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Strathalbyn put on a spectacular fireworks display. INSET: Santa Claus came to town for Christmas Where the Angas Flows on Friday night. Photos: Rowan Sims



POP OFF: Strathalbyn celebrates Christmas by the Angas P16-17

Goolwa's long-awaited pageant 'burned' due to hot weather...

BLUE CHRISTMAS



By Tara Nash

Since the Goolwa pageant and concert were cancelled last Sunday due to hot weather, community members have shown an "outpouring" of interest in supporting

future events.

While the decision to cancel the festivities was "devastating", Goolwa Community Association Chairperson Tamara McRobbie felt positive about the potential of hosting Christmas and other events next year under the now newly-formed entity and volunteers.

"I'm excited for 2025 because we've got a brilliant set up in the background so (next year's) event is going to be a lot less intense to put on because we started from essentially nothing this year," she said.

"So, we could quite capably and quickly get everything organised and ensure the

event runs better.

"I'm so proud of the effort the team put in and I'm really disappointed that we didn't get to showcase what we'd been working so hard on but we have bigger and better ideas for 2025."

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Off The Bridge NYE Fireworks co-ordinator Karen Ross (right) and grandchildren Madeline and Eliza McCarthy invite others to the upcoming event. Photo: Tara Nash

Countdown starts for the new year



By Tara Nash

Community members from across the region will once again collectively celebrate the start of 2025 with a spectacular fireworks display from the Hindmarsh Island bridge.

A crowd of about 2500 people are expected to line the riverbanks in the lead up to the big countdown.

Some families spread out on rugs enjoying picnics while others build up anticipation at nearby house parties or events leading up to the clock striking midnight.

The "big spectacle" is about 10-minutes and is "full of impact" and always has a new surprise each year.

The town has enjoyed the annual tradition since 2015, which is generously funded by local businesses and community members.

"People tend to have little mini parties on their boats which are lit up with fairy lights - there are lots of reflections on the water and it's really beautiful on the night," one of the co-ordinators, Karen Ross, said.

"A lot of people ask if we have fireworks at 9pm but, because our generous businesses and local community fund the firework display, we only have enough to cover one



Previous year's fireworks. Photo: Lynda Tyler

dazzling fireworks display at midnight."

Ms Ross thanked businesses and community members for their generosity, as well as Alexandrina Council for supporting the event with road closures and logistics.

Her granddaughter Madeline McCarthy loves New Year's Eve as it offers a time to see

family and family friends, while her sister Eliza finds "it's always fun".

"Everybody gets together and has fun and the fireworks are always nice to look at and pretty in the sky," she said.

For further updates, visit (www.facebook.com/fireworksnye).

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Hills transport issues put under the spotlight at public forum



By Giordina McKay

A local transport forum brought together community members and politicians last Thursday night to discuss the future of transport in the Adelaide Hills, particularly the South Eastern Freeway and passenger rail options, and share solutions.

Organised by the River Road and Strathalbyn Road Traffic Group, the forum was held at the Mount Barker Town Hall in the shadow of two years of missed opportunities, cancelled projects and widespread recognition, and concern that the State and Federal Governments have no over-arching plan to streamline connectivity and put in place adequate plans for the fast-growing and economically expanding Adelaide Hills.

It was also an opportunity for locals to connect with state and federal politicians, particularly the candidates running for the seat of Mayo at the upcoming election, and express their views, discuss ideas and seek their position on the issue.

Guest speakers included concerned community members Emma Smith-Jones and Jeremy Roberts, one of the organisers Anne Fordham, RAA Senior Manager of Road Safety Charles Mountain, and Mount Barker District Council Mayor David Leach.

Ms Fordham was pleased by the turn-out from the community.

“I think it was really good at getting people together, and we had people there with common issues and concerns – I think that was really positive,” she said.

“I think we also agreed on some initiatives we’d like to see happen in the region, and the revitalisation of the plan that was done by DIT we got through Freedom of Information.

“We had some good liaison with Local Governments, and we also had a good opportunity to meet some of the Mayo candidates.

“It was disappointing not to have Rebekha Sharkie there and also the Labor representative because Rebekha had another appointment and Labor hasn’t yet declared a candidate.

“Robert Simms from the Greens gave a very good presentation and gave us a sense what the Greens can offer, but again, they didn’t have a candidate.”

One of the hot topics on the night was the Mount Barker and Adelaide Hills Transport



Some of the night’s organisers and speakers (back) Richard Warin, Brendon Eblen, Adrian Cheater, Jenny Lamb, (front) Bronya McGovern, Diane van Eck, and Anne Fordham. Photos: Giordina McKay

Study which, while outdated, had many initiatives community members at the forum wanted to see such as improved traffic flows down the freeway, ring roads, and dedicated truck and commuter routes.

Other discussion points included future planning, potential for passenger rail, the cost of infrastructure, the accountability of government to ensure they meet promises and listen to the community, truck issues, and potential grant options.

The meeting followed with group discussion to workshop ideas and speak with some of the government representatives in the room, including Rex Patrick and Robert Simms.

Ms Fordham acknowledged the challenges, but expressed the need for regional planning on transport issues, and collaboration between governments and the community.

“I think there was some uplifting moments, a lot of frustration in the room, and I think people appreciated the opportunity to come together and discuss it,” she said.

“Could we have gotten further? Probably, but it was a good start and I think the political representatives got a very good appreciation of the issues we’re facing, so it’s really up to them now and how they take that forward in terms of how they campaign and what they’re going to offer.

“We’ve got time for that to happen – that’s why we ran (the forum) a little bit earlier before the campaign starts to try and have some influence on what they might focus on, and maybe it will put a bit of pressure on the current incumbent to put a stronger focus



Mount Barker District Council Mayor David Leach, Carly Palmer, Legislative Council Member and SA Greens Co-Leader Robert Simms, Sean Cullen-Macaskill, and Legislative Council Member and Shadow Minister for Infrastructure and Transport and Regional Roads Ben Hood in discussion at last Thursday’s forum.

on these sorts of issues because I think the Liberal candidate is all over it.

“I think we would like to lobby for this idea of applying for federal investment funds, and also continue to have dialogue with the candidates as they continue to emerge, and try to make sure community interests are represented in that, and they understand what the issues are and what people are needing.

“I think also ideally we’d like to put pressure on the government to revitalise the so-called transport study and come up with, through the Premier, a really robust plan that the councils could get behind, and integrate some of the broader state planning they’re doing but a bit more detailed to help the region with some of these pressing issues.”

Please note that this is the final edition of The Southern Argus for 2024

Our first edition for the New Year will be published on January 9, 2025.

The office will be closed from Wednesday, December 18 and re-open on Friday, January 3, 2025.

It has been a privilege to bring you the local news this year.

Thank you for your support which has helped enable us to do so.

We would like to wish our readers, clients and friends a very Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.

We look forward to serving you again in 2025.

The Southern ARGUS





Great Southern Security owner Ian Haylock and Senior Security Officer Roger Richards remind beachgoers that driving or camping on Goolwa Beach's dunes is illegal.
Photo: Tara Nash

Safety calls for Goolwa Beach

By Tara Nash

After a problematic Christmas season on Goolwa Beach two years ago, a local security company increased their patrols last year resulting in a "much better" period.

Two years ago, Great Southern Security reported an "out of control" season with four-wheel drive cars camping in the dunes, destroying vegetation and leaving litter behind.

The company is contracted by SA Water to ensure drivers and campers stay off the dunes which has fragile ecosystems, can erode and has cultural significance for Indigenous peoples.

Last Christmas, increased patrols coupled with cooler weather offered a better season according to Great Southern Security, which is planning a "bigger presence" on the beaches again this Summer.

"Last year was certainly much better than previous years and I trust that this year

will be pretty much the same," owner, Ian Haylock, said.

"It's just educating – 99.9 per cent of the time, when you stop and educate, people are pretty good and they behave."

One year ago, speed limits were reduced on South Australian beaches, a law that is enforced by South Australia Police (SAPOL) but Great Southern Security helps remind beachgoers.

From December last year, the default 100km/h speed limit was reduced to 40km/h and 25km/h if driving within 50m of a pedestrian.

"Some like to scream down the beach at much higher speeds than 40km/h," Mr Haylock said.

"It's educating those to say 'hey look, there are families, kids, animals on the beach – you need to adhere to the speed limit and be conscious of that and drive to the conditions'."

"While there are a lot of locals there, a lot of people over that time of year are coming to Goolwa Beach for the first time and are unaware of the rules.

"Some of them were unaware that the speed had changed – the last time they were out there the speed was still 100km/h."

SAPOL has not detected any motorists nor received any recent traffic complaints regarding speeding along Goolwa Beach.

A spokesperson acknowledged that Goolwa Beach is a "popular destination" during the holidays and reminded motorists to drive to the limit.

"(SAPOL) implores all road users to be vigilant during this busy time, remembering to stick to the posted speed limits, not to drink or drug drive and be alert with the increase of pedestrians who might be in the area," they said.

"Police want people to enjoy the break with family and friends, but also remind people to make it a Christmas holiday filled with happy memories – not traumatic ones.

"Speeding on beaches is dangerous, reckless and poses a risk to the community as well as causing damage to the environment."

Anyone witnessing dangerous driving behaviours is urged to report the incident to police via the police assistance line on 131 444.

Meanwhile, cars often get bogged at the ramp entering the beach.

"Don't forget it's (for) four-wheel drives – not an all-wheel drive or two-wheel drives," Alexandrina Mayor, Keith Parkes, said.

"You need to have a four-wheel drive and preferably know how to drive it, so you don't get bogged and cause hassles for yourself and everybody else."

People urged to 'assess the risks' while at Goolwa Beach



By Giordina McKay

Less surveillance on Goolwa Beach this Summer and holiday period has Alexandrina Council and the local Surf Life Saving Club imploring people to swim between the flags and assess the risks before heading into the water.

Volunteer life savers will be on the beach from 12pm-6pm every weekend and public holiday until the Easter long weekend.

However, unlike other years, council-funded lifeguards will be absent on weekdays over the holiday period after councillors decided to remove the money for it from the budget in June.

If people do get in trouble outside of those hours, they can contact Triple Zero and get onto a life saver, however, Goolwa Club Captain Cassie Wilmot is asking people to take the responsibility on themselves to assure they keep safe.

"I think any time we take away trained professionals that can help people when they get into trouble causes concern for the community and the people that are heading to the beach," she said.

"We know we have a number of tourists and foreigners that do frequently visit Goolwa Beach, so to not have people there that can help them, guide them in the right direction, and outline where the rips are, we can always come into trouble.

"We just want people to remember that while (life savers) are not there, they need to take the responsibility on themselves to assure they keep themselves safe when they do go to a beach that's not necessarily the usual beach they visit.

"I think the most important thing is that people really stop, look and plan, and determine whether they have the skill set to be entering the water in the conditions they're seeing, and if they don't, there really are other beaches in the region they can go to that are calmer and less severe.

"We do know that Goolwa is the most dangerous patrolled beach in South Australia and that does come with a risk, and we just want everyone to know there are risks."

One of the most important things people can do to keep safe is swim between the flags if they are there, and to read the signs as you enter the beach.

Also make sure you let people know you are at the beach and how long you will be there, so if you don't come back, someone knows where you are, and emergency services can begin looking and helping.

"Our main messaging is really stop, look and plan," Ms Wilmot said.

"Before you enter, determine what hazards and what risks there are as you're entering, and definitely know your limits.

"There are plenty of pools in the area – go for a swim in the pool if you're not a strong swimmer.

"(Also), alcohol and swimming are not friends – they do not like each other; we don't recommend it."

The beach is also restricted to speed limits.

Alexandrina Mayor Keith Parkes reminded people to drive to the conditions and be mindful of other hazards on the beach.

"I think you've got to remember the new speed limits of 40km/h or 25km/h within proximity of people, and it will be policed by SAPOL," he said.

"It's there so the beach is safe for everybody to enjoy in comfort and safety.

"As with any beach anywhere in South Australia or Australia, be mindful, particularly on Goolwa Beach, it can be a dangerous beach and you should only really swim within the flags when Surf Life Saving are on patrol for your safety.

"If the flags aren't flying it means the lifesavers aren't on patrol, and you should be really careful about swimming and not going into the water too deep, and try and keep an eye on what's going on."

Community lunch aims to connect people this Christmas

By Tara Nash

Community members are reminded to not be lonely this Christmas, as a special lunch aims to bring people together.

Strathalbyn's Pam Garwood has been hosting community lunches for about 20 years and even had her former home built to accommodate 50 people in the dining room for that purpose.

Last year, she planned to host the lunch in her courtyard, but relocated to the local Catholic Church hall due to rain.

"(They) very kindly lent us their facility and it was just beautiful and it made it ever so much easier, so that's what we're doing again this year," Ms Garwood said.

"If you're lonely – if you haven't got anyone to spend Christmas with – then come."

Ms Garwood is generously putting on a spread of ham, turkey, vegetables and salad.

The newly-formed Strathalbyn Women's Auxiliary Group (SWAG) is donating towards the lunch and members will help volunteer on the day.

Other volunteers include Trudy Hull and Ms Garwood's daughter Kathy Angel, and others are welcome to get in touch to volunteer.

"The reason I do it is because God said



Strathalbyn mother and daughter Pam Garwood and Kathy Angel invite the community to a Christmas lunch.
Photo: Tara Nash

he didn't want people to be unloved and lonely," Ms Garwood said.

"Christmas is supposed to be about loving and giving and making everyone feel good."

Previously, Ms Garwood had a weekly tradition of hosting Thursday lunches to offer social connection, bringing together people from all walks of life.

The upcoming lunch will be held at Catholic Church hall, Chapel Street, Strathalbyn, on Christmas Day at 12.30pm.

For further information, call Ms Angel on 0432 351 469.



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Milang and District Community Association volunteers Leigh Bridgman, Lorraine Footer, and Lyn Unwin getting into the Christmas spirit at Friday's thank you event for volunteers. INSET: Alexandrina councillor Margaret Gardner, Milang and District Community Association (MADCA) Chief Executive Officer Stuart Jones, and MADCA President Karyn Bradford at last Friday's celebrations.
Photos: Deirdre Graham

Christmas thanks for Milang volunteers

By Deirdre Graham

The hard work and vital role volunteers at the Milang and District Community Association play in the town was celebrated with a Christmas function at the Milang Butter Factory last Friday.

About 50 members of the group enjoyed a meal, music, and a visit from the man in red himself at the event.

MADCA Volunteer Co-ordinator Vickie Schmidt said Christmas was an opportune time to thank the volunteers.

"It is about sharing in a celebration for the volunteers, and celebrate with a Christmas event as a way to recognise and appreciate all the things they have done over the year," she said.

"We have 15 staff who are waiting on the volunteers today, as an opportunity to

do things in reverse, to show our support.

"We have volunteer receptionists, drivers, emergency food relief, Meals on Wheels, and gardeners – quite a few different roles."

Entertainment for the day was provided by John Bradford, students from the Eastern Fleurieu Milang campus who sang Christmas carols, and Dane Unwin.



John Bradford provided entertainment at Friday's Christmas party at the Milang Butter Factory.

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Woman crashes into stobie pole at Milang

By Giorgina McKay

A local woman was taken to hospital with minor injuries after crashing into a stobie pole at Milang on Saturday.

Just before 3pm, emergency services were called to Ameroo Avenue after a Navara

utility collided with a stobie pole.

The collision brought down power lines over the vehicle and the road, complicating the incident.

When deemed safe, the driver, a 62-year-old Milang woman, was able to remove herself from the vehicle and was taken to

hospital with minor injuries.

The vehicle was significantly damaged and towed from the scene.

SA Power Networks attended the scene to rectify the damage to the power lines.

The investigation into the incident is ongoing.

Man arrested over Murray Bridge siege

A local man was arrested following an incident at Murray Bridge last Wednesday.

At about 11.30pm on December 11, police were called to Jarvis Avenue following reports of a disturbance in the street.

A group of people left in a vehicle prior to police patrols arriving.

Police also received information that one person was in possession of a firearm.

Murray Bridge police identified the people involved and later found the vehicle parked at a home in Francis Street.

Police set up cordons around the home, and with the assistance of STAR group officers, safely negotiated two female occupants out of the home.

A man was then found hiding in the roof space, who was subsequently arrested.

A search of the suspect vehicle uncovered a gel blaster.

A 20-year-old Murray Bridge man was charged with possessing a firearm without a licence, threatening to kill, and other traffic offences.

He was refused police bail and appeared in Murray Bridge Magistrates Court last Friday.

Beware of parcel theft this Christmas

South Australians are being urged to be aware of parcel security if they're ordering deliveries online during the Christmas period, with thousands of packages likely to be stolen across Australia in the coming weeks.

Australia Post has delivered more than 50 million parcels during previous December periods in the lead-up to Christmas, creating a spike in opportunities for thieves to strike when no one is around.

RAA Insurance is highlighting simple steps that can be taken to reduce the risk of having expensive deliveries stolen ahead of Christmas, including:

- Requiring a signature on delivery for expensive parcels, so they aren't left unattended.
- Sending your deliveries to a workplace or where someone will be present.
- Installing security cameras to deter thieves or prove a theft occurred.
- Installing a lockable parcel delivery box.

RAA Insurance Chief Claims Officer Jess Lyons said parcel theft was a growing concern for homeowners.

"No one wants to have their Christmas presents stolen from the front porch," she said.

"Unattended deliveries present opportunities for thieves to pounce if they're walking past and can see a package sitting in the open air.

"We recommend always keeping an eye on the tracking page of any deliveries, so you know when to expect them and can bring them inside as soon as possible, or have them delivered to a workplace or somewhere where you know there will be people around to accept it even if you're not there.

"Other measures like requiring a signature on delivery or sending it to a secure parcel locker can also reduce the risk of having a delivery disappear."

If delivered parcels do unfortunately go missing, shoppers should contact Australia Post or the relevant delivery service to confirm it was delivered and if anything can be done to locate it.

CCTV vision can help to determine it was stolen and make a police report, so homeowners are encouraged to have cameras installed at their front door.

Homeowners may also be able to submit an insurance claim with their home and contents insurer if they have a parcel stolen, depending on their policy.

Trio arrested over break-in

Police arrested three suspects earlier this month following a break-in at Murray Bridge.

At about 3.15pm on Saturday, December 7, police were called to Riverfront Road after three people entered a shack and confronted the occupants.

One suspect was wearing a balaclava and armed with a knife.

The occupants immediately fled the home and called police.

The suspects allegedly stole alcohol, phones, and other personal items.

Police quickly responded and arrested the three suspects a short distance from the scene.

The arrested trio are two men aged 26 and 20, and a 16-year-old boy – all from Murray Bridge.

They were all charged with aggravated serious criminal trespass and theft, and will appear in the Murray Bridge Magistrates and Youth Court on February 9 and February 4 respectively.

Investigations are ongoing.

Victims given stronger voice

Reforms to give victims of crime a stronger voice in the criminal justice system have passed State Parliament.

The reforms aim to address concerns raised by the former Victims Rights' Commissioner Bronwyn Killmier about the potential for victim impact statements to either go unheard or be edited by third parties before their provision.

Under the reforms, prosecutors will be able to seek an adjournment when a guilty plea is entered unexpectedly and victims need more time to prepare a statement.

In addition, victims will be able to tell the court in their own words the impact the offending had on them without the risk of being edited.

Victims will also be advised of their rights to tender a statement and, following an amendment from Connie Bonaros, courts will have the discretion to allow loved ones of a person who died or suffered a serious injury in connection with criminal conduct to submit a statement to the court.

"The victim impact statement is an important moment in the criminal justice process, and victims deserve to have their voices heard," Attorney-General, Kyam Maher, said.

"These laws ensure potential impediments are reviewed and victims can have their moment in court."

Murray Bridge man jailed over offences

A Murray Bridge man has been handed a jail term for several child sex offences.

Troy Lang, aged 26, appeared in the District Court last Monday for sentencing after pleading guilty to 27 different child sexual offences across an 11-month period throughout 2023 and 2024.

Judge Michelle Sutcliffe sentenced Mr Lang to seven years imprisonment with a non-parole period of five years, seven months and six days, backdated to January 8, 2024.



SAPOL is urging people to remain vigilant amid recent car thefts.

Police urge vigilance this holiday period

Local residents are urged to remain vigilant as Murray Bridge police continue to investigate a number of recent thefts from motor vehicles.

Moving into the busy Christmas period, police would like to take this opportunity to remind locals to reassess their vehicle and home security, including locking cars parked in driveways to deter opportunistic thieves.

Consider the following crime prevention tips:

- Lock vehicle doors and close all windows. If using a remote locking system, ensure the vehicle is locked prior to walking away.
- Install and activate an alarm or immobiliser.
- Remove or hide all valuables in the vehicle.

- Park off the road or in a locked garage if possible.

- While at home, secure keys out of view from external doors and windows.

- Do not leave spare keys hidden in or around the vehicle.

For more information/tips, visit (www.police.sa.gov.au/your-safety/crime-prevention-and-security/safety-and-security-tips).

People who see anyone behaving suspiciously are urged to contact police at the time on 131 444 to report.

Anyone with information regarding criminals and their activities information is also urged to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or online at (www.crimestopperssa.com.au).

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Historic police station is sold



By Tara Nash

If the walls of Milang's historic 1874 police station could talk, as well as telling the rich history of housing officers and criminals, they will now tell of the renovations made in recent years by Jodie Lutz and Manuel Quinquis.

Located between the post office and Milang Institute, the building housed about 24 officers and their families for a century and hosted the visiting Magistrate.

It was decommissioned in 1972, and was first restored from 2013.

The station had a three-bedroom villa, a public office, prison cells, stables and groom's quarters.

Its history can still be seen throughout the building, including the old exercise yard that is now an entertaining area with Jarrah pergola, and old cells are now a new cellar.

The home also has a central hall to the living room, master, and formal dining room – all adorned with fireplaces – and the dining room with outside access via Cedar French doors.

Over their four years at the property, Ms Lutz and Mr Quinquis largely left their mark by transforming the stables out the back into an attractive guesthouse and developing the cottage garden.

Mr Quinquis hopes their work has secured the building for another 150 years to come.

"You own a part of the history, so when you think about it that way, you can only be respectful of the building and the structure of the architecture," he said.

"Then we're handing over this book with



Jodie Lutz and Manuel Quinquis recently sold the old Milang police station by Harris Real Estate Property Consultant Sally Ness. Photo: Tara Nash

its history and 100-year-old drawings."

The couple have lived in and developed largely off-the-plan homes in cities around the world, but hands-down, this was the most interesting property they have worked on.

What made the project so enriching was honouring the history in their renovations as well as meeting people with connections to the property.

"We found ourselves spending more time here... we fell in love with this property in Milang, it's a really lovely community," Ms Lutz said.

"People have knocked on the front door wanting to come in because their relatives

were constables based here.

"We've heard some pretty good stories about the history of the property."

The couple has brought tourists to the region by opening up the studio accommodation to more than 50 couples over two years.

For the majority, it was their first time visiting Milang and the region, and they "absolutely loved it".

With the couple venturing to a new project at Christies Beach, the property was recently sold by Harris Real Estate Property Consultant Sally Ness who loves when the "right people come into the right property",

as the couple appreciated and honoured its rich history.

"I love when people come in and enhance rather than demolish or modernise," she said.

"I'm very lucky that I've been able to sell some very historic properties."

Living in the area her whole life, Ms Ness appreciates and understands the "beautiful history" of the region's townships.

"With the growth of Milang, there are more people coming here and investing here," she said.

"Milang is changing – it's not the little shack town on the lake anymore."

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Schools in Brief

Eastern Fleurieu R-12 School

This term Eastern Fleurieu Ashbourne students have been working with Strathalbyn artist Gaynor Hartvigsen as part of the campus' Wellbeing and Art program on its weekly Bush School day.

Students have planned, designed and sketched Australian animals to paint onto the posts of the lunch shed.

They first painted the posts in all different colours before sketching their chosen animal, reptile or mini beast on the post.

The post evolved each week under the direction and guidance of Ms Hartvigsen.

Goolwa Primary School

Goolwa Primary School's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in years 5 and 6 recently had the opportunity to participate in the Port Power SAASTA Connect workshop.

Power SAASTA Connect aims to inspire First Nations middle school students to complete their schooling, and is crafted as a dedicated and direct pathway into the Santos Aboriginal Power Cup.

Students participated in education workshops leading into an annual cup which brings together all participating schools to culminate the program.

Tyndale Christian School

Tyndale Christian School year 5 students recently celebrated the completion of Junior School with dinner together at Oasis Restaurant.

The evening commemorated their time together, and reflected on achievements and great Junior School memories from this chapter of their school lives.

Meadows Primary School

Last month Meadows Primary School's Junior Primary classes participated in a Nature Play Mini-Festival hosted by Nature Play SA.

Activities included potion making, cubby building, water runs, water colour painting, stick rafts, and loose parts play.

The students enjoyed the variety of new activities and challenges.

Letters to the Editor

Unfair treatment

The collapse of Beston Foods highlights the most unfair treatment metered out to primary producers by current insolvency law.

Time for action by our lawmakers to rectify this discrimination of our nation's food producers.

Many years ago, workers involved in failed business were lifted to the status of secured creditors – an understandable and desirable change.

Is it not factual that process workers would not have had a job without primary products suppliers?

Yes, it is called primary production for a reason.

The start – the beginning point – for secondary enterprise.

So, why not first ranked on the creditor list?

Why does our society think it is acceptable to subject your primary food producers to the unbearable heartache and risk of financial ruin because we are unsecured creditors?

After all, we are workers too.

Elevating primary producers to at least the same status as workers would help remedy this situation.

Not even the insolvency managers of a failed food processing company would have had a job without the primary product suppliers providing the raw materials to start with.

And the administrators will be paid in full.

Come on politicians – do the job that you are paid to do and make the changes to our laws for the financial security of food producers and end this shameful discrimination.

**Trevor Giles,
Langhorne Creek**

Ho, Ho, Hope

Dear Editor, the festive season can be a joyous time for many people, as they take a well-earned break from work and school, and spend time with family and friends.

It's a time to rest and reset for the new year.

Yet, for others, this time of year can be particularly difficult, and the holidays may not feel 'jolly' at all.

It can bring additional financial pressures, relationship strain or pressure to host the perfect Christmas.

The season to be merry can also amplify feelings of isolation and loneliness, especially for those who are separated from family or have lost a loved one.

So, as we head into the holiday break, regardless of what you're dealing with, please know that you don't have to face this time alone.

The Beyond Blue Support Service is free, confidential, and available around the clock, including on Christmas Day.

You can call 1300 22 46 36 or chat online to us at (www.beyondblue.org.au/get-support).

It's really common to put off seeking help because we can't quite find the words to express our needs.

But when you contact us, you don't have to know what to say.

Our skilled counsellors will meet you where you're at and guide you towards where you need to be.

And finally, a big thank you to everyone who has donated to Beyond Blue this year.

Our support service is run purely on donations, so your kindness and generosity allow us to always be there when people need us the most.

**Georgie Harman,
Beyond Blue CEO**

SA Summer holidays

As the festive season is well and truly upon us, I want to extend my warmest wishes to everyone in our country towns and communities.

The South Australian Summer holidays are a special time to come together, celebrate, and enjoy the natural beauty of our regions.

As the Shadow Minister for Regional South Australia, and a fourth generation Riverland resident myself, I can't think of a better place to spend the long days and hot nights than in our wide, open countryside.

Whether you're planning a Christmas gathering, a family trip or simply relaxing at home, this season offers a chance to reconnect with loved ones and recharge.

This year has not been particularly kind to many of our regions, particularly those involved in primary industries, however our regional communities should be proud of their dedication, collaboration and innovation.

Summer in the regions also brings unique challenges, and it's important to keep safety front of mind.

With high temperatures and dry conditions, bushfires are a very real risk. Please ensure you're prepared – clear vegetation around your property, have an emergency plan in place, and stay alert to fire danger ratings and warnings.

If you're heading to the coast, the river or exploring the outback, take extra care when traveling.

Plan your journeys, carry plenty of water, and drive responsibly, especially during school holidays when many individuals inexperienced with country driving take off to explore this great state.

Let's also spare a thought for our emergency services and volunteers who work tirelessly to keep us safe.

I hope this holiday season brings joy, laughter, and special memories for you and your families.

May your Christmas be merry, your summer relaxing, and your community connections stronger than ever.

Stay safe, take care of each other, and have a wonderful holiday season.

**Nicola Centofanti,
Shadow Minister for
Regional South Australia**

Our View

Thursday, December 19, 2024

Merry Christmas

It's coming up quick now – Christmas that is – and then before you know it 2025 will be upon us.

What a year we have had at *The Southern Argus* – a year of triumphs, tragedies, challenges, joy, laughter, pride, adventure and fun.

On Friday night *The Southern Argus* team was excited to take part in the Strathalbyn Christmas Pageant, and enjoy with thousands of others the festivities, carols and fireworks.

Those people who have never taken part in a pageant have no idea how much fun the event is not just for the young and old that line the streets, but for those traipsing the streets with their decorated – to varying degrees – creations.

The Christmas spirit was well and truly on show, and with perfect weather, the night was made so much better.

The weather though was not so kind for the Goolwa pageant and Christmas celebrations, and the resultant cancellations were truly heartbreaking for organisers, participants, and those just wanting to take in the celebrations.

With the school year now over, and our Year 12 students with their results in their hands after a year of hard work, many will be taking to the roads to see family and other loved ones.

Our emergency services would like to let you know they don't want to see you over the Summer.

While we write and urge everyone to take care on the roads every year, the message is no less important because of its regularity.

Plan ahead, take breaks, don't drink and drive, have a designated driver, get the car serviced before you leave, give yourself extra time to get to your destination, look out for grain trucks as harvest finishes up, and be mindful others on the road might not be taking the care you are – these are some of the Christmas tips.

From *The Southern Argus* team to you, have a very merry, and safe, Christmas and a safe Summer.

See you in 2025.

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The know in the FLEURIEU ...

What present is at the top of your Christmas wish list?

**Bodhi Austin,
Goolwa Primary**



"The biggest teddy you can find on the internet."

**Bek Steadman,
Goolwa Primary**



"A ripstick."

**Andrew Radaza,
Eastern Fleurieu**



"I would like to have a really good lunch with family."

**Tahnee Austin,
Goolwa Primary**



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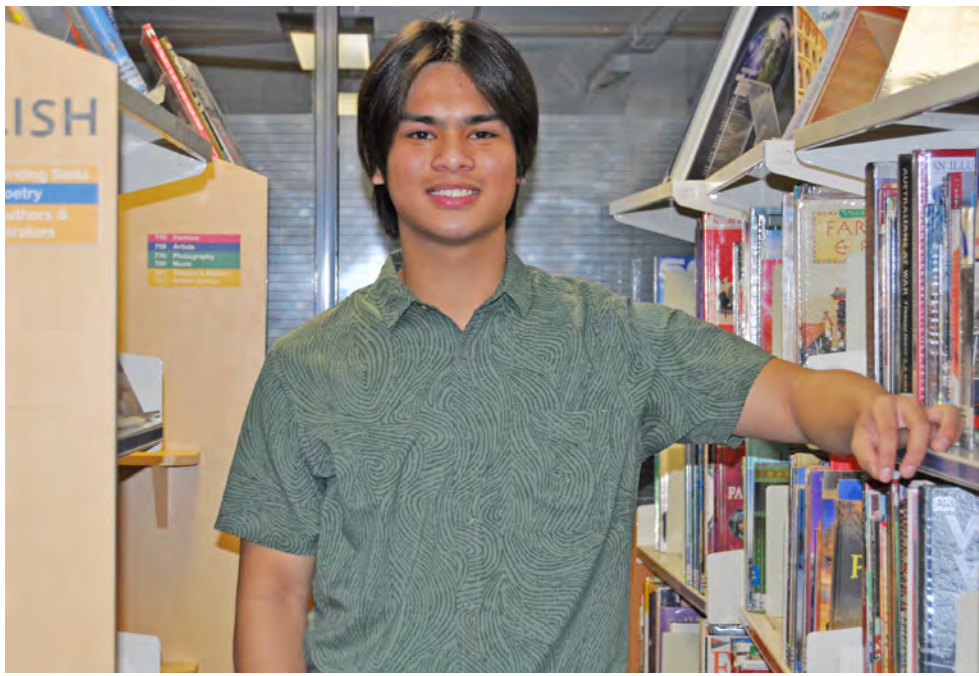
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EFS year 12 graduate Andrew Radaza is looking forward to studying a Bachelor of Paramedicine in 2025 after being named the school's DUX for 2024. Photo: Deirdre Graham

Andrew takes out EFS DUX award



By Deirdre Graham

After a year of hard work Eastern Fleurieu School student Andrew Radaza has taken out the school's 2024 DUX award with an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) of 91.25.

