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Meet Alexandrina Council's new CEO

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teenage years.

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Lengthy delays as Hills Fleurieu households are left struggling for water...

WATER WORRIES

By Giorgina McKay

Hundreds of Hills Fleurieu households are struggling for water for drinking, showering and cooking due to low rainfall, putting increasing pressure and demand on carting businesses.

Last year annual rainfalls were at near or record lows in many parts of Mayo, with Strathalbyn receiving just 68 per cent of its average.

The current drought affecting South Australians means home and properties without access to mains water supplies are currently completely reliant on alternative

water such as back-up water tanks reserved to protect their properties against bushfires.

Water carting businesses are reporting an unprecedented number of requests for supplies, causing lengthy delays – some to March – and some households to leave their homes.

One of these businesses is Rob Solly

Water Delivery, which provides stock and domestic mains water to urban and rural properties in Hindmarsh Island, Goolwa and the surrounding areas.

Mr Solly has experienced increased demand due to low rainfall during winter.

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Sharing world cuisine one free meal at a time



Strathalbyn resident Mark Jarder is sharing his passion for Filipino food by cooking up free batches to deliver to those who would love a night off from cooking. Photo: Deirdre Graham



By Deirdre Graham

A relative newcomer to Strathalbyn is sharing his passion for gourmet Filipino food and food security by cooking up free batches each week and distributing them across town for anyone keen to try them.

Mark Jarder ran an Arab cuisine catering business in Vancouver, Canada, where he was also head chef.

"Every time I did a production run order for people I would make excess, with the intention of giving it out for free," Mr Jarder said.

"I would post it on the Buy Nothing Group in Vancouver – keeping in mind Vancouver is about 10 times the population compared to here – so there were a lot of people and food insecurity was magnified."

Soon after arriving in Strathalbyn last year with his wife and family, the stay-at-home dad decided to implement something similar, but for anyone interested in trying Filipino food, setting up the Strath Buy Nothing group.

"For the first week, I would make the kids Filipino food because they love that food, and I would make extra," Mr Jarder said.

"So, it was the exact same model... make food, make extra, and I would deliver it to

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– Mark Jarder

people who would comment on the post in the Buy Nothing Group that same afternoon or evening, so they would have free food for dinner."

The first week he gave out 16 servings, but by the second week, he was giving out about 40 from his home kitchen and was struggling with the workload.

As luck would have it, the commercial kitchen at the Strathalbyn Lutheran Church Hall became available, and the servings soon

bumped up to 60.

For the first week, Mr and Mrs Jarder funded the meals out of their own pockets, but since then the venture – which Mr Jarder said filled a gap in the local food industry – has been able to go ahead through the donations of people who have eaten the meals.

"To be honest, I don't have any future plans other than just find what the need is specifically in Strath, so there are no expansion plans in that sense," Mr Jarder said.

"My thought really is for Strath people to have access to good gourmet food, especially when they need a break or they need a pick-me-up.

"It is actually not just for the homeless, the destitute, the poor or the needy, this is for everybody, and if you need just that one night off or a few meals off, that is what this is for."

Mr Jarder and his family are currently moving house in Strath, but hope to restart the program at the beginning of March, where they will try a new mentoring program with locals keen to learn all about cooking Filipino food.

"I have about five seats that are going to open every time I do the cooking run for people that just want to learn," he said.

"People need to email their first and last name to (foodanddignity@gmail.com) to join my newsletter and qualify for the free cooking workshops."

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Alexandrina Council's new CEO ready to make a change

Southern Argus journalist Georgina McKay sat down with Alexandrina Council's new Executive Officer Andrew MacDonald after his first few weeks in office to hear about his plans for the region...

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It's only a hop, skip and a jump away from where he now works at Alexandrina Council and from where he spent his teenage years.

"I did my schooling at Yankalilla Area School as a young kid, and my parents, my brothers and myself moved (to Alexandrina) in my mid-teenage years," Mr MacDonald said.

"We lived in the Goolwa Beach area on Rosemary Street, then my brothers grew up and my parents moved to Barrage Road.

"This is where I used to come home when I was in the navy – I would come home on leave to Goolwa to see family and spend time (here)."

Mr MacDonald joined the navy at just 15-and-a-half years old as a junior recruit, completing year 12 with the organisation before becoming an electrical fitter for about five years.

He then transferred to be a physical trainer – a move that disappointed his parents at the time but would eventually kickstart his career in Local Government.

"Back then, there was no fitness industry and my parents were extremely disappointed in me in moving away from what they saw as a trade career – which was stable and where you should be – to this wishy-washy physical training stuff," Mr MacDonald explained.

"But it is that decision that I actually made here in Goolwa with my family when I received a phone call on leave from the navy that they've accepted me into the physical training branch that brought me here today.

"The reason for that is because, as a physical trainer, when you're not posted to a ship and you're on a land establishment, you actually manage large recreational facilities on a military base, so that was my bridge because, once I had done 20 years, managing large facilities, the City of Onkaparinga were looking for someone to run the Noarlunga Leisure Centre and St Vincent Rec Centre.

"So, I discharged having done 20 years at the age of 35 and I managed those commercial recreational facilities for the City of Onkaparinga."

From there, he went to the City of



Alexandrina Council's new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Andrew MacDonald is feeling excited to return home and make a difference in the community. Photo: Georgina McKay

Adelaide, where he managed the Adelaide Aquatic Centre, North Adelaide golf courses, Adelaide parklands and Adelaide Town Hall.

"It was a big portfolio, but because it's such a big organisation, you have a finance, marketing, risk, and HR departments, so you don't necessarily get exposed to all those things yourself because you have so much resource around you," Mr MacDonald said.

"People are people, and leading people, the principles and the approach, is pretty much the same no matter where you are, so the City of Adelaide reminded me that leadership is still leadership, and certainly my foundation of military of 20 years gave me a very strong platform around leadership to leverage into Local Government.

"It wasn't until I left the City of Adelaide and was working at the likes of Kingston District Council where you're exposed to everything... that was the key difference."

Mr MacDonald spent 10 years as Chief Executive Officer across several councils, including Wakefield Regional Council and Kingston District Council.

Both he found have similarities to Alexandrina.

"I had experiences in Kingston as big as losing a roadway during major storms, and having a situation where residents were besides themselves because the whole street in front of them had been washed away," Mr MacDonald said.

"That coastal experience definitely applies here in Alexandrina Council.

"As far as Wakefield Regional Council is concerned, Wakefield Regional Council is about double the geographical size of Alexandrina Council.

"Population was less but it also had seven towns, which is very similar to what we have here, with each of those townships vying for their share of the pie, so Wakefield gave me the perspective and experience of a big, complex council and regional council as well.

"I think having that experience (at Wakefield) for four years and five years of coastal experience at Kingston has given me a good balance of experience that is very much suited for Alexandrina and where it's going."

He comes to Alexandrina after serving in the top job at the Town of Walkerville.

Mr MacDonald fills the shoes of Nigel Morris who announced in June last year he was resigning, citing family and opportunity reasons.

Mayor Keith Parkes previously said the Alexandrina region would benefit from Mr MacDonald's appointment.

"Andrew built a reputation for empowering and supportive leadership, sound financial management, strong community engagement, and building a positive corporate team culture," he said.

"For us, the icing on the cake was Andrew's strong connection to Alexandrina.

"Andrew knows and loves Alexandrina, and moving here is a 'coming home' moment in his career."

Which is exactly why, despite only being at

the Town of Walkerville for only 15 months, he applied for the open spot at Alexandrina.

"I am very loyal to the councils I've worked for and I found it extremely difficult to be leaving the Town of Walkerville after only 15 months," Mr MacDonald explained.

"But the reason I made that tough decision is because Alexandrina Council and the Fleurieu Peninsula is my home, and it's very rare to be given a leadership opportunity in your own community.

"Understanding this region, the Fleurieu Peninsula, and having all the areas of this council district in particular so familiar and feeling like home gives me that community perspective.

"So, I understand what it's like living here as a kid and as a member of the community, and now I can sit on this side of the fence and exercise some leadership to support that community."

Mr MacDonald describes himself as a compassionate, caring and strategic CEO that "gets stuff done".

His first priority for this council is financial management and sustainability.

"Financial sustainability and that finance space is something I am passionate about, as well as council's strategic objectives and directions, so strategy and sustainability are two very strong interests of mine and it's something this council definitely needs to pay some attention to," Mr MacDonald said.

"There's a lot of cost pressures out there today, and my job is to support council members and the community to ensure we can have really good strong line of sight around our strategic planning – that is where are we now, where do we want to be and how are we going to get there?"

