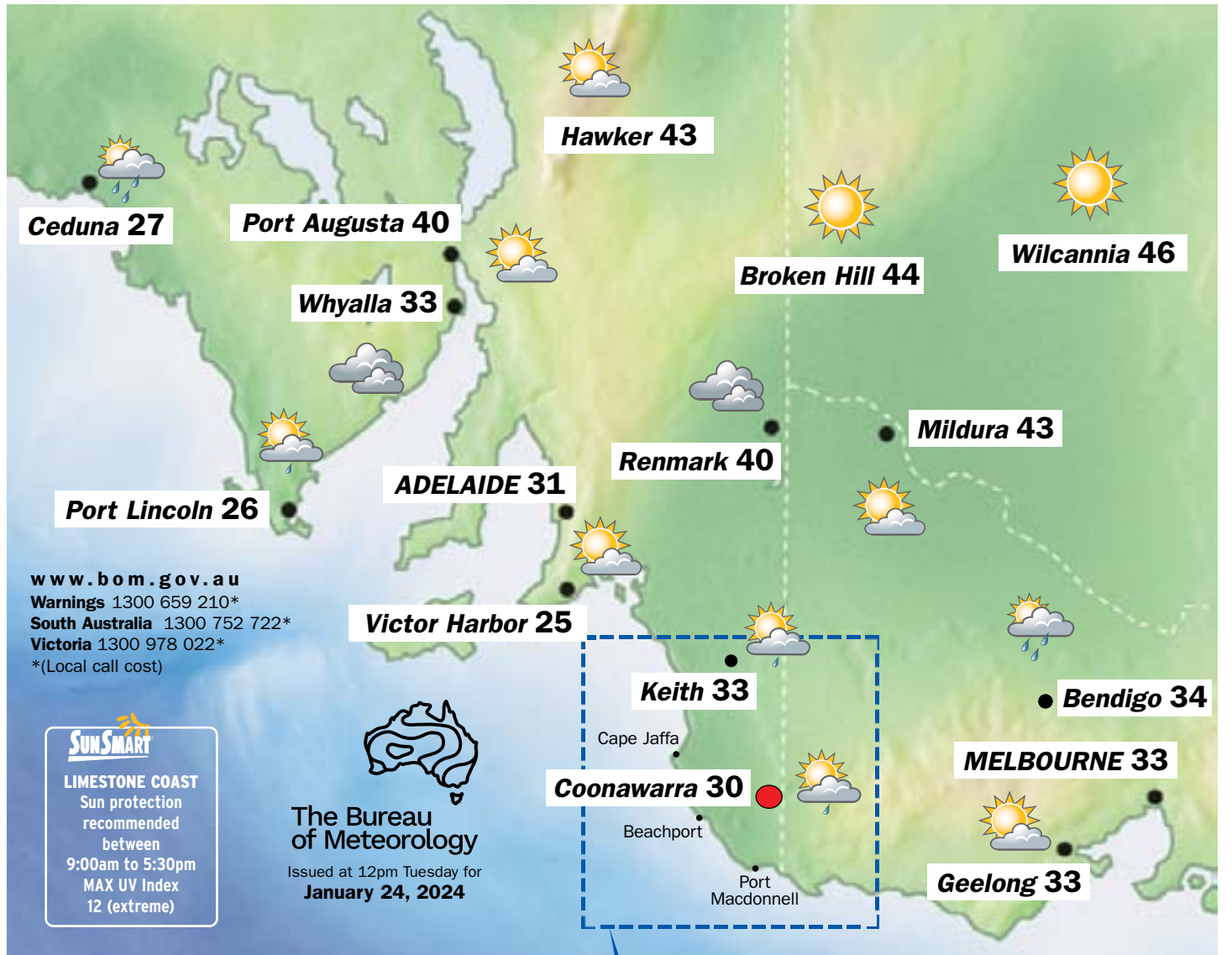
VICTORIA:

South West District:

Partly cloudy. Medium chance of showers in the morning. The chance of a storm. Winds north to northwesterly 15 to 25 km/h shifting southwesterly in the late morning and afternoon.
Thursday. Partly cloudy. Medium chance of showers about the ranges in the afternoon and evening. The chance of a storm about the ranges in the afternoon and evening. Light winds becoming westerly 15 to 25 km/h during the day.



LIMESTONE COAST



COASTAL WATERS

Upper South East Coastal Waters:

Murray Mouth to Cape Jaffa
Winds: South to southwesterly about 10 knots increasing to 10 to 15 knots in the morning then decreasing to about 10 knots in the late evening. Seas: Below 1 metre. Swell: Southwesterly around 1 metre. Weather: Partly cloudy. The chance of a thunderstorm.

Tomorrow: Winds: South to southwesterly about 10 knots tending west to southwesterly 10 to 15 knots during the morning. Seas: Below 1 metre. Swell: Southwesterly around 1 metre. Weather: Partly cloudy. The chance of a thunderstorm in the afternoon and evening.

Lower South East Coastal Waters:

Cape Jaffa to SA-Vic Border
Winds: West to northwesterly 10 to 15 knots tending west to southwesterly before dawn. Seas: Around 1 metre. 1st Swell: Southwesterly around 1 metre, increasing to 1 to 1.5 metres during the morning. 2nd Swell: Southeasterly around 1 metre. Weather: Partly cloudy. The chance of a thunderstorm.
Tomorrow: Winds: Westerly 15 to 25 knots. Seas: Around 1 metre, increasing to 1 to 1.5 metres south of Beachport during the afternoon. Swell: Southwesterly around 1 metre, increasing to 1 to 1.5 metres south of Port MacDonnell. Weather: Partly cloudy.

West Victoria Coastal Waters:

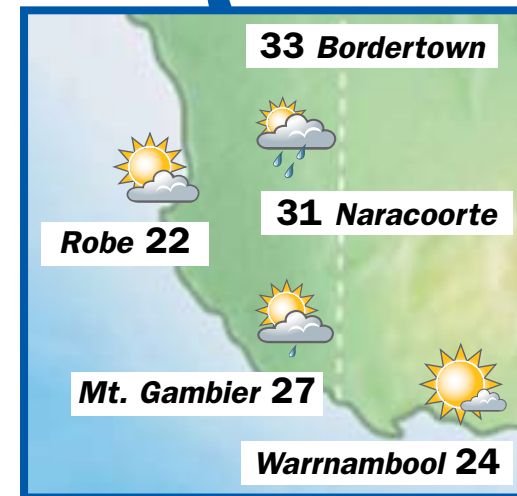
SA-Vic Border to Cape Otway
Winds: North to northeasterly 15 to 20 knots shifting westerly before dawn. Seas: 1 to 1.5 metres, decreasing below 1 metre during the afternoon. 1st Swell: Southwesterly around 1 metre, increasing to 1 to 1.5 metres during the afternoon. 2nd Swell: Easterly around 1 metre. Weather: Partly cloudy. The chance of a storm inshore.

CAPITAL CITIES

City	Condition	Max
Adelaide	Partly cloudy.	31
Brisbane	Partly cloudy.	30
Canberra	Partly cloudy.	31
Darwin	Rain. Possible storm.	31
Hobart	Possible morning shower.	28
Melbourne	Partly cloudy.	33
Perth	Sunny.	29
Sydney	Sunny.	30

SUN & MOON

	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Thursday	6:13am	8:25pm	8:31pm	5:08am
Friday	6:14am	8:24pm	9:05pm	6:10am
Saturday	6:15am	8:23pm	9:33pm	7:12am
Sunday	6:16am	8:22pm	9:58pm	8:13am
Monday	6:17am	8:22pm	10:20pm	9:12am
Tuesday	6:19am	8:21pm	10:41pm	10:09am



TIDES

Beachport Today:

H:	1:05am	1.0m
L:	5:10pm	0.3m

Tomorrow:

H:	1:29am	1.1m
L:	9:24am	0.4m
H:	12:40pm	0.5m
L:	6:08pm	0.2m

Friday:

H:	1:53am	1.1m
L:	9:13am	0.4m
H:	1:11pm	0.5m
L:	6:50pm	0.2m

Saturday:

H:	2:14am	1.1m
L:	9:14am	0.4m
H:	1:39pm	0.6m
L:	7:26pm	0.2m

Sunday:

H:	2:35am	1.0m
L:	9:23am	0.4m
H:	2:08pm	0.6m
L:	7:57pm	0.2m

Monday:

H:	2:53am	1.0m
L:	9:34am	0.3m
H:	2:39pm	0.6m
L:	8:27pm	0.2m

Port Macdonnell Today:

H:	2:32am	1.1m
L:	5:52pm	0.3m

Tomorrow:

H:	2:50am	1.1m
L:	10:32am	0.5m
H:	12:58pm	0.5m
L:	6:53pm	0.3m

Friday:

H:	3:08am	1.2m
L:	10:35am	0.5m
H:	1:58pm	0.6m
L:	7:43pm	0.3m

Saturday:

H:	3:27am	1.2m
L:	10:36am	0.5m
H:	2:40pm	0.6m
L:	8:23pm	0.3m

Sunday:

H:	3:47am	1.2m
L:	10:41am	0.5m
H:	3:12pm	0.7m
L:	8:58pm	0.3m

Monday:

H:	4:07am	1.2m
L:	10:47am	0.4m
H:	3:40pm	0.7m
L:	9:29pm	0.3m

THE WORLD

World conditions yesterday

City	Weather	Max	Min
Athens	fine	13	3
Auckland	fine	22	16
Bangkok	fine	33	24
Beijing	fine	3	-8
Berlin	showers	12	5
Christchurch	fine	18	7
Denpasar	cloudy	34	28
Dublin	sunny	10	6
Hong Kong	cold	12	8
Honolulu	showers	27	23
Jakarta	rain	32	26
Johannesburg	storms	28	15
Kuala Lumpur	fine	33	24
London	cloudy	12	10
Los Angeles	sunny	17	9
Madrid	sunny	17	5
Moscow	fine	-5	-9
New Delhi	fog	18	8
New York	rain	4	3
Noumea	cloudy	32	26
Paris	cloudy	14	11
Auckland	fine	22	16
Port Vila	showers	32	24
Seoul	fine	-4	-12
Singapore	storms	33	24
Suva	storms	32	25
Tel Aviv	showers	16	14
Tokyo	fine	9	2
Vancouver	showers	8	5
Wellington	fine	19	11

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HISTORIC LIFESTYLE OPPORTUNITY

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FOR SALE "WEEMILAH" KONGAL via MUNDULLA

335.7 Ha

829.5 AC (approx)



Appealing Elevated Productive Crop/Hay/Grazing

- Approx. 500 mm. rainfall, strong range country.
- Good bore water, adjoins bitumen Rowney Road.
- 5 cropping, (Canola went 3.5t), 2 grazing paddocks.
- Comfortable 3 b.r. Home, ensuite, shedding, yards, silos.
- Recognised as very healthy sub-clover based country.