Andrew studied English (19.6), Math Methods (17.6), Chemistry (17), Biology (15.9) and Research Project (6.95).

"I found out this morning at 8am," Andrew said on Monday.

"My parents stormed into my room and told me to check my SACE results, and I logged on and they were there with me.

"There was quite a lot of cheering from my parents and family.

"I am really happy (with the results). "I haven't quite processed it yet, but everyone around me is happy, so I am happy with that."

Andrew is hoping to study a Bachelor of Paramedicine at Flinders University next year, which is a four-year degree.

He found year 12 difficult, spending a lot of extra time doing extra study, but felt well-supported by friends he was able to study with.

"I am just thankful for all the teachers here, and friends and family for helping with everything," Andrew said.

His tip for the 2025 year 12 cohort is to not slack in class "because you will most likely fall behind, and it is really difficult to catch up".

Andrew's 19.6 for English equates to an A-plus, and has earned him an invite to the upcoming Merit ceremony.

Tyndale DUX takes the next step

Tyndale Christian School's Shana Bormann is looking forward to stepping into a fulfilling career she is passionate about after being named the DUX of the Strathalbyn campus with a top Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) of 96.45.

Shana started her SACE journey by selecting the most challenging and demanding subjects.

Her diligence and discipline led towards receiving Academic Excellence awards for maths and science, and to an overall high ATAR score.

Shana was surprised but "very happy" with her results.

"I was pretty surprised," she said.

"I just thought I didn't do as well in the exams as I did, and I just didn't want to get my hopes up, which is why I didn't have a heaps high expectation, but I'm really happy its over 90.

"There's so much closure now.

"I'm like 'yeah, I have actually finished school and I've got this to prove it', and all my hard work over the years has paid off and now I get to move onto university or whatever happens next."

Shana plans to study a Bachelor of Medicine at Flinders University next year, while continuing to serve as a support worker and leader on the worship team at her church.

She was excited to gain more independence, and study something she wants to do.

Reflecting on her time at Tyndale, Shana was thankful for her time there.

"I loved the community aspect of it," she said.

"Everybody is so close-knit, and the teachers are the most amazing people ever - they check up on you all the time and they will smile at you when you walk past them.

"Everyone knows each other, so it's just



Tyndale Christian School's Shana Bormann was named this year's DUX.

so supportive and you know you can ask for help when you need it.

"I just felt supported in my academic journey as well as my faith and character development.

"I feel like it wasn't just an education, it was part of growing into who I am today, so I'm really thankful for my time there."

Runner-up DUX was Emily, who produced an outstanding calibre of work in visual arts, english and modern history, and was awarded Academic Excellence awards for both humanities and the arts.

Having scored in the 99th percentile in her recent uniTEST, Emily hopes to defer her studies for a gap year after gaining a place to study a Bachelor of Arts, and will work on some personal projects and gain valuable experience in the workplace.

Other high-scorers for Tyndale were Mia, Navarre, Hayden and Caitlin.

DAVID BASHAM MP MEMBER FOR FINNISS *Delivering for the Community*

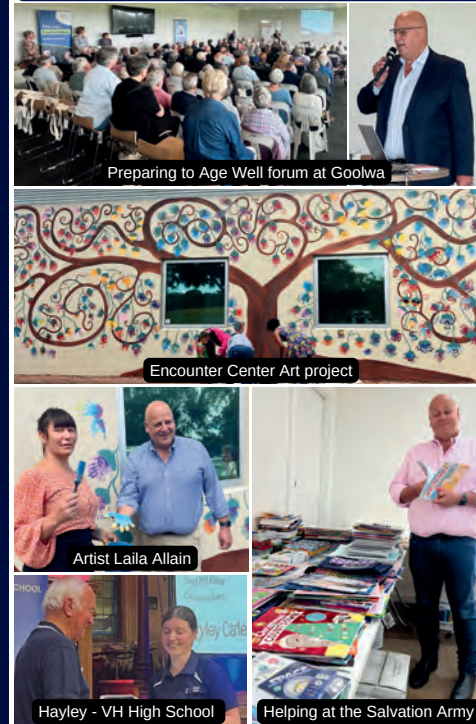
End of year student celebrations

It is an honour to share in the success of so many students in the electorate.

Congratulations to students and staff for the year completed, may you all enjoy a well earned break and look forward to the adventures to come in 2025.



Constituent activities



I am excited to host the 12th Fleurieu women's community awards on 7 March 2025 at Encounter Bay Football club to celebrate International Women's Day **BUT**



Please nominate people who make a difference in this community. Nominating a young ambassador, a business woman, or a volunteer is a fun and special way to show appreciation for some exceptional people or quiet achievers.

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David Basham, T.J. Julie Irwin and Lainie Anderson
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ATO for community groups

Are you interested in a supported workshop for ATO Not For Profit Self-Review Return?

There are new reporting requirements for self-assessing income tax exempt non-charitable not-for-profits (NFPs) with an active Australian business number (ABN).

My office has heard from a number of constituents that the process is complex and has some challenges.

In response to your enquiries, we have reached out to our Federal counterparts for advice and met with an ATO representative to learn more about the issue.

Volunteers are so important to our community but the official workload seems to be ever increasing and overwhelming.

We are here to offer some support and hear about your experiences.

Please register your interest to the Finnis Electorate office by phone, email or in person and details will be designed to suit.

WORKSHOP in February 2025 for Community Groups that need assistance with the ATO Not For Profit Self-Review Return
Register your interest.



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Christmas Closure 2024

Holiday seasons can be difficult. If you need help please contact the office and don't wait for the issue to get too big.

The office will be closed from 12:30pm Friday 20 December 2024 to 9:00am Thursday 2 January 2025

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The Southern Argus journalist Giordina McKay talked to Hindmarsh Island mother Veronica Karpinski and her daughter Theresa Dennis who is a road crash survivor. Theresa now lives with a permanent brain injury, and is cared by her mother and two carers 20 years on from the accident. The pair are urging people to be safe on the roads ahead of the Christmas/New Year period...



Hindmarsh Island mother and daughter Veronica Karpinski and Theresa Dennis urge people to talk to one another about the importance of road safety ahead of the Christmas/New Year period to avoid preventable accidents. Photo: Giordina McKay

Hindmarsh Island family stresses the importance of road safety during Christmas/New Year period

Warning: readers may be distressed by the following details.

A Hindmarsh Island mother who is still impacted by her daughter's car accident two decades on is urging parents and their children to discuss the consequences of making poor choices behind the wheel ahead of the Christmas/New Year period.

The holidays are one of the worst times of the year for road accidents in South Australia.

For Hindmarsh Island mother Veronica Karpinski, she wants families to talk to one another about the seriousness of road safety to avoid some of the life-long impacts from her daughter's car accident that affect both of them to this day.

It was a Friday night in June 2004 – a year the state had been lashed by terrible rains – and Ms Karpinski's daughter Theresa Dennis

was in the car with her then-boyfriend of three months, travelling up Flagstaff Hill Road, when he decided he was going in the wrong direction and slammed on the brakes to perform a U-turn.

The car allegedly spun and hit a stobie pole on the passenger's side, causing it to fold over the car and hit Ms Dennis' head, leaving her with a permanent brain injury that forces her to rely on others to help her with most everyday tasks and use a sign board to speak.

In the early years proceeding the accident, Ms Karpinski and her late husband primarily cared for Theresa, but now she has two carers who provide assistance through the NDIS.

While both are glad Theresa survived the accident, it does come with its consequences.

The predominant lasting impacts of the accident for the mother and daughter is

the hard work that goes into every day, and planning for the future.

"You need all the help you can get so you're not alone," Ms Karpinski said.

"Before, you could be old, go into a nursing home, and your life's set – mine isn't set and neither is Theresa's.

"We don't know what's going to happen tomorrow.

"Most people don't, but I feel like one of those flowers that only lasts 48 hours then they die, so I just live for today and if it doesn't work, doesn't matter, I'm hoping there is a tomorrow.

"Theresa, she doesn't worry at all – she lives life at the moment and she's got a much better attitude than me."

The biggest message the pair have for people is to talk to one another about the consequences of making poor decisions behind the wheel, and to remember the road rules have been put in place to protect, not hinder them.

"The consequences and lifetime of their mistakes is either pain in their parents' heart or the whole loss of life as they know it," Ms Karpinski said.

"It's not everybody who will keep their children at home; it just so happened my husband was the GP and I was the nurse, and we were able to do it for as long as he lived.

"Parents shouldn't yell at their kids because they're all going to make mistakes.

"(Instead) make kids aware of the rules – they're not made to punish them, they're made to keep them safe.

"You can prevent getting into a car with a bad person, and you can prevent going to a place you know serves alcohol and drugs – still go, but be aware of what you're taking."

To learn more about the pair's story, watch the short documentary 'My Two Lives' on YouTube at (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PTCeU58Y81g>).

25 YEARS AGO

from the files of the Southern Argus

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16TH, 1999

Alexandrina Council is pleased to announce that, in association with the Department of Education Employment and Training and the Southern Agricultural Society, an investigation will commence in the new year to explore the possible relocation of the Port Elliot Primary School to part of the Port Elliot Showground. This investigation will also explore the possible development of recreation facilities that would serve the needs of the region and in particular the township of Port Elliot.

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Strathalbyn Swimming Club Coach Carol Hammond has just returned from eight days on Queensland's Gold Coast where she was team manager at a training camp for the Australian National Female Endurance Squad. As a measure of her success in the role, Carol has just been appointed one of two team managers for the world Cup swim meets in January 2000, firstly in Hobart followed by Sydney.

50 YEARS AGO

from the files of the Southern Argus

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19TH, 1974

At the Strathalbyn High School Speech Day the School Principal Mr. John Blanksby welcomed parents and visitors, and gave a resume of achievements for 1974. He gave a special mention to Mr. Bob Elliott for his devotion as President of the Parents and Friends Association, relinquishing his position due to health reasons. Among the other speakers were head prefects Phillip Cross and Denise Allen who received special service awards, while the Menmuir Award, for the student most likely to succeed in Tertiary Education went to Garry Putland. Suellen Thyer will be a Rotary exchange student to Curwensville Area School District, Pennsylvania, U.S.A. next year.

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Milang graduation certificates to High School next year went to Kathy Wescombe, Susan Landseer, Suzanne Paech, Heather Perry, Peter Schmoock, Bill Brook, Kym Hopgood, Philip Rodgers, Barry Earle, Glynné Dover, David McCue, Peter Newland, Ricky Varcoe, Lynton Woolfitt, all also receiving book prizes from the school council.

100 YEARS AGO

from the files of the Southern Argus

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18TH, 1924

To the order of Mr. E. R. Heath, Mr. A. L. Perrey, of the Star Works Strathalbyn, has just completed a highly compact four valve portable radio receiver with all the very latest improvements, fitted in a handsome Manchurian oak cabinet, suitable for demonstration anywhere and fitted up specially to stand hard wear. The cabinet is one of the latest in the state and more than a credit to Mr. Perrey who has put into it a lot of fine workmanship, and introduced a lot of space-saving innovations.

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At the Corporation of Strathalbyn meeting on December 8, the matter of police protection was raised with a letter from the Police Commissioner's Office received in reply to council's request to have two mounted constables stationed in the town. Mayor J. W. Elliott visited Inspector Giles and it was resolved to write to the Commissioner on duties required in respect to the present officer.

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FRWA Executive Officer Simon Grenfell with decorated recycling bins ahead of the holiday period.

Waste services over the festive season

With the busy Christmas and holiday season upon us, and the weekly collection of recycling in full swing, Fleurieu Regional Waste Authority (FRWA) kerbside waste collections will still occur on all public holidays except Christmas Day.

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday collections of Christmas week will occur one day later (e.g. Friday collections move to Saturday).

FRWA Waste and Recycling Depots and the Goolwa office are closed on public holidays, and will also close early at 1pm on both Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve.

"Our team have been working hard to plan and schedule all the extra collection runs," FRWA Executive Officer, Simon Grenfell, said.

"These include the increased weekly yellow and green FOGO recycling, as well as supporting our commercial customers during these peak times.

"With the increase in the region's visitors, a major focus is also the public litter bins, with daily collection runs."

Most of the increased waste during this peak time comes from food and packaging which can be recycled.

"It's a busy time of year for us," Mr Grenfell said.

"Our drivers, site and customer service teams work hard to achieve waste management and environmental goals.

"We thank residents for their ongoing assistance by ensuring they put bins out the night before, understanding run times may be different and diverting their food and recycling away from the landfill bin."

Extra paid services are available for businesses, holiday rentals or households that generate more waste by contacting FRWA on 8555 7405 or (visiting www.frwa.com.au).

Following two successful years, the Summer peak weekly recycling bin collections also returns to the region, having already started on Monday, December 16, and finishing on Friday, January 24, 2025.

Both yellow recycling and green Food Organics Garden Organics (FOGO) bins will

be collected weekly, while the collection of blue/red waste landfill bins remains fortnightly.

"Previous bin audits revealed most of the increased waste at this time of year belongs in recycling, not the blue/red bin," Mr Grenfell said.

"Food waste – even prawn shells, meat, bones, bread and dairy – all belong in the green bin to ultimately become compost and soil.

"The increase in festivities at this time of year also increases waste, with much of the content beyond food being recyclables like cartons, packaging, glass and tins."

This period also sees an increase in holiday home rentals and waste.

Waste management beyond standard residential amounts is a business expense worn by the operators, not residential ratepayers.

FRWA offers extra paid collections and has contacted local rental agencies to detail these services.

If you run an Air BnB or need extra collections, refer to their website.

With the increase in collection demands resulting in run modifications, Fleurieu Regional Waste Authority (FRWA) reminds residents that bins must be out the night before.

Some runs will start earlier, while other collections may extend into the late afternoon.

Due to operational demands over the Summer peak season, residents in Ashbourne, Paris Creek, Mount Observation, Woodlands, Woodchester, Langhorne Creek rural areas (not Langhorne Creek town central), Salem, Hartley, Gemmells, Highland Valley, Red Creek and Bletchley will again have their Friday December 20 and 27, plus January 3 and 18 collections moved to Saturdays.

Due to these run changes, FRWA asks residents to wait until late afternoon before reporting a missed bin.

If your bin is missed, please submit a 'report a missed bin' form at (www.frwa.com.au).

Further Summer peak and holiday information, including public holiday collections and depot details, plus extra paid services available can also be found on the website.



Foundation for National Parks & Wildlife Landscape Resilience Manager Sandy Eager recently visiting Clayton Bay Nursery and Environment Group, pictured with Acting Manager Sandy Eager. Photos: Tara Nash

Nursery blossoming with growth

Clayton Bay Nursery and Environment Group is being supported through a community program in collecting seed, propagating and dispatching local provenance tree species for ecological restoration projects.

The funding is from Foundation for National Parks & Wildlife, which is the charity partner of national parks and wildlife services.

The organisation aims to safeguard ecosystems, wilderness and flora and fauna, and supports community-based nursery programs.

Local nursery volunteers recently welcomed a visit from Landscape Resilience Manager Sandy Eager to discuss their projects.

Clayton Bay has been involved in revegetation projects since 1997.

Since then, they have developed a vegetation management plan with support from Second Nature Conservancy, grown thousands of plants for local revegetation

projects, and became an incorporated body.

The group of volunteers now participate in the ongoing restoration and vegetation of the natural environment of the foreshore and local environment.

Some of their plants grown are for Alexandrina Council, local landowners, wineries and revegetation projects.

The group is also remembering their former late nursery manager Phil Collins, who sadly recently passed away.

Mr Collins brought decades of experience of nursery management and plant production, with his long career including a 12-year stint as the State Flora Nursery Manager.

He is being remembered for further promoting the production of high-quality seedlings for the town and surrounding districts to enhance local flora for positive biodiversity outcomes and to combat land degradation for shade, shelter, windbreaks and ornamental value.



Pat and Peter Smytherman sharing a laugh at Clayton Bay Nursery and Environment Group.



Summer/festive waste collections & depot hours

Summer peak & holiday details

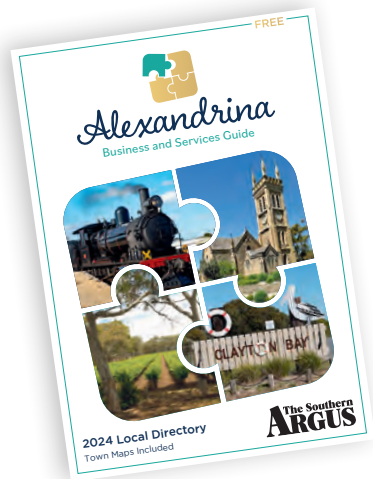
- Weekly recycling (yellow & green) collections Mon 16 Dec to Fri 24 Jan
- Collections occur on public holidays (except Christmas Day)
- Waste Depots/office closed public holidays
- Waste Depots/office early closure (1 pm) – Christmas Eve & New Year's Eve.

Christmas week

- Is yellow & green recycling collection
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Faces & Places



Meadows residents Erin, Danny, Jade and Angus O'Shea looking dressed to impress at the Meadows Carols on December 1. Photos: Georgina McKay



Smile n Drum members Vickie Schmidt, Lynn Maxwell, Jan Neeft, Treya Derrington and Dave Morriss set the tone of the domestic violence walk in Goolwa earlier this month with their percussion. Photos: Tara Nash



Tom Lee, Hannah Wild and Jodie Penniment among the volunteers packing Christmas hampers earlier this month. Photos: Tara Nash



Lisa, Peter and Sonny Nolan were ready for the Meadows carols on December 1.



Holly Poyzer and Katie McShane with the sign 'her fight is our fight' at the domestic violence walk this month.



Teen Challenge's Blake Dwyer helping sort donations for the Strath Christmas hampers earlier this month.



Ellen Sanders and Kylie Markow at the domestic violence walk at Goolwa earlier this month.



Zonta Club of the Fleurieu Peninsula members Christine Trenorden, Anita Williss, Karen Lake, Sharon Kay and Caroline Smith joining the campaign against domestic violence.



Eastern Fleurieu's Ashleigh Cross, Sharli Dollman, Charlotte Grebneff, Lilly Santibanez, and Mia Hutchins were recognised for being student leaders at a recent awards ceremony. Photo: Georgina McKay

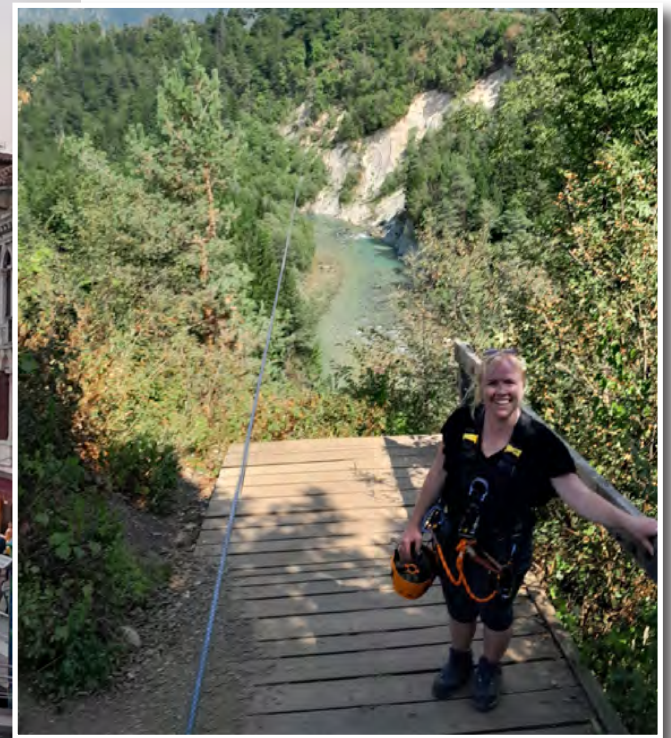
Tara's Travels



Venice is stunning at night.



EUROPE: Italy, Slovenia, Croatia



Journalist Tara Nash after completing a 4km ziplining course in Slovenia.

Soaring high above a river, surrounded by mountains and trees in Slovenia, is an unbelievable and breathtaking experience.

The longest zipline in Europe is in Bled and is a total of 4km on seven courses, where participants reach speeds of about 60km/h as they fly through the picturesque scenery.

Bled is a town in the foothills of the Julian Alps and on a beautiful lake, and is a great spot to add to the itinerary for adventure sports.

White water rafting down the Sava River – just below where I was ziplining the day earlier – is thrilling, and a hike around Vintgar Gorge is beautiful.

With little knowledge of Slovenia, I had few expectations, but was instantly charmed by the central European country that is cuddled between Croatia, Austria and Italy.

Squealing in excitement when first arriving in the capital Ljubljana, it's easy to fall in love with the city that has Ljubljanica River running through the middle and the iconic three bridges which connects both sides.

The laneways are filled with life and atmosphere, with plenty of cyclists, eateries,

and buskers with live music bouncing down the streets.

Being just a few hours from Venice, it was hard to pass up the opportunity to explore another city on water and indulge in some Italian dishes. A day trip to nearby island Murano helped to escape the crowds of tourists.

Nearby, Croatia offered plenty of gems to explore, like hiking around the waterfalls at the Pitvice Lakes National Park, which my friend rightly recommended to me as “unmissable”.

On a peninsula, Pula proved great for beach-hopping during the hot summer days and was also worth braving the heat to walk to the only remaining Roman amphitheatre that has all four sides towers entirely preserved and built between 27 BC and AD 68.

The island Hvar was also great for lounging around the coastline and soaking up rays, after you get accustomed to the rocky beaches.

The relaxed, holiday feeling of the island captured my heart immediately, leading to quickly booking an extra night.

Hours and days could be lost walking through the historical cities of Zadar, Split and Dubrovnik, particularly their Old Towns which transport you to another world.

I also loved indulging in the seafood dishes. With so much to explore, the clock on

a month-long solo trip quickly ran out, but the memories and experiences fed my adventurous and curious soul for a long time to come.

Or, until next year, anyway.

Perinatal mental health set centre to soon open

New and expectant South Australian parents will get free, personalised mental health support, with a new perinatal mental health centre to be established at Murray Bridge.

An estimated 100,000 Australians are affected by perinatal depression and anxiety (PNDA) every year, prompting the Federal Government to fund centres that will offer local families support during the vital perinatal period from pregnancy through to baby's first birthday.

Providing early intervention and support will reduce the effect of perinatal mental illness on families and set them up for a healthier, stable future.

The Murray Bridge centre will be operated by Gidget Foundation Australia – a not-for-profit organisation that supports the emotional wellbeing

of expecting and new parents – and is expected to be established and operational by 2026.

“It's common to be overwhelmed and tired during pregnancy, and as a new parent, but many Australians are faced with far greater challenges,” Federal Minister for Health and Aged Care, Mark Butler, said.

“Becoming a parent is a profound change – for many parents understandably it can be overwhelming. “These perinatal mental health centres will provide families needing that extra support for free.”

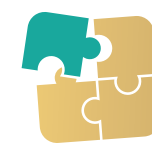
The centres will help meet local demand for mental health care and provide psychological services with no out-of-pocket costs.

Parents will need a referral from a GP and a mental health care plan.

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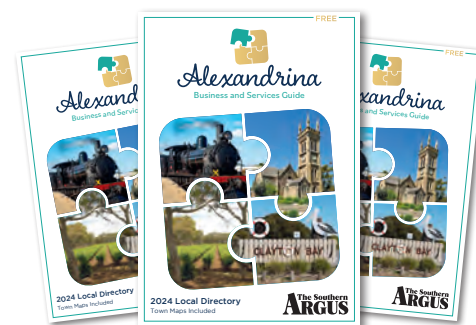
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COMMUNITY COLLABORATION



Santa arrives in Strathalbyn in a special horse-drawn carriage led by head elf Shaye Clark. INSET: Little Argus All-Stars Sarah Rowe and Edhaa Anand getting cosy in the park ahead of the carols on Friday night.
Photos: Rowan Sims

Strathalbyn celebrates Christmas by the Angas

By Tara Nash

Organisers of Christmas Where the Angas Flows find the annual parade keeps getting better every year, as local organisations creatively outdo themselves with their floats.

The 1st Strathalbyn Scout Group once again was crowned for having the best float, which was a giant magpie, measuring at 4m long and more than 7m wide.

The eye-catching float was made up of timber poles, plywood, canvas, and ropes, and created by about 20 Scouts.

Members also took home the title in 2022 for their giant colourful serpent.

"They're got a bit of a standard for everyone to catch up to," Chairman, Graham Jenke, said.

"(The night) turned out really successful. "I think the parade gets better every year – people put more work into it – and I thought it was fantastic."

After the parade, crowds gathered around Soldiers Memorial Gardens for a night of carols performed by locals which was rounded off with an "absolutely spectacular" fireworks display.

Emcees Bill Brooks and Ella McLean did a "very good job" at entertaining crowds.

Halfway through the concert, audience members were surprised by a performance of *Amazing Grace* by Anna Doecke on the bridge.

Children enjoyed games while food trucks sold out by the end of the night.

"It was a great community night – it's a good way to welcome the Christmas festivities and to end the school term," Mr Jenke said.

"We had very positive feedback from people on how good the night was."

Mr Jenke thanked everyone involved in the night, including his "great committee".

He added that the event was only possible thanks to the sponsorship from local businesses, saying the event is funded, run and enjoyed by the community.

"Thanks to the emcees right through to schools who put together their little things for the concert – it makes it really fantastic," he said.

"There were also many volunteers of people who clean up the rubbish afterwards.

"You can't name everybody, but it was a great community effort."



Ethan Phillips, Jack Heath and Seth Beurskens were carols-ready.



The gophers lead the parade.



The Rotary Club brings out the big duck.



SteamRanger carrying some special artisanal.



The clowns were up-and-about.

Christmas Where the Angus Flows

2024



Sierra Kenyon, Chloe Potroz, Havanah Simounds and Harper Smith showing off their festive shirts.



A parade of classic cars drove through the streets of Strathalbyn.



Trucks were a big hit in this year's pageant.



Tyndale's Pedal Prix team skirted along the pageant route.



Spectacular performances kept the crowd entertained.



The Southern Argus team in their inflatable Christmas-themed costumes.



Even the tractors were dragged out.



Live The Dream Travel with its convoy.



Fireworks lit up the town.



Amusement rides thrilled kids.



The gardens were packed with people.



Carollers performing before the fireworks.



The fireworks display was a big hit.

Pageant 'burned' due to hot weather



By Tara Nash

Since the Goolwa pageant and concert were cancelled last Sunday due to hot weather, community members have shown an "outpouring" of interest in supporting future events.

While the decision to cancel the festivities was "devastating", Goolwa Community Association Chairperson Tamara McRobbie felt positive about the potential of hosting Christmas and other events next year under the now newly-formed entity and volunteers.

"I'm excited for 2025 because we've got a brilliant set up in the background so (next year's) event is going to be a lot less intense to put on because we started from essentially nothing this year," she said.

"So, we could quite capably and quickly

get everything organised and ensure the event runs better.

"I'm so proud of the effort the team put in and I'm really disappointed that we didn't get to showcase what we'd been working so hard on but we have bigger and better ideas for 2025.

"We have had a brilliant outpouring of support (for volunteering and membership)... the more the merrier when it comes to running events and becoming a financial voting member of our organisation."

The much-anticipated return of the pageant after a four-year hiatus was thanks to the hard work of the Goolwa Community Association which formed earlier this year.

It brought together local organisations and individuals with the aim of planning Christmas celebrations and other events throughout the year.

Since 1994, the town celebrated the festive season with a pageant and concert, organised by the Lions and Goolwa clubs respectively.

However, as previously reported in *The Southern Argus*, the membership numbers and age of members meant Lions were unable to continue the pageant.

The Christmas concert continued but was in jeopardy last year due to financial challenges.

However, it then was saved when local service groups sourced the remaining necessary funds and ended up pulling off "first class" entertainment attended by about 3000 people.

The community wasn't spared another curveball this year, when in the week leading up to Sunday's pageant and concert, the forecasted temperature "skyrocketed" up by 8C, raising concerns and discussion among volunteers.

The event time was initially push backed before the volunteer concert team opted out of the day.

Finally, the committee decided to cancel the pageant too.

"It certainly wasn't a decision we made

lightly and not one we wanted to make that decision, but we had no choice," Ms McRobbie said.

"We wished we could have gone ahead but... the risks far outweighed the benefits, particularly with how hot it would have been.

"We would not have been able to live with ourselves if something happened to somebody."

While "99 per cent of the community" was "very supportive", some critical feedback "hurt (them) greatly", after the committee put in their "time, blood, sweat and tears" for more than 12 months.

"We're doing our absolute best to run a free community event," Ms McRobbie said.

"The majority of the support from the community has been outstanding.

"The support we got from the council this year was incredible.

"The support from local businesses was absolutely outstanding and we want to make it up to the community."



Goolwa Primary students Shayla Griffen and Hugo Pollard got to sit next to Santa and his fairy during their visit last Wednesday. Photos: Giorgina McKay

Santa makes a special visit to Goolwa Primary students

Santa made a special visit to Goolwa Primary School last week to say hello to the local students.

Organised by the Lions Club of Goolwa, the man in red arrived in style last Wednesday on a horse-drawn carriage led by his head elf and a beautiful fairy by his side to bring the primary school students some joy ahead of Christmas.

He made a few laps around the oval before leaving to prepare for his lap

around the world on Christmas Eve.

After Santa left, students enjoyed an icy treat courtesy of Foodland.

The following day students enjoyed a 'Christmas Fun Day', thanks to the generous funding from Variety the Children's Charity.

The event featured a range of exciting activities provided by 'Epic Inflatables,' including, obstacle courses, go karts, mini golf and interactive games.



Santa being escorted around the school's oval.



Alexandrina Council is waiting on state-wide consultation before making a decision on the proposed Future Living Code Amendment.

Council withholds decision on Future Living Code Amendment

By Giorgina McKay

Alexandrina Council is withholding a final decision on a policy framework to enable new forms of 'co-located housing' to be developed in established suburbs until it hears the full community's views of the proposed code amendment.

As previously reported in *The Southern Argus*, the Future Living Code Amendment aims to introduce a new form of co-located housing to allow more homes to be built in established suburbs without impacting the existing character, heritage and streetscape of them.

It intends to do this by creating low-rise and small-scale housing, and encouraging the use of intelligent design and adaptive reuse to modify original houses and preserve the existing trees, mature gardens and established streetscape.

The proposed policy would only apply across the Established Neighbourhood Zone in the region, including pockets throughout Goolwa, Port Elliot and Strathalbyn.

Community consultation was held between August 15 and November 7, with council notifying landowners with properties in the established zones via mail, holding briefings with community groups, and hosting two community drop-in information sessions.

Fifteen submissions were received by Alexandrina Council alone – eight in support, four in support with some concerns and three in opposition – however, the full consultation state-wide is ongoing, which council would like to wait to consider until it makes its final

position known on the code amendment, given some of its concerns.

These include the code amendment's failure to propose a minimum site area, the likelihood of very small sites occurring due to adding one or two dwellings to one spot which could compromise the ability to accommodate on-site wastewater management systems, the lack of scheme descriptions, and lack of clarity around fence requirements.

"Whilst the intent of the code amendment is supported as it will be providing an alternative model of housing, which can also be relatively more affordable, there are technical matters with the policy that still need to be addressed," a council report read.

"Minor technical adjustments are required to the definition and meaning behind terms within proposed policy.

"Given that a submission from council was required by or soon after the closure of public consultation, it is recommended that council does not necessarily commit Alexandrina Council to the spatial application of the co-located policy just yet, with a decision to be made after council is able to see the overall results of the consultation period, including any submissions received from the other participating councils and the proposed response."

In a letter drafted to the State Planning Commission at last month's meeting, councillors agreed to support the intent of the code amendment, but withhold a final position until it has a full understanding of community engagement and a resolution to the issues identified.



Goolwa Primary School's three new leaders Tahnee Austin, Bek Steadman and Bodhi Austin are looking forward to improving the school next year. Photo: Giorgina McKay

GPS new leaders take charge



By Giorgina McKay

Goolwa Primary's three new leaders are looking forward to improving the school next year.