"And sitting in parallel to that, ensuring Alexandrina Council is financially sustainable long-term and we do all we possibly can to deliver the appropriate services to our community, but importantly, keep down pressure on rates because everyone is feeling it, and in fact, every council is also feeling it because of cost pressures around infrastructure renewal and all these sorts of things post-COVID.

"We are in a similar situation to other councils where they're having a lot of financial pressure around asset renewal and all those costs that have blown out, so my passion and focus will definitely be working with council members and community, line of sight on our strategies, and ensuring we have good financial sustainability."

Mr MacDonald has enjoyed his first few weeks in the role and is excited to be coming to work every morning.

"This is home for me and I'm so excited to be here, to get up in the morning and look forward coming to work, knowing you're going to hopefully make a difference," he said.

"I can feel that already and I've only been here a number of weeks.

"I want to make a difference for this community, and provide good support to council members and staff."



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Hills Fleurieu households left waiting for alternative water

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He has even serviced people who have lived in the area for decades and have never had to get water carted in before now.

When he spoke to *The Southern Argus* on Monday, he had had another 14 loads come in just that day.

"We just didn't have the rain over winter," Mr Solly said.

"Normally, I would park the truck up for a month or so over winter and that's when I'd do all the major maintenance on it, and this year it just didn't stop.

"Even during winter, I was probably still doing four or five loads a week.

"As of Sunday, I had just about caught up with all my water and I had two loads left to do, and I reckon I've had 14 loads come in today.

"I've had people in the outskirts of Goolwa that have been here 22 years and never had water carted in, and they've had two loads carted in so far."

Without any rain, Mr Solly expects the situation to only get worse.

"I'm managing to keep up with my area just, but I've heard one of the blokes I work with, his mum and dad live at Macclesfield, and they were told (it would be) three weeks before they could get water," he said.

"My lad, he has got his P plates and I had a little truck he could drive.

"I've put a 2000 litre tank in that and I have him carting out water as well to try to keep up.

"I don't think it's going to get any better if it doesn't rain, and a lot of the farmers I do deliver to... when it does rain, they virtually have no feed at all, so they're buying hay, so they've got to get rid of stock to try and cut the costs of the water and the feed."

The dire situation has captured the attention of local politicians, including Member for Finnis, and Shadow Minister for Water Infrastructure David Basham.

He says it's "simple not good enough".

"This is an incredibly precarious situation for those forced to use emergency water supplies, leaving their homes at greater risk in the event of a fire," Mr Basham said.

"We have previously used milk tankers to support getting water to households quickly, but the only solution offered up by the Water Minister is to put your name on a list.

"Having water in your home is a basic living standard that we expect in South Australia.

"The minister is telling us to prepare for the next 20 to 30 years, but South Australians can't wait and need practical action now."

Member for Heysen Josh Teague whose electorate has been impacted by the water shortage is joining calls for action on this urgent issue, while Member for Mayo Rebekha Sharkie has been in contact with South Australian Minister for Water Susan Close's office to help remedy the issue.

"Water carters have advised that domestic demand for water has reduced the water

pressure across the system, and what usually takes around half an hour to fill a tanker is now taking one-and-a-half hours, extending delivery times" Ms Sharkie said.

"It is incomprehensible that in the year 2025 we have houses running out of water."

There are currently no rebates or subsidies available for water carting that apply to properties located in the Metro and Greater Adelaide.

The State Government does have an exceptional circumstance by policy for potable water in remote communities that has been in place since 2020.

Under this policy, the South Australian Government is prepared to consider the provision of ex-gratia assistance to self-supplied communities, where there is a risk that their existing potable water supply will run out, but only applies to communities in areas identified as remote or very remote using the Accessibility Remoteness Index Australia.

If land is used for primary production, several drought assistance programs may also be available.

"The South Australian Government and water retailers share responsibility for water security, with the Department for Environment and Water (DEW) leading state-wide planning and management, and SA Water providing water services to 99 per cent of South Australia's 750,000 connected households and businesses," Minister for Climate, Environment and Water, Susan Close, told *The Argus*.

"It remains the responsibility of an individual or business to ensure they have the infrastructure needed to access their water.

"For properties not connected to the SA Water or other water retailers' network and whose water supplies are at risk, it may be necessary to rely on commercial water carters if natural resources cannot meet demands.

"Where practicable, SA Water provides water to some commercial water carters, but does not offer a domestic water carting service to individual properties.

"It is highly recommended that landholders who are reliant on water tanks for their water supply regularly monitor their water storages and plan ahead to ensure that water can be supplied prior to storages running dry."

Mr Solly more water carters have since begun advertising, but he warned people to make sure they are accredited providers.

"We've got to have inspections done on the tanks," he explained.

"I just hope a lot of these other people that are doing it are accredited with SA Health because in dire need, people will probably get anything but they don't know what's been in their tanks.

"They're probably thinking people need water, I've got a water truck, I'll get water out, and they might not even realise they've got to have that accreditation."



The Forest of the Fallen display was erected in Strathalbyn's Soldier Memorial Gardens by volunteers of the movement on Saturday.

'Forest of the Fallen' display erected at Memorial Gardens

By Giorgina McKay

A 'Forest of the Fallen' display was erected in Strathalbyn's Soldier Memorial Gardens on the weekend, drawing mostly positive interactions between community members and the movement's volunteers.

Forest of the Fallen is part of a movement that travels around South Australia, from Mount Gambier through to Christies Beach, Glenelg and Hahndorf, erecting signposts that tell the stories of people who have allegedly had adverse reactions or died as a result of receiving the COVID vaccine.

The aim is to create awareness, and share the untold stories from victims and families.

One of the volunteers who organised Saturday's display in Strathalbyn, Loraine Appledore, said it's about allowing people to draw their own conclusions.

"We call ourselves truth tellers and we believe the display called Forest of the Fallen is a display of compassion for those people in the display that have either been injured or died, and there's around about

150 of these displays nation-wide all run by volunteers," she said.

"It basically is about exposure and creating awareness because I was quite confused as to what was happening in the beginning of all this year five years ago.

"I believe there is a huge hidden tragedy here, and the crisis has had and will have into the future a traumatic effect on families worldwide."

The Adelaide Hills resident was surprised by the number of positive interactions she had with people on the weekend.

"Overall, it was probably about 95 per cent positive interactions with people," Ms Appledore said.

"I was very pleased we received that much positive interaction with people.

"It's about the people's own personal journey - it's their story.

"It's just about putting the stories up, and letting people walk through and making their own minds up from reading what they read.

"I think there's still a lot of grief and heartbreak out there from

Telstra cables cut in consecutive incidences in the Adelaide Hills

By Giorgina McKay

Consecutive Telstra outages caused by cut cables over the past month created a temporary downturn for local businesses and customers, and posed a hazard during high fire risk days.

The first incident occurred on February 3, with an optic fibre cable being cut by vandals, causing Telstra mobile services to go down in Mount Barker for several hours.

The company worked quickly to restore services that same day, and the incident has been reported to police for investigation.

Anyone who saw any suspicious activity around Telstra's network sites or infrastructure is encouraged to contact Crime Stoppers.

However, just over a week later, on Tuesday, February 11, four towers in Mount Barker went down once more over the same issue.

"Our investigation revealed a third-party operator unintentionally damaged our fibre optic cable, which impacted Telstra services in the Mount Barker region on Tuesday, February 11," Telstra Regional General Manager for South Australia, Michael Patterson, told *The Southern Argus*.

"While the cable cut wasn't deliberate and our technicians worked as quickly as possible to restore services (on the) Tuesday night, the damage caused still impacted

services for businesses and communities.

"To avoid property damage, service disruptions, injury or costly fines, it is important to call Dial Before You Dig on 1100 prior to commencing any excavation works."

Mr Patterson assured throughout both issues calls to Triple Zero were automatically diverted to any working mobile network for connection to emergency services.

He stressed the importance of being careful around cables.

"Cutting, damaging and removing cables not only causes issues for local residents and businesses, it also poses a potential safety threat for vulnerable customers or people with a medical condition if they lose connectivity," Mr Patterson added.

"It also means we often have to take our work crews off completing other work jobs to attend these damaged sites, meaning other people and businesses with faults and outages may be impacted for longer."

The local outages caught the attention of Member for Mayo Rebekha Sharkie, who contacted Telstra management to convey the community's concerns, frustrations and fears about the outages due the recent heatwaves and high fire risk danger.

She plans to seek a meeting with the company's national team.



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The new Macclesfield mural.
Photos: Tara Nash

Mural pays tribute to local heroes



By Tara Nash

The stories of local returned servicemen and women will forever be immortalised and remembered after a mural was painted at the RSL Macclesfield Sub-Branch.

The new artwork is part of the town's wider commemoration of the 80th anniversary of Australia's involvement in the end of World War II, which was August 14, 1945.