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The History;

In 1894 the Monbulla School was opened 7km West of Penola on Clay Wells Rd. The School was situated in a building used as a polling booth to service the closely settled community and at peak educated 34 students. The School later closed in 1944

and children were transferred to the Penola Area School. Monbulla Hall was built as an addition to the site in 1950s and would become the primary meeting place for the Monbulla community. The Hall is said to have one of the best dance floors in the South East as it would host Cabaret events, the annual June Ball, the Monbulla Xmas tree gathering and countless birthdays, bush dances and community meetings. The parcel of land was also home to the Monbulla Tennis and Monbulla and Ramblers Cricket clubs for over 40 years.

Stand Like Stone Foundation Funds:

To leave one last legacy the Monbulla Community committee unanimously decided that the money (after costs) from the sale would be donated to the Stand Like Stone Foundation Funds. Dedicated funds will be set up so that community members (and students in particular) can apply to the fund for assistance with travel and accommodation costs when selected to play sports outside of the region. The committee felt that this would be a very positive use of the money, and would ensure those with financial struggles do not miss out on sporting opportunities.

Contact Mark De Garis 0428 372 124 for more information or to arrange an inspection.

Property sold in conjunction with Jo O'Connor PPHS Penola. ●



HOME ESSENTIALS

Address: 68 Heywards Lane, PENOLA **Inspect:** By appointment **Auction:** Saturday, 3rd February, 10am, on site 68 Heywards Lane, Monbulla (off Clay Wells Road)

Contact: Mark De Garis 0428 372 124, PROPERTY SOLD IN CONJUNCTION WITH JO O'CONNOR PPHS PENOLA AND LIVESTOCK & PROPERTY. rla: 44072

Nutrien Harcourts



Glen Mcl - How's the Serenity?

- Well located approx 12mins from Keith in the Upper South East
- Hard to find picturesque rural living block
- Architecturally renovated 4-5 bedroom home, modern designed kitchen with multiple outdoor living areas & peaceful views
- Secure swimming pool
- Double car garage, separate powered workshop, plus additional machinery storage and animal shelters.
- Two pastured paddocks for stock grazing
- Great location between Keith and Bordertown

595 Brimbago South Road, Brimbago SA 5267

Land Size: 11.3ha, (27.9ac) approx.

For Sale: by Best Offer closing Tuesday 5th March 2024 at 12 noon INSP (If not sold prior)

Property ID: nutrien.harcourts.net/L26141075

Geoff Watts
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MIRROR, MIRROR ON THE WALL

MIRRORS are not only decorative, they also make rooms feel bigger and brighter by reflecting light and creating the illusion of depth.

As the saying goes 'life is like a mirror' and the clever use of mirrors in a home can reflect a lot about the lifestyle of the people who live there.

Mirrors come in an endless variety of shapes and sizes. They can be modern or traditional, big or small, hung or placed on a lean against walls for effect.

As a rule of thumb, rooms with high ceilings benefit from vertical mirrors, while horizontal mirrors work better in long rooms.

One of the first things to consider when deciding where to place a mirror is the reflection. Stand where you plan to hang the mirror and consider what will be reflected in it. Mirrors can accentuate works of art or special pieces of furniture that may be placed opposite.

Also, think about where light enters your room. It's best to position a mirror opposite a window, especially in north facing homes to make the most of the afternoon and evening light.

If you are going to hang a mirror, consider placing it on a slight tilt that way it will reflect more of the room.

Also consider if the mirror is going to serve a practical purpose or will it be merely decorative. If you want to be able to check your lipstick on the way out the door make sure the mirror is hung at eye level.

To securely fasten a mirror to a wall, each hook on the back needs its own hook in the wall. A cable wire hung across a single hook

or nail won't do the job, especially with large, heavy mirrors.

Mirrors can be used throughout your home.

They add a welcoming feel to a foyer or entry hung above a stylish hall table.

An obvious place for a mirror in older homes is above a mantel. Experts advise positioning the mirror 10 to 15 centimetres above the mantel for maximum effect.

An instant hit of glamour can be added to a bathroom or ensuite by a gorgeous mirror. Look beyond the frameless mirror mounted above the basin and consider a frame for visual impact.

Dining rooms are the traditional place for mirrors. Think grand Victorian homes with thick gold frames. A mirror in a sleek, modern frame would work just as well strategically placed over a buffet.

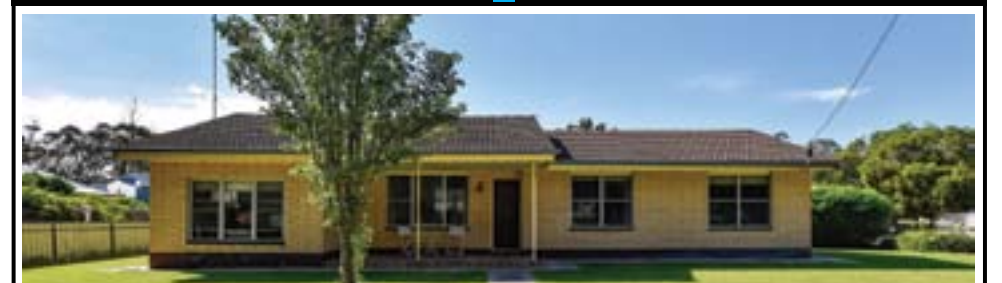
Mirrors can also be arranged in groups for added visual impact and character. Take care to ensure the space between each mirror is even, making it visually pleasing to the eye. Play around with different shapes and sizes, or hang a set of mirrors for visual uniformity. Think about a group of mirrors the same way you would a collection of art work.

The style of frame will depend on your individual aesthetic. A modern home will suit sleek, unadorned frames. A colonial or country homestead style home suits a rustic wooden frame, or a period home a more traditional gilt, decorative frame.

Don't be afraid to use a large mirror in a small space. Designers often use full length mirrors leaning against a wall in apartments or smaller homes. ●



Nutrien Harcourts



Lovely home in the heart of Mundulla

- Lovely 3 bedroom steel framed brick veneer home situated on a large 2,023m2 block
- Lounge with Split system RC Aircon and combustion heater
- Good size kitchen & separate dining
- All bedrooms are equipped with ceiling fans, main with BIR
- Recent upgrade to bathroom, separate toilet
- 15ft x 20ft Garage with concrete floor, power plus lean-to
- Undercover paved pergola for all weather entertaining. Secure rear yard
- Located in the heart of Mundulla, walking distance to everywhere

8 Wirrega Road, Mundulla SA 5270

For Sale: by Best Offer closing Tuesday 27th February 2024 at 12 noon INSP (If not sold prior)

Property ID: nutrien.harcourts.net /L26141270

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A fire pit is great for outdoor entertaining in winter.



A fire pit can be soothing and relaxing.

ENHANCE YOUR OUTDOOR LIVING

HAVING a fire pit in your backyard can bring numerous benefits and enhance your outdoor living experience. Here are some advantages of having a fire pit.

- 1. Ambiance and Cosiness:** Fire pits create a warm and inviting atmosphere, providing a focal point for social gatherings and relaxation. The flickering flames and crackling sound contribute to a cosy ambiance, perfect for enjoying evenings outdoors with family and friends.
- 2. Extended Outdoor Season:** With a fire pit, you can extend the usability of your outdoor space beyond the warmer months. The heat from the fire pit helps to take the chill out of the air, allowing you to enjoy your backyard even during cooler seasons or chilly evenings.
- 3. Socialising and Entertaining:** Fire pits naturally draw people together, making them a fantastic gathering spot for conversations, storytelling, and bonding. They create a cosy and intimate setting for hosting guests, roasting marshmallows, or even having a backyard barbecue.
- 4. Cooking and Food Preparation:** Many fire pits come with grill grates or can be adapted for cooking. You can prepare delicious meals, such as barbecues, kebabs, or even pizza, over an open flame. Cooking on a fire pit adds a unique flavor and experience to your outdoor culinary adventures.
- 5. Relaxation and Stress Relief:** Watching the flames dance and feeling the warmth of a fire can be incredibly relaxing and soothing. It provides an opportunity to unwind, destress, and enjoy moments of tranquility. Sitting around a fire pit can help create a sense of calm and improve overall well-being.
- 6. Aesthetic Appeal and Design Element:** Fire pits add an attractive focal point to your backyard. They come in various



Fire pits add an attractive focal point to your backyard.

designs, materials, and sizes, allowing you to choose one that complements your outdoor aesthetic. A well-designed fire pit can enhance the overall look and feel of your outdoor space.

- 7. Bug and Pest Control:** Smoke from the fire can act as a natural deterrent for insects and pests, helping to create a more comfortable environment for outdoor ac-

tivities. It can help keep mosquitoes and other unwanted pests at bay, allowing you to enjoy your backyard without constant interruptions.

- 8. Property Value:** Installing a fire pit can increase the value of your property, as it adds an appealing feature to your outdoor living space. Fire pits are sought after by homebuyers, particularly those looking

for outdoor entertaining areas, which can potentially make your property more marketable.

Remember to prioritise safety when using a fire pit. Follow local regulations, maintain proper ventilation, keep a fire extinguisher nearby, and take precautions to prevent accidents or fire hazards. ●

AUCTION "ASPEN" CULBURRA, SA

401.09 Ha

991 AC (approx)



Prime Tintinara Flats Continuous Crop Country

- Held by same family since the late 1930's.
- Edge of Culburra, Highway frontage.
- Most comfortable Homestead.
- Shedding, yards, silos, bore & mains water.
- Highly regarded in tightly held district.