Thirteen dedicated and passionate students stepped forward to represent the school during the election, and delivered speeches that rivalled those performed by experienced adults.

After the votes were counted, Bek Steadman, Tahnee Austin and Bodhi Austin were announced as the three new student leaders for the 2025 school year.

All three were shocked to be chosen by their peers and felt proud to be able to represent the school in this way.

For Bek, it's been a dream she's had since she first began voting for the leaders, while for Tahnee it's a step up from the role she had aimed for the previous year.

"I really wanted to be house leader because I didn't get it this year," Tahnee said.

"So, mum was like, 'Tahnee, you should go for school leader.'"

Bodhi similarly had looked up to the leaders before him and wanted to follow in their footsteps.

All three had no ideas that they wanted to implement yet, but said they would make sure to listen to their peers.

"(A school leader) is a student representative, so if you don't want to talk to adults, you can just go to them and they will bring it to adults instead of you," Bek explained.

"(I'm looking forward to) doing all the jobs and helping around the school, and trying to improve it."

The school congratulated all the candidates for their positive approach and clear commitment to its values, and looked forward to seeing the leadership qualities they will bring to the school community.

Member for Finnis David Basham speaking at November's Ageing Well forum in Goolwa.



Plans afoot for forum on retirement

By Deirdre Graham

Plans are afoot for a forum on retirement living options in the electorate of Finnis in early 2025 following the success of two Ageing Well events this year – one in Victor Harbor and one in Goolwa.

Organised by Member for Finnis David Basham the 2024 forums have sought to provide a wide range of information about how to age well, with a presentation by expert Gail Miller, and information supplied by groups such as Services Australia, My Aged Care, ARAS, Connect Care, and others.

About 100 people attended the Goolwa Ageing Well forum last month.

"(We looked at) many things around ageing and the different models of where you can live, for example the different models of retirement village versus residential park versus living in your own home versus moving into a nursing home – all those sort of things as it is such a complicated space," Mr Basham said.

"The interest was very much about 'what do I do?', 'what do I need to do?', 'who do I need to talk to?', 'how can I get help?', 'who do I trust in these things?', and asking questions about what is best for them in their own personal circumstances.

"There is no (overarching) answer to what you should do when you are at a

particular age.

"It depends where you are and who you are, what family you have around you, and how your house is set up – all those things play a huge part in it.

"There are people out there that can help, so it is worth talking to them and getting some useful advice, (and) our office has all the details for those."

Organising medical care as you age was one topic of importance in 2024.

"Letting your family know what your intentions around your medical care and those sort of things are important," Mr Basham said.

"Realising that your body starts to slow down and you need to manage that in advance (is important) because if you get sick tomorrow and you are not ready, it is really hard to organise it quickly."

While one of the younger persons at the forums, Mr Basham found some relative tips for himself as well.

"It was probably more so at the first forum, (as) it jogged my memory that I should just update my will, for example, as it had been 20 years since I updated it," he said.

"So, just by having these conversations jogged my memory about what you should do."

Mr Basham hopes to hold a forum looking at retirement living options in February or March in 2025.

Alexandrina's year 6s prepare for high school

Alexandrina's year 6 students officially graduated from primary school last week, marking their first step towards their senior education journey.

Eastern Fleurieu's Milang and Strathalbyn campuses held their graduation ceremonies last Wednesday, while the Langhorne Creek and Ashbourne campuses celebrated theirs last Thursday.

The Milang year 6s enjoyed their graduation during the final assembly at the Milang Butter Factory, where Head of Campus Susannah Cook spoke about each of the students' journeys, before the attendees stayed for afternoon tea.

The Milang-based students moving onto high school next year are Alastair Bain, Zander Ball, Tyler Bassett, Sierra Harper, Harley O'Donnell, Kaiden Patterson, Timothy Pollock, and Troy Vogelsang.

Strathalbyn's year 6 graduation night was 'one to remember', celebrating the achievements and milestones of students.

The formal presentation highlighted the students' growth, academic accomplishments, and contributions to the school community, with heartfelt speeches from staff and leaders.

Following the formalities and family

photos, students enjoyed a delicious supper and a lively disco.

Graduating students from the campus are Aaliyah Bald-Chapman, Harvey Beaumont, Eliza Boag, Arlen Brooks, Tyler Brooks, Logan Buckingham, Matilda Cheesman, Isabella Ciola, Miah Clarence, Jasmine Clark, Henry Clatworthy, Tyrian Cousins, Ruby Daws, Mackenzie Diepgrond, William Eastwood, Stella Errington, Mia Ewins, Sienna Fee, Darcey Ferguson, John Finnie, Mason Fletcher, Joey Forbes, Bella Gladwin, Emily Goodrich, Mia Grocke, Hunter Hansen, Marisa Harrip, Ella Harris, Tilly Harrowfield, Elli Hausdorf-Gepp, Esme Haynes, Lucian Hein, Anna Henson, Matthew Hissey, Xander Howell, Kayden Johnson, Ellyce Kennedy, Kayla Kennedy, Sierra Kenyon, Olivia Knight, Brea Leske, Charlie Lind, Levi Lipschinski, Jack McNamara, Isaac Methofer, Kiara Miller, Riley Mullen, Artie Murphy, Amelia Paech, Issac Page, Connor Parsons, Emily Pate, Tayla Pavy, Carley Pearson, William Pecanek, Chloe Potroz, Chace Puleston, Dane Richards, Ashton Robinson-Shoosmith, Jaeden Sargeant, Havanah Simounds, Harper Smith, Naite Spinks, Rachael Stitt, Maddy Swanborough, Rubi



The graduating Milang year 6 students.

Thomson, Jordan Thorpe, Levi Tiller, Horatio Williams, Oliver Wilson, and Evelyn Wood.

At Ashbourne's campus, only two students were moving on – Jett and Seth.

Teacher Robyn Ranford spoke about each student's achievements and individual personalities, what they brought to the campus, and how they have grown over the years.

Goolwa Primary School also held its own ceremony last Wednesday night, farewelling 32 year 6 students.

Award winners for the year include:

- Science and Environment Award: Georgina.
- Indonesian Award: Cayde.
- Health and Physical Education Award: Jade.
- Arts Award: Chloe.
- Mathematics Award: Kayde.
- English Award: Holley.
- Mayo Award: Ayla.
- Wellbeing Award: Kirby.
- Citizenship Award: Josh and Ayla.
- Student of the Year: Levi.

The winner of the annual Lions Club of Goolwa Peace Poster competition was also announced.

For more than three decades, Lions clubs worldwide have sponsored this special art contest, encouraging young people to express their vision of peace through creativity.

The local winner whose artwork has advanced to the next stage of the competition is Chloe, who created a piece with a vibrant blue backdrop featuring a peace dove adorned with flags of various nations, soaring above a world without peace.

Ayla's piece depicting a young girl atop a staircase, gazing into a calming, space-themed background came runner-up.



Macclesfield photographer John Gitsham has released his third book, *The Image Collector*. Photo: Deirdre Graham

Maccy photographer releases third book

By Deirdre Graham

Macclesfield photographer John Gitsham has released his third book – a collection of black and white, and colour images taken over the past three years.

Named *The Image Collector*, it showcases his love for the surreal and abstract, and follows two previous books – *The Dream Theatre* and *ambient*.

“I just have a lot of images and I thought I would like to do a third book, as for some reason, three seemed like a good number in a particular type of work,” Mr Gitsham said.

“It is a mixture of urban landscape, still lifes, and it has a few bird photos in it, but I would put it down as more abstract or surreal as that is probably the way I like to work.

“I have always liked the surrealist and abstract painters, and photographers of that period, and I guess that is my style – dark and broody.

“I don’t normally shoot much in colour because most photographs when you take colour out, it has to stand up by itself... it has to have a strong design and composition, whereas sometimes colour can hide that.

“The few colour ones that I have in there are generally almost monochrome in themselves, so I thought I would put some in so that people can see that I do shoot in colour occasionally, and do like good colour photographs if they are done well.”

While taking the photos can take some time, putting them together was a quicker, more intuitive process.

“If I included the time taking the photographs, that could be hours and hours, and days and days, but putting the book together, once you have the idea, it doesn’t take that long,” Mr Gitsham said.

“The sequence of how I put them in the book, I just intuitively do it.

“I don’t put a lot of time in trying to match photos, although some I do, (as) some themes I have matched together.

“But basically, as I go through my collection of work, I see what flows.”

Mr Gitsham has drawn inspiration from both near and far.

“Maccy is quite an inspiration for me – my three books have quite a lot of Macclesfield images in there,” he said.

“I have been up here for 35 years, so I kind of know where all the good spots are and things I have always wanted to photograph.

“But I travel a fair bit, so this particular

book has probably got the most from other places.

“I was in New York for three months five years ago so there are a few New York photos in this one, and also Darwin.

“I work three months of the year up in Darwin doing bird tour guiding up there... so there are a few Darwin or Kakadu photos, a few Queensland photos in there, and some old photos that I took in the 1980s that I have reworked – hand coloured or just reworked them to bring them up-to-speed.”

Mr Gitsham’s other passion is conservation, but he says his conservation work is normally separate to his artistic work.

“At times they do cross over, but I am more just an observer of life really, whether it be an urban street, a set of rubbish bins or a weed coming out of a fence,” Mr Gitsham said.

“I guess it is not really directly related to conservation, but the art of seeing I guess.”

Mr Gitsham was proud of all three of his books.

“I am proud that I have put together the book, and Moonglow Publishing does a great job putting books together,” he said.

“We are using a local printer, local publisher, and local photographer, even though some of the images are not taken in South Australia.

“I just hope it sells well.

“I have a list of 150 people who have bought my books in the past, so hopefully, they will support me – at least 100 of them – as I only do a limited run of 100.

“It is a niche product, and it is cheaper than doing exhibitions.

“That is one of the reasons I started to do photography books, as they are actually cheaper than putting on a solo exhibition, and you reach more people and they are around longer.”

Mr Gitsham expects it to be quite some time before he tackles another book.

“My fourth will probably be in a few years time, and I may do a bird book with some descriptions about the bird that I photographed,” he said.

“I am thinking maybe I will photograph some birders as well and call it ‘Birds and Birders’.

“So, it will be quite a different format and I am not sure how I am going to do it.

“I want it to be artistic as well, so the portraits might be a bit funky, but time will tell with that one.”

The Image Collector has been published by Macclesfield publishing business Moonglow Publishing from which they can be ordered.

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It's that time of the year again... and the silly season is almost upon us.

Unfortunately, scammers love this time of year too and are out in force, starting from the recent Black Friday and Cyber Monday sales all the way through the post-Christmas sales of the holiday season to Australia Day.

Back in the day, shopping for bargains was all about fighting your way to the front of the queue to grab that coveted pair of pants or shiny new sneaker drop.

Nowadays, we're more likely to be poised over our smartphones, thumbs ready to pounce on online deals.

We all know online shopping is convenient and quick, as well as giving that instant rush, but it also has its pitfalls.

It's a rich playground for scammers to target unsuspecting customers.

Did you know almost half of all messages sent on Black Friday in 2023 were scams? That's way up on the usual level of around one per cent.

Here are some easy tips to stay scam-smart during this silly season and enjoy stress-free shopping:

12 tips to shop safely online

1. Avoid clicking suspicious links. Watch out for messages that urge you to click on suspicious links, especially if there's a sense of urgency involved – urgency is a common trick used by scammers.

2. Be wary of calls. Exercise particular caution if the caller says they're from the fraud team, especially if they go on to ask for personal details. If in doubt, call your bank back through their website and ask for the fraud team that way.

3. Be sceptical of deals. Be cautious of websites that offer massive discounts on popular brands. If a deal seems too good to be true, it probably is.

4. Shop on reputable websites. Stick to well-known retailers with a strong online presence.

5. Keep your software up-to-date. Regularly update your antivirus software, device operating system, apps, and web browsers to protect against cyber threats.

6. Use strong, unique passwords. Use a password manager to generate and store strong passwords, and change them regularly.

7. Don't connect to suspicious wireless networks. Avoid using untrusted Wi-Fi networks, especially in public places.

8. Educate yourself. Stay informed about common scams and check out "ScamWatch" (<https://www.scamwatch.gov.au/>) for updates on current fraud tactics.

9. Verify the website. Double-check the URL and look for any typos or inconsistencies.

10. Watch out for social media. Be wary of deals promoted on social media, especially from unfamiliar or new accounts.

11. Use secure payment methods. There are dispute resolution processes available for PayPal or your credit card if things go wrong. For a quick guide to shopping securely online visit (<https://www.cyber.gov.au/protect-yourself/staying-secure-online/shopping-and-banking-online/online-shopping/while-you-are-shopping>).

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This residence offers four generously proportioned bedrooms, each designed for comfort and functionality.

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The fourth bedroom provides flexibility as a guest retreat, study, or additional space to suit your needs.

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freely.

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Alternatively, it's a dream workshop for the handyman or craftsman ready to bring their ideas to life.

This home beautifully combines style, space, and functionality, creating the perfect place to call home.

Internal features:

- 2022 built
- Master bedroom with walk-in robe
- Built-ins in rooms two and three
- Modern kitchen
- Stone benchtops
- Dishwasher
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External features:

- 705sqm allotment

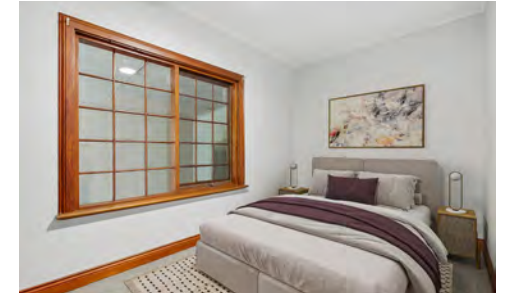
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Adjacent is a beautifully renovated kitchen, featuring ample cupboard storage for all your culinary essentials and a modern design that's sure to impress.

Off the lounge, you'll find a private study - an ideal retreat for remote work, creative pursuits, or staying organised with paperwork.

This home includes two generously sized bedrooms, each equipped with built-in wardrobes for convenient storage and ceiling fans to keep you cool during those warm summer nights.

Outside, you'll be greeted by a low-maintenance courtyard designed to simplify your lifestyle.

It's the perfect canvas to create your own oasis - whether you envision planting your favourite native flora, cultivating fresh salad greens, or enjoying an effortless garden space.

Internal features include:

- 1985 built
- Two spacious bedrooms
- Study
- Two living areas
- Recently painted

- New flooring
- Airconditioning

External features include:

- 259sqm allotment
- Garage
- Carport
- Low maintenance gardens
- Fully fenced yard

Nearby features:

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Christmas on cherry farm



By Deirdre Graham

It is Christmas time at Kerrie's Cherries at Yundi, with the cherry harvest now in full swing.

Kerrie and Pete Arthur bought the small property back in 2013, knowing nothing about growing cherries.

They are now slightly seasoned farmers of about 800 trees – 700 of the sweet variety and 100 of the sour.

"We weren't looking for a cherry farm, but we were looking for property with some water and some space, and a place to do music," Mrs Arthur said.

"We bought it in December 2013, so we managed to pick that season, as we got taught by the previous owner how to do it, but we didn't really count that one as ours because we didn't grow it, so we say 2014 was our first harvest."

Over the years they have celebrated good seasons and endured rough ones.

"Someone told me when we first bought the farm, 'cherries will break your heart mate', but they make (your heart) too tough, and there is always an upside I reckon," Mr Arthur said.

"It is not an easy fruit to get in the cold room, (although) some years it is, and we have had years where it has been no problem at all and we think 'well, this is easy'."



Kerrie and Pete Arthur look over some of this year's crop of cherries. Photos: Deirdre Graham

Then they have seasons like last year. "Last year we had five days of rain just before we started picking and it split nearly everything – it was a bit of a write-off," Mrs Arthur explained.

The early stage of harvest this year is a little better.

"There are patches of really great fruit, but we have had some rain, as a lot of growers have this year, which splits cherries and also creates some problems with brown rot," Mr Arthur said.

"So, overall I would say we are looking at an average year, but it won't be a long year

because of the damage."

Mrs Arthur said several components are needed to growing a good cherry.

"We are fortunate here to have spring water, so I think that is a really nice part of the flavour profile of our cherries," she said.

"We (add) some organic fertilisers, and prune to make light and air for them, with plenty of sunshine.

"Some cherry producers in the Adelaide Hills have lost a lot to birds and flying foxes, and that is just devastating, so we have a net and that definitely does help."

The couple free ranges chickens in the orchard to clean up bugs, fertilise the soil, and scratch it around, as part of a plan to make things as "natural" as possible, and produce fruit as close to what you would grow in your backyard.

A number of things are needed for a good cherry.

"It is about the balance of the sugar and the acidity," Mr Arthur said.

"Some cherries are higher in acidity, so I think it is like any good fruit, it is not overly sweet, but has freshness too.

"Cherries are a great food – good for your health and for your sleep."

The Arthurs aim to deliver a "nice and firm" cherry with a green stem.

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Jacob Arthur picking cherries.

you as there is no more life in that cherry, it is just going to get pudgy," Mrs Arthur said. "You have to keep them cold."

"Seeing them on the supermarket floor is devastating because you know some grower grew them and then they have just been left out."

"They have to be kept cool, so if you want them at home, put them in your fridge and just bring out what you want and leave the rest in there as it keeps them for longer."

The Arthurs say cherry growers on the Fleurieu, including the nearby Fleurieu Cherries, who offer pick-your-own cherries, were also reporting a good season so far.

Prices for consumers could change according to where you are sourcing your cherries, with city prices tending to be more than those bought straight from growers.

"We tend to set a price that we think is a fair thing every year," Mr Arthur said.

"The market fluctuates, so we are not really in control of any of that, and it is widely reported every year that cherries (will be expensive).

"But most of our cherries are sold directly through the farm and at market, so we set what we think is a fair price and buyers know what they are getting."

The Arthurs take pride in being able to provide a Christmas fruit for families, with the general feedback from customers that it is 'not Christmas without Kerrie's Cherries'.

"People are setting up to spend time with their family, and to be able to provide something for the Christmas table, we always find that to be quite a special thing for us," Mr Arthur said.

"That is what we strive to do - make people happy with the fruit - because it is that time of the year."

While most of the Arthurs' cherries are predominately sold at the farm gate, they

also sell at the Willunga Markets and deliver to Kadina for orders around that area.

"I grew up in Kadina and we couldn't get good cherries then," Mrs Arthur said.

"There are actually a few people that go up there now, but when we started, we went well there's no fruit and veg store there anymore, so let's take some up for the people that want some, and through Facebook, people tag each other and then the orders come in."

"Pete drives up there with a cool room full and people pick up their cherries."

The word from the Arthurs is that Santa is a big fan of cherries.

"Put it this way," Mr Arthur stated.

"For the fruit he eats, cherries are the first cab off the rank."

"He might eat lots of cake and pudding but he likes cherries too - that is his health food."



Nutrien Ag yarded approximately 1050 hd at its recent sale.

Quality cattle at yard sales

Nutrien Ag yarded approximately 1050 hd at Strathalbyn last Friday to an enthusiastic gallery of buyers.

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Support available for eID transition

With the date for mandatory electronic identification (eID) for sheep and farmed goats fast approaching, the State Government has invested \$10.2 million into a range of assistance measures to ensure producers have the best tools for a successful transition.

All sheep and farmed goats born on or after January 1, 2025, will need to be identified with a National Livestock Identification System (NLIS) accredited eID tag before leaving their property of birth.

From next year, producers who bring eID tagged animals onto their property directly from another property will need to record individual animal transfers on the NLIS database.

The State Government is working with the Commonwealth and industry to transition to the national eID system, and a number of discount and rebate programs are available to assist.

The State Government's support measures include:

- The Point-of-Sale Tag Discount Scheme provides sheep and farmed goat producers to receive a \$0.95 discount for NLIS-accredited eID tags at the time of purchase (black tags in 2024 and white tags in 2025), allowing sheep and farmed goat producers to access this support in a fast and convenient way. Ends June 30, 2025.

- The Expanded eID Device Rebate allows sheep and farmed goat producers to apply for 50 per cent rebate up to a cap of \$0.95 for NLIS-accredited eID tags purchased between January 1, 2023 and June 30, 2025, that are not aligned to the NLIS year-of-birth colour system. Closes June 30, 2025.

- The Sheep and Goat eID Implementation Essential Equipment and



Electronic identification for sheep and farmed goats will soon be mandatory.

Infrastructure Rebate provides support of up to 75 per cent rebate of the cost of essential equipment and infrastructure required by saleyards and processor to implement eID. Closes June 30, 2025.

- Eligible applicants can apply for a 75 per cent rebate on the cost of purchasing essential equipment through the Sheep and Goat eID Implementation Essential Equipment Rebate.

- Agents can apply for a 75 per cent rebate to a maximum of \$7000 for the cost of essential equipment, including pocket reader, stick reader or wand, mobile panel reader and the scanner component of a weigh crate through the Sheep and Goat

eID Implementation Essential Equipment Rebate. Closes June 30, 2025.

- The eID Advantage Program will deliver targeted training to support eID implementation and increase confidence in the use of eID technology, and includes upskilling workshops for producers and stock agents, and face-to-face training sessions to build understanding of eID tags, technology and how to use the NLIS database.

“Electronic identification for sheep and farmed goats will ensure we have the best possible traceability system, which is crucial to protecting our \$2.96 billion livestock industry in the event of an outbreak of an emergency animal disease such as Foot

and Mouth Disease,” Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, Clare Scriven, said.

“The State Government has committed significant funding to assist South Australia with the transition to the national system, including the \$9.3 million package which was announced in the budget last year, and the additional \$900,000 for the eID Advantage Program.

“For many producers, the only change will be going from a visual tag to an electronic tag.

“For others there will a few more things to consider, which is why the State Government has a range of support available.”

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Summit to host Showdown



Hahndorf Football Club's Jacob De Pasquale (left) and Lila Serotzki (right) with (centre) Mount Barker District Council Mayor David Leach and Adelaide Football Club Chief Operating Officer Patrick Clifton at the Summit Oval, which will host a twilight pre-season Showdown next year. Photos: Giordina McKay

By Giordina McKay

Crosstown rivals Adelaide Football Club and Port Adelaide Football Club will go head-to-head in a twilight Summit Showdown contest at Mount Barker's Summit Sport and Recreation Park (SSRP) in February, which is set to bring in record economic profit for the Hills region.

For the very first time, one of the AFL's highly anticipated Showdowns will be played outside of metropolitan Adelaide.

Mount Barker District Council has been working closely with the Adelaide Football Club since April to secure the pre-season Friday night match simulation on February 21 which will give local fans the opportunity to see their teams play closer to home.

It follows the success of the AFL Gather Round games played at the Summit in both 2023 and 2024, which drew in crowds of 7000 and 9000 respectively.

"To have the state's two AFL men's

teams play in the Adelaide Hills for the first time at the SSRP is going to be huge, and we're expecting thousands of city and country fans to come to Mount Barker and see the Crows and the Power battle," Mayor Leach said.

"There was a great buzz of excitement around the district when we hosted AFL Gather Round matches in 2023 and 2024 and, acknowledging how much South Australians love the thrill of a Showdown, anticipation will be at fever pitch given the long-standing rivalry between these two clubs.

"It's a great opportunity for the locals and people all around South Australia to come along and see what happens when you have a great ground like this, and you have an environment where people can stand this close to the pitch and cheer those people on – it's going to be a really great evening."

The game is expected to "uplift the whole economic community by several hundred thousand dollars", with local

sporting associations and community groups being given the opportunity to fundraise by selling food and drinks at the game.

It's also set to showcase the quality of the oval to the nation.

"Major events provide a boost to our local economy by attracting more people to the district, promoting greater community connection which is important in a fast-growing area, and helping raise our region's profile," Mayor Leach said.

"We are 30 minutes up the freeway – there is easy access here, it's a relaxed environment, and you would not get a better oval outside of Adelaide Oval in South Australia in my opinion.

"The Adelaide Football Club and Port Power are really pleased to be coming up here.

"We think this is important for those two AFL clubs to come up here and see what we have to offer, but it's also good because it showcases us all around South Australia and Australia – this will

be broadcasted."

Capacity for the game is set at 5500 tickets and is expected to sell out.

However, Mayor Leach hoped to be able to increase capacity before February's match.

This would require temporary grandstands to come in.

Residents who registered for the presale will receive a private link and be given the chance to purchase tickets through the Ticketmaster website from 9am today until 8am tomorrow.

Tickets for the general public will go on sale through the Ticketmaster website from 9am tomorrow.

They will be priced at \$10 for adults and free entry to children under 15.

"That is just part of giving back to the community," Mayor Leach said.

"It's not about money this time, this is about getting the young people here and people my age, to all come along to watch a good exhibition of footy and get people geared up for the season ahead."

Gates will open at 3pm for the Summit Showdown and the game will start at 5pm.

Adelaide Football Club CEO Tim Silvers said the club was eager to venture outside of suburban Adelaide, and see and meet as many Crows members and fans as possible in the lead-up to the season.

"It's always exciting to see our team back in action after a long pre-season, and we are looking forward to getting up to Mount Barker where the community has really embraced AFL football during Gather Round in the past couple of years," he said.

"It's a great opportunity to have an important pre-season hit-out, and at a venue that is AFL standard and so close to the city."

It is hoped the Summit can host future AFL pre-season matches or AFLW games.

Junior basketball triumphs at Under 18 Junior Country Championships

Over the first weekend of December, four Under 18 teams from Strathalbyn Storm competed at the state Under 18 Junior Country Championships, held at the State Basketball Centre in Wayville.

The event marked the pinnacle of the season, with months of preparation leading up to a weekend packed with intense games and unwavering team spirit.

By the tournament's end, the teams celebrated remarkable success, claiming two championship titles and a runner-up finish in their respective divisions.

The results highlighted their hard work, determination, and support for one another both on and off the court.

Under 18 Boys Team 1

The Under 18 Boys Team 1 had a challenging but determined run through the Junior Country Championships, with the team putting forth relentless effort in each of their games.

In game one, they struggled with their shooting, and despite their best efforts, the shots just wouldn't fall.

This made it difficult to find their rhythm, and although they came out strong after half-time to close the gap, they were unable to overcome the deficit, eventually falling 33-59.

In their second game of the day, the boys faced off against Mount Gambier in a tough back-and-forth battle.

Both teams were evenly matched, and the game remained tense throughout.

The boys fought hard but ultimately lost by 13 points, leaving them with mixed emotions, knowing they had given it their all, despite the tough competition.

The final game of the day saw the boys come out firing and keeping the match close, even briefly taking the lead.

However, the last quarter got away from them, and they ended up losing by 21 points.

Despite the final score, it didn't reflect the incredible effort and determination shown by the boys, who remained focused and played with heart until the final whistle.

Game four saw the boys take on the Slammers, and while they started with great effort, they found themselves once again struggling with their shooting.

Despite their relentless drive, they ended up with another loss, but the team stayed focused and optimistic with game five ahead.

They were determined to finish strong and give it their all in their final match of the tournament.

In game five, the boys faced Millicent, and although they fought hard, Millicent proved to be too strong.

They outplayed Storm and secured a 55-46 victory, leaving the boys disappointed but proud of their effort.

With their Junior Country Championships campaign officially wrapped up, the Under 18 Boys Team 1 can look back on a season that, while short, was full of challenges and growth.

A big thank you goes to Coach Matt for his dedication and support throughout the season, guiding the team through both the highs and lows.

The players and their families deeply appreciated his coaching.

Special mention goes to Tommy C, who supported the team from the bench, despite being sidelined with injury, and to Cooper, who cheered the team on during JCC while also sitting out due to injury.

Farewell to Lucas, Oskar, Tommy, and Jady as they finish their junior careers with Storm.

The team is incredibly grateful for the unwavering support of the families who cheered them on throughout the season.

Despite the scores, the boys' passion and commitment was clear, and the team is proud of all the players for their hard work and resilience.

Under 18 Boys Team 2: Division 4 Champions

The Under 18 Boys Team 2 kicked off their Junior Country Championships campaign with an energetic start in their first game.

With early organisation and strong teamwork, they stayed competitive throughout, finding their rhythm in the second half.

Their hard work paid off, as they stretched their lead and secured a commanding 52-28 victory, setting the tone for the rest of the tournament.

In game two, the boys continued their impressive form, displaying commitment and intensity on both ends of the court.

Their hustle in defence and sharp offensive play allowed them to dominate, securing a solid 40-29 win.

The momentum continued to build as they moved forward, showing no signs of slowing down.

However, game three presented a tough challenge against the top-ranked team.

Despite a strong first half, the Under 18 Boys struggled in the second, as SYP capitalised on Storm's mistakes and pushed ahead.

Though the boys fought back valiantly, closing the gap to just one point with a minute remaining, they ultimately fell short, losing 51-55.

The Semi-Final saw the Under 18 Boys deliver an electrifying performance, securing a 53-39 win over the Northern Bullants.

The team was fuelled by the support of the passionate Storm community, which spurred them on throughout the game.

The intensity, relentless defence, and sharp ball movement led to a well-deserved victory, highlighted by a near-halfway buzzer-beater from Jezza 'The Jerry Cherry Bomb' that sent the crowd into a frenzy.

In the Grand Final, the Under 18 Boys faced SYP in a thrilling match-up.

After a season filled with challenges, the team stepped onto the court with determination, playing their best basketball yet.

Their 62-48 victory not only clinched the gold medal, but also marked a

bittersweet end for some players' Junior Storm journey.

Coach Jo Thornley expressed her pride in this resilient group of athletes and thanked everyone who supported the team, including Matt, Tash, parents, sponsors, and the Storm Committee.

The victory was the perfect culmination of a season filled with hard work, dedication, and unforgettable moments.

Congratulations to all involved on a fantastic finish to the season!

Under 18 Girls Team 1: Division 1 Runner-Up

The Under 18 Girls Team 1 had a fantastic start to their Junior Country Championships campaign, with a commanding 51-32 victory over the Eastern Hornets in their opening game.

The team came out with high energy, leading 10-3 after the first quarter.

They extended their advantage by half-time, 21-7, through solid defence, strong rebounding and precise shooting.

By the third quarter, their relentless defensive pressure and well-executed offensive plays pushed the lead to 39-14.

The girls maintained control throughout, finishing the game with a 51-32 win.

In their second game, the team faced a tough challenge against the Slammers.

After a slow start, Storm trailed 16-14 at the end of the first quarter but regained momentum to take a 24-26 lead by half-time.

Despite sharp shooter Emmi suffering an injury late in the second quarter, the team stayed focused.

Heading into the third, they led 30-33, and with seven minutes left, the game was tied.

Storm showed composure in the final minute, edging ahead to 45-43, securing the win, despite a late surge from the Slammers.

Storm's third game of the day saw them defeat Mount Gambier 45-34.

They started strong, leading 12-6 after the first quarter, and extended the advantage to 17-11 by half-time.

The third quarter was explosive, setting the tone for the rest of the game.

With improved intensity and physicality, the team executed offensively and applied pressure defensively, securing the victory and moving into the next stage with a perfect record of three wins.

In their qualifying final against Barossa, the U18 Girls Team 1 showcased excellent teamwork and intensity.

They led 14-6 at the end of the first quarter and extended their advantage to 24-12 by half-time.

By the third quarter, they were in firm control, leading 42-26, and continued their dominance to secure the win.

The Semi-Final against Mount Gambier was a nail-biting affair, with Storm trailing for most of the game.

However, their determination and resilience saw them fight back, eventually winning 64-61.

With just 31 seconds left in the final quarter, the scores were tied at 59-59.

Storm played their hearts out, clinching the win and earning a spot in the Grand Final against Millicent.

In the Grand Final, despite battling through injuries and setbacks, the U18 Girls Team 1 could not overcome Millicent's early lead, bringing home a well-earned silver medal.

The girls gave their all throughout the weekend, showcasing grit and determination.

Special mention goes to Marlee, marking her final Junior Storm Carnival, and to the entire team for their outstanding performance.

A heartfelt thanks to Levi for supporting the team despite being sidelined, to coach Tim for his invaluable guidance, and to the parents and super scorer Derek for their unwavering support.

Congratulations to all for an unforgettable season!

Under 18 Girls Team 2: Division 3 Champions

The Strath U18 Girls Division 2 team had an impressive start to their Junior Country Championships campaign, kicking off with a fantastic win over Adelaide Plains.