Working with RSL President Dennis Oldenhove, muralist Cat Dean learned the stories of the local servicepeople which can be read by scanning the mural's QR codes.

"It was fascinating doing some research on these people and learning about their stories," Ms Dean said.

"It's crucial that I'm capturing them as they are in those photographs – it's not just painting someone's face, it's trying to represent who they were at that time."

The eye-catching painting focuses on three local figures, and is in a prominent position on the RSL's fence seen from the main street.

The mural was carefully considered and researched down to the last detail, including using a vintage colour palette, researching the correct planes and ship, and using poppies as a symbol of remembrance.

Ms Dean is known for using realistic



Mount Barker muralist Cat Dean collaborating with RSL Macclesfield Sub-Branch President Dennis Oldenhove.

detail in her work, which is almost like fine art rather than a traditional mural.

Based in Mount Barker, the muralist's work can be seen in local places such as Crafers Park 'n' Ride, a staircase at St Francis de Sales College and the ceiling at Littlehampton's Honey Bang Bang.

As well as the mural – which was supported by a grant from Veterans SA – the RSL is also preparing for the 80th anniversary by its revitalised forecourt which has newly-installed special benches honouring returned veterans.

"The new fence was an opportunity for a statement piece that will not only help with the RSL and the local town, but bring tourists and visitors to the town and the whole community

will benefit from it," Mr Oldenhove said.

"It's preserving local history and preserving the names of men and women from the town and making sure the next generation are aware of their contributions."

Macclesfield will also hold a town dance with a big band playing 1940s music to commemorate the anniversary, with dance classes run in the lead up to the event.

"RSLs in country towns are important to not just been seen twice a year – they need to be seen all the time," Mr Oldenhove said.

"They've got enormous potential to value-add and engage with the community.

"Every sub branch can use their skillsets, assets and people to make their communities are better."

Stories behind the mural

The three prominent figures in the mural represent the Australian Air Force, Army and Navy.

On the left is Hubert George Carlyle, who was born in in England. He enlisted into the Royal Australian Air Force in August 1941.

Hubert was transferred to No. 463 Squadron, Waddington in May 1944, then killed in a flying battle over France on June 25, 1944.

In the centre is Gwendolen Mary Taverner, who lived at Macclesfield before joining the 1st Australian Army Catering Corps and enlisting into the Voluntary Aid Detachment unit in September 1944 in Bonegilla, Victoria and was discharged in January 1946.

The following year, she tragically died from a car crash when returning from a Diggers Ball in Strathalbyn.

On the right is Ronald Matthew Vogt who enlisted in the Royal Australian Navy (RAN), and posted to *HMAS Sydney*, which had a battle with the German auxiliary cruiser *Kormoran* off the coast of Western Australia.

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'Watch and act' alert for poultry owners



By Deirdre Graham

Local poultry owners are being urged to closely monitor their flocks and report any signs of disease to authorities, following confirmation of an outbreak of H7N8 avian influenza at an egg farm in northern Victoria.

Authorities have noted this strain is not the strain that is currently circulating globally, and Australia remains the only continent free from that strain.

There are no known avian influenza detections in poultry in SA, and PIRSA has reassured the public that eggs and poultry products remain safe to eat.

Fleurieu Poultry Group Secretary Rex Liebelt has called for calm, and asked locals to take an "act and watch" approach to the situation.

"At this stage I wouldn't panic too much," he said.

"It could be very similar to last time where things didn't really change that much in South Australia.

"If it did come into SA, we would be stopping our shows and people would be keeping all their chooks at home, but if there are no further outbreaks, it will probably be a bit similar to last time – a bit of unknown.

"Even last year there wasn't anything in show birds, it was detected in (interstate) poultry farms, so at this stage, just keep an eye out, and if people notice anything unusual such as a lot getting sick or dying then they would definitely have an issue then."

A PIRSA spokesperson said a range of control measures have been implemented in Victoria, including property quarantine and the deployment of Agriculture Victoria staff to support the affected business and



Fleurieu Poultry Group Secretary Rex Liebelt warns people to remain calm in relation to the confirmation of an H7N8 avian influenza outbreak in northern Victoria.

conduct further investigations.

Avian influenza can have devastating effects, including severe symptoms and up to 100 per cent mortality in affected flocks.

SA's \$922 million poultry industry remains free of avian influenza, but preparedness measures are in place should an outbreak occur.

Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development Clare Scriven said three different H7 bird flu strains that impacted the poultry industry interstate last year were successfully eradicated.

"This is a positive track record, and early reporting by the affected business increases the likelihood that the Victorian Government and industry will be able to control this virus again," Ms Scriven said.

Owners concerned about their poultry can call the Emergency Animal Disease Hotline on 1800 675 888.

Other preparedness activities the state is taking include:

- Ensuring adequate supplies of response equipment including chemicals and PPE.
- Enhancing the state's diagnostic capability for responses.
- Purchasing emergency response units including equipment for quarantine, sampling and decontamination.
- Operational planning for key response activities such as destruction, disposal, and decontamination.
- Training for response readiness to support all areas of EAD response.
- Developing epidemiology skills necessary for an EAD response such as avian influenza including surveillance, tracing and risk assessment.
- Developing an operational response policy and plan in case of a detection of HPAI in wild birds.

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH, 2000

After a week of very hot weather the Eastern Fleurieu School 7-12 swimming carnival landed on a cool day. Chief organisers Anne Merritt and Terry Jones said the house leaders had to be congratulated on their work prior to the event for around 200 students. Some past individual trophy winners featured well again among them in Martin Sweetman, Tom Saywaker, Todd Eaton, Amelia Gillies and Kimberly Wilson. New trophy winners included Chris Roeger, Aaron Gillies, Josh Jones, Ryan Loman, Steven Fox, Shannon Biggins, Sally Hansen, Leah Gates, Veronica Owen, Alycia Keane, Jessica Liston and Laura Paukkunen.

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It was a long day for organisers and buyers at last Sunday's Macclesfield auction run by the Macclesfield Oval Committee, dealing with 993 lots. Buyers stayed until 6pm and the quite successful auction took nearly \$9000, while the takings from the canteen went to the Macclesfield Netball Club. Of interest was an old shoe box with polish and brushes and milk cans which sold for \$40 a piece.

50 YEARS AGO

from the files of the Southern Argus

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH, 1975

The AGM of the U.F.&G. at the Belvidere Hall on Monday evening, President Brian Landseer spoke on the proposed closure of the Mt. Barker to Victor Harbor railway line. He read a copy of the letter sent to Minister Mr. Virgo about the chaotic situation in closure of the Strathalbyn section would cause, asking the minister to furnish comparison figures to justify the closure, being told obtaining the figures being too hard. Mr. Peter Ball pointed out that the present roads could not handle the harvest this season of 10,200 tonnes of barley and 6000 tonnes of wheat, 22 semi trailers needed daily in harvest travelling to and fro from Adelaide.

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Prefects for the Strathalbyn High School elected were Head prefects Russell Hagger and Loretta Brazzalotto, prefects Peter Bagley, Colin Cross, Malcolm Wyman, Stephen Redden, Kym Warren, Karyn Perry, Gayle Rose, Toni Thyer, Wendy Hassam, Karyn Hagger, and Jayne Warren.

100 YEARS AGO

from the files of the Southern Argus

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH, 1925

The Strathalbyn Racing Club held their annual general meeting in the Institute on Wednesday, February 4, when Mr. H. H. Butler (President) presided. The Secretary, Mr. G. D. Jones, read a lengthy report mentioning that since the formation of the club in 1922 more than 700 pounds has been spent on improvements, while the overdraft runs into 280 pounds. It was decided to run two race meetings for the year on April 1 and September 23. In the ballot for three new committee members for three years resulted in Messrs. R. H. Gooch, M. McKinnon and W. G. Watt being elected.

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Captain S.A.White, Chief Scout Commissioner, visited Macclesfield this week to inspect the scouts and present to Scout Master H.Ross with his warrant. Donations of three pounds 10 shillings were made to enable the scouts to procure a tent for camping.



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- Rebuilding Mount Barker ambulance station.
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Driver caught nine times over the legal limit at Strathalbyn

A drink driver was caught almost nine times over the legal limit in Strathalbyn on Monday night.

At about 11pm, police were called to a South Terrace service station after a witness reported a woman asleep behind

the wheel of a white Ford Escape while it was still running.

Police attended and submitted the driver to a breath test, where she provided a positive reading of 0.434.

The 41-year-old woman was reported for

drink driving, issued a 12-month immediate loss of licence, and had her car impounded for 28 days.

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

Two-car collision at Strathalbyn

By Giorgina McKay

Two drivers were treated for minor injuries after colliding their cars at Strathalbyn last Thursday.