AUCTION

Wednesday 20th March 2024 2pm @ the Tintinara Sports Complex (U.S.P)



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128 Church St, Penola



Expansive Allotment, Huge Sheds, Recently Renovated

Welcome to 128 Church Street, a delightful residence nestled in the heart of Penola. This meticulously maintained property seamlessly combines contemporary comforts with timeless elegance, creating an ideal abode for those with discerning tastes. This three-bedroom plus office, timber-framed home has undergone recent renovations to infuse it with a modern ambience. The open-plan kitchen, dining, and living area provide a spacious and inviting atmosphere. The new bathroom and laundry

areas complement this modernization, all within a generous space of approximately 200m². Step outside to discover an expansive entertaining area some 150m² that opens to a sizable rear lawn, perfect for leisure and relaxation. Situated on an extensive allotment spanning 3161 square meters, the property offers ample space for manoeuvring vehicles. The impressive shedding includes a 15m x 12m x 3m Galvanized shed and a lofty 15m x 9m x 4.5m Colourbond shed. A convenient Double Garage on the side of the house adds to the practicality of the property. With rainwater plumbed to both the house and garden, and a bore and watering system servicing the lush greenery, the property is well-equipped for sustainable living.



For Sale

Inspect: By Appointment
Price: \$500,000 - \$540,000
Contact: Mark De Garis 0428 372 124



68 Heywards Lane, Monbulla



Historic lifestyle opportunity minutes from Penola

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AUCTION

Land Area: 2.1 hectare / 5.19 acres
Inspect: By appointment
Price: AUCTION Sat, 3rd Feb
Contact: Mark De Garis 0428 372 124



Unit 4 & 5 / 13 Julian St, Penola



Low maintenance investment opportunity

If you are seeking a strong investment opportunity in Penola, this is an opportunity not to be missed. Unit 4 & 5, 13 Julian St offers low maintenance living, with strong tenancy. The strata unit complex offers six units, in a prime location in popular Penola - minutes walk to local supermarket and main street. The 2 x two bedroom brick veneer units provide low maintenance living. An open plan kitchen, living and dining area form the heart

of the home with reverse cycle air conditioning. Both bedrooms are of good size with built in robes. The bathroom features a separate bath and shower. An adjoining laundry is spacious with outside access. A single carport is under the main roof of the home, and a small, low maintenance yard area at the rear of the home. Both properties are currently rented for \$200 per week, with secure tenancy. Units 4 & 5 will be auctioned on Saturday 10th February at 10am at the Penola RSL Hall. Contact Mark De Garis 0428 372 124 for more information or to arrange an inspection



Auction

Inspect: By Appointment
Price: AUCTION 10th Feb, 10am Penola RSL Hall
Contact: Mark De Garis 0428 372 124



LOOKING LOVELY: Mia McDonald, Abbey Dyson and Katie Dyson.



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Sparkling wines, groovy beats

MELANIE RILEY

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DRINKS were flowing and dancing shoes were on at the Koonara Wines Summer Fiesta over the weekend.

Held in the Cave Gardens/Thugi, the hundreds of attendees had plenty to sip and snack on as the night went on.

Beers, ciders and of course, Koonara Wines, were up for grabs as the live band and DJ entertained the crowd.



DRINK UP: Anita Gabrielli and Linda Blazseka.



NIGHT OUT: Kaitlin and Diane Creek.



DREAM TEAM: Amanda Flint, Chicago Smith and Tash Driscoll.

Pictures: MELANIE RILEY



DRESSED UP: Jordan Cory, Katy Cory, Bec Radford and Luke Stewart.



FRIENDS: Amanda Rose and Belinda Bell.



YEAH THE GIRLS: Abby Ellis, Bianca Bowyer and Makala Butler.



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YEAH THE BOYS: Harry Evans, Ryan Vickery, Jayden Mishbott.



WINE TIME: Maddy McPherson, Jenna Land and Amy Janz.



OUT AND ABOUT: Jess Versace and Toni Heemskerck.



FAMILY TIME: Maddy, Craig and Tracey Nisbet.



EVENING OUT: Kathy Tos, Tracy McShane, Sonya Dyson, Jacqui Michalski and Di Muhovics.



ENJOYING THE NIGHT: Kirra McKenny, Julie Wright, Michelle McKenny, Matt McKenny, Kelsie Prowse and Zabelle Huni.

Be prepared on the water

EXCITEMENT for the Australia Day long weekend is making a splash, with police to continue monitoring river users while spreading water safety awareness.

South Australia Police (SAPOL) and Marine Safety Officers will have an increased presence on the water and at local boat ramps while the warmer weather continues, ensuring vessel operators are equipped with the most appropriate safety tools, including lifejackets.

Operation Riversafe, which commenced on, December 7, 2023, will continue until February 5, promoting safety and compliance on the River Murray.

Officer in Charge of the Murray Mallee Local Service Area, Superintendent Cindy Healey encouraged everyone to respect the river, its environment and others.

“Whether you are boating, fishing, paddle boarding or skiing, you need to know the rules and regulations and abide by them,” she said.

“The River Murray is a precious resource, and our ability to enjoy it has been affected in recent years by floods, so we ask everyone to be responsible and courteous when using it.”

Boat operators should be prepared for random checks by SAPOL officers to ensure boats are compliant with all required safety equipment. These checks could also include drug and alcohol tests, with operators required to have a blood-alcohol level below .05.

Life jackets are mandatory for anyone on motorised vessels shorter than 4.8 metres and for children under 12 on any vessel up to 12 metres in length. Paddle board riders are also required to wear a personal flotation device while on the water.

Furthermore, a four-knot speed restriction applies within 50 metres of a person or non-powered vessel and within 30 metres of any other vessel.

Marine Safety SA's Manager Marine Safety and Compliance Gordon Panton has similarly urged skippers to know their knots and slow down around other vessels and people in the water.

“Marine Safety Officers will patrol the Murray River this long weekend, paying attention to vessels in restricted areas,” he said.

“We will be looking out for speeding but also making sure everyone has the appropriate safety gear with them – and penalties will apply for anyone caught doing the wrong thing.

“We don't want to be stopping people from enjoying their day out by sending them ashore or issuing expiations, so make sure you are doing the right thing so everyone can enjoy the water safely.”

Likewise, Superintendent Healey said the increased police presence was not to discourage people from having fun on the water.



HOLIDAY FUN: The increased police presence is not to discourage people from having fun on the water.

Picture: SUPPLIED

“During the school holidays and the Australia Day weekend, the SAPOL Water Operations Unit will be patrolling the river and enforcing the Harbours and Navigation Act and the Fisheries Act,” she said.

“They will also provide education and assistance to river users who need it.”

Meanwhile, the long weekend is also expected to draw thousands of people to popular beaches, including at Goolwa.

SAPOL will deploy trail bikes and All-Terrain Vehicles to support foot patrols in monitoring behaviour on coastal areas and traffic congestion on drive-on beaches, which now have a

default speed limit of 40km/h or 25km/h when drivers are within 50 metres of pedestrians.

For more information on boating rules and regulations, find the South Australian boating safety handbook via marinesafety.sa.gov.au

Report any suspicious behaviour to SAPOL by calling 131 444.

Don't let your car overheat in hot weather

DRIVERS are being urged to show their cars some love during this week's hot spell, as RAA data shows the risk of cars overheating jumps significantly in the summer months.

RAA road service data shows the number of call-outs for problems with car cooling systems rise by 45 per cent in the summer months when compared to winter.

RAA technology expert Simon Halford recommended motorists perform some simple checks on their vehicle to reduce its risk of overheating and prevent costly repairs.

“Clearly the hot weather like we're experiencing now can exacerbate any problems with car cooling systems, so motorists should be wary and perform some simple checks before hitting the road this week,” Mr Halford said.

“When systems overheat and fail it can be quite expensive to replace or repair, so it's definitely worth taking the time to check your car ahead of a heat spell.

“We recommend regularly checking there is adequate coolant in your radiator, as well as checking your car's oil level, before setting off when the weather's warm.

“When you're driving, monitor your temperature gauge and be aware of other signs of distress from your vehicle, such as sluggish performance or engines unexpectedly cut-

ting out, which can all be signs of overheating.

He also recommended getting your car serviced if it had been a while since the last one.

Mr Halford said with car air conditioners set to get a workout this week, some tips and tricks would help ensure they operate effectively.

“When you first get into a hot car and turn on your air conditioner, using the fresh air setting rather than the recirculating one will cool the cabin quicker,” he said.

“Using your floor vents initially will also help to push hot air out of your vehicle at a faster rate.

“And when it's really hot, don't set the temperature to the coolest setting, as that may risk over-working your air conditioner.

“We also see a lot of batteries needing to be replaced at this time of year, as they may have been sitting idle over the holiday period, so check your battery now so you can address any potential issues as soon as possible.”

Mr Halford also reminded drivers to keep track of their keys at all times to avoid accidentally locking a child or pet in the vehicle, as cabin temperatures could heat up to more than double the outside temperature within minutes.



CAR SMART: With the hot weather setting in RAA has encouraged people to give their cars a once over.

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Wattle Range Council

REVOCATION OF COMMUNITY LAND CLASSIFICATION

NOTICE is hereby given that Wattle Range Council at its meeting held on 16 January 2024, resolved pursuant to Section 194 (3)(b) of the Local Government Act 1999, to revoke the community land classification of the land known as Allotment 301, Cullens Road, Southend, Hundred of Rivoli Bay that is contained in Deposited Plan 55711, Certificate of Title Volume 5921, Folio 66.

The purpose of the revocation is to allow the subject land to be sold by either public auction or private treaty.

Ben Gower
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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Wattle Range Council

**EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
ADDITIONAL INDEPENDENT MEMBERS
AUDIT & RISK COMMITTEE**

Expressions of Interest are invited from suitably qualified and experienced persons, for appointment as Independent Members of the Wattle Range Council's Audit & Risk Committee.

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Written expressions of interest should include details of your financial experience relevant to the functions of an Audit & Risk Committee and be forwarded to the Chief Executive Officer, Wattle Range Council, PO Box 27, Millicent SA 5280 or via email at council@wattlerange.sa.gov.au by 5pm on Wednesday, 21 February 2024.

A copy of the Audit & Risk Committee's Terms of Reference and Nomination Form is available on our website at www.wattlerange.sa.gov.au or from Council's Millicent Office during business hours.

For further information contact Council's Director Corporate Services, Paul Duka on 8733 0900.

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Early Years Educator

Council is recruiting for passionate and enthusiastic educators to join our dedicated and vibrant team to work in a part time or casual capacity at our Edenhope Early Years Centre.

These positions are available for someone with either a Diploma or a Certificate III qualification. We would also welcome applications from candidates interested in starting a traineeship with the Council, where we can support you to undertake your Certificate III.

The successful applicant will have excellent interpersonal skills and a passion for early years education.