The Storm girls gradually pulled ahead throughout the game, leading 23-11 at half-time.

They maintained control and finished strong, securing a 44-17 victory at the final buzzer.

It was a great start to the season and a statement win to set the tone for what would be an exciting tournament.

In their second game, the Storm girls faced Mount Gambier – a team that had bested them in previous carnivals.

This time, however, Strath was determined to turn the tables.

With a clear plan from coaches Gunner and Jo, the team executed well, taking an early 10-point lead.

Despite Mount Gambier's fierce fight back, the Storm girls held on and secured a hard-fought two-goal victory – a significant achievement and a boost for their confidence heading into the rest of the tournament.

The third and final game on Saturday saw the Storm girls focusing on maintaining their winning streak for a shot at the finals.

The game started off scrappy, with the score remaining close, but as the match progressed, Strath settled into better offensive plays and stronger defensive structure.

They forged ahead and secured a commanding 37-17 victory, putting them in a strong position as they advanced toward the finals.

In their fourth game, the U18 D2 Girls faced a tough challenge from Eastern Hills, whose high defensive pressure kept the game tight, with Storm trailing by just one to four points early on.

After some motivating words from the coaches, Strath found their rhythm, executing their attacking structures and building a narrow three-point lead at half-time.

Despite Eastern Hills' relentless

pressure, Storm maintained their advantage, and in the final quarter, they increased their intensity to secure a 34-25 victory.

It was a great display of fight and determination from the girls.

The Grand Final was the ultimate test, but Strath U18 Girls Division 2 rose to the occasion, defeating Murray Bridge 40-33 to finish their season undefeated and claim the JCC Championship!

The game was a thrilling conclusion to a fantastic carnival.

The girls started strong, thanks to sharp shooting from leading scorer Isla Wags, and solid contributions from Stella Roberts.

Impressive defence helped build a 10-point lead early, which they held throughout the game, despite Murray Bridge's relentless fight back.

Strath's defence remained tight, with Eden Baker dominating under the post and Airlie Bell playing a key role in shutting down the opposition's top player.

Every player, including Peyton, Aria, Molly, and Kenz, made important contributions at crucial moments, ensuring the team's success.

A massive thank you to Coach Gunner, Coach Jo, and the entire team for their remarkable achievement.

Congratulations on an unforgettable season.

Referees

A small but impressive group of five Strathalbyn referees made their mark at the Junior Country Championships.

Their professionalism and presentation earned them the honour of officiating Grand Finals – a testament to their skill and dedication.

Across the two-day event, they managed a demanding schedule, overseeing 41 games, and receiving valuable coaching and feedback from esteemed referee mentors.

It was a rewarding experience that highlighted the exceptional talent within the group.

Congratulations to all involved on an outstanding effort!

Coaches

A heartfelt thank you goes out to the Under 18 coaching group for their incredible effort in preparing their teams for the Junior Country Championships.

The countless hours spent on training plans, off-court preparations, and game day strategies have not gone unnoticed.

Coaching can be a challenging role, but it is immensely rewarding to witness the growth and improvement of both individual players and the team as a whole.

The dedicated coaches – Andrew McFee, Jo Thornley, Matt Clarke, Tim Ingram, and Daniel Wakeling – deserve commendation for their commitment and passion.

Your hard work and leadership continue to inspire our teams – thank you for all that you do!

Argus Basketball

Under 18 Junior Country Championships



Under 18 Boys Team 1 (back) Cooper Clayfield, Matt Clarke (Coach), Coby Sharrock, Lucas Bell, Oskar Versteegh, Hudson Croser, Daniel Wakeling (Assistant Coach), Tom Clark (Storm Captain), (front) Jaidyn Spencer, Noah Stutley, Sam Walsh, and Riley Clifford.



Under 18 Boys Team 2 (back) Jo Johns (Team Manager), Archer Blieschke, Luke Slocombe, Thomas Eardley, Brodie Kane, Ethan Bullivant, Jo Thornley (Coach), (front) Darcy Guger, Caleb Combe, Jeremy Halling, and Kayne Page.



Under 18 Girls Team 1 (back) Levi Verway, Alisha Douglass, Darcie Pegler, Isabelle Jude, Mia Horton, Kate Jude (Team Manager), (front) Tim Ingram (Coach), Marlee Bertholini, Emerson Beeching, Daisy Hocking, and Holly Grant.



Under 18 Girls Team 2 (back) Kim Cutting (Team Manager), Jo Thornley (Assistant Coach), Peyton Barbary, Molly Whittam, Isla Wagenknecht, Aria Broadbent, Andrew McFee (Coach), (front) Mackenzie Cutting, Airlee Bell, Eden Baker, and Stella Roberts.



Under 18 Boys Team 2 with Coach Jo Thornley during a break in play.



Airlee Bell and Eden Baker defending.



Ethan Bullivant in defence.



Under 18 Girls Team 1 listening closely during a break to Coach Tim Ingram.

Argus Bowls

Bowling to round off the year

A group of years 7, 8 and 9 Eastern Fleurieu School students had a recent excursion to Strathalbyn Bowling Club during the school's 'Activity Week' for a game of bowls.

On December 11, 24 students and three teachers enjoyed the day and had a sausage sizzle lunch in between the games.

All had a good time and Strathalbyn Bowling Club members saw some young potential bowlers among their group which they would be happy to recruit.

The Strathalbyn Bowling Club was pleased to provide the venue as well as their facilities and bowls to ensure students had an enjoyable day.



EFS students visited Strathalbyn Bowling Club during the school's 'Activity Week'.

Langhorne Creek Bowls

Good week for Langhorne Creek Hawks

After an average performance last week, the Hawks came out with great intent and managed to win both divisions at Langhorne Creek on Saturday.

It was the last match before the Christmas break, and it was good to finish on a winning note.

The Division 2 teams were hosting Willunga, and after losing to them in the first round, the players were determined to get the win.

Being short of players, there were a few changes in rinks with veteran Jack Williams coming into Justin Cleggett's rink, and putting in some good shots, and went on to win convincingly.

Ben Footer's rink was also changed around, and after a great game they lost by a very small margin.

Shane Rothe's rink were having a bit of trouble getting started, but after the smoko break, they came out and performed much better, scoring a comfortable win.

On Friday night, the selectors were still scratching around to get enough

players to fill the teams for Division 4. They really took the game on and managed to beat a strong team from Yankallilla.

Neale Probert's team fought hard, and eventually got a four-shot win.

Darryl Frost was not able to get his team over the line, losing by a lousy one shot, and Di Golding and her rink had a good six-shot win, so it was 10 points for the Hawks.

On Thursday, our ladies travelled to Encounter Bay to play on the plastic, which was a green unfamiliar to them.

They handled the conditions with Di Golding's rink winning by one shot, while Jo Cullen's rink won by lots.

It will be one more match this week, and then we can all have a little break from bowls.

There was another great night owl's competition on Thursday evening, with everyone enjoying the great steaks cooked by Elroy Westley.

After bowls on Saturday, members shared a Christmas breakup meal and a bit of fun.

Bowls



Neville Donhardt.



Coralie Sheldon.




Peter Gevers.




Leonie Phillips.

Photos: Rowan Sims

Alexandra & Eastern Hills Cricket Association - A Grade - Round 9



Woodside 7/247 def Bremer Callington 8/173
at Woodside Oval.
Woodside A Grade won the toss and elected to bat.



Woodside 1st Innings:

	R	B	4S	6S	SR		
Tommy Baldock (c)	c: Nathan Fitzgerald	b: Jonathon Fitzgerald	33	34	6	0	97.05
Brad Collins	c: Doyle Kelly	b: Harry Eades	55	88	2	3	62.50
David Wescombe	c: Doyle Kelly	b: Jonathon Fitzgerald	26	30	1	1	86.66
Noah Bell	c: J. Fitzgerald	b: Harry Eades	40	53	2	1	75.47
James Bradley	b: Nathan Fitzgerald		19	29	1	1	65.51
Chris Baschiera (vc)	not out		35*	28	2	1	125.00
Aaron Galvin	b: Nathan Fitzgerald		14	11	2	0	127.27
Craig Medlow	c: Nathan Fitzgerald	b: Alexander Durbidge	4	4	0	0	100.00
Shane Druwitt	not out		1*	1	0	0	100.00

DNB: Liam Moore, Dale Robinson


Extras 20 4WD 8NB 2LB 6B 0P **Total** 7 / 247 (45 Overs) **Fall of Wickets** 1-53 Tommy Baldock, 2-102 David Wescombe, 3-127 Brad Collins, 4-188 James Bradley, 5-190 Noah Bell, 6-215 Aaron Galvin, 7-244 Craig Medlow **Bowling (O M R W E WD NB)** Nathan Fitzgerald (c) 8 0 41 2 5.12 1 0 Graydon Brand (c) 9 0 42 0 4.66 0 0 Jonathon Fitzgerald 9 0 39 2 4.33 0 2 Daniel Rickman 6 0 32 0 5.33 2 1 Harry Eades 9 0 68 2 7.55 0 5 Alexander Durbidge 4 1 17 1 4.25 1 0

Bremer Callington 1st Innings:


	R	B	4S	6S	SR		
Jai Mcurtrie	c: James Bradley	b: Craig Medlow	27	19	3	1	142.10
Michael Heath	c: Brad Collins	b: Dale Robinson	1	9	1	0	11.11
Nathan Fitzgerald (c)	c&b: Craig Medlow		0	2	0	0	0.00
Graydon Brand (c)	c: Tommy Baldock	b: Aaron Galvin	50	85	6	1	58.82
Doyle Kelly	st: Brad Collins	b: Craig Medlow	19	27	2	0	70.37
Alexander Durbidge	c: Noah Bell	b: Shane Druwitt	37	72	1	1	51.38
Jonathon Fitzgerald	b: Shane Druwitt		11	24	2	0	45.83
Harry Eades	b: Liam Moore		3	12	0	0	25.00
Daniel Rickman	not out		4*	13	0	0	30.76
Cooper Dolman	not out		4*	7	0	0	57.14

DNB: Jeffrey Garrett

Extras 17 14WD 0NB 3LB 0B 0P **Total** 8 / 173 (45 Overs) **Fall of Wickets** 1-17 Michael Heath, 2-20 Nathan Fitzgerald, 3-31 Jai Mcurtrie, 4-65 Doyle Kelly, 5-134 Graydon Brand, 6-157 Jonathon Fitzgerald, 7-162 Alexander Durbidge, 8-164 Harry Eades **Bowling (O M R W E WD NB)** Dale Robinson 5 0 27 1 5.40 4 0 Craig Medlow 9 2 32 3 3.55 0 0 Shane Druwitt 8 2 14 2 1.75 0 0 Aaron Galvin 9 0 27 1 3.00 0 0 Liam Moore 6 1 20 1 3.33 1 0 Chris Baschiera (vc) 7 0 42 0 6.00 7 0 James Bradley 1 0 8 0 8.00 2 0



Strathalbyn 10/183 def by Hanhdorf 2/254
at Strathalbyn Oval.
Hanhdorf A Grade won the toss and elected to bat.



Hanhdorf 1st Innings:

	R	B	4S	6S	SR		
Sam Williams	c: Mark Abbott	b: Kane Gaiter	4	0	1	0	0
Paul Allegretto	not out		159*	0	15	4	0
Daniel Jenner (c)	lbw: Brayden Gaiter		54	0	5	0	0
Dean Gore	not out		18*	0	0	0	0


DNB: Henry Baker, Bradey Judd, Hudson Judd, Benjamin Montgomerie, Ryan Trafford-Walker, Henry Hassold, Oliver Browning

Extras 19 10WD 2NB 0LB 7B 0P **Total** 2 / 254 (45 Overs) **Fall of Wickets** 1-11 Sam Williams, 2-171 Daniel Jenner **Bowling (O M R W E WD NB)** Brayden Gaiter (c) 9 - 53 1 5.88 3 0 Kane Gaiter 9 1 58 1 6.44 6 0 Matthew Harris (vc) 9 - 36 0 4.00 1 1 Lachlan Cutting 6 - 28 0 4.66 0 1 Mark Abbott 9 0 47 0 5.22 0 0 Ryan Harvey 3 - 25 0 8.33 0 0


Strathalbyn 1st Innings:

	R	B	4S	6S	SR		
Luke Cousins	b: Hudson Judd		1	0	0	0	0
Ashley Medhurst	c: B. Montgomerie	b: Ryan Trafford-Walker	24	0	3	0	0
Mark Abbott	lbw: Daniel Jenner		88	0	9	1	0
Nathan Pelle	c: R. Trafford-Walker	b: Sam Williams	33	0	4	0	0
Matthew Harris (vc)	c: Dean Gore	b: Daniel Jenner	14	0	0	0	0
Kane Gaiter	c: B. Montgomerie	b: Dean Gore	10	0	0	0	0
Riley Brook	not out		5*	0	0	0	0
Archie Wheaton	run out: Dean Gore, Daniel Jenner		2	0	0	0	0
Brayden Gaiter (c)	run out: Hudson Judd, Benjamin Montgomerie		0	0	0	0	0
Ryan Harvey	c: R. Trafford-Walker	b: Dean Gore	0	0	0	0	0
Lachlan Cutting	c: B. Montgomerie	b: Dean Gore	0	0	0	0	0

Extras 6 2WD 1NB 1LB 2B 0P **Total** 10 / 183 (41 Overs) **Fall of Wickets** 1-4 Luke Cousins, 2-57 Ashley Medhurst, 3-140 Nathan Pelle, 4-159 Mark Abbott, 5-172 Matthew Harris, 6-177 Kane Gaiter, 7-182 Archie Wheaton, 8-183 Brayden Gaiter, 9-183 Ryan Harvey, 10-183 Lachlan Cutting **Bowling (O M R W E WD NB)** Bradey Judd 9 1 25 0 2.77 -- Hudson Judd 6 - 26 1 4.33 1 - Ryan Trafford-Walker 5 1 22 1 4.40 - 1 Paul Allegretto 9 - 46 0 5.11 -- Sam Williams 6 - 36 1 6.00 -- Daniel Jenner (c) 3 - 15 2 5.00 -- Dean Gore 3 1 10 3 3.33 --



Nairne 10/110 def by Macclesfield 5/111
at Nairne Oval.
Nairne A Grade won the toss and elected to bat.



Nairne 1st Innings:

	R	B	4S	6S	SR		
Jack May	c: Oliver Llewellyn	b: Karanbir Singh	7	28	0	0	25.00
Zac Llewellyn	c: Rowan Voogt	b: Harrison Farrelly	28	33	5	0	84.84
Luke Timmins	c: J. Lewis-Burns	b: Connor Moore	17	31	3	0	54.83
Robert Crook (c)	c: Joseph Lions	b: Tom Paech	13	20	1	0	65.00
Luke Stephenson	c: Joseph Lions	b: Harrison Farrelly	1	10	0	0	10.00
Chad Harrop	b: Karanbir Singh		5	6	1	0	83.33
Shane Kenney	c: Joseph Lions	b: Tom Paech	19	43	2	0	44.18
Levi Llewellyn	c: Tom Paech	b: Rowan Voogt	5	12	0	0	41.66
Brodie Clarke	c: Connor Moore	b: Declan Long	2	4	0	0	50.00
Caleb Walker	not out		0*	10	0	0	0.00
William Brooks	c: Harrison Farrelly	b: Declan Long	2	5	0	0	40.00


Extras 11 8WD 3NB 0LB 0B 0P **Total** 10 / 110 (33.1 Overs) **Fall of Wickets** 1-22 Jack May, 2-55 Luke Timmins, 3-59 Zac Llewellyn, 4-65 Luke Stephenson, 5-70 Chad Harrop, 6-84 Robert Crook, 7-105 Levi Llewellyn, 8-107 Shane Kenney, 9-108 Brodie Clarke, 10-110 William Brooks **Bowling (O M R W E WD NB)** Connor Moore (c) 6 2 19 1 3.16 1 1 Declan Long 6 1 18 2 2.91 0 0 Karanbir Singh 6 0 27 2 4.50 3 1 Harrison Farrelly 5 0 17 2 3.40 2 0 Rowan Voogt 5 2 10 1 2.00 0 0 Tom Paech 5 2 19 2 3.80 2 1

Macclesfield 1st Innings:


	R	B	4S	6S	SR		
Connor Moore (vc)	c: Levi Llewellyn	b: Brodie Clarke	0	16	0	0	0.00
Thomas Filsell (c)	c: Levi Llewellyn	b: Chad Harrop	14	31	2	0	45.16
Oliver Llewellyn	c: ?	b: Luke Timmins	29	69	4	0	42.02
Karanbir Singh	c: ?	b: Chad Harrop	4	6	1	0	66.66
Joshua Lewis-Burns	c: Levi Llewellyn	b: William Brooks	0	3	0	0	0.00
Rowan Voogt	not out		25*	72	3	0	34.72
Konan Breed	not out		8*	16	1	0	50.00

DNB: Harrison Farrelly, Joseph Lions, Declan Long, Tom Paech

Extras 31 10WD 12NB 1LB 8B 0P **Total** 5 / 111 (33.4 Overs) **Fall of Wickets** 1-13 Connor Moore, 2-34 Thomas Filsell, 3-41 Karanbir Singh, 4-42 Joshua Lewis-Burns, 5-75 Oliver Llewellyn **Bowling (O M R W E WD NB)** Caleb Walker 8 1 26 0 3.25 5 6 Brodie Clarke 6 3 1 24 1 3.69 0 3 Chad Harrop 9 6 10 2 1.11 0 0 William Brooks 7 2 22 1 3.14 0 2 Luke Timmins 3 0 20 1 6.66 5 1



Langhorne Creek 10/196 def Lobethal 10/142
at Langhorne Creek Oval.
Langhorne Creek A Grade won the toss and elected to bat.



Langhorne Creek 1st Innings:

	R	B	4S	6S	SR		
Shannon Jones	c: Steven Huxter	b: Wil Strange	2	6	0	0	33.33
Darcy Paech	run out: Sam Martin, Wil Strange		9	13	1	0	69.23
Benjamin Warren	c: Mitchell Weeks	b: Dave Huxter	89	117	8	0	76.06
Adam Clements (c)	st: D. Norsworthy	b: Sam Martin	70	83	6	1	84.33
Daniel Cleggett	b: Dave Huxter		1	10	0	0	10.00
Daniel Kropp	lbw: Sam Martin		1	6	0	0	16.66
Jagga Kotz	c: Sam Graeber	b: Charles Williams	10	16	0	0	62.50
ben koehler	c: Steven Huxter	b: Dave Huxter	0	5	0	0	0.00
Troy Blackwell	lbw: Dave Huxter		2	3	0	0	66.66
Shane Bown	not out		0*	0	0	0	0.00
Mack Nurse	run out: Charles Williams		0	3	0	0	0.00

Extras 12 10WD 0NB 2LB 0B 0P **Total** 10 / 196 (43.4 Overs) **Fall of Wickets** 1-6 Shannon Jones, 2-19 Darcy Paech, 3-169 Adam Clements, 4-182 Benjamin Warren, 5-183 Daniel Kropp, 6-183 Daniel Cleggett, 7-185 ben koehler, 8-195 Jagga Kotz, 9-196 Troy Blackwell, 10-196 Mack Nurse **Bowling (O M R W E WD NB)** Charles Williams 7 0 39 1 5.57 1 0 Wil Strange 5 0 28 1 5.60 3 0 Steven Huxter 3 0 17 0 5.66 1 0 Mitchell Weeks 9 2 29 0 3.22 1 0 Sam Graeber 9 1 41 0 4.55 2 0 Sam Martin 6 1 25 2 4.16 0 0 Dave Huxter 4 4 15 4 3.21 2 0

Lobethal 1st Innings:

	R	B	4S	6S	SR		
Mitchell Weeks	c: Shannon Jones	b: Troy Blackwell	15	20	3	0	75.00
Ben Matthews	c: Darcy Paech	b: Adam Clements	7	9	0	0	77.77
Tanner King	c: Darcy Paech	b: Shane Bown	27	32	5	0	84.37
Sam Martin	c: Shane Bown	b: Daniel Cleggett	10	25	1	0	40.00
Sam Graeber	lbw: Shane Bown		2	8	0	0	25.00
Steven Huxter	c: Benjamin Warren	b: Shannon Jones	20	34	2	0	58.82
Daniel Norsworthy	c: Ben Koehler	b: Jagga Kotz	14	43	1	0	32.55
Riley Harten	not out		22*	28	2	0	78.57
Charles Williams	c: Ben Koehler	b: Jagga Kotz	0	1	0	0	0.00
Dave Huxter	c: Troy Blackwell		4	12	0	0	33.33
Wil Strange	c: Daniel Kropp	b: Darcy Paech	0	4	0	0	0.00

Extras 21 12WD 2NB 3LB 4B 0P **Total** 10 / 142 (35.4 Overs) **Fall of Wickets** 1-20 Ben Matthews, 2-26 Mitchell Weeks, 3-60 Tanner King, 4-62 Sam Graeber, 5-68 Sam Martin, 6-101 Steven Huxter, 7-122 Daniel Norsworthy, 8-122 Wil Strange, 9-136 Dave Huxter, 10-141 Charles Williams **Bowling (O M R W E WD NB)** Troy Blackwell 8 2 19 2 2.37 1 0 Adam Clements (c) 4 0 22 1 5.50 3 0 Shane Bown 5 0 28 2 5.60 2 0 Daniel Cleggett 9 1 24 1 2.66 0 0 Shannon Jones 4 0 23 1 5.75 2 0 Jagga Kotz 3 0 11 2 3.66 4 0 Darcy Paech 2 4 1 8 1 3.00 0 2

Alexandra & Eastern Hills Cricket Association - Round 8

A2 Grade

Mt Barker 5/132 def by Nairne 3/136 at Mount Barker Showgrounds.
Mt Barker, Batting: Ryan Scovell, 41*.
Bowling: Nathan Kennedy, 1/15.
Nairne, Bowling: Matthew Sowden, 2/18.
Batting: Chris Farrell, 65.

Lobethal 8/190 def Lenswood Ranges 10/130 at Lobethal Oval.
Lobethal, Batting: Jayden Growden, 72.
Bowling: Blake Shaw, 4/32.
Lenswood Ranges, Bowling: Aedan Magee, 5/34. Batting: Alexander Czarnecki, 24.

Hahndorf 3/197 def Echunga 8/195 at Hahndorf Oval.
Echunga, Batting: Tim Woodman, 58.
Bowling: Jack Richardson, 2/26.
Hahndorf, Bowling: Finley Allegretto, 4/46.
Batting: Benjamin Judd, 62; Andrew Gevers, 62.

Ashbourne 9/104 def by Wistow 10/183 at Ashbourne Oval.
Wistow, Batting: Harrison Burgess, 41.
Bowling: Ryan Watt, 4/26.
Ashbourne, Bowling: William Sizeland, 4/57. Batting: Corey Nesbitt, 22.

B Grade

Strathalbyn 1/80 def Mt Barker 10/78 at Eastern Fleurieu School Strathalbyn Campus Ovals.
Mt Barker, Batting: Dan Smith, 24. Bowling: Angus Crickmar, 1/13.
Strathalbyn, Batting: Bradley Wyatt, 5/21.
Bowling: Steven Schofield, 48*.

Woodside 5/245 def Langhorne Creek 10/155 at Woodside Oval.
Woodside, Batting: Matt Johnston, 38.
Bowling: Josiah Moore, 3/25; Callum Hemer, 3/26.
Langhorne Creek, Bowling: Daniel Evans,

Woodside, Bowling: Scott Schulz, 2/22.
Batting: Tim Satchell, 57.

Wistow 10/97 def by Macclesfield 6/100 at Wistow Oval.
Wistow, Batting: Oliver Lukins (c), 51.
Bowling: Clinton Smith, 3/20; Samuel Ritchie, 3/34.
Macclesfield, Bowling: Coebe Holt, 5/16.
Batting: John Hart, 25.

C Grade

Nairne 5/309 def Langhorne Creek 9/181 at Nairne Oval.
Nairne, Batting: Brad Strout, 148. Bowling: Luke Byrne, 3/28.
Langhorne Creek, Bowling: Tim Tonkin, 1/16. Batting: Anthony Tonkin, 61*.

Echunga 6/199 def Woodside 10/163 at Echunga Oval.
Echunga, Batting: Jamie Crosby, 72.
Bowling: Adrian Walton, 4/28.

Woodside, Bowling: Scott Schulz, 2/22.
Batting: Tim Satchell, 57.

Wistow 7/156 def Lenswood Ranges 10/110 at Callington Oval.
Wistow, Batting: Jason Rehn (c), 73.
Bowling: Jason Rehn (c), 3/32.
Lenswood Ranges, Bowling: Edward Hannaford, 2/9. Batting: Matt Hannaford, 78.

Lobethal 6/138 def Ashbourne 7/135 at Oakbank Area School Oval.
Ashbourne, Batting: Tony Randall, 37.
Bowling: Leighton Meissnee, 2/26.
Lobethal, Bowling: Tony Martin, 4/25.
Batting: Oscar Loffler, 47.

Hahndorf 9/88 def by Strathalbyn 2/92 at Echunga Oval.
Hahndorf, Batting: Samuel Grant, 28*.
Bowling: Todd Grant, 2/14.
Strathalbyn, Bowling: Chris Humphrys, 4/12; Shane Stevenson, 4/35. Batting: Reuben Stutley, 64*.

D Grade

Bremer Callington 4/218 def Woodside 10/91 at Callington Oval.
Bremer Callington, Batting: Dillon Milloy (c), 75. Bowling: Hamish Wohlschlager, 3/5.
Woodside, Bowling: Mike Bradley, 1/15.
Batting: Mitchell Hodgkinson, 30.

Macclesfield 10/153 def by Langhorne Creek 8/187 at Macclesfield Oval.
Langhorne Creek, Batting: Joshua Brace, 52*. Bowling: Peter Reichelt, 4/28.
Macclesfield, Bowling: Frank Farrelly, 4/17.
Batting: Cory Backhouse, 42.

Lenswood Ranges 10/135 def by Mt Barker 7/230 at Lenswood Oval.
Mt Barker, Batting: Christopher Ladhams, 110. Bowling: Andrew Downton, 3/9; Zack Wakefield, 3/10 Gregg Harris (vc), 3/42.
Lenswood Ranges, Bowling: Ari van de Velde, 2/21. Batting: Ryan Carroll, 46.

Great Southern Cricket Association - A Grade - Round 6

Myponga-Selicks 7/279 v Port Elliot
at Myponga Oval. In progress.
Myponga-Selicks won the toss and elected to bat.

Myponga-Selicks 1st Innings:		R	B	4S	6S	SR
Sean Haverty	c: Tyson Levy b: Simon Donaldson	1	7	0	0	14.28
Michael Tomlinson	c: Simon Donaldson b: Joel Harris	140	186	14	2	75.26
Ryan Haverty	c&b: Joel Harris	81	144	12	1	56.25
Lachlan Quilliam	lbw: Joel Harris	0	2	0	0	0.00
Cam Turner	lbw: Joel Harris	0	2	0	0	0.00
Kym Dooley	b: Liam Harris	26	39	4	0	66.66
Scott McMahon	not out	14*	33	1	0	42.42
Kym Dabinett	c: Jaspa Tonkin b: Scott Hannam	0	3	0	0	0.00
Steven Pacitti	not out	3*	4	0	0	75.00
DNB: Ryan Banning, Vince Nizzola						

Extras 14 3WD 0NB 5LB 6B 0P **Total** 7 / 279 (70 Overs) **Bowling (O M R W E WD NB)** Simon Donaldson 15 1 42 1 2.80 0 0 Benjamin Martin 5 0 22 0 4.40 1 0 Liam Harris 9 0 47 1 5.22 0 0 Harry Nott 3 0 22 0 7.33 1 0 Scott Hannam 15 4 36 1 2.40 0 0 Luke Collett 5 1 12 0 2.40 0 0 Ethan Spriggs 4 1 15 0 3.75 0 0 Joel Harris (c) 14 0 72 4 5.14 1 0

Noarlunga v Goolwa 7/187
at Old Noarlunga Oval. In progress.
Goolwa A Grade won the toss and elected to bat.