Just before 9am, emergency services were called to the intersection of Chapel Street and Murray Street after two vehicles collided.

Both drivers were treated by SA Ambulance Service for minor injuries, and exchanged details with each other.

The cars were towed away.

Anti-violence campaign to run for consecutive year

A powerful advertising campaign against violence in the state's hospitals will be extended following the successful roll-out of ads last year.

Data shows there was an eight per cent increase in Code Blacks at SA hospitals from 12,118 incidents in 2023 to 13,090 incidents last year.

A Code Black is an incident or threat of aggression and can be called as a preventative measure to de-escalate a situation before an incident occurs, not just because a violent incident has occurred.

The 'Abuse shouldn't be part of the job' respectful behaviours campaign highlights the unacceptable abuse levelled at health workers, and calls for respect for doctors, nurses, ambos and other health workers.

The TV ad campaign is backed by six health unions and draws from real-life experiences of public hospital staff, featuring real workers and actors, supported by press, radio, outdoor, digital, and hospital-based advertising.

It ran from August 4 to September 14, with some digital and social advertising continuing on throughout until December, and an evaluation of the campaign found it was effective in reaching the South Australian public and ensuring staff felt supported, prompting the government to run it again this year.

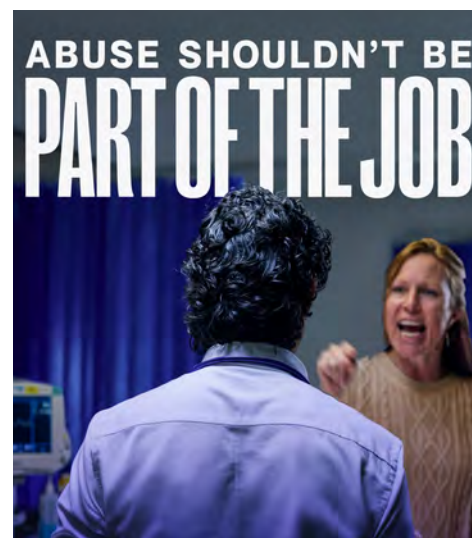
"Violence and abuse in our hospitals and health sites is completely unacceptable and will not be tolerated," Health Minister, Chris Picton, said.

"Day in, day out, our doctors, nurses and other health care staff give their all to care for South Australians.

"It is awful that anyone would threaten or harm our hard-working health care workers.

"We're running this ad campaign again to support our hardworking health staff, and highlight that such abuse, violence and threats against our staff has no place in our hospitals."

The ads will start running again in the next few weeks.



After a successful first run, the anti-violence ad campaign 'Abuse shouldn't be part of the job' will run again this year, starting in a few weeks' time.

Drivers charged at Murray Bridge

Four drivers were arrested for various traffic offences at Murray Bridge last week.

On Friday, February 14, Murray Bridge police stopped a car on Swanport Road for a random driver test, where checks revealed the driver, a 33-year-old Murray Bridge woman, was disqualified from driving.

She was reported for this offence and her car was impounded for 28 days.

She will be summonsed to appear in Murray Bridge Magistrates Court at a later date.

On Saturday, February 15, Murray Bridge police arrested a 40-year-old local man after he was stopped while driving on Adelaide Road.

The driver provided false details to police, and further investigations revealed the man was disqualified from driving.

He was arrested and charged with these offences, and was granted police bail to appear in court at a later date.

That same day, Murray Bridge police stopped a car travelling on Standen Street and breath tested the driver, a 31-year-old local man, who returned a positive result of 0.136 – nearly three times over the legal limit.

He was reported for drink driving, issued a six-month immediate loss of licence, and his vehicle was impounded for 28 days.

He will be summonsed to appear in Murray Bridge Magistrates Court at a later date.

On Sunday, February 16, Murray Bridge police reported a 32-year-old local man after he was stopped while driving on Cypress Terrace.

He submitted to a drug test where he returned a positive result for cannabis.

He was issued a three-month immediate loss of licence and may be reported pending an analysis of his sample by Forensic SA.

Offenders targeted in domestic violence operation

Almost 80 offenders were recently arrested for domestic violence-related and other criminal offences as a result of an ongoing, dedicated anti-domestic abuse operation.

Operation Storm is a state-wide

operation designed to focus on domestic abuse offenders identified as having 'risk indicators' which create an elevated level of threat to victims.

The primary goal is to take action against offenders who pose a threat to victims, resulting in a safer community.

During February, police targeted 374 offenders and attended 437 addresses, issuing 25 intervention orders and seven stalking cautions, executing 17 warrants for various domestic abuse offences, and laying 143 criminal charges.

Further, SA Police undertook 52 bail compliance checks and conducted two firearm prohibition compliance searches to ensure domestic abuse offenders were compliant with legislation.

Since the commencement of Operation Storm in July 2024, Deputy Commissioner of Police Linda Williams said 1012 offenders have been targeted and 1228 addresses attended, resulting in the arrest of 245 domestic violence offenders, the laying of 485 charges, and the issuance of 73 intervention orders.

"South Australia Police is dedicated to a proactive approach to domestic abuse, and

providing victims with the reassurance that we hold offenders accountable by conducting compliance checks and searches to detect offences and deter ongoing offending," she said.

"An offender focus approach saw 127 support referrals made for offenders to access rehabilitation services to curb or prevent further offending.

"This prevention approach has resulted in 123 perpetrators accessing the SAPOL website to access this material.

"It is a step in the right direction for these offenders to show they are willing to seek assistance to stop their abusive behaviour."

SAPOL assured it will continue to take actions against offenders who pose a threat to victims and hold them accountable, as well as taking opportunities to refer offenders to behaviour change programs.

"Our aim is to stop the violence toward victims," Deputy Commissioner Williams said.

"All members of our community have a right to be safe.

"Contact police or go to a family violence provider if you or someone you know is experiencing family violence."

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Reforms introduced for excessive defence laws

Following extensive consultation with law enforcement and the broader community, laws developed in response to the tragic killing of South East woman Synamin Bell were introduced to State Parliament this week.

Ms Bell was killed by her partner after he consumed hallucinogenic drugs that brought on a paranoid psychosis.

Although initially charged with murder, he was ultimately able to plead guilty to

manslaughter under the partial defence of excessive self-defence, receiving an 11-year jail sentence.

In response, the government developed reforms to prevent offenders from using a partial defence of excessive self-defence in cases where the accused's belief that their conduct was necessary for defensive purposes was substantially affected by self-intoxication.

"The killing of Synamin Bell was a needless tragedy that highlighted serious

concerns about the way our laws can operate in cases where a partial defence of excessive self-defence can be used," Attorney-General, Kyam Maher, said.

"It is a complex area of law, but one that we have moved on to address swiftly once the case involving Ms Bell's killer was finalised.

"We believe these changes address the concerns raised in this matter, while still allowing for appropriate use of a partial defence of excessive self-defence."

Goolwa support group calls for more wildlife corridors



By Deirdre Graham

A Goolwa-based wildlife support group is calling for more wildlife corridors within and between housing developments as the Fleurieu and Hills region undergoes its development boom.

Deanne Smith, who runs Alexandrina Wildlife Support Group, said increasing development was driving animals into backyards where they were often unwelcome, with recent hot weather escalating the problem.

“Given the development that occurs around the place you do notice the bird flock numbers increase,” Miss Smith said.

“For example... there have been so many pine trees that have been knocked down and the Black Cockatoos love the pine trees, and now those poor things, you see them flying around the skies looking for somewhere to roost.

“The way the developments are happening, trees are coming down and you do see either reduced numbers or poor animals that are basically just lost because their home has gone.

“A lot of people are (also) knocking down trees (in their yards) and then they find the brushtail (possums) are in their houses or brushtails are invading other brushtail territory as well because the trees are getting cut down and blocks are getting cleared.

“They really do need to factor in more trees and native animal corridors.”

A State Government spokesperson told *The Southern Argus* large subdivisions of more than 20 allotments must set aside at least 12.5 per cent of the land for open space.

Smaller subdivisions could require an open space contribution fee paid to the Planning and Development Fund instead,



Wildlife campaigner Deanne Smith is calling for wildlife corridors to be factored into housing developments.

with the amount based on the number of allotments and the rate set by regulations.

The spokesperson said the draft Greater Adelaide Regional Plan, which was released for consultation in September 2024, is currently being finalised and will set clear direction for:

- Increased urban greening, including a more ambitious tree canopy target to prioritise investment where it is needed most.

- Protecting significant environmental areas from growth, and providing biodiversity to help the environment and to store carbon.

In May last year the State Government strengthened planning regulation to better protect Adelaide’s urban tree canopy, and safeguard large mature trees.