Applications close: 29 January 2024

For more information, contact Tracey Bone on 0408 471 324

For a copy of the position description and to apply: visit <http://www.westwimmera.vic.gov.au/employment>

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Dear Mum and Dad

All wedding anniversaries are special, but this one is extraordinary. What an inspiration you are! You've walked each step of it together and created a wonderful life for all of us. We love you both so very much.

Peter, Kath, Matt, Brodie, Kade, Mardi, Andrew, Ash, Jamie, Mitch, Rob, Barry, Jake, Will and Alex.

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Deaths

GREEN, James (Jim)
14.05.1940 - 11.01.2024

Family and friends are invited to celebrate Jim's life on Friday 09th February at 2pm at the Beachport Bowling Club.

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Deaths

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GREEN James Frederick (Jim)

Loved husband of Jan
Father and father-in-law of Carmen and Geoffrey
Grandfather of Luke and Bec, Nathan, Nick and Rissa
Great grandfather of Jett and Bailey
Brother of Helen and Kathy
A life well lived

Per his wishes Jim was privately cremated

Thank you to the nurses and doctors at the Millicent Hospital for Jim's care in the last 5 weeks.

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THROUGH THE MOTION: Naracoorte's Rob Selig.



DELIVERY: Millicent's John Buhlmann.



UNDER THE ROOF: Mount Gambier Blue's Jim Butchart.

Winners and losers in bowls

Lower South East Bowls Association Round 13 results

Saturday Open Pennant

- **Division 1:** Mount Gambier Red 73/12 d Robe 59/0; Mount Gambier Blue 75/6 d/w Millicent Red 75/6; Naracoorte 78/8 d Mount Gambier RSL Red 73/4; Port MacDonnell 81/10 d Millicent Blue 71/2; Naracoorte RSL 85/10 d Mount Gambier RSL Blue 70/2.
- **Ladder:** Mount Gambier RSL Red 126 points, +258 score difference; Mount Gambier Red 108, +212; Millicent Red 83, +61; Naracoorte RSL 79, +4; Robe 73, +6; Port MacDonnell 73, -85; Naracoorte 67, -9; Mount Gambier Blue 67, -190; Mount Gambier RSL Blue 59, -51; Millicent Blue 45, -206.
- **Division 2:** Beachport 72/7 d Robe 72/5; Mount Gambier 68/10 d Kingston 65/2; Mount Gambier RSL 102/12 d Naracoorte 65/0; Penola 76/11 d Port MacDonnell 61/1; Frances 71/8 d Kalangadoo 66/4.
- **Ladder:** Kingston 116, +277; Kalangadoo 108, +69; Mount Gambier RSL 97, +34; Penola 84, +3; Beachport 75, +52; Port MacDonnell 75, +37; Frances 58, -199; Mount Gambier 57, -50; Naracoorte 55, -84; Robe 55, -139.
- **Division 3 North:** Kingston Blue 78/8 d Lucindale Red 65/4; Kingston Red 83/10 d Lucindale Blue 62/2; Millicent 70/11 d Penola 60/1; Naracoorte RSL 73/10 d Kalangadoo 71/2; Naracoorte Red - Bye.
- **Ladder:** Kingston Red 134, +247; Millicent 130, +293; Kingston Blue 80, +18; Naracoorte RSL 80, +2; Lucindale Blue 78, +20; Naracoorte 65, -112; Lucindale Red 64, -107; Penola 56, -117; Kalangadoo 54, -127.
- **Division 3 South:** Port MacDonnell 83/12 d Mount Gambier Red 49/0; Millicent Red 12/12 d Mount Gambier on forfeit; Mount Gambier RSL Red 98/12 d Millicent Blue 53/0; Beachport 75/10 d Penola 55/2; Mount Gambier RSL Blue - Bye.
- **Ladder:** Mount Gambier RSL Blue 122, +201; Millicent Red 111, +162; Mount Gambier RSL Red 100, +148; Mount Gambier Red 87, +91; Port MacDonnell 79, -43; Beachport 76, -28; Penola 68, -70; Millicent Blue 59, -135; Mount Gambier Blue 39, -209.

Friday Ladies Pennants

- **Division 1:** Penola 57/8 d Millicent Blue 37/0; Robe 50/6 d Naracoorte 37/2; Port MacDonnell 50/6 d Kingston 44/2; Mount Gambier RSL 82/8 d Beachport 27/0; Millicent Red - Bye.
- **Ladder:** Millicent Red 70, +104; Mount Gambier RSL 64, +136; Port MacDonnell 63, +100; Penola 57, +65; Naracoorte 54, +32; Kingston 51, -27; Robe 43, -21; Millicent Blue 30, -94; Beachport 24, -223.
- **Division 2:** Penola 8/8 forfeit from Millicent 0/0; Robe 43/6 d Naracoorte 40/2; Lucindale 43/6 d Naracoorte RSL 40/2; Mount Gambier RSL 62/8 d Beachport 27/0; Port MacDonnell - Bye.
- **Ladder:** Naracoorte RSL 72, +255; Lucindale 59, -9; Penola 52, +30; Port MacDonnell 52, -38; Robe 48, -40; Naracoorte 47, +28; Beachport 47, -61; Mount Gambier RSL 43, -34; Millicent 36, -59.



MEASURE REQUIRED: Mount Gambier RSL Red's Andy Ashby.

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ROLL OUT: Mount Gambier RSL Red's Fiona Pearson.



FOCUS: Millicent's Eddie Hann.

Tennis returns with a bang

TENNIS returned to the Limestone Coast on Saturday, with Southern Ports matches taking place in Penola, Lucindale, Robe and Beachport.

Both Robe teams claimed wins, with the Roosters happy to return the favour to Naracoorte after their Round 1 loss.

The Koalas also took the two points against the Wombats, but the upset of the round was Beachport who had a comfortable win over the Frances/Lucindale Eagles – shaking up the ladder and sending a new team, the Robe Rebels, into the top two.

BEACHPORT 18-149 d

FRANCES/LUCINDALE EAGLES 6-110

Beachport turned on ideal conditions for tennis, as Frances/Lucindale made the trek to the coast.

The Pirates started the day strong through the mixed doubles, taking all six sets.

Cade Kelly and Shae Morrish had a convincing win over James Crossling and Monica Van Dyke 6-2.

In a tighter finish, Robbie Bateman and Tamara Sutherland defeated Bob Williams and Imogen Fudge in a tiebreaker.

In the singles, Frances/Lucindale managed four out of the possible 12 sets, with Oliver Close, Bob Williams, Angus McTaggart

and Hayley Crossling securing wins.

In the men's doubles, Tarrant Fudge and James Crossling made good on their singles shortcomings to beat Jake Harris and Cade Kelly 9-5.

Emma and Nat Chambers secured a win over Tash Green in a tight game, finishing 10-8.

ROBE ROOSTERS 15-137 defeated NARACOORTE 9-107

Robe Roosters defeated Naracoorte in an absolute cracker of a day for tennis on the coast.

Kelly Midwinter answered the call out for Naracoorte at the 11th hour after car trouble left three players stranded halfway to Robe.

Stepping in at number five man after a five-year absence from the game, she had not lost her touch.

It was a strong start for the Roosters, taking four of the six mixed doubles.

The notable match of the mixed between Roosters pair Josh Steele and Katie-ann Agnew and Naracoorte's Albert Mann and Lucy Midwinter, with the Roosters taking the set, 7-6.

The Roosters continued their form, taking all six men's singles, although there were two long matches.

Robe's Paul Rains and Naracoorte's Daniel Menzel battled it out, with Rains taking the match, 7-5, while Robe's James Kokiouisis and

Naracoorte's Kelly Midwinter took their match to 7-6 in Kokiouisis's favour.

Naracoorte responded strongly in the women's singles, with four of the six matches.

In her seniors debut, Naracoorte junior Georgie Midwinter was able to get a 7-5 win over Samantha Matthews, but the Roosters were too strong and secured all three men's doubles to claim a strong victory.

LUCINDALE KOALAS 16-136 defeated LUCINDALE WOMBATS 8-96

Lucindale Koalas proved too strong for Lucindale Wombats, with both sides needing fill-in players to get the contest underway.

Lucindale Wombats youngster Ernie Buckettt made his step up to seniors and played good tennis against some tough opposition.

The day had some close matches, with Wombats' Mark Buckettt taking a 7-5 win against Tom McKinnon after many long rallies.

Koalas' Jackie Baker had a strong singles win, 6-1 over Alicia Orton (LW).

Overall the Koalas were simply too strong in the heat, with wins also going to Sam Graetz, Chandler Smart, Duncan Ogilvie, Mitchell Baker, Leanne McCarthy and Emma Savage.

ROBE ROOSTERS 22-158 d

PENOLA 2-62

ROUND 11 PREVIEW

With a bye over the long weekend, Round 11

will hit the courts on February 3.

Penola will have a tough task at home to the Lucindale Wombats.

After a long Christmas break, Kingston will look to get back into it, hosting Robe Roosters, but there are two matches that could make or break the season.

The Robe Rebels will look to hold onto second position on the ladder when they take on Beachport.

Both teams have notably strong men's sides, so it will be the women who make the difference on the day, but the Rebel's fighting spirit might just get them there.

In Frances, the Eagles will look to make use of their home ground advantage against the Koalas.

This match will be decided by who can get the strongest players on the court.

SCHULLER SHIELD

For those who can not get enough of tennis, on Sunday, February 4, juniors of the Upper South-East will compete against juniors from Mount Gambier for the annual Schuller Shield.

The 14-and-under tournament will be played at Lucindale Tennis Club from 9am and will showcase the best juniors in the region.

All the action from Mount Gambier softball

ROUND 10 RESULTS

WARRIORS 12 d Concordes United 2. Safe Hits - Warriors: Sarah Polderman 3, Leyna Bruggemann, Mel Chuck, Linda Dodds 2, Kelly Doyle, Skylea McLean 1; Concordes United: Allana Feast 1.

Demons 14 d Concordes White 1. Safe Hits - Demons: Kezia Feast 3, Billie Jones, Sofie Morale (1HR) 2, Em Hart (1HR), Simone Little, Cody Manning 1; Concordes White: Keely Lunsmann, Amber Smith 1.

Wanderers 15 d Bandits 6. Safe Hits - Wanderers: Rej Smith, Leanne Little 3, LCF, Emily Little 2, Fiona Finch, Charli Kaigg 1; Millicent: Chantel Macdonald, Tilley Dohnt, Chrystal Lock 2, Maddie Redman 1.