Goolwa 1st Innings:		R	B	4S	6S	SR
Samuel Carlyle (c)	lbw: Jamie Diener	0	14	0	0	0.00
Jesse Le Ray	c: Jett Holberton b: Jacob Banks	29	104	1	0	27.88
Andy Evans	c: Cameron Bullard b: Jamie Diener	12	31	1	0	38.70
Matthew Overall	c: Michael Ledgard b: Jett Holberton	38	80	5	0	47.50
Victor Robertson	run out: Jacob Banks, Travis Bronstein	66	92	7	1	71.73
Jack Ward	lbw: Sean Williams	18	72	0	0	25.00
Fred Nissen	not out	17*	19	1	0	89.47
Josh Jones	b: Travis Bronstein	1	3	0	0	33.33
Dean Vickery	not out	1*	5	0	0	20.00
DNB: James Lawrence, Joshua Peach, Sean Mcivor						

Extras 5 1WD 2NB 2LB 0B 0P **Total** 7 / 187 (70 Overs) **Bowling (O M R W E WD NB)** Jamie Diener 9 2 20 2 2.22 0 0 Jason Scarff 12 5 23 0 1.91 0 1 Cameron Bullard 9 1 19 0 2.11 0 0 Jacob Banks 21 5 56 1 2.66 0 0 Jett Holberton 13 0 45 1 3.46 1 0 Sean Williams 4 0 12 1 3.00 0 1 Travis Bronstein 2 0 10 1 5.00 0 0

Victor Harbor v Mt Compass 10/214
at Victor Harbor Oval. In progress.
Victor Harbor won the toss and elected to bowl

Mt Compass 1st Innings:		R	B	4S	6S	SR
Joshua Murfitt	b: Luke Harding	88	96	15	0	91.66
Paul Barrett	st: Harrison Medlen b: Sean Medlen	12	89	1	0	13.48
Fill-in	b: Sean Medlen	10	11	2	0	90.90
Adam Hunter	c: Jesse Ortega b: Luke Harding	17	70	1	0	24.28
ethan anderson	b: Luke Harding	14	37	0	0	37.83
Ethan Osmond	run out: Kenneth Sumner	0	3	0	0	0.00
Aaron Dalitz (c)	b: Joshua Boyko	19	50	1	0	38.00
John Bradwell	b: Luke Harding	0	3	0	0	0.00
Joshua Dalitz	b: Sean Medlen	1	11	0	0	9.09
Robert Martin	b: Joshua Boyko	44	35	2	2	125.71
Bailey Baldock	not out	1*	5	0	0	20.00
DNB: Rilee Endersby						

Extras 8 0WD 2NB 2LB 4B 0P **Total** 10 / 214 (68.2 Overs) **Bowling (O M R W E WD NB)** Kenneth Sumner 7 4 24 0 3.42 0 1 Luke Harding 24 4 46 4 1.91 0 0 Lachlan Hywood 8 0 48 0 6.00 0 1 Jesse Ortega 10 1 54 0 5.40 0 0 Sean medlen (c) 18 6 35 3 1.94 0 0 Joshua Boyko 1 2 0 1 2 0.75 0 0

Willunga 10/59 v McLaren Districts 8/142
at Willunga Oval. In progress.
Willunga won the toss and elected to bat

Willunga 1st Innings:		R	B	4S	6S	SR
Ramesh Antony	c: Justin Twartz b: Daniel Hoskin	0	11	0	0	0.00
Seth Willson	c: Roy Graham b: Daniel Hoskin	0	3	0	0	0.00
Brett Doonan	c: David Fitzgerald b: Daniel Hoskin	7	16	1	0	43.75
Rory Hanson (c)	b: Stephen Nairn	9	12	1	0	75.00
Sebastian Carius	b: David Fitzgerald	20	37	3	0	54.05
Roger IAnson	c: ? b: Roy Graham	14	37	1	0	37.83
Eddie Last	c: Charl Van Wyk b: George Beard	1	6	0	0	16.66
Takdir Singh Sahota	c: George Beard b: David Fitzgerald	1	3	0	0	33.33
Daniel Hockham	c&b: David Fitzgerald	0	3	0	0	0.00
Binu John	not out	3*	21	0	0	14.28
Malcolm Radford	c: ? b: Roy Graham	0	1	0	0	0.00
DNB: Jack McCauley						

Extras 4 1WD 2NB 0LB 1B 0P **Total** 10 / 59 (25 Overs) **Bowling (O M R W E WD NB)** Stephen Nairn 7 1 12 1 1.71 0 1 Daniel Hoskin 6 1 22 3 3.66 1 0 George Beard 6 1 14 1 2.33 0 0 David Fitzgerald 4 1 18 3 1.87 0 1 Matthew Treloar 0 5 0 0 0 0.00 0 0 Roy Graham 1 0 2 2 2.00 0 0

Yankalilla v Encounter Bay 7/335
at Yankalilla Oval. In progress.
Yankalilla won the toss and elected to bowl

Encounter Bay 1st Innings:		R	B	4S	6S	SR
David Schulze	lbw: Aaron Smith	14	40	1	0	35.00
Chris Butler	c: Douglas Jones b: Jimmy Hamblin	6	15	1	0	40.00
Sam Hoffmann	c: Daniel Schubert b: Jim Mead	161	172	12	7	93.60
Finn Magor	not out	101*	156	13	1	64.74
Paul Fantasia	run out: Jimmy Hamblin	1	2	0	0	50.00
Blake Bailey (c)	b: Oaklee Major	0	1	0	0	0.00
Andrew Pacitti	run out: Jimmy Hamblin	17	21	2	0	80.95
Zak Douglas	c: Troy Smedley b: Aaron Smith	16	13	2	1	123.07
DNB: Kieran Garrett, Dennis Rice, Zachari Thompson, Luke Crichton, Jamie Caddy, Joshua Hutchesson						

Extras 19 0WD 8NB 8LB 3B 0P **Total** 7 / 335 (70 Overs) **Bowling (O M R W E WD NB)** Jimmy Hamblin 10 0 48 1 4.80 0 0 James Kerin 14 1 55 0 3.92 0 0 Douglas Jones 11 2 44 0 4.00 0 2 Aaron Smith 19 2 70 2 3.68 0 1 Fill-in 1 0 4 0 4.00 0 2 kym hosking 3 0 27 0 9.00 0 0 Oaklee Major 7 0 38 1 5.42 0 0 Troy Smedley 2 0 9 0 4.50 0 0 Jim Mead 3 0 29 1 9.66 0 3

McLaren Districts 1st Innings:

McLaren Districts 1st Innings:		R	B	4S	6S	SR
Stephen Nairn	c: Seth Willson b: Binu John	25	51	1	0	49.01
Matthew Treloar	run out: Binu John	2	9	0	0	22.22
Charl Van Wyk	lbw: Malcolm Radford	2	10	0	0	20.00
George Beard	c: Sebastian Carius b: Daniel Hockham	23	29	4	0	79.31
Roy Graham	lbw: Daniel Hockham	0	1	0	0	0.00
Daniel Hoskin	c: Sebastian Carius b: Malcolm Radford	13	55	1	0	23.63
Brendan Hill	c: Eddie Last b: Malcolm Radford	11	12	1	0	91.66
Justin Twartz (c)	not out	33*	53	1	0	62.26
Michael Schofield	c: Seth Willson b: Roger IAnson	10	23	0	0	43.47
Hayden Bradley	not out	12*	27	0	0	44.44
DNB: Kevin Grant, Justin Ifould, David Fitzgerald						

Extras 11 1WD 1NB 2LB 7B 0P **Total** 8 / 142 (45 Overs) **Bowling (O M R W E WD NB)** Eddie Last 4 0 16 0 4.00 1 0 malcolm radford 10 4 31 3 3.10 0 0 Daniel Hockham 8 2 12 2 1.50 0 0 Binu John 11 3 26 1 2.36 0 0 Seth Willson 3 0 24 0 8.00 0 1 Roger IAnson 6 2 19 1 3.16 0 0 Sebastian Carius 3 0 5 0 1.66 0 0

GSCA B Grade - Round 6

Goolwa 10/99 v Noarlunga 1/107 at Goolwa Oval. In Progress.
Goolwa, Batting: Tim Stewart, 30.
Noarlunga, Bowling: David Scarff, 6/14.
Mt Compass 9/228 v Rapid Bay at Burgess Oval. In progress.
Mt Compass, Batting: Mark Nash, 83.
Rapid Bay, Bowling: Morris Varney, 6/41.
Encounter Bay 8-d/202 v Aldinga

0/23 at Encounter Bay Oval. In progress.
Encounter Bay, Batting: Zane Garrett, 77.
Aldinga, Bowling: Matthew Inglis, 5/65.
McLaren Districts 8/204 v Willunga at McLaren Vale Sporting Complex. In progress.
McLaren Districts, Batting: Justin Ifould (c), 51.
Willunga, Bowling: Vishnu Nair, 5/51.

GSCA C1 Grade - Round 7

McLaren Districts def Myponga-Selicks.
Myponga-Selicks forfeit.
Willunga def Yankalilla.
Yankalilla forfeit.
Noarlunga 10/68 def by Encounter Bay 4/70 at Aldinga Payinthe College.
Noarlunga, Batting: Peter Lamz, 16; Job Thiele, 16. Bowling: Peter Lamz, 2/12.

Encounter Bay, Bowling: Shane Perkins, 4/7. Batting: Thomas Tregilgas, 17.
Port Elliot 5/219 def Victor Harbor 6/93 at Port Elliot Oval.
Port Elliot, Batting: Joshua Wenham, 83*. Bowling: Joshua Wenham, 3/12.
Victor Harbor, Bowling: Dylan Flavel, 2/30. Batting: Reuben Walker, 31.

GSCA C2 Grade - Round 7

Rapid Bay 8/117 def by Willunga 9/136 at Rapid Bay Oval.
Willunga, Batting: Glen Ongley, 67. Bowling: Graeme Ackerman, 2/7; Glen Ongley, 2/11.
Rapid Bay, Bowling: Mathew Jeffrey (c), 4/21. Batting: Mathew Jeffrey (c), 31.
Mt Compass 3/118 def Goolwa 10/113 at Mt Compass Oval.
Goolwa, Batting: Kane Hynes, 61. Bowling: Henry Perkins, 2/26.
Mc Compass, Bowling: Hunter Bailey-hill, 4/25. Batting: Trent McMahon, 36*; Will Dalitz, 36.
Encounter Bay def Yankalilla.
Yankalilla forfeit.
Aldinga 7/210 def Noarlunga Blue 3/205 at Aldinga Oval.
Noarlunga Blue, Batting: Michael Close, 106. Bowling: Riki Watanabe, 2/38.
Aldinga, Bowling: Brenton Averats, 1/31. Batting: Jonathan Piggins, 83.



Mitchell Littlejohn.



Archie Wheaton and Cullen Berden.

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Warren and Clements sink Lobethal

Veteran all-rounder Ben Warren and Tigers' skipper Adam Clements took care of Lobethal with a 150-run partnership on Saturday in warm conditions at Langhorne Creek Oval.

Warren hit a brilliant 89 from 117 balls, while Clements landed some lusty blows in his 70 from 83 balls to take the game away from the reigning premiers, with both teams now locked in equal top spot.

Clements won the toss and batted, despite Lobethal knocking over Langhorne Creek cheaply in the first-round clash at Lobethal, and they were in trouble early, with Shannon Jones departing for just two to the promoted seam bowler Will Strange.

Darcy Paech was run out for the second game in a row with a misfield from Sam Martin, leading to Paech slipping while trying to get back and make ground, out for nine.

Clements joined Warren and both looked comfortable from the outset, despite medium bowlers Strange and Williams hitting the wicket and extracting some movement.

The runs started to flow steadily, with the slow bowlers in Steve Huxter, Weeks and Graeber having no real impact on the pitch, and Warren and Clements picking the gaps through the infield.

Clements' placement through the field was a highlight, as he picked off the slow bowlers with great patience.

Warren looked back to his best, as he punished anything loose, and was eager to see off Lobethal's slow bowlers Weeks and Graeber, who

were attacking the stumps through the middle period.

Warren passed 50 just before drinks, while Clements brought up his half century two overs after the break, with the two all-rounders looking at a total of well-over 230.

The runs tightened up after drinks with some tight bowling before Clements broke the shackles with a boundary and a lovely six down the ground from Sam Martin.

Martin struck next ball with a sharp stumping to Norsworthy to see Clements out for a well-made 70.

Warren closed in on three figures but fell 11 short not long after to a sharp low-down catch at mid-off to the Lobethal skipper Weeks from the bowling of Dave Huxter to see the Tigers at 4/182.

From there, the Langhorne Creek batsmen struggled, as Huxter was getting the old ball to swing and knocked over Dan Cleggett bowled, and when Troy Blackwell fell for two LBW, the Tigers were in danger of not batting out 45 overs, despite a great start.

U16 Mack Nurse on debut at 14 years old was the last man out for a duck, the team run out at 43.4 overs for 196, with Dave Huxter the pick of the Lobethal bowlers, taking 4/15.

Langhorne Creek lost 7/14 after a terrific batting performance from Warren and Clements.

Lobethal were in an aggressive mood from the outside, and they took 10 from Adam Clements first over before he struck in his second over,

removing the Ben Matthews for seven with a catch to Paech on mid-on.

Blackwell was steaming in and bowled some chin music to unsettle the Lobethal batsmen, and it worked, with Weeks out, nicking off for 15 to Jones with the gloves to see Lobethal at 2/26.

Young gun Tanner King looked in fine form, smashing five boundaries in quick time in his 27 before Shane Bown had him caught at deep long on to a fine catch from Paech.

When Bown snared Sam Graeber LBW for two, the Lobethal team were on the backfoot at 4/62.

Three missed stumpings were keeping Lobethal in the game, and they kept the run rate ticking over, but they lost regular wickets, as Dan Cleggett claimed Sam Martin with a full toss at point for 10, and the home side could sense victory.

Steve Huxter rallied with Riley Harten to score 20 and 22* and move the score along to 5/101 before part-time bowler Shannon Jones removed Steve Huxter and the game was just about done.

Jagga Kotz removed Dan Norsworthy for 14 with a sharp catch by Koehler with the gloves on.

New recruit Charles Williams fell first ball to Kotz, and the off spinner was on a hat-trick.

Blackwell steamrolled Dave Huxter with a sand shoe crusher, and when Strange fell to Darcy Paech, the Tigers had secured an important victory at home against the ladder-leaders by 54 runs.

Around the grounds

The Langhorne Creek B Grade (40) copped a 90-run defeat at the hands of Woodside, despite a strong start and having the Warriors at 3/66 at drinks.

Daniel Evans picked up two wickets with support from Elliot Towk 43 and Tyler Lines 31.

The C Grade chased some leather at Nairne, with Nairne posting 309.

The C Grade men were never in the hunt, despite 61* (38) from Ant Tonkin, 40 from Shane Nurse and 37 from Andrew Pavy.

The D Grade fought back from the brink and posted 187 runs at Macclesfield, with Josh Brace 52*, and Under 14 young gun Ollie Bray 17* leading the way late to record a 34-run victory.

Pete Reichelt was the pick of the bowlers with 4/28, and U16 Logan Buckley 2/31.

The Under 16s had a win on Wednesday night at Echunga in our second T20 clash.

Levi Nutt did the damage with 3/9 and Tristan Watkins 2/10 secured victory in a tight clash, despite the Tigers posting 175 from 20 overs.

Billy Littlejohn 27*, Mitch Littlejohn 25* and Logan Buckley 25* batted well to get the Tigers' first win.

Mason Cook was back to his best with 2/10, and Mitch Littlejohn 2/17 to stop Strathalbyn at 7/152

The Under 14s held the Echunga/Wistow to the same score – 152/4 – at Wistow in a battle of second and third.

Under 12 Dylan Pavy was the best of bowlers with 2/2 from four overs.

The Under 12s were at the same venue on Friday night and they did not lose a wicket, as they demolished Wistow.

Sam McInnes 18*, Max Tonkin 15* and Dylan Pavy 15* top scored for the Tigers, while James Cannizzaro and Max Tonkin both took two wickets.

The Under 10s headed to Macclesfield on Thursday night due to the Strathalbyn pageant and chalked up another tight win.

Isaac Fullerton 17* and Henry Butler 15* did the best with the bat.

Isaac grabbed two wickets to seal victory for our 10s.

The 10s and 12s will now have a break until January 31.

This Wednesday night our U16s play host to Strathalbyn in a T20 clash, and Thursday night our A Grade kick off our T20 tournament with Port Elliot from 5:30pm, with Troy Blackwell having Jaspa Tonkin well and truly in his sights.

Hamish Case joins us as our marquee player – an A Grade player from Tea Tree Gully with Mount Gambier his origins.

Strathalbyn Cricket Club - Stable Snippets

After a week off (for most grades) last weekend for the Adelaide test match senior cricket resumed as normal although a few tweaks were made to junior games to dodge the Strathalbyn Christmas Pageant and party.

A Grade

A tough day for the Stallions last Saturday with Hahndorf posting 2/254 from their 45 overs after winning the toss and batting.

Kane Gaiter got the early breakthrough but from here Allegretto and Jenner added 160 for the second wicket, eclipsing the 142 run stand the pair compiled against the Stallions in round two. Allegretto finishing with an outstanding 159 not out.

Chasing the huge total the Stallions lost Cousins early with the score on 4 before Medhurst and Mark Abbott added 53 with the former out for 24.

Abbott then combined with Pelle, who made a well compiled 33 to add 83 with a successful run chase largely resting on Abbott's shoulders.

However, when he was adjudged LBW for 88 the momentum that had been building was lost. Needing to accelerate a string of quick wickets, including several run outs saw the innings ended on 183 on the final ball of the 41st over.

B Grade

The B Grade fixture ended up back at EFS, after last Sunday's hot weather put an end to the intended Sunday game on the Strath turf.

Mt Barker won the toss and batted but were soon in early trouble at 2/9 with Evenden and Austin Greaves both getting breakthroughs.

A 45-run stand followed before

Hanley broke this after which the innings was wrapped up quickly for 78, Wyatt spinning a web to finish with 5/21.

Greaves was rewarded for his consistency and effort each week with 2/6 from 4.1 overs.

The Stallions made light work of the chase and despite losing Hiram for 24 along the way they reached the target in the 11th over.

Schofield unbeaten on 48 at the close.

Mt Barker 78 (B Wyatt 5/21, A Greaves 2/6, C Hanley 2/19) def. by Strath 1/80 (S Schofield 48*, T Hiram 24).

C Grade

The C Grade team travelled up to Echunga #2 to tackle Hahndorf with a run feast on the cards.

The Magpies won the toss and batted but were in early strife at 3/25, Shane Stevenson taking all three wickets.

When he then grabbed a fourth, caught by Jye Stevenson the score was 4/56. Jye then chimed in again, this time with a direct hit run out before Chris Humphrys weaved his magic picking up 4/12 from 5.5 overs.

Bear even managed to bowl a maiden over which is an achievement in itself on Echunga 2. Hahndorf were all out for 90, Stevenson and Humphrys both with four wickets.

In the run chase skipper Brook elevated Stutley to the top of the order with himself and they added 46 quickly before Brook went in the 5th over.

Stutley continued to take the game on regularly clearing the small boundaries and keeping the runs ticking over.

Despite losing Kuchel, Stutley

powered on bringing up his half century in 21 balls.

He would go on to end the game with another maximum in the eighth over to finish unbeaten on 64 from only 24 deliveries, the knock including 6 x 4s and 6 x 6s (and 4 singles).

Hahndorf 90 (C Humphrys 4/12, S Stevenson 4/35) def. by Strath 2/92 (R Stutley 64*, N Brook 16).

U16

The U16s hosted Langhorne Creek last Saturday and after winning the toss chose to bat first.

Oliver and Ballantyne added 31 before the latter was the first to go.

From here a few partnerships threatened to establish with skipper Wheaton contributing 29 but they didn't fully consolidate with the Stallions 5/87 after 24 overs.

Halling and Walsh steadied the innings before both retiring not out with the day eventually closing at 7/153 after the allotted 40 overs.

With a total that looks slightly under par on paper a strong bowling effort will be required next week to defend it.

Strath 7/153 (A Wheaton 29, S Walsh 27*, L Oliver 20, L Ballantyne 14, J Halling 12*) vs Langhorne Creek

U14

The U14s headed up to Hahndorf last Saturday and won the toss and elected to bat.

Burgess was elevated to open and played a fine knock retiring not out for 34 initially, while Smith also looked in good touch until he holed out on the boundary.

Thiele continued his good form with the bat also retiring not out. Jack Obramski chipped in with a valuable 21 as did Cousins with 17.

The Stallions not fully capitalising on having two returning retired not out batters to be dismissed for 173 in the 38th over.

Strath 173 (E Thiele 36*, H Burgess 34, J Obramski 21, J Smith 20, T Cousins 17) vs Hahndorf.

U12 Girls

No match but in great news the U12 Fillies season has been extended for a further 6 matches in Term 1 of 2025

U12 Boys

The U12s played their match the week prior to avoid the Strath Christmas Pageant and the competition now goes into recess until school resumes in January,

U10

Last Thursday evening Strath White travelled up to Wistow in a switched game to avoid a clash with the Strathalbyn Christmas pageant.

Thanks to Jordan and Wistow for accommodating our request.

Asher won the flip as captain, and we batted first.

With our focus on aggressive running and calls the kids did very well.

Wistow were equally as good achieving 5 runouts, 4 of them direct hits but our kids were superb picking the gaps and creating runs with early aggressive calls.

Dayne with 26, Liam 18 and Connor 12 our top scorers. Jack made 5 with a few good shots through cover.

Our bowling innings was also very good with the team creating chances and fielding very well.

Our voice was great (sometimes a little too much) but the team enjoyed plenty of reward for their effort.

Chase took 3 wickets to go with 4

catches, Dayne took 2 and Connor, Asher and Izabella 1 each and a run out the result of good teamwork.

Final scores Wistow 9/47 (71) def. by Strathalbyn White 6/106 (138) by 67 runs.

Strathalbyn Christmas Pageant:

It was fantastic for the club to be back involved in the Christmas Where the Angas Flows community event last Friday night.

The smiles on the faces of the kids said it all!

We are always reluctant to single people out in case we miss someone but there are a few individuals that really did help make it all happen.

Thanks to Mel and Dave Vanderzon who always go above and beyond to get things done.

To Sam Melville who worked her creativity with banners and signs and Karen Fox who travelled on foot as one of our promotional billboards.

Cam Sherriff also came to the party late to keep our 'Cricket Santa' powered and importantly inflated. Thanks to the Simpson family for supplying cricket Santa

Huge shout out to senior player Nick Evenden who supplied and piloted the truck (float) and Jack Roberts who rode shot gun although that was really the extent of his input

Thanks also to Julie-Anne Heinrich who 'floated' the idea of getting involved and the response has been brilliant.

Sadly Julie-Anne couldn't be present on the night due to family commitments interstate.

Finally to all the kids (and there were plenty!) it was wonderful to see the red and white of the Fillies and Stallions proudly on display.

Tennis



Patrick McFarlane



Stephanie Stone.



Abby Thrun.



Maddie Cleggett.



Caitlin Clegg.

Onkaparinga Tennis Association Round 6

Seniors

Bye - Macclesfield

Bye.

Kangarilla v Langhorne Creek

No scores provided.

Woodchester v Strathalbyn 6 - 6.

R1: 2. A. MacAllan, 3. J. Harvey 9; J. Pfeiffer (R), 8. G. Borghi 5. R2: B. Munzberg (R), 5. T. Harvey 2; 2. a.

ness, 3. L. Johnson 9. R3: 7. N. Fitton, 8. T. Barnes 9; M. Penniment (R), S. Kacirek (R) 3. R4: 2. A. MacAllan 1, J. Pfeiffer (R) 6. R5: 3. J. Harvey 6; 8. G. Borghi 4. R6: B. Munzberg (R) 4; 2. a. ness 6. R7: 5. T. Harvey 1; 3. L. Johnson 6. R8: 7. N. Fitton 2; M. Penniment (R) 6. R9: 8. T. Barnes 6; S. Kacirek (R) 0. R10: 2. A. MacAllan, 5. T. Harvey 1; J. Pfeiffer (R), M. Penniment (R) 6. R11: 3. J. Harvey, 7. N. Fitton 6; 8. G. Borghi, S. Stone (R) 0. R12: B. Munzberg (R), 8. T. Barnes 6; 3. L. Johnson, 6. K. Downs 0.

Tennis - Round 10

Two in a row for Pt Elliot

Pt Elliot scored consecutive wins for the first time this season after defeating Victor Harbor 4 rubbers to 2 last Saturday at Victor in Great Southern tennis.

With both teams going into the match with winning form, it was Pt Elliot who got the edge, winning both doubles with Harry Vincent and the returning Scott McPhee clinching theirs in a super tiebreak.

Zara Bowles won the crucial top women's single for Elliot and with McPhee proving too strong for Jack Prosser, Pt Elliot secured the points.

Victor's Jeremy Bell and Julianne Lowrey had emphatic singles wins but this overall result shows there is very little between each team on the ladder and while Pt Elliot still remain at the bottom, they are no pushover team to play.

Back Valley continued their good form defeating Myponga-Sellicks 4 rubbers to 2 at Myponga.

Back Valley had their noses in front by a set after the doubles after a strong win in the men by Matt Crittenden and Keni Lewis-Baida that was equalled by Myponga-Sellicks Courtney Gum and Imogen Harney winning their double in a super tiebreak.

Back Valley asserted their authority with singles wins to Craig Littlely and Tanya Milne, with the big headline win being Lewis-Baida's strong win over Jack Pacitti, winning 9-5, guaranteeing the team victory.

It was a big turnaround from their last meeting where Pacitti prevailed strongly 6-1.

Myponga-Sellicks's Gum proved too strong in her singles but it wasn't enough as the result has Back Valley moving up into second position on the ladder, deposing Victor to third while Myponga-Sellicks remain in fourth spot.

Around the divisions...

In Division 2, there were big wins for Pt Elliot, Myponga-Sellicks Green and Mt Compass Emu Wrens over Goolwa, Back Valley and Mt Compass Gold respectively.

A close match was at Mt Compass where the Maroon team narrowly lost by 5 games to Myponga Sellicks Gold after being level on 4 rubbers each.

These results have the Emu Wrens

moving up to third spot on the ladder still trailing Inman Valley and Myponga-Sellicks Green while Myponga-Sellicks Gold have dropped to fourth.

Mt Compass Maroon has moved up to seventh forcing Mt Compass Gold into eighth while Back Valley now sits at the bottom of the ladder - an unwelcome Christmas gift!

Inman Valley A Doubles inflicted Pt Elliot's second consecutive 1 game loss after coming from behind to defeat the home side.

After both teams dished out shellackings in the first round of doubles, things tightened up in the second round with both teams winning 9-7 in increasingly warm conditions.

Pt Elliot couldn't sustain the one game lead going into the final 2 matches and Inman snatched victory to still remain undefeated.

Back Valley took advantage of Pt Elliot's loss moving into second spot on the ladder ahead of Pt Elliot with a strong 5 rubbers to 1 win over Victor Harbor who got into the festive season, playing in Christmas-themed attire.

Victor remain on the bottom but this division will be a hotly contested competition come the new year.

There were also big wins in B Doubles for Victor White and Back Valley over Inman Valley and Victor Blue respectively.

Pt Elliot Red and Black had the close match that was unfortunately impacted by 3 walkover wins due to a hamstring injury to the Red team's George Maslin that occurred early in his first match.

The Red team still put up a mighty effort to win all the other matches to narrowly lose the afternoon by 9 games.

The win to the Black team has given them some breathing space to hold onto the third spot on the ladder with Back Valley still not far behind in fourth spot.

The Red team's first loss of the season still hasn't shaken them off the top of the ladder but it has closed the margin to second spot Victor Harbor White.

Tennis takes its Christmas New Year break and will resume on the weekend of Saturday, January 11.



Hayden Pridham.

Photos: Rowan Sims

Hills Softball Association

Under 14s Mixed

Redsox Blue (11) def Hahndorf (7)

BEST: Ashwin Sharma (Redsox Blue), and Cooper Crawford and Tom Johns (Hahndorf)

Redsox Blue played Hahndorf on Saturday morning.

It was a battle of the bats in this game, with Redsox claiming the win 11-7.

Redsox were able to secure 7 runs in the first inning with their disciplined batting. Ashwin Sharma was able to come out and hold Hahndorf to only 4 runs.

Hahndorf had key hits by Rohan Marin and Lisha Liebelt.

Redsox had a key catch from Devilan Manners in centre field and a strike-out from Ashwin.

In the following innings, Hahndorf had some key hits from Cooper Crawford and Rohan Markin, and a home run from Tom Johns.

This, however, was not enough to catch up to the Redsox, with hits made from Oliver Gray, Nathan Golder and Patrick Mezzatesta, and a grand slam to end the game from Zaxton Sward.

It was a great game from both sides, and what a way to end 2024!

A Grade Women

Strathalbyn (7) def Redsox (3)

BEST: Kathy Pash and Gab Martin (Strathalbyn), and Sienna Golder and Alex Mackay (Redsox)

Strathalbyn started the game off with a triple to Kim Cutting, while Kathy Pash drew an error.

They both stole bases, bringing Cutting home, followed by a safe hit to the outfield by Peyton Daniels which brought Pash home before Redsox made the next three outs at first base, holding Strath to the 2 runs.

Redsox had a safe hit to Lauren Christensen, but they were unable to bring anyone home, with Strath's pitcher/catcher combo of Tess Norris to Gab Martin making a K2, a catch taken at third by Daniels, and an outfield catch by Pash.

The second dig for Strath produced a safe hit to Kathryn Milne, but she was picked off at second, followed by two more pick-offs of the lead runner by Redsox's catcher Alex Mackay's great throwing.

Redsox had a safe hit to Sienna Golder, who worked her way around the diamond, and was brought home by a three-baser to Saskia Charter-Harris with Strath's short stop Cutting making an out at first, and another two K2s ended the innings.

Strath added a further 4 runs in the third, with hits to Cutting, Bianca Pash and Milne.

A three-baser went to Martin and a home run to K Pash, with Redsox's Mackay taking a catch and right-fielder Golder taking two.

A two-base hit to Redsox's Kel O'Brien started them off, and hits to Golder, Mackay and Catalina Sterian brought home 2 runs, with Strath's K Pash, now playing second, making an out at first, a pick-off of the runner at second, and a K2 to new pitcher Daniels.

K Pash drew an error in the fourth to get on base, stole to second, and was brought home by an outfield hit to Daniels for the only run of the innings, with Redsox's shortstop making an out, a K2, and an out at first.

Strath needed to protect their lead, and with another K2, an out at first, and an out made by B Pash now at second base, they did, coming out on top with the win.

Hahndorf (16) def Pirates (6)

BEST: Megan Williams and Mia Oats-Willis

(Hahndorf), and Rachael Thompson and Jarrah Taylor (Pirates)

Hahndorf showcased a dominant performance against Pirates in an exciting game on December 13.

Strong team contributions across the board allowed Hahndorf to edge out their opponents, with a final score of 16-8.

The game started off strong for Pirates, who wasted no time getting on the scoreboard. Jarrah Taylor opened the game with a leadoff single and was quickly driven in by a well-placed hit from Rachael Thomson.

Pirates' pitcher Jordana worked to settle in, but a few defensive misplays allowed Hahndorf to plate 3 runs early.

In response, the Magpies showed grit, with Breanna Luxon and Lucy Weatherstone reaching base.

A clutch RBI single from Megan Williams brought in the Magpies' first run, closing the inning at 3-1 in favour of Hahndorf.

The third inning was action-packed, with both teams heating up offensively.

Hahndorf continued to press, led by Williams, who ripped a double into the gap, sparking a rally.

Back-to-back hits from Mia Oats-Willis and Luc Weatherstone brought in 4 runs, extending their lead to 7-2.

The fourth inning proved decisive, as Hahndorf seized control.

With bases loaded, Williams came through with a line-drive single to left, scoring 2 runs.

A defensive miscue by the Pirates extended the inning, and Oats-Willis capitalised with a three-RBI double that broke the game wide open.

Hahndorf tallied 6 runs in the frame, stretching their lead to 13-4.

Despite the setback, the Pirates battled back.

Breanae Wieringa sparked a rally with a single, and Jarrah Taylor followed with a key hit to drive in 2 runs.

For Hahndorf, stand-out efforts came from players throughout the batting line-up, with consistent offensive execution and smart baserunning.

Solid defensive plays further secured their victory, effectively limiting Pirates' scoring opportunities.

On the other side, Pirates fought hard, delivering key hits and a determined defensive showing.

However, a few errors and Hahndorf's aggressive play proved difficult to overcome.

Both teams displayed excellent sportsmanship and teamwork, making for an entertaining matchup.

Congratulations to Hahndorf on the win!

B Grade Women

Redsox (10) def Hahndorf White (8)
BEST: Sienna Golder and Kerri Hardy (Redsox), and Tracy Luxon and Nancy Johns (Hahndorf White)

Redsox claimed a narrow 10-8 victory over Hahndorf White in a competitive softball match-up, showcasing both teams' determination and skill across four innings.

It was an intense game filled with solid pitching, sharp fielding, and key batting performances.

Redsox began strongly, capitalising on early opportunities to put runs on the board.

Kerri Hardy and Suvali Sharma contributed critical hits, while Sandra Lions and Kylie Gray maintained consistency throughout the line-up.

Hardy sparked the offence with a solid double, and Sharma followed with key contact plays, ensuring runners advanced.

Mandy Bottruff rounded out a deep batting order, earning a crucial walk and displaying excellent discipline at the plate.

Hahndorf White responded with resilience, particularly in the second inning when they managed to close the gap.

Nancy Johns and Danielle Vujiu spearheaded the comeback with aggressive baserunning and timely hits.

Vujiu's double proved instrumental, driving in key runs to keep Hahndorf White competitive.

Celeste Paul and Chris Wawryk also played pivotal roles, with Paul reaching base and scoring off an error in the later innings.

Defensively, both teams showcased their strengths, but were tested under pressure.

Redsox's fielding held up in key moments, including a series of put-outs and pop fly catches, which included three catches by Sienna Golder that kept Hahndorf White from fully capitalising on their momentum.

Hahndorf White, in turn, executed clean defensive plays, including strike-outs and force-outs, and three catches by Tracy Luxon to contain the Redsox attack.

The final innings saw Redsox widen their lead, with critical runs, despite a valiant late push from Hahndorf White.

Pitching control became a factor, as walks and passed balls allowed the Redsox to capitalise, pushing their lead to 10-8.

Pirates (9) def Hahndorf Black (1)

BEST: Ali Lomman and Margie Cammell (Pirates), and Emma Faber-Paul and Jess Pilkington (Hahndorf Black)

For the last game of the year, Pirates were able to secure a 9-1 victory over Hahndorf Black.

In the first innings, the Pirates were held scoreless, with key defensive plays from Hahndorf's Jess Pilkington, Emma Faber-Paul and Michelle Gore picking off the lead runners.

The Pirates fired right back, not allowing Hahndorf to score, with solid outs from Jodie Karayiannis, Wendy Pope and Margie Cammell.

Pirates' next turn at bat was successful. An outfield hit from W Pope, brought in the first run of the game from Jenny Pearce.

In the same innings, a three-base hit from Danni-elle Hupfield brought in 2 more runs from the Pirates through Rachael Thompson and W Pope.

Defensively, the Pirates were able to hold Hahndorf at 1 run, which was the only run for their game, scored by E Faber-Paul.

Pirates continued to score 6 runs in the third inning, bringing their total to 9.

C Grade Women

Pirates (13) def Strathalbyn (6)

BEST: Sue Stewart and Leonie Beattie (Pirates), and Rebecca Sims and Amber Crawford (Strathalbyn)

Jodi Hawaii started off pitching for Strathalbyn, and with the first pitch of the day hit Sue Stewart on the ankle.

Unfortunately, Debbie Taylor hit to shortstop and got Sue out at second.

Jodi steadied herself, striking out the next batter.

In-form Breana Wieringa came up next to a hit a great shot over centre field to score 1 run.

Rakel Nyholm took a catch at shortstop for the third out.

Charlene Klenke struck out Strath's first batter, giving the Pirates the start they wanted.

Breana made a good play from third, throwing to Sue Stewart at first for the second out.

Monica Spriggs came up to bat, hitting a big hit to left field, but Leonie Beattie managed to track the ball well and took a great catch to finish the innings 1-0.

Rebecca Sims came into pitch for Strath and got the first two batters out.

Then Danni-elle Hupfield came in and steadied the ship with a safe hit to left field which was followed up by another safe hit by Sue Stewart to score Danni-elle.