“The new regulations protect trees with a smaller trunk circumference, place pruning limits on protected trees, reduce exemptions for trees based on distance from homes and pools and provide flexibility to adapt the exempt species list to local needs and

community views,” the spokesperson said.

“Fees for destroying or removing protected trees have also increased.

“The money collected goes into either local councils’ urban tree funds or into the South Australian Government’s Planning and Development Fund and is used to either plant, establish and maintain trees or to purchase land to preserve or accommodate the planting of new trees.”

Minister for Planning Nick Champion has also requested the Commission to undertake a program of tree policy work, including:

- Preparing a design standard to provide minimum urban tree planting and maintenance requirements for public spaces in greenfield developments.

- Extending urban tree canopy requirements in greenfield developments in ‘Master Planned Neighbourhood Zones’ and townships and extending regulated and significant tree protections to townships, capturing urban areas beyond metropolitan Adelaide.

A Department for Environment and Water spokesperson said while developers are not required to provide wildlife corridors as such in developments, they do have to provide open spaces.

“New developments generally avoid impacting large patches of habitat, including large trees, which is an essential first step in minimising the effects of habitat loss,” the spokesperson said.

“Developments which attempt to limit the loss of habitat generally result in more positive outcomes for wildlife.”

Meanwhile, in its submission to the Greater Adelaide Regional Plan discussion paper, the Hills and Fleurieu Landscape Board noted its concerns about the need to protect existing vegetation and restoring functional terrestrial vegetation habitats across the productive and natural landscapes.

“The Greater Adelaide region contains one of Australia’s 15 biodiversity hotspots, and its diversity is in crisis,” the Board stated.

“In the Mount Lofty Ranges (for example) 113 bird species are on a declining trajectory, and 52 species are rated as being at immediate risk of extinction.

“To slow and reverse the extinction debt that the Greater Adelaide region faces due to historical clearance, habitat restoration (including revegetation of cleared areas) is required across substantial parts of the region.


“The current extent of native vegetation habitats in Greater Adelaide and status quo are not enough to prevent the loss of significant numbers of species.

“All new urban development should consider habitat connectivity and natural buffer zones.”

The submission states offsets for native vegetation clearance attempt to reduce the impacts of vegetation loss associated with development, but rarely provide ‘like for like’ habitat, and mature, hollow-bearing trees are often lost.




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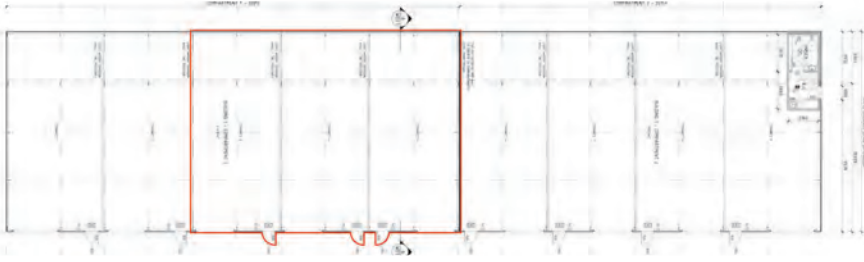
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Last year's event. Photo: Community Living Australia



All welcome at All Abilities Festival

One of South Australia's most accessible sports and wellbeing events for people living with disability will make its return to Murray Bridge on Wednesday.

Disability support provider Community Living Australia (CLA) announced that the All Abilities Festival will return to Murray Bridge Swimming Centre for its fourth year, featuring swimming competitions, pool and lawn games, music, dancing and inclusive 'come and try' sports.

The annual festival, presented in partnership with Rural City of Murray Bridge and Anytime Fitness Murray Bridge, provides accessible drop-off zones, venue access via ramps and fully accessible facilities.

All activities are inclusive and hosted to encourage participation.

A dedicated quiet zone will also be in operation.

CLA Chief Executive Mark Kulinski said the festival has become a summer favourite on the Murraylands event calendar, continuing to attract attendees across South Australia.

"We are proud of the community that All Abilities Festival continues to attract each year, and in 2025, we are excited for more organisations joining in and people travelling from across South Australia not wanting to miss out," Mr Kulinski said.

"The festival is quite simply for everyone, regardless of skill levels or abilities.

"Everyone is welcome and celebrated".

Mr Kulinski thanked the Rural City of Murray Bridge, Anytime Fitness Murray

Bridge, and the Murray Bridge Swimming Centre for their support.

All Abilities Festival is open to people living with disability aged 16 and above.

Tickets are limited and available to purchase now for only \$15 per person, with bookings open online.

Support workers of paid attendees are admitted free of charge.

Attendees will receive a gift bag and lunch pack with purchase.

For further information on All Abilities Festival visit the Facebook event or (<https://www.claust.com.au/events/aaf-pool-party>).

For All Abilities Festival tickets visit (<https://events.humanitix.com/all-abilities-festival-pool-party-2025>).

Our View

Thursday, February 20, 2025

Our water woes

Everyone knows 2024 was a dry year. For example, official figures have Strathalbyn receiving just 68 per cent of its average over the 12 months.

For most of us it doesn't impact that much - maybe the garden needs the sprinkler turned on for a bit longer.

And then maybe we think about our farmers.

For example, dryland and grape growers who would like to put the last season behind them and try to look forward to the next one.

While the Strathalbyn area fared better than many others, the struggle was still evident.

Now though *The Southern Argus* can reveal the ongoing drought is seeing hundreds of Hills Fleurieu households struggling to access water for drinking, showering and cooking due to the low rainfall.

These are homes and properties without access to mains water supplies who rely on alternative water such as back-up water tanks.

These are supplies that would normally help protect homes from bushfire.

The situation is so dire water carting businesses are reporting an unprecedented number of requests for supplies, but already have such a backlog of requests it is causing delays.

This, you would think, would not be a first world problem.

It sounds more like something that would happen in the less wealthy of the world's nations - those where people walk hundreds of kilometres a week just to get enough water to drink or cook with.

Not just down the road, for example.

The demand is being seen by those who, over even more than a decade, have never had to have water carted in.

And with the dry weather looking to be with us for some time yet, the battle for this basic need can only escalate.

We still have months before the current fire season ends as well, which is also a concern.

For many, the water supplies that they now have to dip into was water reserved for any fire outbreaks.

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Letters to the Editor

Urgent commitment to brain health

Dear Editor,
In 2025 there are an estimated 35,000 people living with dementia in South Australia, and without a significant intervention, this is expected to increase to an estimated 55,600 by 2054.

That's why Dementia Australia is leading a call for a national conversation on dementia and brain health to raise community awareness of dementia, combined with more targeted and effective supports for people

impacted by dementia.

Taking this dual approach will ensure we are working towards reducing the impact of all forms of dementia.

Dementia Australia is here 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year.

If you or a loved one have a diagnosis of dementia or mild cognitive impairment, or you're concerned about changes to your cognition or that of a loved one, contact the National Dementia Helpline on 1800 100 500.

*Professor Tanya Buchanan,
Dementia Australia CEO*

The know in the FLEURIEU ...

How do you enjoy spending the warmer days?

**Kathy Brown,
Currency Creek**



"Outside with the animals."

**Mal Sutcliffe,
Strathalbyn**



"In the company of friends and maybe a cold beer."

**Roger Scott,
Murray Bridge**



"Inside, under the air-conditioning, knitting beanies while watching the cricket."

**Craig Maidment,
Strathalbyn**



"Binge watching Netflix in air-conditioned comfort with a cold drink or two."



Mount Barker residents Julie Kemp, Geoff Kemp, Isaac Harris-McCarthy, Kerrie McCarthy, Margaret Herries, Gloria Lang and Cheryl Hagivassinis aim to work with council on the maintenance of a basin. Photo: Andy Rasheed/Eyefood Visual Sustenance



The community meeting in Callington where the two recent fires at the Neutrog Kanmantoo site were raised as an item of concern. Photo: Tara Nash

Neutrog seeks public feedback

By Tara Nash

Following two recent fires within one week, Kanmantoo's Neutrog is seeking feedback from the local community for an engagement plan, which will help communicate around concerns such as fire and odour.

The recent fires sparked at the fertiliser site became a hot topic among concerned local residents at a community forum at Callington earlier this month.

The site has also had reportedly about 10 fires since 2018.

Neutrog since released that an application has been lodged to return to its original composting process, which would change the height and shape of the composting piles, which they claim would reduce odour and fire risk.

The draft Community Engagement Action Plan states the company wants to work with the community in a "collaborative and non-confrontational way" and to "reassure the local community" that Neutrog is "operating in the correct manner".

Future engagement methods could be online, community meetings or open days, site tours or fact sheets.

A draft has already been sent to Environment Protection Authority.

Community feedback is open until the end of this month and the new plan will be released in March.