IN THE FIELD: Millicent Bandits' Lucy Galpin sends the ball back to the pitcher.



OOMPH: Wanderers' Leanne Little winds up for a hit.

Pictures: JAMES MURPHY



FOCUSSED: Wanderers' Fiona Finch takes a swing.



PITCHED: Millicent Bandits' Chantel MacDonald in action on Saturday.



RUNNERS-UP: Glenn Wright and Patrick Lynch.



WINNERS: Jim Gray and Josh Waddell.

Champions crowned at Robe

THE Robe Bowling Club conducted its Men's and Ladies Pairs Championships on the weekend, with some good results throughout the day.

In the first round of the Ladies Pairs, Judy Bermingham and Helen Dawson defeated Bronwyn Matthews and Judy Phillips.

Matthews and Phillips led until the 11th end where the score was even, then Bermingham and Dawson won the last end to win 17-14.

In another close game Kerry Pedlar and Pam Robinson defeated Tracey Gray and Kerrie Boyd after trailing until the 11th end when scores were even at 8-all.

They then scored one shot on the 12th end to win 9-8.

In the two other games Carolyn McCusker and Robbie Dahler defeated Lorraine Denning and Barb Brown, while Nola Peel and Maria Cooper defeated Nola Boundy and Valma Jennings.

In the semi-finals, Bermingham and Dawson had a win over McCusker and Dahler, while Peel and Cooper, after giving away a five on the first end, clawed their way back to win 11-9 against Robinson and Pedlar.

In the final Bermingham and Dawson proved far too strong for Peel and Cooper, winning 19-5 to claim the championship title, although the score was no indication of the quality of the game.

The men's pairs championships started on the Saturday morning with a great game played before pennant, with Pat Lynch and Glenn Wright defeating Peter Gregory and Peter Roachock.

Lynch and Wright were away to a huge lead early, but Gregory and Roachock fought back to be all even on the 11th end.

Lynch and Wright then steadied to win the last end and the match.



RUNNERS-UP: Nola Peel and Maria Cooper.

In the second round Jim Gray and Josh Waddell defeated Peter DeLaine and Harold Manton, while Dean Woodward and Steve Farrell defeated Mark Murphy and Paul Truelove.

Pat Lynch and Glenn Wright defeated Mark Giles & Adrian Bermingham, while Dean Burgoyne and Steven Kennett defeated Errol Jennings and David Robinson.

The semi-final saw two one-sided games, with Waddell and Gray defeating Woodward and Farrell, then Lynch and Wright defeated Burgoyne and Kennett.

In the final there were some great bowls sent down by both teams, but Waddell and Gray, who had played great bowls all day, proved too strong for Lynch and Wright winning 16-14 in an entertaining game of draw bowling to claim the title.



WINNERS: Judy Bermingham and Helen Dawson.

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Bowlers back on the greens for social games

ROBE Bowling Club returned to its busy schedule, with 26 players taking to the greens last week for social bowls.

Two lots of 12 ends were played for the Robe Caledonian vouchers and five visitors were welcomed.

Rob Lawrie and Doug Baker claimed the win with a score of 56+25 were, ahead of Pat Lynch and Robbie Dahler on 56+22.

The women's Friday pennant restarted after the Christmas break, with Robe welcoming Naracoorte in both Division 1 and 2.

Both teams had a win, which reversed the results from the round at Naracoorte.

Division 1 – Robe 50 shots 6 points d Naracoorte 37-2.

Nesla Boundy, Caroline McCusker, Kerry Pedlar and Valma Jennings had a great tussle with Lynette Williams' team.

The lead changed many times throughout the day, but Williams' team won by one shot 22-21.

Robbie Dahler, Pam Robinson, Helen Dawson and Judy Bermingham had a slow start, not scoring on the first four ends, but then came good to have a big win over Chris Murphy's team 29-15.

Division 2 – Robe 43 shots 6 points to Naracoorte 40-2.

Robe claimed a close win in Division 2.

Judy Phillips, Maria Cooper, Jan Fisk and Barb Brown defeated Mary Kirkland's team.

After being down at lunch, they came out firing on all cylinders and won six of the next 10 ends for a 25-20 victory.

Lorraine Denning, Kerrie Boyd, Tracey Gray and Bronwyn Matthews lost to Pauline May's team in a close 20-18 result.

Once again, after being well down at lunch time, they also came out firing, but could not quite catch up.

The Open Pennant on Saturday was a different story, with Division 1 going down to

Mount Gambier Red and Division 2 having the same shots up as Beachport, although Beachport gained two more points than Robe.

Division 1 – Mount Gambier Red 73-12 d Robe 59 0.

Errol Jennings, David Robinson, Dean Burgoyne and Stephen Kennett were defeated by Daniel Langdon's team 19-23.

Jim Gray, Fleur and Peter Roachock and Harold Manton were defeated by Tony Bowditch's team 16-23.

Pat Lynch, Peter Gregory, Steve Farrell and Glenn Wright were defeated by Greg Carpenter's team 24-27.

Division 2 - Robe 72 5 drew with Beachport 72-7.

Rob Lawrie, Ross Denning, Mark Giles and Deane Nankivell defeated Ian Werchon's team 34-9.

Josh Waddell, Dean Woodward, Mark

Murphy and Paul Truelove were defeated by Adrian Young's team 20-30.

Robbie Dahler, Peter DeLaine, Barry Bennett and Adrian Bermingham were defeated by Ian Mitchell's team 18-33.

The raffle the club has run over the last couple of months was drawn Sunday at the club after the Pairs Championships had been played.

First prize of an 8x5 trailer went to Dean Burgoyne, while second prize of two Osprey fishing kayaks, covers and life jackets was won by Tracey Gray.

Third prize of 12 bottles of Sorby Adams Shiraz went to Scott Robinson, with fourth prize of a night in a glamping tent at Pine Country Caravan Park was won by Fleur Roachock.

Lonny Peel won fifth prize – a night's accommodation at the Halls Gap Motel, while Brett Murphy rounded out the winners with sixth place and a magnum of shiraz.



CLOSE CALL: Jack Miller dives to safety after a near mishap during Mil Lel's winning big bash performance over the Roos.

Picture: JAMES MURPHY

Mil Lel bowlers defend meagre total

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MIL LEL 9/114 d WEST GAMBIER 10/95

MIL LEL ensured it remained in touch with the top sides after four rounds of the Dycer Constructions Big Bash last week.

West Gambier was the victim, as the Mil Lel bowlers protected a meagre total.

Mil Lel won the toss and elected to bat, but Archer Virtanen fell to Shane DeJong for just four runs.

From there the Mil Lel batsmen began to settle in and took the total up to 48 runs before a mini disaster struck.

Brodie Pfitzner was caught off the bowling of Bailey Rothall for nine, before Jarrad Saun-

ders fell victim to Sam Willis for 31 runs off just 22 balls.

William Rowland was clean bowled by Shane DeJong for 12 runs, while Mitchell Douglas was bowled by Justin DeJong for eight.

Ty Dinnison (1) and Toby Grigg (2) had little effect on the overall total, while Mason Brown remained unbeaten on 12 runs after the 20 overs were done, with just 114 on the board.

Shane DeJong, Justin DeJong and Willis claimed two wickets each.

It looked a reasonable run chase for the Roos, but Nuwan Gunawardana was sent back to the shed for five runs.

Opener Justin DeJong and Willis joined forces and pushed the run rate along, with Willis gone for 21 off just 12 balls, bowled

by Jack Miller.

Just one run later the incoming Jayden Prior made his way back to the sidelines with just one run next to his name.

Just five runs later Kyal Chapman was sent on his way for just four runs and West was struggling at 4/57.

When Jack Geddes was bowled by Craig Hicks for five, the meagre target looked a whole lot larger.

Two ducks filled out the bottom of the scorecard, with Kyane Badman out first ball to end the innings at 10/95.

with the ball, Rowland claimed three scalps, while Douglas and Hicks claimed two each.

Close call goes Demons' way

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SOUTH GAMBIER 6/133 d PENOLA 7/131

PENOLA remains entrenched at the bottom of the ladder after Round 4 of the Dycer Constructions Big Bash last week.

Penola won the toss and elected to bat, with the top order down to number five all getting starts.

Openers Jack Mullan and James Alexander were off to a solid start, but Robert Drenthen put an end to that.

Mullan was caught off the pace bowler for 26 runs, while Alexander fell in the same style for 22.

Tom Moyle-read was trapped lbw to Jakob Opie for 15, while Opie added the dangerous Michael Waters to his statistics, caught for 17.

A strong total looked a real possibility until Mark Smith was caught off the bowling off Elwood Geary for 24.

No other double-figure scores followed and after 20 overs, the Eagles had amassed 131 runs.

Opie and Drenthen both claimed two wickets.

The Demons were on the ball in their run chase, despite the early departure of Stephen Easterbrook for three.

Jed Sims helped set up the win with a timely



SAFE HANDS: South Gambier's Jed Sims takes one of two catches in last week's Big Bash win over Penola.

Picture: JAMES MURPHY

29-run knock, run out by Zac Zema, while Josh Thompson was clean bowled by Mullan for 16.

South would have been on shaky ground was it not for the efforts of Dave Somerfield.

Somerfield took control at his end and continually pushed the run rate along, with his

day ending for 58 runs.

However, the damage had been done and Drenthen was left to hit the winning runs on the first ball of the final over.

Josh Doyle was best with the ball, with figures of 3/31.

Right down to the wire

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EAST GAMBIER 7/113 d NORTH SPORTSMAN'S 6/112

ROUND 4 of the Dycer Constructions Big Bash produced some tight results last week, with the top-of-the-table clash between North Sportsman's and East Gambier no exception.

Just one run separated the two sides at the end of the day, with the Bulldogs claiming a hard-fought victory.

It was certainly no romp in the park for East, after North won the toss and elected to bowl.

Three ducks took care of the top three batsmen, which left the middle and lower order to post a reasonable target.

Emerson Marks looked settled at the crease, chalking up 20 runs off 28 deliveries before he was caught off the bowling of Declan Kenny.

When Alex Hill went for four just three runs later, the Bulldogs were in trouble at 4/28.

However, Dion Stratford found some form and would remain unbeaten after 20 overs.

He was joined in the middle by Riley Flamank, who fell just short of a half-century, caught off Tim Young for 45 off a spritely 39 deliveries.

Unfortunately for East, Connor Little came and went after facing just one delivery, while Ben Robinson contributed one as the overs ran out.