Michelle Stewart followed suit and got a safe hit that got Sue home.

Annabel McGregor took a good catch at centre field for the third out to stop the Pirates' two-down rally.

Strath came out swinging, with Rebecca Sims starting it off with a hard hit to third.

Rakel also had a safe hit, then Amber Crawford hit to left field to score 2 runs.

Although the Pirates then got three of the next four batters out, Strath scored 2 more runs to make it 3-4.

The third innings is where the Pirates took over the game, taking advantage of an undermanned Strath side.

Steph Zuzolo hit a two-base hit to left field.

Tracey Pearce then hit to shortstop to get safe at first and advance the runner.

Charlene had a good hit to left field to score 1 run.

Leonie batted with discipline, getting walked to load the bases.

Danni-elle hit a big shot to left field to score 3 runs and get safe at second.

The rest of the Pirates batted with discipline to bring up 10 runs.

With time running out, the pressure was on the Pirates to get the outs so the game wouldn't revert back.

Rebecca Sims once again started off for Strath - this time hitting a huge home run.

Charlene struck out the next batter for the first out.

Debbie Taylor then took a great catch at second from a hit that hung in the air.

Leonie finished off with yet another brilliant catch at left field to end the game 13-6.

Hahndorf (8) def Echunga (3)

BEST: Ella Playford and Molly Playford (Echunga), and Kerry Lawson and Celeste Paul (Hahndorf)

Hahndorf came out strong in their softball clash against Echunga, securing an 8-3 victory.

The match began with Hahndorf dominating at the plate.

Danielle Guilfoyle hit a deep ball to centre field, setting the stage for Emma Faber Paul, who picked up a walk.

Jemma Langford then drove in several runs with a safe line drive past third base, bringing 4 runs across the plate in the first inning.

Hahndorf was formidable, with Kerry Lawson taking two incredible catches in the field to help hold Echunga scoreless through the first three innings.

Kerry Lawson had two safe hits for the game.

Echunga's first breakthrough came in the fourth inning when Ella Playford smashed a huge three-bagger to left field.

Molly Playford contributed two safe hits during the game, but despite these efforts Echunga could only manage to score 3 runs for entirety of the game.

Sandy Pedergrana made an excellent catch in left field for Echunga, but Hahndorf's defence, led by pitcher Celeste Paul and catcher Emma Faber Paul, proved too strong.

The Hahndorf duo was in sync, helping to shut out Echunga and keep them scoreless for two innings.

Hahndorf continued, with Mikayla Herd hitting a fantastic ball to left field, followed by Emma Thompson who signalled a hit-

and-run play, bringing Mikayla home for another run.

Hahndorf's aggressive baserunning throughout the game put pressure on Echunga's defence, leading them to finish with 8 runs on the board.

Redsox (14) def Macclesfield (4)

BEST: Elisa Heath and Mandy Bottruff (Redsox), and Anna Gotch and Taylah Kemp (Macclesfield)

Redsox started strong in the batting box, getting 10 runs in, with most of their players getting on base before side away.

Macclesfield got one home, with Anna Gotch crossing the plate.

Glenis Sward pitched well for Redsox. The second saw Redsox add another 4 to their score with some strong batting.

Macclesfield added another 3 to their score with a big home run to Anna Gotch.

The third and final dig saw some more strong batting from Redsox, with Alexis Golder hitting a great three-bagger.

Redsox added another 5 in this dig, making their total score 19.

Their third batting dig didn't count, so the final score was 14-4, with Redsox getting the points.

Div 1 Men

Redsox (10) def Pirates (0)

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Redsox and Pirates faced off in a Div. 1 clash.

Redsox started off hot and grabbed an early lead thanks to A Wilson sending a ball over the centre field fence for a 2-run homer.

H May was on the bump for Redsox and held the Pirates at bay without a base runner against the top of the Pirates order.

C Bottruff continued his hot hitting, with extra bases to lead off the second, and a 3-run homer by R Karayiannis extended the lead for the Redsox.

D Elliott was the only Pirate to reach base against May, doing so twice with a single and double.

Power hitting, quality pitching and stellar defence, particularly in the infield saw the Redsox cruise through for a 10-0 shut-out victory.

Div 2 Men

Echunga Red (9) def Pirates (4)

BEST: D Hampel and T Richardson (Echunga Red), and N Sexton and K Elliot (Pirates)

The Echunga Demons clashed with the NFA Pirates in a gripping softball match at Diamond 3 on December 14.

The Pirates opened strong in the first innings.

Sexton hit a home run off of D Hampel's pitching, and K Elliott brought in another run to lead 2-0.

Despite their early lead, the Pirates struggled, as the Demons' fielding shut them down.

The Demons' first turn at bat saw N Sexton's pitching dominate, keeping them scoreless.

The Pirates added a run in the third innings, with Elliott again crossing the plate, increasing their lead to 3-0.

However, the Demons roared back, with T Richardson, A Sinnott, and M Chilton contributing to a stunning rally, making it 4-3.

In the final innings, the Demons outshone the Pirates, with runs from Richardson, R Brown, D Hampel, and J Baker, sealing a decisive 9-4 victory.

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Christmas Twilight Race Day postponed

Last Wednesday's Strathalbyn Christmas Twilight Race Day had to be postponed after the barrier stalls were compromised.

The weather Gods were in the Strathalbyn Racing Club's favour to start out the day, bringing in 280 attendees, including the man in red himself.

The favourite – a three-year-old bay filly named Balistique, trained by Dan Clarken and Oopy MacGillivray – won the first race, the Springfield Fillies and Mares Maiden Plate, in superb fashion.

Apprentice Tala Hutchinson rode the filly to victory.

Trainer Roslyn Day from Murray Bridge claimed victory in the second race – the Sportsbet Jockey Watch Maiden Plate over 1600 metres – with four-year-old bay gelding 'I Ain't Chicken', ridden by

Lachlan Neindorf.

Following race two, while the barriers were being repositioned for race three, they unfortunately made contact with the perimeter fence, resulting in damage that compromised their structural integrity.

As the necessary repairs were unable to be completed in time, the race meeting was postponed.

However, the barrier stalls have since been repaired by SIMTRACK and racing can resume.

The club looked forward to its next event, the Colts and Fillies After Christmas Party Raceday, on Friday, December 27.

Gates open at 12.30pm, with the first race at 1.35pm.



Bob and Kym Greaves catching up.



Deb and Jim Combey enjoying the sunshine trackside.



Santa with his Mrs Claus Marl Kittel.



Henry, Isobel and Alistair Yelland in some of the best seats on the track.



Mick and Ros O'Hara with Bryan Biddle and Bill Wenske at last Wednesday's races before it was abandoned.



Harrison, Dan and Ashton Baker came down to meet Santa at Strathalbyn.

Photos: Georgina McKay

Fun colourful event promotes running

First Nations runners from the Fleurieu Peninsula have found a welcoming, inclusive space to run with others since a community-led impact program recently started in Goolwa.

Goolwa IMF RAW (Indigenous Marathon Foundation, Running and Walking) held its Christmas Colour Run at Richard Ballard Park on December 7.

"The weather was awesome... I think it went well," local organiser, David Hammond, said.

"We had a great turnout... (and) a good turnout of First Nations people."

Participants were coated in colour at about five stations for the family community event that forgoes recording results.

"It's not based around (results) – it's based around encouraging involvement and (attracting) people who want to start running and be mentored up."

The event included a Welcome to Country and concluded with a barbecue.

Established in 2011, IMF RAW is operating in more than 40 communities across Australia.

It aims to address chronic disease by normalising running and walking within Indigenous communities by providing a free and inclusive environment.

IMF recently mentored and took a group of First Nations runners to participate in the New York City Marathon.



David Hammond cooking the barbecue for participants after the run.



Owen Cruickshanks-Boyd with his daughters Kayla and Erin participating in Goolwa IMF RAW's Christmas Colour Run.

Strathalbyn Ladies Golf



Jo Pickhaver, Kerrie Edwards, Jenny Drury, Susy Schebella, Marg Colby, Di Krutli and Sally Roberts at Oasis for High Tea.

A win for Di Krutli

On Wednesday, December 11, the golf ladies at Strathalbyn continued with their stableford rounds for the Summer Cup - 14 played 18 holes and one played nine holes.

Well done goes to Di Krutli, who continues with her consistent play to win the day with 39 points.

Penny Geue was not too far behind on 37 while four ladies all had 36.

Ann Semple, Mandi Vardon, Charmaine Aplin and Tonya Merritt all played to their handicap with that score.

On 34 points were Kerrie Edwards and Jo Pickhaver, while Carol Pelle finished on 32.

Next came Jenny Drury on 31, Cara Eastwood 30, Pauline Walkom and Dawne Thomas both on 29, and Bernadine Gatehouse (visiting from Queensland) had 28 points.

Sue Pryor had 22 points for her nine holes which was a fantastic score.

Nearest the pin on the ninth hole went

to Jo P whose drive stayed on the green to win her the prize.

Tonya had a birdie on the 12th hole, while Kerrie and Di had gobblers on the sixth hole, and Mandi had one on the 13th hole.

Cara, Dawne and Jo P all had putts that skirted the hole or stopped one roll from dropping!

Pauline and Charmaine sent their drives into the creek, while Jenny lost a ball and put two into the dam.

However, one was still dry, so she hit a fantastic shot from there onto the green - sometimes you can be lucky.

On Sunday, December 8, seven ladies had lunch out together, then headed to Oasis Gardens Restaurant and Function Centre for high tea, and had a very delicious array of finger food, enjoying their day out.



Winner Di Krutli with runner-up Penny Geue.

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Strathalbyn Golf

Captain's crew still win after the roll of the dice

By Perry Jones

Last Saturday, the Strathalbyn Golf Club held its annual Ham and Turkey Day which saw the captain's team master the course, despite the novelty rules and the roll of the dice to have a higher or lower score at the end of the day, in the four-man ambrose event.

Captain Graeme Bertholini had lined up a formidable crew in his team, in playing with Stewart Glatz, Kirk Richardson and Sean Walsh, and they were in no danger of defeat even with the roll of the dice as they went around the course 15 under par.

For Kirk, it had been a handy three weeks of golf, winning at Meningie, then the previous Saturday at Strathalbyn, followed by last Saturday's team effort.

The result was a just win for the captain with all the work he managed in organising the fun day and prizes, with help from the barbecue workers in the morning in Brenton Welk, Ben Clark, Troy Williams and Sean Walsh, bar lady Karen Robson, while wife Leah and daughters, Madison and Charlotte, helped out with the lunch.

Madison and Charlotte ran the roll of the dice event too.

With a Christmas theme for the day, Graeme's daughters also had the task of picking the best dressed Christmas outfit, and for the second year in a row, elf Terry Merritt (looking more like a reindeer) won the award.

If they had the ugliest team member prize, then Michael Beasley would have won that one with the way he dressed as a Planet of the Apes Father Christmas.

Another member of the team was Paul Coombe, who normally plays with the above two on a Saturday.

They had a late inclusion in their team when they grabbed Geoff Hall (not playing tennis on the day), but it didn't help them in playing golf, though the roll of the dice did, as they shot up to second place in the end.

In third place was the team of Phil Perrin, David Wright, Graeme Noble and Mark Condon, with Nobby not being much help in finding plenty of trees, and there was not much team spirit shown to David when collecting the balls to take back, to the best spot for their next shot, forgetting to pick his up and making him trudge after the ball to bring it back to the right spot.

David did show a bit of accuracy

when he had the most accurate drive, to be closest to a flag placed at the dog leg corner on the first fairway.

This team were six under the card at one stage, picking up a tap-an-eagle on the 12th, and needing to settle for a birdie on the 16th after they had putting for another eagle and, on the 17th, Phil sunk a putt in from well off the green for a birdie.

Birdies were the order of the day for good results and Gordon Robson, despite fretting about losing his favourite marker on the first, and his second shot being against the back fence on the par five third, was on fire early in helping his team, particularly on the seventh when he putted in off the green for a birdie, having just made a birdie on the sixth as his tee shot landed on the green.

In Gordon's group was Brenton Welk, who was disappointed on the ninth that his lofted shot was well on target to land near the pin until it hit a tree branch, and he had a wardrobe malfunction all day in trying to keep his shorts on.

Also in the group, were Alan 'Lord' Haberfield, who couldn't get the ball in the air off the tee early, and his son Jake, who was quickly nicknamed 'Duke', who after many of his tee shots found the trees in the rough, could have been tagged with the title of 'Dukes of Hazard'.

The ladies were out in force on the day, with Di Krutli saying she had much pleasure on how she gripped the modified putter on the second to sink a long putt, while team member Jo Pickhaver virtually played the ninth by herself, having landed on it with her tee shot, to get the ladies nearest the pin, and then sank the putt for a birdie.

In another ladies group teeing off the 14th, Anne Semple and Penny Geue had good drives off the tee, but Sue Miller just got the ball over the drain in front of the tee block, to finish behind the big gum tree on the left, and Moreen Need didn't even get the ball off the ground, but still managed to see the ball go into the drain and come out the other side.

Charmaine Aplin, playing with Ian McKenzie, Kym Nelson and Kingsley Handke, hit a strong drive on the par three 17th to beat all the mens' hits off the tee, and unfortunately the ball went well over the back of the green.

Luckily, Ian's hit was on the green to pick up nearest the pin, but they

made hard work of getting their birdie from a short putt, left to the last man standing, Kingsley Handke, who had lots of his putts on the day pulling up inches short, this time leaving the ball sitting on the edge of the cup for some time before it dropped in.

Kym, despite washing the dishes after lunch, appeared to be virtually going around for the ride, but thought he could add another birdie on the 18th, just missing nearest to the pin off the tee with the ball only an inch off the green, and unfortunately it was the 17th.

It wasn't until the second last hole that the team were forced to use Kingsley's mandatory third drive, which rolled along the ground off the tee to just make the fairway, but he did sink a long putt to finish the hole.

There was an outfit from Meningie playing in Neal Biddle, Merv Clark, Jack Richards and Jim Stuart, with them coming fifth.

Gary Beasley hasn't had much luck on the 16th lately, but despite teammate Matt Schirmer being no help to Gary or others in the team, in Sam Avramidis and Stuart Hozier, by going into the dam, Gary just stayed out to give them a chance of a birdie, as he did on the eighth with a nearest the pin shot.

The capacity field of 16 teams, starting off on various tee blocks, did have one team with only three players of Don and Dave Bell having to go and fetch Cooper Barker, while the other member, Coby Hutchinson, was a no show with both having had a late night out.

Cooper looked a bit scratchy with his shots on the day, which could be that he was still worn out playing the 72 holes the previous Sunday in raising funds for the Cancer Council, when he scored a hole in one on the sixth.

Luckily, Dave was in good form, particularly on the 12th, when his third shot landed three feet from the pin for them to pick up a birdie on the way to 14th place.

There were a few eagles flying around on the day, with the group of Ben Clark, Henry Kelly, Ben McLeod and John Owen having one on the 16th, while just missing one on the 12th, with them being five under the card after seven holes before treading water.

The group of Amanda Vardon, Phillip Addison, Wesley Craill and Chris James scored an eagle on the third,

and two of this group which finished ninth, then went off to play tennis in the afternoon.

Before the presentation, Kym Wittwer gave a run down on the 72 holes of golf in aid of the Cancer Council played the Sunday before, which saw Kim after that effort going around on Saturday without shoes or socks on as his feet still had blisters on them.

He played with Troy Williams, and to help them do well had big handicap players, John Way (36) and Allen Anderson (29) with them, but had no help though as they finished in 10th place.

Kim said the total raised for the Cancer Council was \$11,659, and Strathalbyn finished 59th in money raising for the event out of 240 clubs across Australia.

Also on the day, respect was paid to the passing of a great sportsman and a keen golfer in Trevor Calaby, with his normal car park reserved for the day and before the presentations, although there was no minute silence, as Cal never did keep quiet, glasses were raised to him, and all were asked to give a typical Calaby laugh.

Results Ambrose: Saturday, December 14, 2024

S Glatz / K Richardson / S Walsh / G Bertholini 51.5, M Beasley / P Coombe / T Merritt / G Hall 55.25, M Condon / D Wright / G Noble / P Perrin 55.87, I McKenzie / C Aplin / K Nelson / K Handke 56.37, N Biddle / M Clark / J Richards / J Stuart 57.37, A Semple / P Geue / M Need / S Miller 58.62, A Haberfield / B Welk / G Robson / J Haberfield 58.75, G Beasley / S Avramidis / M Schirmer / S Hozier 59.12, P Addison / A Vardon / W Craill / C James 60.00, K Wittwer / T Williams / J Way / A Anderson 60.12, B Clark / H Kelly / B McLeod / J Owen, 60.87, R Pitt / D Keane / S Keane / J Fuller 61.50, P Drury / M Semple / E Heyns / M Clarke 62/25, Dave Bell / Don Bell / C Barker 63/72, K Edwards / D Krutli / J Pickhaver / J Drury 64.74, D Kelly / P Dunn / G Ewins / A Sorrell 65.62.

Nearest the pin: 6th S Keane, 8th G Beasley, 9th J Pickhaver, 15th C James, 17th I McKenzie.

Accurate drive - D Wright, straightest drive - K Edwards, longest drive (men 0-18) S Glatz, longest drive (men 19+) J Fuller, longest drive ladies K Edwards.



Insufficient Bid Accepted



By John Elliott

Dealer East	Nil Vul.
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♣ J 10 8 2	♣ A 3
	♠ 5
	♥ Q 7 4
	♦ Q 10 9 3
	♣ 9 7 6 5 4
BIDDING:	N E S W
	P P P P
	1NT 1S P P
	* 1NT 3S ALL PASS

BIDDING ANALYSIS
North 1NT: Weak NT, 11 - 15 HCP
East 1S: Natural Overall
South: Pass
West: Pass
* Director Called by North
North: 1NT (repeating first call)
East 3S: Repeat Spades at higher level

During the bidding, East made an Insufficient Bid, which was not noticed by South and West, and when North was considering what to call, noticed that East's bid was insufficient. The Director was called and ruled that since both South and West had passed after the Insufficient Bid, they had, they had accepted East's bid as legal, so that was that!

Since 1S by East was now condoned as a legal bid, North was able to repeat the 1NT as a legal bid, not that it served any useful purpose, as it enabled East to now bid 3S, which was passed out and became the contract, and made 9 tricks. (Should have made 10.)

An alternative to bidding Spades over the 1NT might have been for East to Double, intending to bid Spades later, no matter what South or West did, thereby showing 18+ HCP and paving the way to 4S or 3NT, which the Hand Record analysis said was makeable. Two problems, one was that the Double of 1NT can have different meanings, two was getting West to bid anything at all. Let's look at the possibilities:-

1. 11NT (Doubled) became the contract. East leads the ♠A and takes the first 7 tricks; then exits with a low Heart or Club, won by North, who now has to concede 3 more tricks to East, for a score of 800 to E/W.
2. 2West treats the Double as a Takeout and bids 2H: East now bids the Spades to show the 18+ HCP, but unless he/she bids less than 4S, they are unlikely to reach Game, so a score of 170 to E/W, or 420 if 4S was bid.
3. 1NT(X) is the contract and East leads a Spade other than the Ace, West wins and returns a Heart or Club, taking out East's stopper and East can now make only 9 tricks for a score of 500 to E/W. If West returns a Diamond, E/W will only make 8 tricks for a score of 300, which is less than 420 they could get for 4S.

When this was played, half of the other East/Wests played in 3S making 10 for 170, half played in 4S making 420, none of them played in 1NT Doubled, and none played in 3NT. There were no N/S contracts.

McLaren Vale Golf Club

Saturday, December 14, 2024 Mens Par - Final Rnd Ashbourne Cup Final competition results

Stableford Field size, 37; Members, 35; Visitors, 2; GA, Blue, Men (Par 66).

Mens A Grade

Winner: Lance Kotz 3; Runner-up: Chris Dell 2; 3rd Place: Dwayne Godfrey 0; 4th Place: Wade Goldsmith -1.

Mens B Grade

Winner: Michael Inkster 4; Runner-up: Jeff McMurtrie 2; 3rd Place: Terry

Payne 1; 4th Place: Dennis Knowles 0.

Mens C Grade

Winner: Gavin Low 4; Runner-up: Graham Dellow 2; 3rd Place: Andrew Lewis 2; 4th Place: Keith Jones 1.

Mens Overall

Player of the Day: Michael Inkster 4, 30.00.

Nearest the Pin

Men's C Grade 3rd/12th John Burger; Men's 6th/15th Peter Schmerli; Men's 8th/17th Vaughan Cooper; Mens 9th/18th William Rosser.

Birdies Par 3

Eagle Simon Jackson; Birdie Par 2 Graham Dellow; Birdie Park 3 Armour Galletly.

Alexandrina Contract Bridge Club

Ranking December 11:

Pos	Pair	Players	Score	%
North-South				
1	1	Lyn Clements / Norman Bullen	162.00	57.86%
2	2	Craig Mader / Garry Skuse	157.00	56.07%
3	6	Sandra Baker / Colin Elix	152.00	54.29%
4	3	Graham Phillips / Bruce Pascoe	140.00	50.00%
5	7	Myriam Keoghan / Pat Elliott	117.00	41.79%
6	5	Leonie Vale / Denise Muhlhan	112.00	40.00%
East-West				
1	3	Valmai Phillips / Mary Rowley	153.00	63.75%
2	4	Beryl Liebelt / Val Hay	146.00	60.83%
3	2	Stephen Bell / Yvonne Bell	120.00	50.00%
4	7	Sue Caddy / Helen Conolly	119.00	49.58%
5	5	Debbie Clothier / Leigh Clothier	118.00	49.17%
6	6	Raelene Lines / Graeme Crase	103.00	42.92%
7	1	Mike Robertson / Malcolm Twartz	81.00	33.75%