Basin maintenance takes a pause



By Tara Nash

Maintenance on a residential waterway in Mount Barker has been halted for further consultation following concerns sparked by local residents about the potential impacts to the natural ecosystem and wildlife.

The wetland – located at Wilkinson Court within the Memorial Walkway Reserve – has been used as a water management resource for stormwater since the late 1980s.

It is the third largest natural waterway in the town and feeds into Walkers Flat Creek, Keith Stephenson Lake and Laratinga Wetlands.

According to local residents, it has been providing an "important biodiversity corridor" for native flora and fauna, and they believe the water appears "clear, full of life and is flourishing" during the drought.

The subdivision area above the waterway has an application for a housing development of 182 residential sites.

A recent sign notifying of planned maintenance work sparked concerns from nearby residents aiming to protect the habitat for breeding frogs, tortoises and migratory birds.

While residents reported it was "unclear" of the specifics of planned maintenance, a

council spokesperson later explained to *The Argus* that it included desilting to the central part of the basin to improve water capacity lost due to build-up, which generally uses an excavator.

This reduces the chances of downstream flooding and captures sediment to improve water quality, the spokesperson said.

It also maintains the water body with a deep section to foster increased diversity and habitat which, over time, has decreased as a result of reeds growing in the silt bed.

While some vegetation would be affected, the council spokesperson assured that it would balance out with the environmental benefit of stormwater management.

After meeting with local residents, council paused the maintenance for at least until the end of the financial year to provide further consultation and focus on the process of informing the public.

"The environmental benefit and habitat stormwater basins provide is extremely important for the urban environment with consideration to the management of stormwater hydrology and quality," a spokesperson said.

The pause was welcomed by nearby resident Kerrie McCarthy, who also gave a deputation to council earlier this month calling for more transparency and for community consultation and for long-term solutions that value biodiversity.

Ms McCarthy said that a group of concerned residents – who are already planting and watering trees on the reserve – aim to collaborate with council to enhance the community space that provides "liveability, urban cooling and wellbeing" in a growing town.

In her deputation, she suggested several low impact methods that preserve biological corridors with an offset, such as establishing sacrificial dredging pond upstream that captures dust/silt created on the proposed development site.

This would be away from Memorial Walkway Wetland and disturbing the waterway's ecosystems and supporting future infrastructure.

A recent FloraSights report recorded the presence of the native water rat, banjo frog and spotted marsh frog in the waterway, and recommended council take actions to conserve biodiversity, such as conducting a survey to identify species and undertaking revegetation and consider infrastructure alternatives.

The report found erosion along the drainage line is being "exacerbated" by the lack of perennial vegetation due to aggressive weed management and adding more plant species would be a quick, cost-effective and long-term solution to decreasing water movement and stopping erosion of the waterway corridor.

Dead trees scheduled for removal in Strathalbyn

Five dead trees, including one planted in the 1930s, will be removed and more pruned of dead wood in Strathalbyn's Soldiers Memorial Gardens and Lions Park as part of maintenance works undertaken by Alexandrina Council.

Acting on the recommendations of an arborist report conducted late last year after a community member raised concerns about the health of a historic Stone Pine (*Pinus pinea*) near the rotunda, more than 20 trees in the gardens and park will be pruned of dead wood, including the historic Stone Pine which was one of the original trees planted in the precinct in the late 1800s.

The work will also include the removal of three dead or dying Cotton Palms (*Washingtonia robusta*) at the eastern end of the Children's Bridge – one of which is an original planting from the 1930s that has been assessed as having reached the end of its life span, and the two others which were planted as replacements sometime between 2001 and 2004 following the collapse of an original palm during a storm.

Drought conditions in the ensuing years

and more recent seasonal damage caused by little Corellas have contributed to their demise.

Due to their heritage value, the removal of the Cotton Palms was referred to State Heritage for advice and to PlanSA, and has been approved.

A fourth Cotton Palm believed to be an original planting but located away from the Children's Bridge is in good condition and will remain.

"Back in 1999, a conservation and management study of the Strathalbyn Soldiers Memorial Gardens was conducted by the University of Adelaide, and the Cotton Palms were classified as having 'high aesthetic value,'" Council's Chief Executive Officer, Andrew MacDonald, said.

"It was recommended that council plant two replacement palms in anticipation that the veteran *Washingtonia robusta* would reach the end of their life.

"Sadly, the replacement palms have died and the remaining palm has reached the end of its life span, and for public safety reasons they need to be removed.

"In line with the management plan for

the gardens, we have sought advice from State Heritage regarding their replacement, which will be close to their original location and equal distance from the path near the Children's Bridge.

"We are sourcing advanced Cotton Palms from interstate, and they will be planted this year when the seasonal rains arrive and conditions are optimal."

Two small dead Eucalypts will also be removed from the banks of the Angas River as they pose a risk to park users and have been assessed as providing limited habitat value.

In the cooler months, council will plant Eucalypts and smaller species along the river's edge on the downstream section of the park between the last weir and St Andrew's Bridge.

"Ground anchors will be used to secure the root ball thereby eliminating the need for unsightly staking and cabling," Mr MacDonald said.

"The retaining bricks that surround the base of the palms will be removed, as they do not conform to the heritage of the gardens."

Works began on Monday and are expected to take up to 10 days to complete.



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Laneway Festival

RATING



I'm going to start this off with a controversial take and say music festivals are not my scene.

I am more acclimated to concerts and small gigs in venues that I am familiar with rather than large crowds packed into an open space that in reality feels more like a sardine can by the end of the night.

That will sound contradictory to the rating I have given, but just because music festivals are not my scene doesn't mean I don't understand the importance of them to the industry and local artists, and to enticing some of the bigger acts to come to towns like Adelaide.

While most people were there to see the headliner, Charli XCX, I was there on one mission and one mission only – to see DJO.

Before he was announced in the festival's line-up, I had resigned myself to the fact I would never see him perform live, and therefore, never get to tick one of the biggest items off my bucket list.

Not only because he's primarily an actor first, but he had never done an overseas tour, much less a fully-fledged one around America – his home country.

But with his track *End of Beginning* spontaneously skyrocketing off the charts and by some other miracle, he decided to announce a tour – of which included all the pitstops Laneway was making around the country over the past few weeks.

That's why I believe festivals like Laneway are so important.

It allows fans to see artists they would never in their wildest dream believe they could see, particularly in towns that often get overshadowed by some of these said bigger artists.

Not that I think DJO would do that, but for fans of Charli XCX and others, this could be their once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

It also is a great showcase for some of the smaller and/or local acts like Divebar Youth, Skeggs, and Twine.

So, thank you to the organisers for giving me the opportunity to see my favourite artist on the planet.

Southern Country Shows Association celebrates its best

By Deirdre Graham

The Southern Country Shows Association celebrated its finest aggregate award winners in a recent ceremony at Strathalbyn.

The association is made up of seven shows – Coonalpyn, Murray Bridge, Callington, Strathalbyn, Port Elliot, Yankalilla and Uraidla – with the award night all about celebrating those who have polled best over two or more shows in 2024.

Association President Julianne Wandel said the turn-out at the Strathalbyn Show Hall was a testament to the health of the local show communities.

"People are saying, 'Oh, I can enter a few things next year' or 'I can go to another show', or some of the parents whose children have things in juniors say 'well, I can have a go next year,'" Mrs Wandel said.

"From my own perspective, I have a granddaughter who has become a rather keen show cook, so she was there and she has got so enthused.



Photography – Finalists Grant Petras, Julie-Anne Jacobs, and Greg Tansell; Winner Gary Davies; Third Nicole Rix; and Finalists Carol Coventry and Rebekah Doecke.

"My daughter has become a bit enthused about things too."

Mrs Wandel said about 287 people had entered in two or more of the southern shows last year.

She said the different shows have much in common, including the difficulty in bringing in new volunteers.

"Especially as some country areas are getting smaller in population, with not so many people, it is a bit trickier to attract people," Mrs Wandel said.

"Often people are happy to come to the

shows, but not put their hands up, as they are all busy people too.

"In Coonalpyn we have one of the smallest shows in the state, but we have got quite a lot of young people.

"They might be away for work but they always come back to help run sections and help out on Show Day.

"Our show won the Innovation Award this year, and I am so pleased I got my act together and nominated the fellas properly because they deserved that recognition."