With the ball it was Young who did the damage, with figures of 3/12 off four overs.

Isaac Mulraney claimed two scalps.

From there East needed to concentrate on bowling tight lines to limit the Tigers' runs, which looked on track early.

Alex Hutton was caught off Marks for just three, followed soon after by Nicolas Brown for eight, caught off the bowling of Marc Roberts.

East looked right in the box seat, but someone forgot to tell Elliott Fisher.

Fisher attacked the bowling and after facing 44 deliveries, had chalked up a timely half-century, with 61 pencilled in next to his name.

Fisher departed with the scoreboard showing 4/100, with the win still too far off.

Thomas Madigan was run out for a golden duck, while Kenny (8) and Matthew Robinson (3) remained unbeaten, but fell a solitary run short of victory.

Marks and Roberts claimed two wickets each.



MAXIMUM EFFORT: North Gambier's Isaac Mulraney claimed two wickets against the Bulldogs in last week's Twenty20 clash.

Picture: JAMES MURPHY

Brewing a top 'Stout'

DAVID LEWIS

on the lure
GREYHOUND RACING

WITH the black dog known around the kennels as Cooper, could you really register your racing greyhound's name as anything but Extra Stout?

That was Mount Gambier owner Kevin Patzel's thoughts anyway when he submitted the naming papers for the son of Mepunga Blazer and Golly Gumdrops back in September last year.

Patzel, 36, had purchased Cooper as a three-month-old pup at the end of 2021 and like all pup purchasers, he had been hopeful success on the track would later come his way given Golly Gumdrops had won the 2020 Christmas Cup and 2021 Michelle Niele Memorial at Tara Raceway.

Extra Stout was his second greyhound.

His first was Limousine, a giveaway who won a maiden 305-metre event at start number 21 at the local track in October 2021.

Actually, there was a bit made of Limousine's only win given track photographer Todd Nicholson's son Jake actually owned the old limousine that had brought Channel 9 Football Show greyhound You Idiot out to the track many years earlier. As far as Patzel's first winner was concerned, and from a photographic point of view, there had certainly been no better back drop than the white limousine, driven out to Tara Raceway after the win.

But back to Extra Stout and Patzel recalls a time during his dog's formative months when he had struggled to find suitable accommodation for his outgoing pup.

"That was when John Little of Kongorong had stepped in and I'm certainly indebted to him," he said.

"By then Cooper was about 14 months old and John offered to kennel him and help me

break him in.

"Initially we had him chasing behind the drag lure, but that was never enough.

"Then he wanted to also do laps of the paddock.

"Following on from the drag lure, Bernie Bouchier of Kongorong kindly allowed us to use his bull ring to continue with Cooper's education.

"All up he went around the bull ring five times.

"But, I don't mind telling you, by the third time we were flat out keeping the lure in front of him.

"He then went around Tara Raceway the first time we took him there and the first time out of the boxes over 305 metres he ran 18.80 seconds which I was happy with."

In trainer David Peckham's Allendale East kennels, where Patzel is right hand man, Extra Stout's first two starts, both unplaced, were on October 27 and 29 at Murray Bridge and Mount Gambier.

A two-month break followed due to a shin splints issue, but on January 9 Extra Stout resumed up the straight at Murray Bridge over 300 metres with a 1½ length second.

The following week he opened his winning account with a 1¼ length win, also over 300 metres. Now, that was a win to remember.

Back in Mount Gambier for the past eight years, Patzel is a son of long-time local greyhound man Ralph – trainer of Aqualair, winner of the first race run at Glenburnie on Saturday, July 21, 1979.

He also trained Ashanti Gem who won the first Mount Gambier Cup run at Lake Terrace East in 1997.

Kevin Patzel is also one of Mount Gambier's top table tennis players and, it seems, one of the greyhound track's best tipsters judging by the Tara Tipsters Chasing for Charity scoreboard.



IMPRESSIVE PERFORMANCE: Kevin Patzel opened his winning account at Murray Bridge with Extra Stout. Picture: SUBMITTED

Numbers down on windy day at Millicent

A small field of 24 players tackled the windy conditions for a 2-4-2 game at the Millicent Bowls Club.

Peter Scanlon and Derk Pietersma claimed the win with a score of 34+13, ahead of Steve Skeer and Peter Bateman with 34+12.

Other winning teams were, Adriana Ross/

Peter Dunningcliff 33+10, John Eldridge/Peter Varcoe 33+3, Frank Cooper/Eddie Hann 32+4 and Mary Clifford/John Scudds 30+11.

Players are reminded of the Herb Henderson Memorial Men's Fours to be held on Australia Day.

The day if fully catered.



WINNERS: Peter Scanlon and Derk Pietersma.

Picture: SUBMITTED

Change of conditions welcomed for golfers

A cool, pleasant day attracted 24 women to tee off in a stableford competition at the Blue Lake Golf Club last week.

For the winner in Division 1 it was a case of history repeating itself for Sue Agars, as this time last year the records show a similar weather pattern and a win for her.

Agars signed for 33 points and claimed the win after a three-way count-back, with Ronda Edwards and Annette Ford also returning with 33 points.

After scoring a low 14 points on the outward nine that only had only one par three-pointer and a wipe on the ninth hole, there was a lot of work to do for the 19-handicapper on the inward nine.

Up for the challenge, Agars had three three-point pars on the 14th, 17th and 18th holes for 19 points.

Edwards had to work hard off her 15 handicap to claim second place and with three-point pars on the second, fourth and eighth holes, her inward nine 18 included three-point par's on the 10th, 12th and 14th, plus one wipe to outscore Ford's inward 17 points in the count-back.

Playing off 25, Ford had splits of 16/17 that included a par three-pointer on the 12th hole, with no wipes.

The score of the day came from Division 2's Carol Melhuish, who posted 39 points with splits of 19/20.

That came from three points on the second hole, four on the fifth and 12th and three on the 15th, with no wipes recorded to give her a clear win from the evergreen Bev Pascoe, runner-up with 35 points.

Pascoe (30 handicap) and with splits of 18/17 had par three-pointers on the fifth and 16th holes, plus a three-pointer on the dog-leg ninth and a wipe on the 11th to see her nudge out Trudy Herbert, also off a 30 handicap.

Herbert scored 34 points with splits of 16/18 after a wipe on the third hole and three-pointers on the seventh, 11th and 14th.

Nearest the pin second shot on the second hole winner's were Edwards and Herbert, while Pascoe won the pro-shot.

Rosemary Martland had a birdie on the 11th hole, while Lynette Hirth and Agars had chip-in ferrets.

Meanwhile, 12 women pitted their golfing prowess against the course in a par competition on Saturday, with an excellent result for the winner Kate Hommelhoff, who signed for 2-up.

Hommelhoff (29) used her handicap strokes wisely, with plusses on the third, fourth, fifth, seventh and 10th holes, plus a birdie on the 12th to counteract her wipes on the eighth and 13th.

Ford backed up her third place from last Wednesday with a second place after finishing square to her handicap of 25.

That included plusses on the ninth, 10th, 17th and 18th holes to make up for four wipes.

Edwards (15) placed third after plusses on the third, 11th and 14th holes, four wipes and 11 halved holes to finish all square.

Martland had the best back nine score to win a ball.

A tough day for the Eagles

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EAST GAMBIER 10/92 v PENOLA 10/31 AND 4/19

THE opening day of Round 8 of Barber Shield could not have been more disappointing for East Gambier and Penola, as 24 wickets fell, with few runs for the effort.

East comfortably claimed first-innings points, despite failing to reach 100 runs in its first innings.

Maybe the Bulldogs had a bit of insight into the condition of the Scott Park wicket, as they won the toss and sent Penola into bat.

Wickets began to tumble and the runs failed to flow, as not one Penola batsman reached double figures.

A high score of four by Michael Waters spoke louder than words and was accompanied by two golden ducks and two more of the standard variety.

The Eagles were all out for 31 runs in the 24th over in a horror run with the willow in hand.

A five-wicket haul to Alex Hentschke did much of the damage, as he gave up just eight runs off 12 overs.

Liam Turley claimed three wickets, while Ben Hentschke had two.

With just 31 runs on the board, Penola's hopes of defending the score was not really an option.

The bowling attack needed to be on point and it certainly made life tough for the home side.

Five Bulldogs got starts but were unable to go on with the job.

Opener Aiden Creasey was out for just two, which brought Alex Hill into the middle with the fast-settling Dion Stratford.

Stratford topped the scoresheets with his



ALMOST: Drew Clayfield goes down in glorious fashion as he nearly takes an impressive catch against the Bulldogs. Pictures: JAMES MURPHY

23 runs, while Hill contributed 12 off a steady 41 deliveries.

Emerson Marks went for 10, while after such a strong showing with the ball in hand, Alex Hentschke only faced one ball for a golden duck.

Other double-figure scorers were Riley Flammank (11) and Connor Little (11).

In the 34th over the Bulldogs were bowled out for 92, after some solid efforts with the ball.

Waters and Finley MacColl claimed four wickets each.

Penola then headed back into the middle to have another crack at the East bowlers, but once again there were few runs on offer.



TOP SCORE: Dion Stratford's 23 runs was the highest batting return at Allan Scott Park on Saturday.

Drew Clayfield was out for two, with Mullan, Waters and Nathan Fulton all going for ducks.

Jack Schulz (12) and Eli Hunter remained unbeaten at stumps, with Penola's total a meagre 4/19.

In an inspired spell, Mar Roberts claimed three of those four wickets for just 10 runs off 7 overs.



CENTURION: Michael Johnston's 131-not-out has put the Tigers in a healthy place heading into Day 2 next weekend. Pictures: JAMES MURPHY

Tigers are on the hunt

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MIL LEL v NORTH SPORTSMAN'S 4/314

IT would be fair to say Mil Lel has a mountain of work to do on day two in Round 8 of Barber Shield cricket.

The home side did not pick up the bat at Frew Park on Saturday, but instead watched the North Sportsman's batsmen hit the ball all over the park.

The result was an unbeaten century to Michael Johnston and a half-century to Nick McInerney, with the total of 314 a tough chase for any side.

Johnston took 223 deliveries to reach 131 runs, with 15 boundaries contributing to the final tally.

McInerney lifted the strike rate a touch, with just 130 balls needed for his 84.

that included seven boundaries and one maximum.

Openers Alex Hutton (10) and Matthew Robinson (8) went cheaply, but from there it all



GOOD SCORE: Nick McInerney maintained his solid form when scoring 84 runs against Mil Lel on Saturday.

turned golden for the Tigers.