Television Guide

	ABC	ABC ENTERTAINS	SEVEN	NINE	TEN	SBS
THURSDAY DECEMBER 19	6:00 News Breakfast 9:00 ABC News 10:00 Australian Story 10:30 Back Roads (PG) 11:00 Antiques Roadshow 12:00 ABC News 1:00 Grand Designs Australia (PG) 2:00 Anh's Brush With Fame (M I) 2:30 Back Roads 3:00 A Bite To Eat With Alice 3:30 Long Lost Family (PG) 4:15 Grand Designs - House Of The Year (PG) 5:00 Antiques Roadshow 6:00 A Bite To Eat With Alice 6:30 Hard Quiz Kids (PG) 7:00 ABC News 7:30 7.30 (PG) 8:00 Long Lost Family (PG) 9:30 Fake Or Fortune? 10:30 Long Lost Family (PG) 11:20 Grand Designs - House Of The Year (PG) 12:10 Long Lost Family (PG) 12:55 rage (MA15+) 3:35 The Truth About Menopause With Myf Warhurst (PG) 4:30 Gardening Australia 5:30 7.30	6:00 Children's Programs 11:00 Car S.O.S (PG) 11:45 Not Going Out (PG) 12:10 My Family (PG) 12:40 Adam Hills: The Last Leg (M) 1:20 MythBusters (PG) 2:10 ER (PG) 2:55 Doctor Who (PG) 4:00 Speechless (PG) 4:20 MythBusters (PG) 5:10 George Clarke's Amazing Spaces 6:00 David Attenborough's Great Barrier Reef 7:00 My Family (PG) 7:30 Would I Lie To You? (PG) 9:00 Neighbours Does Hard Quiz (PG) 9:30 Gruen (M s) 10:05 Tomorrow Tonight (PG) 10:35 ER (PG) 11:20 Not Going Out (PG) 11:50 Speechless (PG) 12:10 rage (PG) 1:15 George Clarke's Amazing Spaces	6:00 Sunrise 9:00 The Morning Show (PG) 11:30 Seven Morning News 12:00 Movie: "A Christmas Spark" (PG) ('22) Stars: Jane Seymour 2:00 Motorbike Cops (PG) 2:15 Catch Phrase (PG) 3:00 The Chase 4:00 Seven News At 4 5:00 The Chase Australia (PG) 6:00 Seven News 7:00 Cricket: BBL: Melbourne Renegades v Hobart "Live" From GMHBA Stadium 10:00 Cricket: The Spin "Live" 10:45 Dogs Behaving (Very) Badly (PG) 11:45 Pam & Tommy: Jane Fonda (MA15+) 12:45 Criminal Confessions: Who Killed Little Mama? (MA15+) 2:00 Home Shopping 4:00 NBC Today	6:00 Today 9:00 Today Extra Summer 11:30 NINE News Morning 12:00 Movie: "Christmas In Alaska" (PG) ('23) Stars: Marcus Rosner 2:00 Pointless (PG) 3:00 Tipping Point (PG) 4:00 NINE News Afternoon 5:00 Tipping Point Australia (PG) 6:00 NINE News 7:00 A Current Affair (PG) 7:30 Great Getaways (PG) 8:30 Budget Battlers: The Family That Lost It All: Cairns (PG) 9:30 A+E After Dark (M) 10:30 Captivated (M I) 11:30 Resident Alien: Lone Wolf (M v) 12:15 Tipping Point (PG) 1:05 Cross Court 1:30 Home Shopping 4:00 Religious Programs 4:30 A Current Affair (PG)	6:00 The Talk 7:00 Deal Or No Deal (PG) 7:30 Farm To Fork 8:00 Neighbours (PG) 8:30 The Bold & The Beautiful (PG) 9:00 The Drew Barrymore Show (PG) 10:00 Judge Judy (PG) 10:30 Jamie Oliver: Christmas 11:30 Entertainment Tonight 12:00 Farm To Fork 12:30 Family Feud (PG) 1:00 10 News First: Lunchtime 2:00 Wheel Of Fortune 2:30 Lingo (PG) 3:30 10 News First: Afternoon 4:00 Neighbours (PG) 4:30 The Bold & The Beautiful (PG) 5:00 10 News First 6:00 Deal Or No Deal (PG) 6:30 The Project (PG) 7:30 Jamie Oliver: Christmas 8:30 Movie: "Mean Girls" (M) ('04) Stars: Tina Fey 10:30 10's Late News 10:55 The Project (PG) 12:00 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert (PG) 1:00 Home Shopping	5:00 Worldwatch 9:20 Paul O'Grady For The Love Of Dogs (PG) 10:20 Paddington Station 24/7 (PG) 11:10 Kew Gardens - Season By Season 12:00 Worldwatch 2:00 Tradfest - The Fingal Sessions 2:30 Language Of Light 3:00 Plat Du Tour (PG) 3:10 Guillaume's French Atlantic (PG) 3:40 The Cook Up With Adam Liaw (PG) 4:10 The Supernet (PG) 5:05 Jeopardy! (PG) 5:30 Letters And Numbers 6:00 Mastermind Australia (PG) 6:30 SBS World News 7:30 Going Places With Ernie Dingo (PG) 8:30 Gods Of Tennis (M I) 9:35 Daddy Issues (M I.s) 10:35 SBS World News Late 11:05 DNA (M v) (In Danish/ Romanian) 11:55 Blackout (M I.s.v) (In German) 12:50 The Night Logan Woke Up (MA15+) (In French)
FRIDAY DECEMBER 20	6:00 News Breakfast 9:00 ABC News 10:00 Back Roads 10:25 I Was Actually There (PG) 10:55 Royal Carols - Together At Christmas 12:00 ABC News 1:00 Shetland (M I.v) 2:00 Maggie Beer's Big Mission 3:00 A Bite To Eat With Alice 3:25 Long Lost Family (PG) 4:15 Grand Designs - House Of The Year (PG) 5:05 Antiques Roadshow 6:00 A Bite To Eat With Alice 6:30 Hard Quiz Kids (PG) 7:00 ABC News 7:30 A (Very) Musical Christmas 9:00 The Yearly With Charlie Pickering 2024 10:00 Hard Quiz (PG) 10:30 The Cleaner (M I) 11:30 Grand Designs - House Of The Year (PG) 12:20 rage New Music (MA15+) 5:00 rage (MA15+)	6:00 Children's Programs 11:00 David Attenborough's Great Barrier Reef 11:55 Not Going Out (PG) 12:25 My Family (PG) 12:55 Take 5 With Zan Rowe (PG) 1:20 Penn And Teller: Fool Us (PG) 2:05 ER (PG) 2:50 Doctor Who (PG) 3:55 Teenage Boss Next Level (PG) 4:20 MythBusters (PG) 5:10 George Clarke's Amazing Spaces 6:00 David Attenborough's Great Barrier Reef 7:00 My Family (PG) 7:30 Would I Lie To You? (PG) 8:30 Movie: "Chef" (M) ('14) Stars: Dustin Hoffman 10:20 ER (PG) 11:05 Not Going Out (PG) 11:35 Speechless (PG) 12:00 rage (PG) 1:05 George Clarke's Amazing Spaces	6:00 Sunrise 9:00 The Morning Show (PG) 11:30 Seven Morning News 12:00 Movie: "Cooking Up Christmas" (PG) ('20) Stars: Meagan Holder 2:00 Motorbike Cops (PG) 2:15 Catch Phrase (PG) 3:00 The Chase 4:00 Seven News At 4 5:00 The Chase Australia (PG) 6:00 Seven News 7:00 Better Homes And Gardens Summer 8:30 Movie: "Jaws" (M I.v) ('75) Stars: Roy Scheider 11:00 Movie: "Underwater" (M I.v) ('20) Stars: Kristen Stewart 1:00 Taken: Imperium (M v) 2:00 Home Shopping 4:00 Million Dollar Minute 5:00 NBC Today	6:00 Today 9:00 Today Extra Summer 11:30 NINE News Morning 12:00 Movie: "Forever Christmas" (AKA 'Mr. 365') (PG) ('18) Stars: Chelsea Hobbs 2:00 Pointless (PG) 3:00 Tipping Point (PG) 4:00 NINE News Afternoon 5:00 Tipping Point Australia (PG) 6:00 NINE News 7:00 A Current Affair (PG) 7:30 Find My Beach House Australia: Cowses, Victoria/ Lake Macquarie, NSW 8:30 Movie: "Jingle All The Way" (PG) ('96) Stars: Arnold Schwarzenegger 10:15 Movie: "Parenthood" (M s) ('89) Stars: Steve Martin 12:35 Tipping Point (PG) 1:30 Home Shopping 4:00 Skippy The Bush Kangaroo 4:30 Home Shopping	6:00 The Talk 7:00 Deal Or No Deal (PG) 7:30 Farm To Fork 8:00 The Yes Experiment 8:30 The Bold & The Beautiful (PG) 9:00 The Drew Barrymore Show (PG) 10:00 Judge Judy (PG) 10:30 Christmas With The Australian Women's Weekly (PG) 11:30 Entertainment Tonight 12:00 Farm To Fork 12:30 Family Feud (PG) 1:00 10 News First: Lunchtime 2:00 Wheel Of Fortune 2:30 Lingo (PG) 3:30 10 News First: Afternoon 4:00 Family Feud (PG) 4:30 The Bold & The Beautiful (PG) 5:00 10 News First 6:00 Deal Or No Deal (PG) 6:30 The Project (PG)	5:00 Worldwatch 9:25 Paul O'Grady For The Love Of Dogs Xmas (PG) 10:20 Wonderful World Of Baby Animals (PG) 11:10 Kew Gardens - Season By Season 12:00 Worldwatch 2:00 Tradfest - The Fingal Sessions 2:30 Language Of Light 3:00 Plat Du Tour (PG) 3:10 Guillaume's French Atlantic (PG) 3:40 The Cook Up With Adam Liaw (PG) 4:10 The Supernet (PG) 5:05 Jeopardy! (PG) 5:30 Letters And Numbers 6:00 Mastermind Australia (PG) 6:30 SBS World News 7:30 Every Family Has A Secret (PG) 8:35 Movie: "Marlon Brando - Im Paradies" (PG) ('24) Stars: Marlon Brando 9:35 Kennedy (PG) 10:25 SBS World News Late 10:55 De Gaulle (M) (In French) 11:55 Kin (MA15+) 12:30 Too Close (M I.s)
SATURDAY DECEMBER 21	6:00 rage (PG) 7:00 Weekend Breakfast 9:00 rage (PG) 10:30 rage Guest Programmer (PG) 12:00 ABC News 12:30 All Creatures Great And Small (PG) 1:15 Douglas Is Cancelled (M I) 1:55 Matthew Bourne's Nutcracker! 3:25 Solar System With Brian Cox 4:30 Headliners 5:30 Landline 6:00 Take 5 With Zan Rowe (PG) 6:30 Muster Dogs - Where Are They Now? 7:00 ABC News 7:30 All Creatures Great And Small (PG) 8:20 Vera (M v) 9:50 Douglas Is Cancelled (M I) 10:30 Shetland (M I) 11:30 rage Guest Programmer (MA15+) 5:00 rage (MA15+)	6:00 Children's Programs 11:00 David Attenborough's Great Barrier Reef 12:00 Not Going Out (PG) 12:30 Movie: "Nancy Drew" (PG) ('07) Stars: Emma Roberts 2:05 ER (PG) 2:50 Penn And Teller: Fool Us (PG) 3:30 Speechless (PG) 3:50 Would I Lie To You? (PG) 4:20 MythBusters (PG) 5:10 George Clarke's Amazing Spaces 6:00 David Attenborough's Great Barrier Reef 7:00 Spicks And Specks (PG) 7:30 Would I Lie To You? (PG) 8:00 QI (PG) 8:30 Live At The Apollo (M I) 9:20 Gavin And Stacey Christmas Special (M I) 10:20 The IT Crowd (PG) 11:10 Absolutely Fabulous (PG)	6:00 NBC Today 7:00 Weekend Sunrise 10:00 The Morning Show (PG) 12:00 Seven's Horse Racing: Randwick/ Pakenham/ Eagle Farm "Live" 5:00 Seven News 5:30 South Aussie With Cusi (PG) 6:00 Seven News 7:00 Better Homes And Gardens Summer: Countdown To Christmas 8:00 Woolworths Carols In The Domain "Live" From The Domain, Sydney (PG) 10:30 NSW Schools Spectacular 2024 (PG) 1:00 Taken: ACGT (M v) 2:00 Home Shopping 4:00 It's Academic 5:00 My Greek Odyssey (PG)	6:00 The Garden Gurus 6:30 A Current Affair (PG) 7:00 Weekend Today 10:00 Today Extra Summer 12:00 Drive TV 12:30 Drive Safer 1:00 My Way (PG) 1:30 Great Getaways (PG) 2:30 Movie: "Planes, Trains, And Christmas Trees" (PG) ('22) Stars: Kathryn Davis 4:30 Hellworld 5:00 NINE News First At Five 5:30 Country House Hunters Australia: Sunshine Coast, Queensland 6:00 NINE News Saturday 7:00 A Current Affair (PG) 7:30 Movie: "Central Intelligence" (M I.s.v) ('16) Stars: Dwayne Johnson 9:40 Movie: "Vacation" (M I.s.v) ('15) Stars: Chevy Chase 11:35 Movie: "The Dunes" (MA15+) ('21) Stars: Tatiana Sokolova 1:10 Australia's Top Ten Of Everything: Leading Men (PG)	6:00 What's Up Down Under 6:30 Reel Action (PG) 7:00 Escape Fishing With ET 7:30 On The Fly 8:00 I Fish 8:30 Everyday Gourmet With Justine Schofield 9:00 My Market Kitchen 9:30 The Drew Barrymore Show (PG) 10:00 The Weekly Kick-Off 10:30 Wheel Of Fortune Australia 11:30 Deal Or No Deal: Celebrity Reality (PG) 12:30 Good Chef Bad Chef 1:00 Minute Kitchen 1:30 The Yes Experiment 2:00 Pat Callinan's 4x4 Adventures 3:00 Expedition Tasmania 3:30 My Market Kitchen 4:00 All 4 Adventure 5:00 10 News First 6:00 Jamie's Christmas Shortcuts: Betwixmas 7:00 The Dog House: Christmas Special (PG) 9:00 The Dog Hospital With Graeme Hall (PG) 10:00 Ambulance Australia (PG)	5:00 Worldwatch 9:05 The Eco Show (PG) 10:00 Love Your Garden (PG) 11:00 Along Ireland's Shores (PG) 12:00 Worldwatch 2:00 Portillo's Greatest Railway Journeys (PG) 2:55 Plat Du Tour (PG) 3:05 Guillaume's French Atlantic (PG) (In English/ French) 3:35 Ethnic Business Awards 2024 5:35 Weeks Of War (PG) 6:30 SBS World News 7:30 Magical Train Journeys In Switzerland (PG) (In English/ German) 8:30 Christmas At Longleat 9:25 Tis The Season - The Holidays On Screen (M I) 10:55 Great Australian Railway Journeys 12:05 The Dark Heart (M I) (In Swedish) 2:40 Love Your Garden (PG) 3:30 Make Me A Dealer (PG) 4:00 Peer To Peer (PG) 4:30 Bamay
SUNDAY DECEMBER 22	6:00 rage (PG) 7:00 Weekend Breakfast 9:00 Pilgrimage - The Road Through North Wales (PG) 10:00 Secret Science 10:30 The World In 2024 11:00 Compass (PG) 11:30 Songs Of Praise 12:00 ABC News At Noon 12:30 Nigella's Christmas Table 1:30 Extraordinary Escapes 2:20 Outback Musical (PG) 3:05 Long Lost Family (PG) 5:00 Fake Or Fortune? 6:00 Antiques Roadshow 7:00 ABC News 7:30 Muster Dogs - Where Are They Now? 8:00 Douglas Is Cancelled (M I) 8:45 Love Me (M I) 9:30 Spicks And Specks (PG) 11:10 Take 5 With Zan Rowe (PG) 11:40 You Can't Ask That (M I) 12:45 New Leash On Life 1:10 rage (MA15+) 3:05 Australia Remastered 4:00 Gardening Australia	6:00 Children's Programs 11:00 David Attenborough's Great Barrier Reef 12:00 Not Going Out (PG) 12:25 Film Stars Don't Die In Liverpool (M I.s) 2:10 ER (PG) 2:55 Penn And Teller: Fool Us (PG) 3:35 Speechless (PG) 4:00 Would I Lie To You? (PG) 4:30 MythBusters (PG) 5:20 George Clarke's Amazing Spaces 6:05 The Making Of David Attenborough's Great Barrier Reef 7:00 Spicks And Specks (PG) 7:30 Would I Lie To You? (PG) 8:00 QI (PG) 8:30 Lucy Worsley Investigates (PG) 9:30 Headliners (PG) 10:20 ER (PG) 11:05 Not Going Out (PG)	6:00 NBC Today 7:00 Weekend Sunrise 10:00 The Morning Show Weekend (PG) 12:00 TBA 1:00 Reignite - A Brisbane Heat Story (PG) 2:00 Christmas With The Salvos (PG) 2:30 Movie: "A Furry Little Christmas" (PG) ('21) Stars: Kristi Murdoch 4:30 Beach Cops (PG) 5:00 Seven News At 5 5:30 South Aussie With Cusi (PG) 6:00 Seven News 7:00 Cricket: Big Bash League: Brisbane v Adelaide "Live" From The Gabba 10:30 7News Spotlight: Social Scammers (PG) 11:30 The Force - Behind The Line (PG) 12:00 Patrick Melrose - At Last (MA15+) 1:15 Travel Oz: Kayaking The Tasman (PG) 2:00 Home Shopping 3:30 Million Dollar Minute 4:00 NBC Today	6:00 Hello SA (PG) 6:30 A Current Affair (PG) 7:00 Weekend Today 10:00 Cross Court 10:30 Fishing Australia 11:00 Maritime Masters - Expedition Antarctica (PG) 12:00 Drive TV 12:30 Innovation Nation 12:00 Drive TV 12:30 Innovation Nation 12:40 Bondi Vet (PG) 1:40 Find My Beach House Australia (PG) 2:10 Movie: "Unforgettable Christmas" (PG) ('23) Stars: Celeste Desjardins 4:00 Let's Eat With George 4:30 Hellworld 5:00 NINE News First At Five 5:30 Hello SA (PG) 6:00 NINE News Sunday 7:00 Christmas With Delta 9:00 Movie: "The Holiday" (PG) ('06) Stars: Jude Law 11:40 The Brokenwood Mysteries: Publish Or Be Damned (M) 1:30 Home Shopping 4:00 Religious Programs	6:00 Religious Programs 7:30 Good Chef Bad Chef 8:00 Christmas With Australian Women's Weekly 9:00 My Market Kitchen 9:30 Australia By Design 10:00 The Drew Barrymore Show (PG) 11:00 Luxury Escapes 11:30 Buy To Build 12:00 Pooches At Play 12:30 Cook With Luke 1:00 Everyday Gourmet With Justine Schofield 1:30 Expedition 2:00 NBL: Round 13: Illawarra Hawks v Perth Wildcats "Live" From WIN Entertainment Centre 4:00 Good Chef Bad Chef 4:30 Farm To Fork 5:00 10 News First 6:00 The Dog House Christmas (PG) 7:00 Mariah Carey - Merry Christmas To All 9:00 The Graham Norton Show (M) 10:10 Movie: "Baywatch" (MA15+) ('17) Stars: Dwayne Johnson 12:30 Home Shopping	5:00 Worldwatch 9:00 The Eco Show (PG) 10:00 Football: FIFA World Cup Classic Matches 12:00 Worldwatch 12:55 Ballroom Fit 1:00 Motorsport: Speedweek 3:00 Seeds (PG) 3:45 Portillo's Greatest Railway Journeys (PG) 5:35 Weeks Of War (PG) 6:30 SBS World News 7:30 Tsunami 2004 - The Day The Wave Hit (M) 9:20 Jonathan Ross' Myths And Legends (PG) 10:15 Curse Of The Ancients (PG) 11:05 Napoleon - In The Name Of Art (M I.s) (In English/ Italian/ French) 1:00 Rise Of The Nazis (M v) 2:10 Love Your Garden (PG) 3:05 Make Me A Dealer (PG) 4:00 Peer To Peer (PG) 4:30 Bamay
MONDAY DECEMBER 23	6:00 The Secret Lives Of Our Urban Birds 7:00 News Breakfast 9:00 News Breakfast Late 9:30 Muster Dogs - Where Are They Now? 10:30 A (Very) Musical Christmas 12:00 ABC News At Noon 1:00 Death In Paradise (M) 2:30 Maggie Beer's Christmas Feast 3:00 A Bite To Eat With Alice 3:30 Long Lost Family (PG) 4:15 Grand Designs - House Of The Year (PG) 5:05 Antiques Roadshow 6:00 A Bite To Eat With Alice 6:30 Hard Quiz Kids (PG) 7:00 ABC News 7:30 Tracy: A Force Of Nature 8:30 ABBA - Against The Odds (M I) 10:05 The Rise And Fall Of Boris Johnson (M I) 11:00 A Life In Ten Pictures (PG) 11:55 Grand Designs - House Of The Year (PG) 12:45 Long Lost Family (PG) 1:30 rage (MA15+)	6:00 Children's Programs 11:00 The Making Of David Attenborough's Great Barrier Reef 11:50 Not Going Out (PG) 12:20 My Family (PG) 12:50 Absolutely Fabulous (PG) 1:20 Live At The Apollo (M I.s) 2:05 ER (PG) 2:45 Doctor Who (PG) 3:35 Speechless (PG) 4:00 Would I Lie To You? (PG) 4:30 MythBusters (PG) 5:20 George Clarke's Amazing Spaces 6:05 David Attenborough's Conquest Of The Skies 7:00 My Family (PG) 7:30 Would I Lie To You? (PG) 8:30 Penn And Teller: Fool Us (PG) 9:15 Whose Line Is It Anyway? (M I.s) 9:35 A (Very) Musical Christmas 11:05 ER (PG)	6:00 Sunrise 9:00 The Morning Show (PG) 11:30 Seven Morning News 12:00 Movie: "Steppin' Into The Holiday" (PG) ('22) Stars: Mario Lopez 2:00 Catch Phrase: Celebrity Christmas Special (PG) 3:00 The Chase 4:00 Seven News At 4 5:00 The Chase Australia (PG) 6:00 Seven News 7:00 Cricket: BBL: Melbourne Renegades v Perth "Live" From Marvel Stadium 10:30 Murder In A Small Town: The Madness Method (M v) 11:30 Armed And Dangerous (M) 1:00 Satisfaction: Through Expansion (MA15+) 2:00 Home Shopping 4:00 NBC Today	6:00 Today 9:00 Today Extra Summer 11:30 NINE News Morning 12:00 Movie: "Christmas On Holly Lane" (PG) ('18) Stars: Sarah Lancaster 2:00 Pointless (PG) 3:00 Tipping Point (PG) 4:00 NINE News Afternoon 5:00 Tipping Point Australia (PG) 6:00 NINE News 7:00 A Current Affair (PG) 7:30 RBT: Clutching Her Pearls/ Date Night (PG) 8:30 Australian Crime Stories - The Investigators: Under The Gun (Part 2) (M v) 9:30 Love Rat (M) 11:30 Chicago Med: You Just Might Find You Get What You Need (MA15+) 12:15 Tipping Point (PG) 1:05 Drive TV 1:30 Home Shopping 4:00 Religious Programs 4:30 A Current Affair (PG)	6:00 The Talk 7:00 Deal Or No Deal (PG) 7:30 Farm To Fork 8:00 Luca's Key Ingredient 8:30 The Bold & The Beautiful (PG) 9:00 The Drew Barrymore Show (PG) 10:00 Judge Judy (PG) 10:30 Wheel Of Fortune Australia 11:30 Entertainment Tonight 12:00 Farm To Fork 12:30 Family Feud (PG) 1:00 Jamie Oliver: Christmas Dinner 2:00 Wheel Of Fortune 2:30 Lingo (PG) 3:30 Judge Judy (PG) 4:00 Family Feud (PG) 4:30 The Bold & The Beautiful (PG) 5:00 10 News First 6:00 Deal Or No Deal (PG) 6:30 The Dog House Australia (PG) 7:30 Wheel Of Fortune Australia (PG) 8:30 Matlock (PG) 9:30 Five Bedrooms (M) 10:30 The Graham Norton Show (M) 11:30 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert (PG)	5:00 Worldwatch 9:00 Rick Steve's Europe (PG) 9:30 Paul O'Grady For The Love Of Dogs Xmas (PG) 10:25 Wonderful World Of Baby Animals (PG) 11:20 Kew Gardens - Season By Season 12:10 Worldwatch 2:00 Tradfest - The Fingal Sessions 2:30 Language Of Light 3:00 Plat Du Tour (PG) 3:10 Guillaume's French Atlantic (In English/ French) 3:40 The Cook Up With Adam Liaw (PG) 4:10 The Supernet (PG) 5:05 Jeopardy! (PG) 5:30 Letters And Numbers 6:00 Mastermind Australia (PG) 6:30 SBS World News 7:35 Christmas At Graceland 8:25 Never Mind The Buzzcocks Christmas (M I.n.s) 10:10 How To Make It In Comedy (MA15+) 11:05 Dead Mountain - The Dyalov Pass Incident (M I)
TUESDAY DECEMBER 24	9:00 News Breakfast Late 9:30 Pilgrimage - The Road To The Scottish Isles (PG) 10:30 The Art Of Heartbreak (M I) 11:00 Antiques Roadshow 12:00 ABC News At Noon 1:00 Headliners (PG) 1:50 Bluey 2:00 Anh's Brush With Fame (M I) 2:30 Movie: "Shaun The Sheep: The Flight Before Christmas" (G) ('21) Stars: Justin Fletcher 3:00 A Bite To Eat With Alice 3:30 Long Lost Family (PG) 4:15 Grand Designs - House Of The Year (PG) 5:05 Antiques Roadshow 6:00 A Bite To Eat With Alice 6:30 Hard Quiz Kids (PG) 7:00 ABC National News 7:30 Shaun Micallef's Eve Of Destruction - Christmas Special (PG) 8:05 Movie: "A Boy Called Christmas" (PG) ('21) Stars: Maggie Smith 9:45 Believing In Australia (PG)	6:00 Children's Programs 11:05 David Attenborough's Conquest Of The Skies 11:55 Not Going Out (PG) 12:25 My Family (PG) 12:55 Lucy Worsley Investigates (PG) 1:55 ER (PG) 2:40 Doctor Who (PG) 3:35 Speechless (PG) 3:55 Would I Lie To You? (PG) 4:25 MythBusters (PG) 5:20 George Clarke's Amazing Spaces 6:05 David Attenborough's Conquest Of The Skies 7:00 My Family (PG) 7:30 Would I Lie To You? (PG) 8:30 Adam Hills: The Last Leg 9:10 Upstart Crow (PG) 9:55 ER (PG) 10:40 Not Going Out (PG) 11:10 Speechless (PG) 11:30 rage (PG) 12:40 Would I Lie To You? (PG)	6:00 Sunrise 9:00 The Morning Show (PG) 11:30 Seven Morning News 12:00 Movie: "Alice In Wonderland" (AKA 'Love In Wonderland') (M) ('20) Stars: Italia Ricci 2:00 Catch Phrase: Celebrity Christmas Special (PG) 3:00 The Chase 4:00 Seven News At 4 5:00 The Chase Australia (PG) 6:00 Seven News 7:00 TBA 7:30 Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo 2024 (PG) 9:30 Movie: "Groundhog Day" (PG) ('93) Stars: Bill Murray 11:40 ABBA vs Queen (PG) 12:40 Satisfaction: Through Bondage/ Through Struggle (MA15+) 2:30 Home Shopping 4:00 Million Dollar Minute 5:00 My Greek Odyssey (PG)	6:00 Today 9:00 Today Extra Summer 11:30 NINE News Morning 12:00 Movie: "Christmas At The Chalet" (PG) ('23) Stars: Teri Hatcher 2:00 Pointless (PG) 3:00 Tipping Point (PG) 4:00 NINE News Afternoon 5:00 Tipping Point Australia (PG) 6:00 NINE News 7:00 A Current Affair (PG) 7:30 Christmas With Delta 8:00 Carols By Candlelight "Live" From Melbourne's Sidney Myer Music Bowl (PG) 11:00 Movie: "Candy Cane Christmas" (PG) ('20) Stars: Beverley Mitchell 1:00 Drive Safer 1:30 Home Shopping 2:30 Our State On A Plate 3:00 Home Shopping 4:00 Religious Programs 4:30 A Current Affair (PG) 5:00 Christmas At Warwick Castle	6:00 The Talk 7:00 Deal Or No Deal (PG) 7:30 Farm To Fork 8:00 Luca's Key Ingredient 8:30 The Bold & The Beautiful (PG) 9:00 The Drew Barrymore Show (PG) 10:00 Judge Judy (PG) 10:30 Wheel Of Fortune Australia (PG) 11:30 Entertainment Tonight 12:00 Farm To Fork 12:30 Family Feud (PG) 1:00 Jamie Oliver: Christmas Dinner 2:00 Wheel Of Fortune 2:30 Lingo (PG) 3:30 Judge Judy (PG) 4:00 Family Feud (PG) 4:30 The Bold & The Beautiful (PG) 5:00 10 News First 6:00 Deal Or No Deal (PG) 6:30 The Dog House Australia (PG) 7:30 The Cheep Seats (M) 8:40 Movie: "Mission Impossible: Rogue Nation" (M v) ('15) Stars: Alec Baldwin 11:15 The Graham Norton Show (M)	5:00 Worldwatch 9:25 Paul O'Grady For The Love Of Dogs Xmas (PG) 10:20 Wonderful World Of Baby Animals (PG) 11:10 Kew Gardens - Season By Season 12:00 Worldwatch 2:00 Tradfest - The Dublin Castle Sessions 2:30 Language Of Light 3:00 Plat Du Tour (PG) 3:10 Guillaume's French Atlantic (In English/ French) 3:40 The Cook Up With Adam Liaw (PG) 4:10 The Supernet (PG) 5:05 Jeopardy! (PG) 5:30 Letters And Numbers 6:00 Mastermind Australia (PG) 6:30 SBS World News 7:35 Christmas Carols From London Coliseum 8:30 Christmas In The Cotswolds 9:25 ABBA In Concert 10:25 The Big Fat Quiz Of Telly (M I.s) 12:05 Babylon Berlin (MA15+) (In German) 2:05 Portillo's Greatest Railway Journeys (PG)
WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 25	6:00 rage On Christmas Day (PG) 9:00 ABC News Mornings 9:30 The Pope's Christmas Mass 2024 11:30 News Breakfast: Christmas Cracker 12:00 ABC News At Noon 12:30 Movie: "A Boy Called Christmas" (PG) ('21) Stars: Maggie Smith 2:05 Movie: "A Christmas Carol" (G) ('38) Stars: Reginald Owen 3:15 A (Very) Musical Christmas 4:45 Bluey 4:55 Classic Choir - The Christmas Card 5:00 Antiques Roadshow 6:00 Royal Carols: Together At Christmas (2024) 7:00 ABC National News 7:40 The Royal Variety Performance 2024 (PG) 10:10 Would I Lie To You? (PG) At Christmas (PG) 10:40 Adam Hills: The Last Leg (M) 11:25 Summer Love (M d,i,s) 12:25 Long Lost Family (PG) 1:10 rage (MA15+)	6:00 Children's Programs 11:05 David Attenborough's Conquest Of The Skies 11:55 Not Going Out (PG) 12:25 My Family (PG) 12:55 Death In Paradise (M) 1:50 ER (PG) 2:35 Absolutely Fabulous (PG) 3:05 Doctor Who (PG) 3:55 Would I Lie To You? (PG) 4:25 MythBusters (PG) 5:20 George Clarke's Amazing Spaces 6:05 David Attenborough's Conquest Of The Skies 7:00 My Family (PG) 7:30 Would I Lie To You? (PG) 8:30 Shaun Micallef's Eve Of Destruction (PG) 9:05 Death In Paradise (M v) 10:05 Aftertaste (M I.s)	6:00 NBC Today 7:00 Woolworths Carols In The Domain 2024 (PG) 9:30 Aintia Energy Christmas Pageant 2024 (PG) 10:30 Mayor's Christmas Carols 2024 (PG) 11:30 St John Ambulance Carols By Candlelight (PG) 2:00 Christmas With The Salvos (PG) 2:30 Movie: "A Christmas Number One" (PG) ('21) Stars: John Novotny 5:00 The Chase Australia (PG) 6:00 Seven News 7:00 The Force - Behind The Line (PG) 7:30 Movie: "Love Actually" (M I.n.s) ('03) Stars: Keira Knightley 10:15 Movie: "The Last Christmas" (M s.v) ('10) Stars: Jennifer Finnigan 12:30 Stan Lee's Lucky Man: Second Chance/ The Fallen Angel (MA15+) 2:30 Home Shopping 4:00 NBC Today	6:00 National Pharmacies Christmas Pageant "Live" From Adelaide 8:00 Lord Mayor's Christmas Carols "Replay" 10:00 WIN Symphony Orchestra Special 11:00 Christmas With Delta 1:00 Carols By Candlelight "Replay" (PG) 4:00 Movies: "Blizzard" (G) ('03) Stars: LeVar Burton 6:00 NINE News 7:00 A Current Affair (PG) 7:30 Movie: "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation" (PG) ('89) Stars: Chevy Chase 9:30 Movie: "National Lampoon's Vacation" (M d,i) ('83) Stars: Chevy Chase 11:30 The King's Christmas Message "Live" 11:40 Movie: "The Jazz Singer" (PG) ('80) Stars: Neil Diamond 1:35 Home Shopping 4:00 Religious Programs 4:30 A Current Affair (PG)	6:00 The Talk 7:00 Jamie Oliver: Together At Christmas/ One Pan Christmas 10:00 The Dog House Christmas Special (PG) 1:00 Christmas With Australian Women's Weekly 2:00 Mariah Carey - Merry Christmas To All 3:45 The King's Christmas Message 3:55 The Graham Norton Show (M) 5:00 10 News First 6:00 Movie: "School Of Rock" (PG) ('03) Stars: Jack Black 8:30 Movie: "The Truman Show" (PG) ('98) Stars: Jim Carrey 10:30 The Graham Norton Show (M) 12:30 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert (PG) 1:30 Home Shopping 4:30 CBS Mornings	5:00 Worldwatch 9:00 Paul O'Grady For The Love Of Dogs Xmas (PG) 9:55 All Is Bright 11:10 Kew Gardens - Season By Season 12:00 Worldwatch 2:05 Tradfest - The Dublin Castle Sessions 2:35 Such Was Life (PG) 2:45 Plat Du Tour (PG) 2:55 The Cook Up With Adam Liaw (PG) 3:25 Lapland - The Ultimate Winter Wonderland (PG) 4:15 Europe's Greatest Christmas Market (PG) 5:05 Jeopardy! (PG) 5:30 Letters And Numbers 6:00 Mastermind Australia (PG) 6:30 SBS World News 7:30 No Hamburg, No Beatles (M s) 8:30 Rock Legends: ABBA 9:30 The Night Manager (M) (In English/ French) 10:35 Paul Newman (M I.v) 11:35 Maxima (M I.s) (In English/ Dutch/ Spanish) 12:35 Pagan Peak (M I.n.v)

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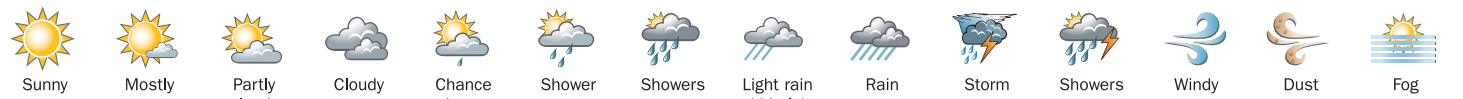
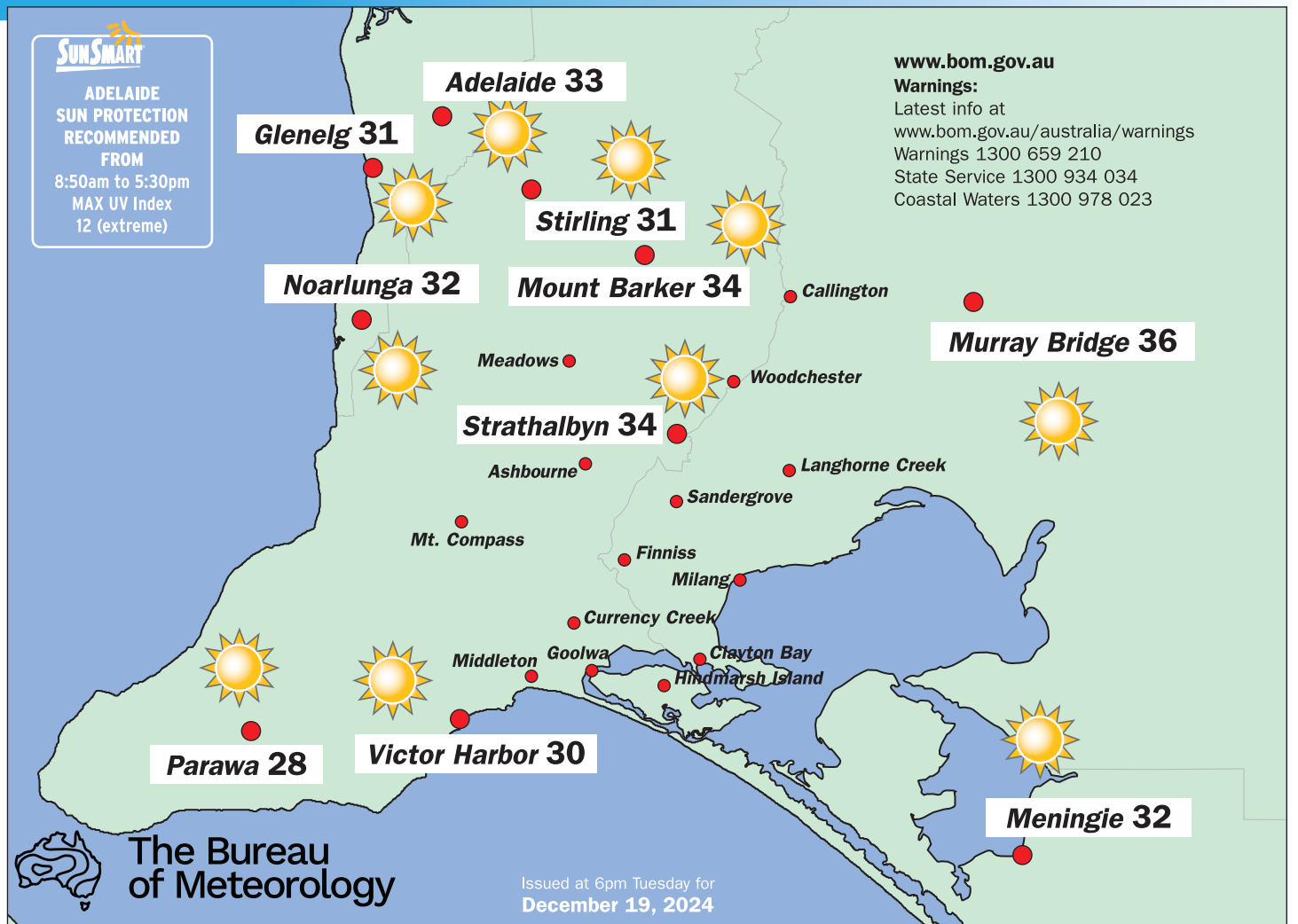
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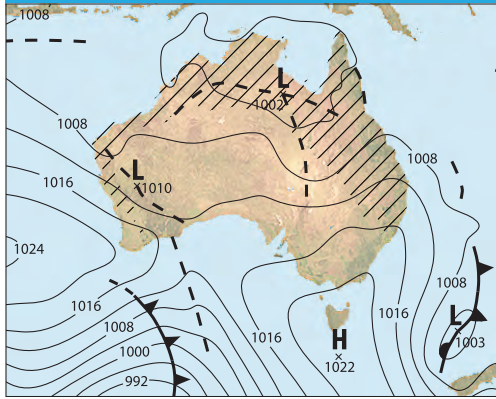
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 Sunny.
 Friday. Mostly sunny.
Murray Bridge:
 Sunny.
 Friday. Mostly sunny.
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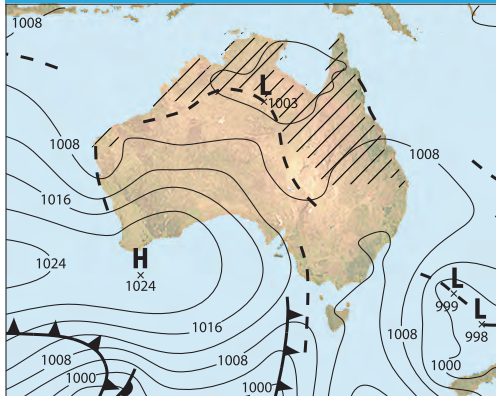
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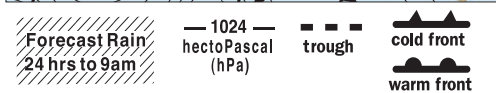
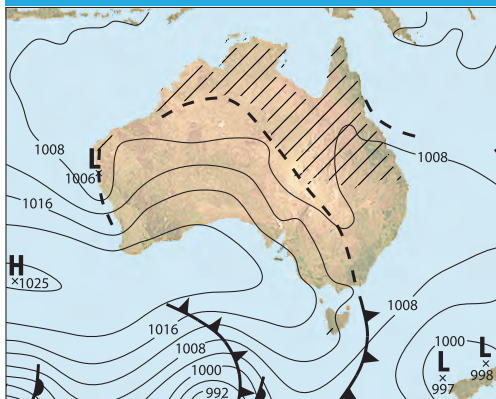
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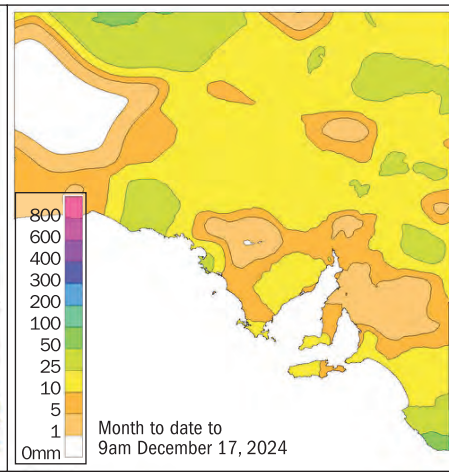
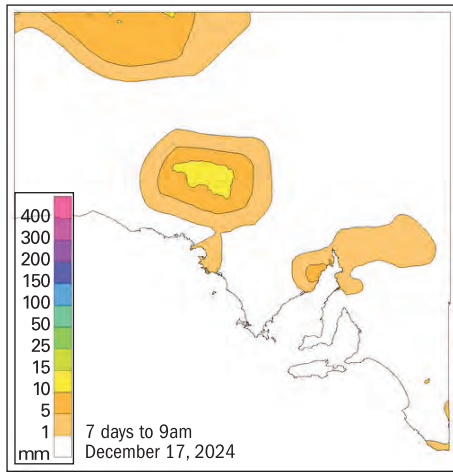
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Millbrook Resv	0	0	14.2	487.6
Monarto		9.8	240.8	
Mt Barker	0	0	25.2	475.2
Mt Lofty	0	0	28.4	726.6
Murray Bridge	0	0	5.0	172.9
Nairne				
Noarlunga	0	0	11.2	322.2
Nuriootpa	0	0	2.0	301.8
Palmer			4.8	224.8
Parawa	0	0	9.2	420.4
Parawa West	0	0	9.2	420.4
Parndana			0.2	417.6
Peake				
Roseworthy	0	0	3.4	192.8
Strathalbyn	0	0	11.6	286.0
Tailem Bend			8.0	206.8
Tintinara			3.0	213.0
Uraidla			26.2	723.2
Victor Harbor	0	0	15.2	396.4
Williamstown			6.5	442.5
Willunga			13.2	430.8
Woodhouse	0	0	23.4	720.6
Yankalilla			15.8	344.2

SUN & MOON

	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Thursday	5:58am	8:28pm	11:49pm	9:27am
Friday	5:58am	8:28pm	Nil	10:31am
Saturday	5:59am	8:29pm	12:18am	11:32am
Sunday	5:59am	8:29pm	12:43am	12:29pm
Monday	6:00am	8:30pm	1:06am	1:25pm
Tuesday	6:00am	8:30pm	1:28am	2:21pm
Wednesday	6:01am	8:31pm	1:51am	3:18pm

TIDES

Location	Time	Height	Time	Height
Outer Harbor	Thursday:			
	12:22am	0.7m	6:58am	2.6m
1:46pm	0.4m	7:30pm	1.8m	
Friday:	12:56am	0.7m	7:28am	2.5m
	2:07pm	0.5m	7:59pm	1.8m
Saturday:	1:33am	0.7m	7:58am	2.4m
	2:30pm	0.5m	8:35pm	1.9m
Sunday:	2:13am	0.7m	8:30am	2.2m
	2:58pm	0.5m	9:17pm	1.9m
Monday:	3:01am	0.9m	9:06am	2.0m
	3:32pm	0.6m	10:10pm	1.9m
Victor Harbor	Thursday:			
	3:43am	1.3m	12:37pm	0.5m
3:13pm	0.6m	7:29pm	0.2m	
Friday:	4:17am	1.2m	12:58pm	0.6m
	3:54pm	0.6m	8:10pm	0.3m
Saturday:	4:49am	1.1m	10:33am	0.6m
	4:44pm	0.7m	8:51pm	0.4m
Sunday:	5:17am	1.0m	10:58am	0.5m
	5:56pm	0.7m	9:34pm	0.6m
Monday:	5:35am	0.9m	11:34am	0.5m
	7:48pm	0.7m	10:21pm	0.7m



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Grandpop to Amarli and Archie.