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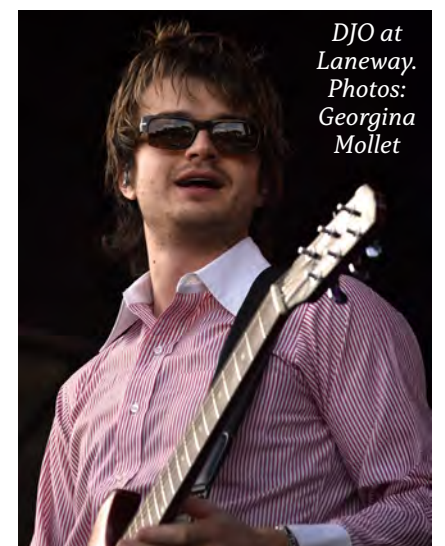
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Mike Linscott reflects on his late wife Carole and the contribution she made to the Milang community, including helping fundraise for the Milang Lakeside Butter Factory. Photo: Tara Nash. BELOW: The late Carole Linscott.

Reflecting on a beloved volunteer

By Tara Nash

One of the leaders in fundraising for the purchase of the Milang Lakeside Butter Factory, the late Carole Elizabeth Linscott, is being remembered for her ability to connect with and volunteer for communities.

She sadly passed away at 84 years old last month, and after 66 years of marriage to Mike, who described her as a "beautiful, intelligent" woman.

"She was an amazing person - I miss her terribly," Mike said.

"I have photographs on my wall from when she was 18 and she was a stunner - no wonder I fell in love with her - I truly love her to bits."

After the couple retired, they moved to Milang about 25 years ago and became active members of Milang and District Community Association (MADCA), and Carole poured countless hours into co-ordinating markets over about 12 years which helped fundraise for purchasing the historic Milang Lakeside Butter Factory.

Tradespeople and more than 100 volunteers dedicated more than 12,000 hours into its restoration, which paid off when it opened last year.

"She was passionate about this whole place," Mike said.

"She loved Milang and the history and (the Butter Factory) caught her imagination.

"She wanted to get involved with the community and get things done - she was an organiser.



"She was one of those people who liked to work behind the scenes."

While she was unable to see the opening due to health reasons, she was "thrilled" to learn that their dream had come to fruition.

Another legacy she left was being a first aid instructor and Life Member of St. John Ambulance, and also an instructor for SA Ambulance Service, as well as working as a teacher.

This came full circle as when she passed away in an ambulance between hospitals, with the driver and attendant both coincidentally her former students.

The couple moved around for much of their lives, including South Africa, Clare, Salisbury and Kangaroo Island, and Carole often got involved with community theatre where they went.

In Rhodesia, she even led the building and production of an amateur theatre company with a gifted old shed that was previously a cinema, and by salvaging old timber from a railway station.

The couple had four children - Glenda, Stephen, Cathy and Peter - nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Married for 66 years, the couple shared a "passionate love" over their lives, and the secret, Mike believed, is understanding.

"There were lots of door slamming... but you work through it and come together again," he said.

"Her brain was just incredible - to me, she an amazing woman.

"We loved each other dearly."



Milang daughter and mother, Madi and Vanessa Oliver, have already fundraised more than \$21,000 ahead of the upcoming Shitbox Rally.

Family fundraises more than \$50,000



By Tara Nash

A Milang family has raised more than \$50,000 for the Cancer Council during their three years of participating in the Shitbox Rally.

Vanessa and Wes Oliver, and their daughter Madi, have alternated turns in joining a fleet of 'shitbox' cars worth under \$1500 which drive through outback communities to fundraise for cancer research.

Shitbox Rally is the largest community-led fundraiser for Cancer Council, and has raised more than \$50 million over 15 years.

The Olivers have formed the team Stickers, named for two reasons - as a nod to Lightning McQueen's nickname in Cars, and also a friend's nickname who gave them their first car.

In three months, Vanessa and Madi will venture from Perth to Darwin, including through towns of Murchison, Pardoo Roadhouse, Derby and Home Valley.

Just one more rally and their Falcoln would have almost completed an entire lap of the country, which Vanessa believed would be a "pretty cool goal to achieve".

The family shows no sign of slowing down with Shitbox Rally, as Vanessa described the experience as "quite addictive".

"You make lifelong friends out of it," she said.

"You quite often run into previous ralliers who you've done it with before."

So far, the mother and daughter duo have raised more than \$21,000, including \$7830 at a recent fundraiser at Macclesfield

Hotel, which had more than 70 people enjoying live music, food, auctions and raffles.

"It was a very good day," Vanessa said. "It gets people together and talking, and it just makes it a really good event to raise money for a serious cause."

Plenty of generous community members and businesses once again got behind the important cause, including Luke Angel who sadly lost his wife Tahila after receiving a Stage 4 breast cancer diagnosis at just 29 years old.

Vanessa thanked everyone for their support, finding it "means the world" to receive donations and sponsorship and that "every bit counts".

The Olivers are posting updates of their adventure on their Facebook page 'Shitbox Rally - Stickers'.



Luke and Hallie Angel are sponsoring the team for the second year running.

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With ample room for customisation, you can tailor it to fit your needs.

Positioned for easy access to open riding areas, the stable makes exploring your land simple and convenient.

The charming three-bedroom home is thoughtfully designed for both practicality and relaxation.

Each bedroom has ceiling fans for a cool retreat on warm summer nights.

The open-plan living area is filled with natural light, creating a warm and welcoming space that blends indoor and outdoor living.

The well-equipped kitchen offers plenty of storage and picturesque views, making meal prep a delight.

At the heart of the home, a slow-combustion heater keeps the living room cosy during chilly winter evenings.

Whether you're unwinding after a long day or hosting guests, this home is the perfect balance of comfort and charm.

Property features:

- 83.21 hectares | 205 acres
- Three bedrooms
- Slow combustion heater

- Ceiling fans
- Breathtaking views
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- 12m x 12m stable
- 2 x 4.5 yards x 4 yards inside stable
- Ample rain water tanks

Hartley, South Australia, is a charming rural locality nestled in the picturesque Adelaide Hills region.

Known for its stunning natural landscapes and tranquil ambiance, Hartley offers a serene escape from the hustle and bustle of city life.

The area is characterised by rolling hills, lush greenery, and expansive bushland, making it a haven for nature enthusiasts and those seeking a peaceful rural lifestyle.

Despite its tranquil setting, Hartley is conveniently located within easy reach of local amenities and attractions, providing a perfect balance of seclusion and accessibility.

Whether you're exploring the scenic countryside, visiting nearby vineyards, or simply enjoying the serene environment, Hartley captures the essence of country living with its idyllic charm and natural beauty.



Twin parks treasure

Address: 3-17 Edinburgh Road, Strathalbyn

Price: \$530,000 - \$550,000

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Imagine living in the serene and sought after Twin Parks estate in Strathalbyn.

This beautifully maintained three-

bedroom home on Edinburgh Road offers you the perfect blend of comfort and convenience, all set on an easy-care allotment that allows you to spend less time on maintenance and more time enjoying life.

This exceptional home, built by the reputable Smith Builders, boasts a picturesque, leafy setting, just a short stroll away from local township facilities.

Step inside to find a thoughtfully designed floor plan featuring a warm entrance hall that welcomes you.

The spacious north-facing open-plan lounge, dining area, and kitchen are perfect for both relaxation and entertaining.

The generous master bedroom includes a

walk-through robe, while the second bedroom offers a built-in wardrobe, ensuring that you have ample storage space.

Enjoy the convenience of a well-designed two-way bathroom, along with a large laundry and a single garage equipped with front and rear roller doors.

Stay comfortable year-round with reverse cycle split system air conditioning, gas heating, high ceilings that enhance the sense of space, roller shutters for added privacy, and quality window treatments that add a touch of elegance.

Step through the open-plan space to your manageable rear yard, perfect for quiet evenings or hosting gatherings.

This inviting outdoor area features a charming entertaining space, a generously sized workshop/storage shed for your projects, and rainwater storage plumbed directly to the home.

This home at Number Three in Twin Parks stands out as a prime choice within the community, thanks to its lovely north-facing position, spacious shed, and the unique advantage of having no neighbours on the eastern side, ensuring peace and privacy.

Don't miss out on the opportunity to call one of Strathalbyn's most coveted locations your home. Embrace the tranquillity and community spirit that Twin Parks offers - your new lifestyle awaits!



Privacy and open-book potential

Address: 42 Gundaroo Road, Finnis
Price: Best offers over \$925,000
Open: Saturday, February 22
 10.00 - 10.45am
Agent: Raine & Horne Strathalbyn
 Rural SA RLA316138
Contact: Paul Clifford 0427 796 144

4 Beds 1 Bath 0 Cars 30Ha

Nestled in a prime pocket of countryside, this hidden 30-hectare (74.5-acre) gem at 42 Gundaroo Road, Finnis, is a dream find for the lifestyle buyer, seclusion seeker or horse lover, just 10 minutes from Strathalbyn and

its racecourse.

Yet it's not all sawdust and stock yards, unless you want it to be.