Elliott Fisher contributed a solid 37 runs, while Nicolas Brown added 27 off just 26 balls.

Jack Miller claimed two scalps, including the dangerous McInerney.

Mil Lel will need to pull out all stops on day two if they are any chance to come close to the Tigers' tally.

Declaration comes with big lead

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WEST GAMBIER 5-D/296 v SOUTH GAMBIER 10/114 AND 1/28

WEST Gambier took control of its Round 8 Barber Shield cricket clash against South Gambier on Saturday, with the Malseed Park deck producing plenty of runs and wickets.

South won the toss and elected to bat, but apart from a half-century to Stephen Easterbrook, little else went right for the Demons.

Sam Bradbrook was in and out for three runs, clean bowled by Sam Willis, while Jed Sims contributed the same number of runs and also fell to Willis.

Adam Kuhl offered some hope as he got a start, but with 12 runs next to his name, Bray Stephenson had him caught.

Hanish Jalota also managed a start, before Bailey Rothall had him caught by Nuwan Gunawardana for 25.

Jalota was showing some form, with three boundaries and a six among his scoring shots.

No other player reached double figures and Easterbrook continued to find the boundary – no fewer than nine times – on his way to 52 runs off 57 balls.

His day was finished by Willis, who, along with Rothall, claimed three wickets.

The Demons were bowled out for 114 runs in the 32nd over.

In contrast, every West batsman who headed out to the middle reached double figures and one pushed that to triple figures.

It was certainly an inspired innings from Justin DeJong, who smashed 117 runs off 77 balls, which included 15 fours and one six.

Jayden Prior made 40 runs, Stephenson 25 at a run a ball, while Willis fell agonisingly



GOOD DAY: Justin de Jong warms up his arm against South Gambier before padding up to score 117 runs with the bat. Picture: JAMES MURPHY

short of his half century, with 49 off just 39 balls.

Willis found the boundary on six occasions and cleared it once.

Gunawardana had retired on 14, while the remaining not-out batsmen were Jake Blackwell on 28 and Sujith Nikethana on 21.

After 39 over West declared and sent South back into bat, with the first-innings points well and truly secured.

With the ball, Jed Sims claimed three wickets.

Back in the middle and Easterbrook's luck took a turn for the worst as he was caught-and-bowled by Stephenson for just five runs.

Sam Bradbrook (4) and Jakob Opie (17) remained unbeaten at stumps, with the South total at 1/28.

Tigers secure second

TIGERS batted first in the twilight Division 1 baseball game on Saturday, off to a solid start to put immediate pressure on the young South Indians side.

Lead-off batter Ben Marcus singled to centre-field, then Mitchell Thomson hit into an infield error, followed soon after by Karl Ransom's infield hit that drew a wild throw which scored Marcus.

Matt Thompson's safety to centre-field batted in Mitchell Thomson, Jai Hillstone's sacrifice fly scored Ransom and Matt Thompson scored on Jake Powell's double to right-field.

It took until the bottom of the fourth inning for the Indians to get on the scoreboard.

With two out, Jesse Balshaw singled and Travis Lockwood doubled.

Ryan Walter's long hit to left-field saw both of those runners cross the home plate.

Tigers led four runs to two.

The orange and black got those two runs back in the very next at bat.

Mitchell Thomson was again on board, this time from a fielder's choice and Matt Thompson with his second hit for the game was also on base.

They both scored on Hillstone's late hit out to right-field.

In the top of the eighth inning Tigers added three more runs.

Jake Powell hit safely toward third base, Jake Powell batted him in when he drove the ball to centre-field and he was subsequently batted in by Harrison Elletson who hit a two-bagger to centre-field.

Mitchell Thomson's double to left-field batted in Elletson.

That gave Tigers a handy 9-2 lead, but the red and white was not done.

Ben Nash found himself at second base after his hit to shortstop resulted in a wild throw.

Ryan Placucci hit into an error at third base, which pushed Nash home and Placucci was batted in by Tarkyn Morale.

In the final inning Matt Thompson's two-bagger to centre-field was his fourth safe-hit of the game and he pulled up at second.

Hillstone hit long and high to right-field, which was ultimately grassed.

Thompson scored when Jake Powell hit into a fielder's choice and Hillstone followed soon after when he was interfered by the catcher.

South clawed one run back in their final at bat.

Youngster Riley Parsons hit safely to second base and was batted in by Nash's safe-hit to left-field.

Tigers had 14 safe-hits for nine runs batted in, six strikeouts and made six errors.

South had seven safe-hits for four runs batted in, one base-on-ball, seven strikeouts and made four errors.



GOOD ARM: Ryan Placucci delivers a pitch for South Indians.



ON THE MOUND: Karl Ransom manned the mound for Tigers during Saturday's game.



SWING BATTER: Tigers' Mitchell Thompson gets onto a South Indians' pitch on Saturday afternoon.

Tough battle for Central

FRIDAY night's Division 1 baseball game at Blue Lake Sports Park got under way under a clear night sky and bright lights in a David versus Goliath battle between Federal and Central.

Unfortunately for Federal, David did not prevail as Central held the high ground over seven innings.

Alex Reppin hit the only safe-hit for Federal in the top of the first inning and they were totally outclassed for the rest of the night, while the Magpies scored two in the even dig.

Consecutive safe-hits to centre-field by Nathan Meinck and Dylan Chuck saw them both batted in by left-hander Dave Harris' pull shot to right-field.

In the second inning, lead-off batter Colby Muller hit safely to left-field and then the Federal pitcher gave up back-to-back walks to Bree Ridding and Kyall McClean.

Muller scored on Meinck's hit into an infield error, which also saw Ridding add to the score.

McClean crossed the plate on a wild pitch before Federal was able to shut down the inning.

McClean led off the bottom of the fourth inning with a double to right-field and further indiscretions from the Demons pitching staff caused more pressure when Meinck was hit by a pitched ball and Dylan Chuck drew a base-on-ball.

McClean scored on a passed ball and Koby Chant's deep hit to centre-field scored Meinck and Chuck.

In the bottom of the sixth inning the mercy rule came into play as Central went further ahead.

Alex Ridding picked a walk and Harris hit safely to right-field again, then Muller was hit by the pitcher to load the bases.

Josh Chuck drove the ball back through the pitcher to centre-field to score both Ridding and Harris and give Central the 10-run mercy rule break.

The icing on the cake was Muller scoring on Jobe Harten's sacrifice fly to centre-field and the cherry on top was Meinck batting in Chuck.

Federal could not get the game into an extra inning as they went three up, three down in the seventh.

Central had 10 safe-hits for 9 runs batted in, 6 base on ball, 3 hit batters, 4 strikeouts and made 1 error.

Federal had 1 safe hits, one base-on-ball, 11 strikeouts and made four errors.

Baseball results from across all divisions

DIVISION 1: Central 14 d Federal 0. Safe hits – Central: N. Meinck, D. Harris, C. Muller 2, K. McClean, D. Chuck, K. Chant, J. Chuck 1; Federal: A. Reppin 1.

Tigers 11 d South Indians 5. Safe hits – Tigers: M. Thompson 4, J. Powell 3, B. Marcus, J. England 2, M. Thomson, J. Hillstone, H. Elletson 1; South Indians: R. Walter 2, R. Parsons, B. Nash, J. Balshaw, T.s lockwood, T. Morale 1.

DIVISION 2: Central 11 d Tigers 1. Safe hits – Central: A. Ridding, K. Chant 3, S. Ruwoldt, D. Ferguson, J. Tzioutziouklaris, J. Harten 1; Tigers: T. Wing 2, B. Merchant 1.

Millicent 17 d Federal 3. Safe hits – Millicent: D. Hateley 4, N. Cory, D. Pink, A. Mutton, S. Altschwager, P. Altschwager 2, T. Winkley, G. Morley 1; Federal: D. Searcy, O. Wheatley, T. Sutt, M. Kreplins 1.

DIVISION 3: South Indians 9 d Central Magpies 8. Safe hits – South Indians: H. Timms, J. Henke 2, J. Parker, K. Joyce 1; Central Magpies: D. Kovaleff, A. Hoath 2, A. Crouch, Z. Winkler,



HIT: Tigers' Matt Thompson makes contact with the ball.

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B. Stephenson, B. Stephenson 1.

CENTRAL d NARACOORTE

BIG LEAGUE: Central 23 d Federal 2. Safe hits – Central: B. Walkom, J. Tzioutziouklaris, D. Ferguson, M. Ruwoldt, J. Harten, B. Berkefeld

1; Federal: N. Lobley, W. Vincent 1.

South Indians 12 d Tigers 3. Safe hits – South Indians: C. Clark, R. Parsons, C. McDonald, O. Plunkett, S. Cole 1; Tigers: F. Hillstone, K. Stratman 1.

JUNIOR LEAGUE: Tigers 6 d Central 3. Safe hits – Tigers: A. Mutton, B. Reichelt 3, J. Box 2, S. Marcus, E. Merchant, J. DeKoning 1; Central: J. Walkom 2, D. Wurst, C. Ruwoldt, A. Powell, A. Meinck, R. Hopgood, H. Dowdell 1.

Tigers 13 d South/Federal. Safe hits – Tigers: T. Dumigan, J. Box 2; South/Federal: P. Cole 2, L. Vincent 1.

LITTLE LEAGUE: Central 15 d South Indians 0. Safe hits – Central: W. Walkom 3, O. June, C. Ruwoldt 2, J. Odgers 1.

Tigers/Federal 12 d South Indians 1. Safe hits – Tigers/Federal: J. Freckleton 3, O. Bramley 2, A. Elletson, H. Wyatt, D. Simpson, H. Freckleton, T. Pitkin 1; South Indians: D. Allyn 1.

MINOR LEAGUE: Federal 15 d Tigers 5. Safe hits – Federal: A. Robinson, R. Bramley, I. Pearce, B. Tyers 1; Tigers: R. Patzel, C. Noonan, A. Merchant 2, N. Elletson, H. Bowley, T. Wright, P. Biggin 1.



WHITE DIVISION WINNERS: Arnold Damhuis, Paul Bosco, Graham Attiwell and Peter Johns.



RED DIVISION WINNERS: Jamie Veering, Chris Veering and Bill Mullan.

Bowlers keen to improve

KEEN night bowlers showed up early at the Millicent Bowls Club prior to the Night Owls competition to hone their skills and enjoy the social aspect of the competition.