Beloved brother of Barry.

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Wallace Lee
(Wally):

Of Langhorne Creek.
17/06/1927 - 09/12/2024
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HENDER,
Wallace Lee
(Wally):

Wally's funeral service was held in the St. Andrew's Uniting Church, Alfred Place, Strathalbyn, on Wednesday, 18th December 2024, at 10.00am, followed by a committal Service at the Strathalbyn Cemetery.

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Plea to drivers



After two local railway accidents within less than a week, a SteamRanger representative has revealed the impact on its volunteers while pleading with drivers to take caution around rail crossings.

The first accident was sadly a fatality when an 87-year-old pedestrian was struck by the Cockle Train at McCracken on January 4.

"They hit (him), they heard it, they looked at each other and said 'who's going to go (check)?'" Customer Service Manager, Steve Richardson, said.

"They can't leave the steam loco on its own... so the fireman had to walk back and find the poor gentleman."

Radi-claw new clause

A new claw-se for felines in the Alexandrina Council region under a by-law has officially come into effect that requires pet owners to keep cats within their premises.

As previously reported in *The Southern Argus*, councillors followed the actions of other local councils, including Mount Barker and Victor Harbor, and endorsed the introduction of a Cats By-Law in August 2022.

Mission complete for cyclists

A mental and physical battle from start to finish, three amateur cyclists walked away from their journey from Goolwa to Mt Gambier not only with thousands of dollars raised for mental health awareness, but several life lessons and locations to visit on their bucket list.

As previously reported in *The Southern Argus*, Youtube channel Bunyip Adventures' Jason Moore and Jamie Ramzan, along with Mr Moore's brother-in-law Aaron Skirrey, set off on a 500km journey on December 28 from one part of the state to the other, to raise awareness about mental health and the support that needs to go with it, in addition to money for not-for-profit Talk Out Loud.

Cricketers on national stage

Langhorne Creek cricketers Troy Blackwell and Adam Clements have returned home inspired from the Australian Cricket Country Championships.

The two locals were part of the SA Outbacks team playing against state country teams from across Australia in Newcastle.



Acting Commissioner of Police Linda Williams, Senior Community Constable Greg Smith, Murray Bridge Mayor Wayne Thorley and local artist and Ngarrindjeri Elder Nellie Rankine after unveiling the new mural.



A familiar drive is one way Strathalbyn resident Rhys Everett feels connected to the State Emergency Service (SES), for which his time and dedication to over the past two years has earned him Australia Day recognition.



Hours of hard work from students like Layla Buckingham, Maddi Cox, Dana Polnear, Demi Trethewey and Eve Polnear have come to fruition in the form of a new mural painted across one of Goolwa Secondary College's sheds, depicting facets of the school's agricultural program.



A "surprising" number of people braved a heatwave to stop by Yesterday's Power Rally at Milang Oval. Pictured are Hayley-Jade, aged six, and Gracie-Mae, aged four, Rockley enjoying the day.

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Basketballers make history



Local Strathalbyn-based basketballers Mia Woods and Bella Spencer have helped bring home a historic bronze medal for South Australia at the recent Ivor Burge National Championships.

The Ivor Burge competition is for players who have an intellectual disability, with each state having a men's and women's team.

This year's win at Ballarat was the first time the South Australian women's team had ever brought home a medal.

Race fall leads to new date

The 101st Strathalbyn Cup has been rescheduled to this Friday.

The announcement follows a serious incident in Race One on Sunday – the initial date of the meet – when New Zealand apprentice jockey Kelsey Hannan suffered a fall after the winning post aboard Iva Dream.

Cow butchered by paint

An iconic Mount Compass statue was defaced on Friday in a "disgusting" act of vandalism, creating a challenging clean-up and repair job for local community members.

The town's cow and calf statues were installed in the 1990s as part of a community art project, and have been decorated on a regular basis by local residents to celebrate and coincide with major calendar events, including Australia Day.

Code Amendment passed

A contentious Strathalbyn Code Amendment has received the seal of approval from the planning minister after months of deliberation, paving the way for further local-scale retail and commercial facilities, and local job opportunities in town.

As previously reported in *The Southern Argus*, Strath Property Investments Pty Ltd sought to change zoning of Lots 13, 14 and 20 Hampden Way, and Lots 11 and 12 Braemar Drive to a 'Local Activity Centre Zone' to allow development of the land for a range of shops, including a small-scale supermarket, childcare, consulting rooms and other personal services, to address town growth and meet locals' needs.

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Multi-tenanted medical hub planned for Strathalbyn... MEDICAL MIRACLE
 By Georgina McKay

MARCH ON TO SAVE LIVES
 A mental health advocate for returned soldiers is fundraising for support services next month after revealing the difference it could have made in his life.

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A Strathalbyn lavender farm born out of both love and necessity is slowly growing to great heights under the care of owners Carl Daley and his partner Ping Xiong, along with their personal rabbit controller Lily and sidekick Snowy.



The Strathalbyn Lions Club is urging residents to book in for a free skin cancer check to help battle the scourge of melanoma. Pictured are Lions Club of Strathalbyn District Vice-President Kevin Johnson, and members Glenn Thomson and Julie Paine.



A total of about 288,000 Taylor Swift fans, including Strathalbyn 'Swiftly' Morgan Peterson, packed the Melbourne Cricket Ground, singing along to the fitting lyrics "it was rare, I was there", including some locals who were lucky enough to score tickets.



The longevity of the marriage between Strathalbyn couple Kay and Phil Stubbs is the epitome of old-fashioned love. A sale of a tractor initially connected their families and led to the couple meeting. They agree that it must have been love at first sight.

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Painting a positive future



Two EFS 2023 Year 12 Art students are among 130 students across the state to have artwork selected in the 2024 SACE Art Show.

Bree Nethercott and April Rigney were both successful – Bree with a digital piece titled *The Journey* and a painting called *Euphoric Nostalgia*, while April's work with the theme *Kondoli Dreaming* featured five paintings, one jumper, one t-shirt, one tote bag and one tea towel.

EFS Principal Ian Kent congratulated both girls on their achievement.

Queman delivers first Group 1

South Australian sprinter Queman has delivered a first Group One race win for local father and daughter trainers Shane and Cassie Oxlade – and for his owner and former trainer Boof Smith.

The Oxlades had two horses entered in the recent \$750,000 Oakleigh Plate (1100m) – Queman and Sghirripa – and while they were confident Queman would run well, they had higher hopes for Sghirripa.

Alarming audit

An asset condition revaluation performed by Alexandrina Council has revealed a significant increase in depreciation, which could potentially have an impact on upcoming rates.

Council undertook the revaluation of several critical asset classes in the 2023 financial year, including sealed and unsealed roads, pathways and kerb ramps, and kerbs, which revealed significant increases in asset values and annual depreciation.

Sudden closure

A much-loved Strathalbyn eatery joins other local businesses in feeling the crippling rising inflation costs, forcing its closure.

After Sunday's trade, Hammer 'N' Tongs announced to staff with "heavy hearts" that the venue has gone into voluntary administration, and staff embraced each other.

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Lots of family fun at Mt Barker Show PG 3 Medallion hits a bullseye PG 2

ONE FOR THE MONEY
More money dropped on revised Lot 10 master plans and updated project costings...
By Georgina McKay
Another \$50,000 will be spent to engage a master planner and quantity surveyor to produce a master plan and updated project costings for Alexandrina Council's Lot 10, Langhorne Creek Road Project to provide the best business case for users to seek funding.
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Two young Goolwa Surf Life Saving members were recently recognised with a prestigious award for their contribution over the season.

Oscar Dorset, 12, and Jade Gowland, 11, were named Nippers of the Year.



As more women are seeking emergency food relief for their families during the cost-of-living crisis, service groups are organising an event to offer resources while bringing people together.



Kim Lang, Strathalbyn's winner of a local long-running shooting competition, presented a significant medallion handcrafted by local silversmith Jacques Fabian to the Hahndorf Rifle Club, so his achievement will be honoured throughout history.



Boaters are batten down the hatches as they prepare for the Clayton Bay Boat Club's signature annual event, the Rat Race Regatta. Pictured are Clayton Bay Boat Club Treasurer Brian O'Flaherty, Neville Thorn, Rob Jones and Secretary Ric Kies.



Rebekha Sharkie MP

Federal Member for Mayo

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As we take this welcome opportunity for a break, it is important to remember to take extra care on our roads during this busy festive period.

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Authorised by Rebekha Sharkie MP.
Unit 3, Barker Plaza, 22-28 Hutchinson St, Mount Barker, SA, 5251

Sod turned at station site



A 'ground-breaking' milestone marked the beginning of construction on the new fit-for-purpose ambulance station at Mount Barker for the rapidly expanding Hills population.

Health Minister Chris Picton joined Member for Kavel Dan Cregan, Mount Barker District Council Mayor David Leach, SA Ambulance Service (SAAS) Executive Director of Operations Country Robert Tolson and others in turning the sod at the south-eastern corner of Bald Hills and Springs Roads which has been set aside for a "bigger and better" ambulance station to replace the current small and outdated facility.

"It is really exciting to now officially have turned the sod of the new Mount Barker Ambulance Station," Minister Picton said.

Butter Factory opens its doors

After the idea was sparked a decade ago, volunteers were proud to attend the official opening of the Milang Lakeside Butter Factory on the weekend.

Tradespeople and more than 100 volunteers poured over 12,000 hours into the project over the years, who were all acknowledged during the event.

500 games for Duffield

No one sets out to play 500 games in football, but it's a milestone Strathalbyn's Nathan Duffield is rapidly approaching, making him the first in the club to do so.

The local businessman started his football career around four or five years of age as a way of getting involved with the community, starting in what would be considered as Auskick now but was the Under 12s back then, before later progressing into the senior grades.

Football quickly became a constant in Duffield's life and is part of his routine, even today.

Cregan lands Cabinet role

Member for Kavel Dan Cregan has accepted a new role as Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services in the state Labor Cabinet, along with the role of Special Minister of State.

The acceptance by the Independent and former Speaker follows Geoff Brock resigning from his role as Local Government, Regional Roads and Veterans Affairs Minister last week, prompting a Cabinet reshuffle.



Adelaide Hills' communities are gearing up for an influx of visitors during the two local matches of the AFL Gather Round this weekend. Mayor David Leach and Treasurer Stephen Mullighan are excited for the AFL Gather Round matches in Mount Barker.



Goolwa RSL Sub-Branch members and supporters took part in a short parade to kick off Anzac Day commemorations in the town. The sub-branch stages a Sunday march before Anzac Day each year to allow members to also take part in Anzac Day events in Adelaide.



Local teenager Christopher Watson is hoping to prevent other families going through the same bowel cancer experience by shaving his head for a worthy cause.



A new generation of umpires are stepping up to the football field to help alleviate shortages in the local sporting leagues and take on the game from a different perspective. Pictured are CSLFUP umpires Nick Price, Brenton Ziersch, and Jodie and David Marks.

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New school for Strathalbyn



The community has welcomed the announcement of a new \$30 million school planned for Strathalbyn.

The new primary school – expected to open in 2029 – will be a campus of St Francis de Sales College and will cater for students in reception to year 6, with the possibility of expansion to year 9, depending on enrolment demand.

Students will then have a guaranteed pathway to the Mount Barker campus for their senior school years.

St Andrew's celebrates 180

About 160 people attended St Andrew's Uniting Church for the milestone 180th anniversary celebration of the first church building on the site in 1844.

Guests of honour were Her Excellency, the Honourable Frances Adamson AC, Governor of South Australia, and Rod Bunten, who were introduced to others in the community.

Vigil against violence

On the back of figures that show one woman is killed every four days at the hands of a male perpetrator, Murray Bridge staged its own vigil calling for an end to violence against women and children.

Organised by the Regional Collaboration Against Violence Against Women and Children, a candle lighting at the Murray Bridge Place of Courage put a local spotlight on a global crisis.

Hawks' tight win

In a close combat game in the Anzac Night Clash at Langhorne Creek, the Hawks, before a bumper crowd, did enough to roll the Roosters by nine points.

The Roosters were out of the blocks early, testing the rebound work from the Hawks led by Derham, Felton and Reichelt, but it was the Hawks who had the first score on the board when a pass by Boyce found Uebergang who hit the post.



The anti-bullying and mental health awareness organisation Dolly's Dream was front and centre at two fundraisers in Strathalbyn.

EFS students and Strathalbyn business Nutrien Ag both staged a Do It For Dolly fundraiser.



Young farmer Sam Hughes raised about \$1000 for charity from the Strathalbyn community during his visit as he travels around Australia. The Travelling Jackaroo has been making headlines during his adventure on a tractor, and has raised about \$220,000 over three years.



Sustainability is a major focus for the dairy industry over the next five years, as outlined in the SA Dairy Industry Action Plan 2024-2029 which was launched during an industry event at a Mount Compass dairy farm.



Strathalbyn's Old Angas Mill restoration was the major winner at Alexandrina Council's Heritage Awards, taking home not only the Mayoral Award but one for Historic Research.

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Goolwa Oval opens



From a cow paddock to a rundown building to a 'world-class facility,' the upgraded Goolwa Oval Recreation Precinct was officially opened in front of Alexandrina Council staff, local MPs, and user groups.

Jointly funded by the Federal and State Governments and Alexandrina Council, the state-of-the-art sporting precinct has been years in the making, with the official opening closing the chapter on the last stage of upgrades to make the facility fully available to its user groups.

Council adopts budget

In a minor win for Alexandrina ratepayers, council has voted for a less than initially projected rates increase to accommodate cost-of-living pressures and significantly cut down its budget.

As previously reported in *The Southern Argus*, Alexandrina councillors opened the 2024-25 draft Annual Business Plan and Budget inclusive of an 8.3 per cent rate rise plus 1.3 from new developments and property improvements in April to public consultation.

CEO resigns

Two years on from taking the position, Alexandrina Council's Chief Executive Officer Nigel Morris has resigned, citing family and opportunity reasons.

Mr Morris officially came on board in May 2022, taking over from former CEO Glenn Rappensberg.

Cost-conservative budget

Increased investment in the regions is a welcome sight for many in the Labor Government's third State Budget, with funding allocated to expanding education in the Adelaide Hills and improving local infrastructure, housing and roads.

The budget will deliver a surplus of \$306 million, marking the government's second in a row, which is anticipated to continue through forward estimates.



The Jan Bache Cup remains in the Great Southern Football League (GSFL) cabinet after the senior women dominated the competition during Saturday's association match. Pictured are Rosie Shaw and Courtney Gutschmidt holding the Jan Bache Cup.



Strathalbyn self-described "adrenalin junkie" Norm Goodall is defying stereotypes of ageing by continuing to race cars into his 80s. As an official and a driver, the 80-year-old participates in about 30 racing events every year, including hill climbs, super-sprints, and Motorkhanas.



The district welcomed the long-awaited rainfall after one of the driest Mays on record, but farmers are saying the shower didn't go far enough. Meadows sisters Millie Bryan, aged two, and Ellie May Bryan, aged six, celebrating the much-needed rain.



About 200 children from Mount Barker and Nairne schools attended a Reconciliation Week event at Keith Stephenson Park on May 30. Peramangk/ Ngarrindjeri Elder Uncle Wally Richards gave a Welcome to Country, before a day of dance, live music and activities.



Lions Club of Goolwa members were excited to officially open the doors to the Goolwa Lions Book Den earlier this month.



It will be a whole new ball game for Strathalbyn Football Club's U17 Girls Vice-Captain Marley Tape when she heads to the Gold Coast in July to compete for the South Australian Under 15s side in the School Sport Australia Championship.

Strikers score funds



The Strathalbyn Strikers have secured more than \$200,000 to fund long-awaited toilets and changerooms at its Strathalbyn grounds.

It will be a game-changer for the soccer club, which has been making do with two sheds and portaloos for several years.

The \$239,000 grant comes from the Power of Her Infrastructure and Participation Program – a legacy from the FIFA Women's World Cup last year – and will be put towards new toilets and changerooms for players, officials, and spectators alike to enjoy.

Southern Districts falls short

A disappointing weekend at the 2024 THINK! Road Safety SA Country Football Championships saw Southern Districts finish fourth and fifth in their respective teams, despite a home ground advantage.

As previously reported in *The Southern Argus*, Victor Harbor and Encounter Bay Football Clubs hosted the Southern Districts, South East, Central, Northern, Eastern, and Eyre Peninsula zones from for the annual championships.

Dispute comes to a head

Mediation is the shared goal of two disputing community groups whose feud came to a head when SA Police was called to Milang Community Garden.

The garden is run by Milang Old School House Community Centre (MOSHCC), which is overseen by Milang and District Community Association (MADCA).

A disagreement formed between its volunteers and MADCA over the garden's financial management and policies.

Opposition grows

Goolwa North residents have raised concerns about the potential impact a proposed code amendment could have on the local environment, wildlife and liveability of the area.

Consultation has begun on a proposed rezoning of a 7.7-hectare land from rural living to residential park to allow the retirement village Lakeside Goolwa to expand.



Ahead of the Great Southern Football League Women's (GSFLW) finals, the Strathalbyn Football Club is launching its campaign to rebuild a senior womens team next season and give its strong cohort of juniors somewhere to call home in the coming years.



Third time was the charm for Mount Barker's James Clements who graduated DUX of his SA Metropolitan Fire Service (MFS) recruit firefighter training course at Wakefield headquarters in late June. It's been a long journey for the Hills local to become a full-time MFS firefighter.



Strath Neighbourhood Centre celebrates its milestone 10th birthday this year, leaving members to reflect upon their achievements over the decade.



Friends of the Oscar W members were pouring champagne and clinking glasses in celebration of being formally handed the day-to-day operations of the historic paddlesteamer.



A Willyaroo teenager has cemented his standing as one of South Australia's best headers by taking out the title at the Junior National Finals in Emerald in June. For Darcy Dall'Aglio, team roping is in his blood.



Adelaide Thunderbirds premiership players Tayla Williams and Lucy Austin (back) running a training session with Goolwa Netball Club junior squads, and pictured with Ayla Cross and Amaya Jamieson.

McLaren dee-stroy



McLaren Districts ended Willunga's reign on Sunday, taking down the three-time consecutive champions in the Great Southern Football League Women's Grand Final to become season 2024 premiers.

Held at Yankalilla, the Demons and Sheagles faced off across all three grades, with McLaren having their work cut out for them in the Under 17 Girls and A Grade Women against sides with a three-peat under their belt and a minor premiership.

As previously reported in *The Southern Argus*, McLaren and Willunga came up against each other twice prior to the qualifier this season – the first in round five which saw McLaren grab a seven-point win on the Demons' home deck, while the second saw Willunga make a comeback with a 22-point victory at the Sheagles' ground.

New woes for Town Hall

Works at the embattled Strathalbyn Town Hall are again in disarray following news the builder overseeing the works – Stride Construction – has stopped work at the site, and is believed to owe thousands of dollars to its subcontractors.

Onsite works commenced at the hall in early 2023 in an aim to create a multi-functional facility catering for a diverse range of activities and events to promote social activation and improve benefits to the local and surrounding community.

Locals launch petition

A local dietitian and business man are taking action against a proposed Strathalbyn fast food outlet – which they claim threatens children's safety and poses significant health risks to the town – by launching a petition to the State Transport Minister's office.

Development for SES site

The former Strathalbyn State Emergency Service (SES) site could finally see some action under proposed plans to transform the land into use for a shop/bulky goods outlet, service trade premises, consulting rooms and office.

IBS Planning and Projects' Dennis Chung lodged the application for the alterations and additions at the Murray Street site on behalf of landowner and Murray Strath Investment's George Mocatta, who wants to extend and re-clad the existing buildings and structures, and provide additional carparking and landscaping to improve the site's overall appearance and make it a viable commercial investment.



Local schools shared in the magic of books by holding Book Week parades. Pictured are EFS Langhorne Creek's Stella Mieglich, Evelyn Hollis, Ivy Perrey and Amelia Bonsor.



While the Olympics has come to a close, so too has the local Savoury Showdown, revealing the winner of the inaugural *The Southern Argus*' Region's Best 2024 People's Choice Award.

Pictured are Pestka's Owner Jayne Pestka and granddaughter Laycie Banks.



The Falzon family bring 72 years of combined experience to the Clayton Bay Country Fire Service (CFS) spanning three generations.

Pictured are the Falzons – Kiarna, Michael, Shaneika, Tracy and Vince.



For the first time in a while the Great Southern Football League Women's (GSFLW) competition has a singular Best and Fairest recipient in Willunga's Jessica Kirk, while Strathalbyn dominated in the other divisions, taking out the U17 and inaugural U14 medal count.



The Strathalbyn SES will throw open its doors on August 11 for an Open Day, as it aims to attract new members to the unit. Pictured are Strathalbyn State Emergency Service volunteers Bec Gould and Rhys Everett.



Macclesfield 47-year-old Donna Clarke is determined to leave a lasting legacy and positive impact on others after her life was changed more than two years ago.

Myponga breaks drought



With both sides in the midst of a premiership drought it was the Myponga/Sellicks Mudlarks who broke their run of outs when, in a neck and neck struggle with the Victor Harbor Roos, snatched victory in the dying moments of the Grand Final for a point win.

The Mudlarks went into the game not having won an A Grade premiership since 1984, in which their President Geoff Hutchinson and his partner in Fleurieu Milk Barrie Clarke, major sponsors of the League, played in, while the Roos had not added to their trophy cabinet since 1999.

Uber-good review

A local advocate for the removal of the metropolitan boundary for rideshare services, particularly Uber, has described the State Government's decision to do so as "a win for logic and common sense."

As previously reported in *The Southern Argus*, the metropolitan boundary for rideshare services was officially expanded in December 2021 to include the Adelaide Hills and Mount Barker Council regions, however, places like Strathalbyn, Langhorne Creek, Goolwa and Murray Bridge narrowly missed out.

Roeger claims silver

Langhorne Creek prodigy Michael Roeger claimed a silver medal at the Paris Paralympics for the T46 1500m. Roeger led from the start and had what looked like enough of a lead going into the home straight, but was passed with about 60m to go by Aleksandr Laremchuk.

Laremchuk recorded 3.50.24, Roeger 3.51.19, and third place-getter France's Antoine Proud 3.51.27.

Bike battle over

A long campaign came to an end for a Mount Barker mother when the State Government announced new training requirements for motorcycle riders wanting to obtain their licence.

Anne-Marie Taplin lost her son Harry in a motorcycle accident on the October long weekend in 2020.

Harry, who was on his L-plates, was out for a ride in the Adelaide Hills when his motorbike hit a tree.



The official opening of the railway between Mount Barker and Strathalbyn was back on track, after local residents missed out on a celebration 140 years ago. Pictured is SteamRanger volunteer Dale Patyl at Strathalbyn Transport Festival.



Victor Harbor Football Club's Jesse McKinnon has done what only nine before him have in winning the Great Southern Football League's (GSFL) Mail Medal back-to-back.



Australia's own Forrest Gump Paul Bourke stopped by Strathalbyn on his way home from a journey around the country, raising money to buy football boots for outback kids and kick some goals along the way.



Langhorne Creek is being painted in red and white for one night only in anticipation for the AFL Grand Final, which will star the region's own Matt Roberts.



The Strathalbyn and District Basketball Association (SDBA) has more than 400 players registered to play this season, but the ongoing limited court space and facilities has meant about 40 people – half under 10-years-old – have had to go on a waiting list.



Strathalbyn's trackside talent was on show at the recent South Australian Racing Industry Awards. Strathalbyn Trackwork Rider of the Year Kirra Reynolds with one of the horses she works with Stretford End.

A YEAR IN REVIEW NOVEMBER

Cheers to 60 years



Rotary Club of Strathalbyn is celebrating a milestone 60 years of servicing and fundraising for the community as well as for many national and international projects.

On August 16, 1964, founding members were invited to form a Rotary club in Strathalbyn and the first meeting was held shortly afterwards.

Over the six decades that followed, the club has supported and contributed towards countless local projects and events and has made their mark on many spots around the town.

Daisy wins gold

Strathalbyn basketballer Daisy Hocking has returned triumphant from the FIBA Under 15 Oceania Cup with a gold medal.

The Sapphires claimed the title with a 93 to 44 point win over New Zealand in the Grand Final.

Hospital implements security

Security guards will soon be stationed 24 hours a day, seven days a week, at Mount Barker District Soldiers' Memorial Hospital in response to the rising number of presentations and incidences of violent and aggressive behaviour at the facility.

The local hospital recorded just under 30,000 presentations to the new emergency department last financial year – its busiest on record, increasing by 16 per cent compared to the 2022-23 financial year where there were just over 25,000 presentations.

Hundreds owed payments

Almost 800 residents in the Mount Barker area are being urged to complete one simple, outstanding action to claim hundreds of thousands worth of Medicare repayments – update their bank account details.

Under the national Medicare scheme, Australians are provided with free or subsidised health services.

However, due to people failing to provide their most current bank account details, in South Australia alone, about \$19 million is sitting in the government's bank accounts.

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After years of working hard behind the scenes to cultivate the culture and retain players, Goolwa Netball's new President Brooke Cahill and Vice-President Jo Wilson are ready for the club to see some on-court success next season.



A \$2 million playground that will help children navigate risks from an early age and complement the town's first Catholic school being built in Strathalbyn's newest residential community Aurora was unveiled to the community.



Australian musicians Angus and Julia Stone, The Jungle Giants and Matt Corby were part of the iconic line up of acts who performed at Handpicked Festival.



About 250 people stopped for a minute's silence to pay their respects to those who have served at Goolwa RSL. Goolwa Primary School Captains Ayla Cross and Josh Reeves recited the poem *Flanders Fields*.

2024 reflection

2024 has been a very challenging year across the electorate with a once-in-a-century drought.

I have informed the parliament on multiple occasions of the impact of frost and dry weather on our primary producers and called on the government to give support. It is pleasing to finally see some money come from the State Government to assist farmers through this season and into the next, especially in the way of fuel for the different groups donating hay and carting it into the state.

I have enjoyed working hard in my roles as Shadow Assistant Minister to the Leader of the

Opposition, Shadow Assistant Minister for Veterans Affairs and Shadow Assistant Minister for Racing.

It has been a real privilege working with the Veteran community and current serving men and women and honouring their service.

We have a huge opportunity across the electorate by embracing the Greater Adelaide Regional Plan. I will continue working with all stakeholders to ensure we have adequate job opportunities and infrastructure that keeps up with the growth. I will continue to advocate for improved health and education facilities to match

this growth.

I was pleased to be at the opening of the new adventure playground at the Aurora development in Strathalbyn and I welcome the news of a new school to be built there in the next five years.

It was great to have Burma the elephant arrive at the Monarto Safari Park and we await the arrival of four more elephants next year. Monarto Safari Park is a world-class destination and the elephants will only enhance this.

I look forward to a brighter 2025 and from myself, my family and my staff, we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



ADRIAN PEDERICK MP

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Wishing you a very Merry Christmas & a safe and prosperous New Year



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Transport under the spotlight



A local transport forum brought together community members and politicians to discuss the future of transport in the Adelaide Hills, particularly the turbulent South Eastern Freeway and passenger rail options, and share solutions.

Organised by the River Road and Strathalbyn Road Traffic Group, the forum was held at the Mount Barker Town Hall in the shadow of two years of missed opportunities, cancelled projects and widespread recognition, and concern that the State and Federal Governments have no over-arching plan to streamline connectivity and put in place adequate plans for the fast-growing and economically expanding Adelaide Hills.

Beston collapse hits home

A number of Fleurieu dairy farmers have been left reeling from the collapse of Beston Global Food Company. Milk production at the company's infrastructure at Jervis and Murray Bridge will end on Friday, with the infrastructure to now be auctioned off.

Concerns over station hours

Mount Barker and Murray Bridge police stations will soon have reduced hours for their front counter services, raising concerns for the local communities.

Mount Barker and Murray Bridge stations' hours will be reduced from 8am to 8pm seven days a week, to 9am to 5pm weekdays except on public holidays, and 9am to 3.30pm on weekends starting from December 23.

They are among 14 stations that will have new standardised hours following a review by South Australia Police.

Family stresses road safety

A Hindmarsh Island mother who is still impacted by her daughter's car accident two decades on is urging parents and their children to discuss the consequences of making poor choices behind the wheel ahead of the Christmas/New Year period.

The holidays are one of the worst times of the year for road accidents in South Australia.

For Hindmarsh Island mother Veronica Karpinski, she wants families to talk to one another about the seriousness of road safety to avoid some of the life-long impacts from her daughter's car accident that affect both of them to this day.



Local Paralympian Michael Roeger made the trip down to Strathalbyn for the Little Athletics Club's Raine & Horne Strathalbyn/ Rural SA Hero and Sponsors Day last Wednesday. Michael Roeger is pictured with young fans Atticus Scattini and Bowie Saunders.



After four years of love, Mount Compass' McAllan family is ready to spread their Christmas cheer with others by selling trees for the first time. Pictured are Evangeline McAllan with her children Colin and Adeline ready to sell their Christmas trees.



To help foster a safe, respectful, and supportive school environment, Eastern Fleurieu held a week of activities to coincide with White Ribbon Month. Hayley Steward, Amelia McKay, and Bella Bates are pictured standing against domestic violence.



Organisers of Christmas Where the Angas Flows find the annual parade keeps getting better every year, as local organisations creatively outdo themselves with their floats. Santa arrives in a horse-drawn carriage.

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