Some teams had a few players missing last week due to illness and the cricket in Adelaide, but all players did get a game, with some swapping teams.

Touches came from Ray Doecke (Maccas) 4, Deb Butler (Somerset Legends) 3, Ted Hamilton (Easy Beats) 3, Margaret Lang (Miss Fits) and David Thorneycroft (Scrappers).

Red Division went to Grand Hotel (Bill Mullan, Jim Taylor, Chris Veering, Jamie Veering) who defeated Awesome Foursome 29+12.

Other winners were Somerset Legends 29+7, Mossies 28+9, Rovers 27+5 and Bits and Pieces 25+2.

In Blue Division, Here 4 Beer (Trevor Reilly, Brayden Reilly, Jeff Reilly, Shane Reilly) defeated Rams 27+10 to take the division honours.

Other winners were Rotary 27+8, Max's Four 27+6 and Birdies 25+3.

Try Hards (Peter Johns, Paul Bosco, Arnold Damhuis, Graham Attiwell) claimed White Division after a 28+7 win over Gizzies Crew.

Other winners were Miss Fitts 28+6, Black Beetles 27+10 and Wanna B DJ's 27+3, while Lion Cubs won on a forfeit.



BLUE DIVISION WINNERS: Trevor Reilly, Brayden, Reilly and Jeff Reilly.

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Varcoe and Scudds hot in final

THE Millicent bowls Club held its annual Championship Pairs for men and women on Sunday, with games leading up to the grand final played over 15 ends with a two and walk format, while the grand final was played to 18 ends.

For the women, the semi-finals were played between Ros Varcoe and Lyn Scudds, up against Adriana Ross and Sarah Ross.

The game was close and by the 15th end scores were all square, meaning another end had to be played.

Varcoe and Scudds took the final end to win their way into the grand final.

The second semi-final was contested

between Mary Campbell and Faye Hill, up against Elaine Goode and Joy Warren.

Campbell and Hill won by nine shots to book their grand final berth.

In the grand final there was only a one shot margin between the two teams on the eighth end, with the Campbell team winning seven of the first 10 ends.

Varcoe and Scudds won the final seven ends to finish the game 24 shots to 14 and claim the championship title.

The men's competition was not completed due to a large number of entrants and will be played on a date to be advised.



RUNNERS-UP: Mary Campbell and Faye Hill.



WINNERS: Lyn Scudds and Ros Varcoe.

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TOP FORM: Dellie Brown was Kybybolite's best player on Saturday.



IN TROUBLE: Millicent's Lucy Pretty finds herself in a sticky situation during the Saints' clash with the reigning premiers.

Big wins in opening round

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CASTERTON SANDFORD 14.16 (100) d KONGORONG 0.0 (0)

ROUND 1 of Limestone Coast Women's football kicked off at Vansittart Park on Sunday.

Big scores were the order of the day and Casterton Sandford started its season on a high note with a 100-point win over Kongorong.

The Cats finished 2023 as minor premiers and will be eager to take things a step further in finals this year.

They were quick out of the gates with three first-quarter goals establishing what ultimately would be a winning score.

A similar return in the second term put the margin out to 46 points by half time, with the Hawks unable to impact the scoreboard.

The Cats kept it consistent in the third quarter and added another 3.5, before bringing it home strongly in the fourth with a game-high return of five goals and one behind.

That put them on a neat 100 points and

Milly Thomas started the year well with her new team and put in a best-on-ground performance.

Tessa Marra was also solid, as was Chloe Finnigan and Maddison Cotten, while Elise Thurman and Scarlett Jarrad rounded out the best players.

Madalene Cleary topped the scoreboard with three goals, while Jarrad, Marra and Thurman had two each.

The other five goals came off individual boots, showing the Cats have plenty of options up forward when required.

For the Hawks it was Riley Buckingham who loomed large and she was named Kongorong's best.

Evie Sealey picked up where she left off last season with a strong performance, while Rach Perry, Imogen McLeod, Sarah Lucas and Tilah Buckingham also earned a mention.

PENOLA 8.3 (51) d/w KYBYBOLITE 7.9 (51)

There was one game which broke the mould in Round 1, with Penola and Kybybolite sharing the points on Sunday.

At the final siren the teams could not be separated after a late comeback from the Eagles tied it all up.

The first half was close and at the first break Kyby held a one-point lead.

That advantage remained at half time after both teams added three goals each to be 32-31 at the main break.

Kybybolite had plenty of the ball in the third term but inaccuracies were ultimately its undoing.

The Tigers had seven scoring shots for the quarter but only one found the middle of the big sticks.

Penola also kicked a goal and at the final change Kyby held a seven-point advantage.

That was shattered in the final stanza when the Eagles kicked two-goals-two compared to Kyby's 1.1 and at the end of the match scores were locked on 51-all.



BIG EFFORT: Penola's Caroline McGrath shrugs off her opponent during the Eagles' draw with Kybybolite.

Pictures: JAMES MURPHY

Angela Broad led Penola in front of goals with a game-high return of four majors.

Kybybolite's Taylor Ryan was also accurate with three goals, while Elle Treloar kicked two for the Tigers.

The top players for the day were both familiar to the best-on-ground honours.

Caroline McGrath was the Eagles' best, while Dellie Brown led the charge for Kybybolite.

Also earning a mention for Penola were Heidi Berkin, Broad, Ali Ey, Ellise Berkin and Karmel Finch.

Anna Davies and Summer Batchelor also performed well for the Tigers, as did Kate Edmonds, Tahlia Barnett and Lily Clifford-Finch.

MUNDULLA TIGERS 17.13 (115) d MILLICENT 0.1 (1)

It did not take long to realise Mundulla was in for a big win and it started its title defence with a 114-point thrashing of Millicent.

The northern Tigers added 30 points in the opening quarter while Millicent was unable to score.

That changed in the second term, but the Saints' solitary behind would be the only time they bothered the goal umpires for the rest of the match.

At half time the margin was 49 points, but Mundulla did not stop there.

A huge seven-goal effort in the third quarter put the result beyond doubt, while three more majors in the last pushed the Tigers out to 115 points.

Brooke Ballinger was the main culprit with six goals, while Kelsey Batt and Eliza Orrock had three each.

Erin Horsnell put in a trademark performance and her presence was felt around the



STRUGGLE: Mundulla's Anais Mather and Millicent's Lana Shepherd fight for possession.

ground, while she also snagged two goals.

For Millicent Emily Walker was named best, while Lana Shepherd and Keelie Lindner also featured highly in what was a tough start to the season.

NORTH GAMBIER 16.12 (108) d SOUTH GAMBIER 0.2 (2)

North Gambier roared to life in the final game of the day, where the Tigers defeated South Gambier by 106 points.

Three goals in the first term set things up, before a five-goal effort in the second handed North a 56 half-time advantage.

The Demons were yet to touch the scoreboard by that point, but their best quarter was to follow.

They held the Tigers to nine points, while adding one of their own, entering the final

quarter with a 64-point deficit.

Another South behind came in the fourth, but a seven-goal haul from North emphasised the one-sidedness of the contest and at the siren the end score was 108-2.

A huge 11-goal effort from Chloe Newton unsurprisingly had her as North's best player, while Tess Andrews, Grace Altschwager and Georgia Gentile also impressed.

Laura Chester was the next highest scorer with two majors and she joined Makala Cookson in rounding out the best players for the Tigers.

Ella Guest was South's best, while Ella Ackland and Jarrah Altschwager also stepped up.

However, there was little to be done in the end and North kickstarted its season with a percentage-boosting victory.



IN FORM: Harry Mules was in good touch on the weekend.
 Picture: FILE

Tough weekend for Magic

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THE Millicent Magic men sit in fifth place on the Country Basketball League ladder after suffering two losses on the weekend.

The Magic went down to Ararat Redbacks 89-69 on Saturday night, before falling short by just two points against Horsham Hornets on Sunday.

Against the Redbacks, the Magic started well and by the first break led by nine points.

However, Ararat began to find range in the second term to close the margin to two points at the long break.

From there it was all about the Redbacks, as they claimed the lead and extended it slightly in the third term, before banging on a 33-16 final stanza to claim the win in style.

Harry Mules top scored for the Magic with 18 points, Frazer Bradley contributed 17, Nick Morrison 13 and Kade Bradley 10.

The 73-71 loss to the Hornets on Sunday would have been just as disappointing, as the Magic was again out of the blocks fast.

A 24-12 first quarter suggested the Magic had come to play and they extended that lead by one more point before half time.

However, the Hornets flicked a switch at

the long break and came out firing in the third term.

A 22-10 quarter put the Hornets right back in the contest and they claimed the win with a 25-22 final term.

William Wimshurst topped the score sheets for the Magic with 19 points, Kade and Frazer Bradley contributed 17 each and Mules finished with 12.

Millicent out of playoffs

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IT was a tough pill to swallow for the Millicent Magic women on Saturday night in the final minor round of the Country Basketball League season.

The Magic went down to Horsham Hornets by four points in extra time and slipped out of the top four as a result.

Horsham controlled the contest for all-but one quarter, leading by eight points at the main break.

The Magic then turned their fortunes around in the third term, with a 20-8 quarter to claim a tentative lead.

The Hornets returned serve in the fourth term, only to tie the game up and head to an extra time period.

Unfortunately for the Magic, the Hornets did not let this quarter slip and outscored the Magic by four points to claim the win.

Maddison Haggett top scored for the Magic with 17 points, Mackenzie Burke hit 14 and Poppy Venn 13.



TOP SCORE: Maddison Haggett top scored for the Magic women on the weekend.
 Picture: FILE

Ross' big performance

THE Millicent Bowls Club held its annual Ladies' Singles Championship last week in windy conditions.

All games leading up to the grand final were played with the first player in each game reaching 21 shots up, earning the right to go on to the next round.

The grand final was played with the first to reach 25 shots to be declared the Ladies' Singles Champion for 2023/24 Season.

In the semi-finals, the defending singles champion, Heather Carthew faced Adriana Ross with Carthew winning her way into the grand final.

The second semi-final saw Sarah Ross victorious over Lyn Scudds to book her spot in the big dance.

Ross was away to a commanding lead and by the 10th end she held a 15-4 lead.

Carthew was then able to win four of the next six ends but still trailed by 10 shots.

On the 18th end Ross drew three shots to give her the championship honours.



TITLE FIGHT: Ladies Singles Championship runner-up Heather Carthew with winner Ross.
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