With the compass pointing just minutes from the holiday mecca of Goolwa Beach and the charm of Finnis village at your fingertips, this prime real estate represents the joy of country living, without sacrificing convenience.

From its quiet, no-through road position, the home's four-bedroom (plus dedicated home office) floorplan is comfort, simplicity and practicality all rolled into one, providing the ultimate reply for a day on the tools.

It's an all-weather entertainer's deck, bound by café blinds and a blissful Finnis landscape.

Whisk yourself away for a life far less complicated, with the scope to improve

and extend (STCC), taking advantage of the lay of the land's open-book potential for something extra special in years to come.

Equipped with mains power and water, extensive hay and implement shedding (including a shearing shed), plus sheep and cattle yards, the property is also well-prepared for farming pursuits.

Whether you're running horses, growing hay or grazing livestock, the flatter, easy-to-work land with a sprinkling of pink gums provides endless beauty and opportunity against a backdrop of rolling paddocks.

Why not stretch the lifestyle limits as far as these open fields allow, from a feel-good Fleurieu base.

Property features:

- Comfortable four-bed/One-bath home

with generous undercover entertaining area

- Jindara wood fire plus split system air conditioner
- Gas hot plates and oven
- Implement shedding including two stand shearing shed and stock yards
- Finnis scheme mains water connection plus 50,000 litres of rainwater storage
- Single phase power connection
- Located on a quiet no-through road
- Chook house and woodshed

Location: Six kms from Finnis, 13kms from Strathalbyn, 14kms from Strath Racecourse, 24kms from Goolwa, 28kms from Mt Compass, 62kms from the Tollgate and 73kms from Adelaide International Airport (all approx.)

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42 Gundaroo Road,
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 4 Bed 1 Bath 30ha (74.5acres)

- 30 ha (74.5acres) nestled in a prime pocket of countryside with a 4 bed 1 bath home
- Equipped with mains power & water, extensive shedding, sheep & cattle yards
- Running horses, growing hay or grazing livestock the easy to work land is well prepared for farming pursuits

Guide \$975,000+

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18 Bridge Road,
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 6 Bed 4 Bath 2 Car

- Exceptional two-storey home, a flexible floorplan with 6 or 7 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, plus multiple living areas
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- Twin Parks Treasure - beautifully maintained 3 bedroom home a short stroll to township facilities
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- The rear yard has an inviting entertainment space, a workshop/storage shed and rainwater storage
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3 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, 2 cars, 335m2

Ray White Strathalbyn | Murray Bridge proudly presents an immaculate three-bedroom, one-bathroom home situated on a 335sqm allotment at 5/15 Ashbourne Road. Stepping inside, you are welcomed into a spacious and inviting open-plan living area.

A beautiful bay window allows natural light to pour in, creating a warm and airy atmosphere.

The recently updated kitchen is both stylish and functional, featuring ample cupboard space to neatly store all your kitchen essentials.

A skylight enhances the space with additional brightness, while the breakfast bar provides the perfect spot to enjoy a peaceful morning coffee or catch up on the day's news.

This home offers three generously sized bedrooms, with bedrooms one and two featuring built-in robes for convenient storage.

The Master bedroom is thoughtfully designed with a ceiling fan, ensuring comfort during those warm summer nights.

Stepping outside, a low-maintenance, paved courtyard awaits, giving you more

time to relax and enjoy your weekends.

Forget about mowing the lawn; instead, unwind in your private outdoor retreat, where you can simply sit back, relax, and take it all in.

For those with a green thumb, the yard includes built-in garden beds, ready for your personal touch.

Whether you envision a vibrant vegetable patch filled with summer greens or a charming country-style garden, there is plenty of space to create your ideal outdoor sanctuary.

Property features:

- 1985 built
- 335sqm allotment
- Three spacious bedrooms
- Built-in robe
- Recently updated kitchen
- Recently painted through out

- 5m x 5.4m carport
- Split system air conditioning
- Sky light
- Fully fenced yard

Nearby features include:

- One-minute walk to the football oval
- Two-minute drive to Woolworths
- Two-minute drive to the local cafes
- Two-minute drive to the local pool

Located in the beautiful township of Strathalbyn, minutes to all amenities including parklands, shops, public transport, and schools, this property exemplifies the ease of living and sets the benchmark for style and quality. Strathalbyn is only a short 20-minute drive to Mt Barker or the rural city of Murray Bridge.

Charming, spacious and ready to call home

Address: 6 Orana Street, Milang

Price Guide: \$530,000 - \$570,000

Agent: Ray White Strathalbyn
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3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 3 cars, 890m2

Ray White Strathalbyn | Murray Bridge proudly presents a 2009-built, three-bedroom, two-bathroom home situated on a spacious 897sqm allotment at 6 Orana Street, Milang.

Stepping inside, you are welcomed into a spacious and inviting open-plan living area - the true heart of the home.

Designed for both comfort and connection, this generous space is perfect for gathering and unwinding.

The well-appointed kitchen boasts ample storage, sleek stainless steel appliances, and a spacious breakfast bar-ideal for your morning coffee or assisting with homework while dinner simmers on the stove.

This home offers three well-sized bedrooms, each thoughtfully designed for comfort.

The Master suite features its own private ensuite and a generous walk-in robe, creating a serene retreat.

The two additional bedrooms are equally spacious, complete with built-in robes, ceiling fans, and split-system air conditioning, ensuring year-round comfort.

Step outside to a stunning undercover alfresco area, fully enclosed with roller blinds for year-round enjoyment.

Whether hosting a lively gathering or simply unwinding in a private retreat, this space is designed for effortless entertaining-rain or shine.

For those in need of extra storage or workspace, the impressive 12m x 6m garage offers ample room for a camper-van, work trailer, or even a dedicated workshop for the handyman to bring their projects to life.

The expansive backyard provides plenty of space for children and pets to run and play, surrounded by beautifully established, low-maintenance gardens - giving you more time to enjoy your weekends.

But the true hidden gem awaits - tucked away amidst fairy magic, a charming cubby house is ready to spark imagination.

Whether hosting a royal tea party or planning a superhero mission, this enchanting space is sure to delight the little adventurers of the family.

With its thoughtful design, generous living spaces, and exceptional outdoor features, this home offers a perfect blend of comfort, functionality, and charm. Whether you're entertaining, unwinding, or watching little imaginations run wild, every corner has something special to offer.

Internal features:

- 2009-built
- Three spacious bedrooms
- Master with walk-in robe
- Built-in robes
- Four x split system air conditioning
- Ceiling fans
- Stainless steel appliances

External features:

- 897sqm allotment
- 3.3m x 9.4m decked alfresco
- Roller blinds
- 5m x 5.6m patio
- 12m x 6m garage
- Cubby house
- Solar
- Ample rainwater tanks

Nearby features:

- Two-minute drive to the Milang Pier Hotel
- Two-minute drive to the Milang Bakery
- Two-minute drive to the historical Anzac Park
- Two-minute drive to Eastern Fleurieu School Milang Campus
- Three-minute drive to the Milang jetty

Conveniently located, you are situated just 12 minutes from Strathalbyn, 10 minutes from the Langhorne Creek wine region, 20 minutes from Goolwa, and 40 minutes from Victor Harbour. For city commuters, you are only an hour from the Adelaide CBD.



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Currency Creek duo Sache and Kathy Brown welcome others to an upcoming information day on dog herding. INSET: Sache hard at work.
Photos: Tara Nash



Event unleashes world of trialling



By Tara Nash

Sache is the four-legged assistant on Kathy Brown's Currency Creek property, who has a natural instinct to run and herd sheep by a mere command.

While she has learned on the job, some of her specific skills are inherent, passed down her bloodline.

"She reads sheep better than I do – there's just an inherent desire to work anything that moves," Ms Brown said.

"The instinct that these dogs have and what they can learn to do is just amazing." Ms Brown is the Treasurer and judge of

Herding Dog Club of SA, which is an affiliate of Dogs SA and promote Australian National Kennel Council (ANKC) herding.

She is welcoming people to an upcoming information day which outlines trialling, rules, courses, and provides demonstrations.

Those interested in starting trialling or moving up through the levels and wanting a better understanding of requirements will benefit from the day.

Ms Brown described the sport as a "bit addictive" and it aims to encourage dog breeders to assess and maintain the skills of their dogs' bloodline.

The program welcomes a variety of breeds that were originally herding dogs – such as more traditional border collies and kelpies through to cattle dogs, german shepherds or rottweilers – many of whom have had their

skills bred out of them.

Participants can progressively advance through stages right from beginners, and receive certificate of their level.

Visitors of the upcoming day will also learn about other upcoming events during the season which runs from about April to October.

The program can have four trials a year – typically held at Currency Creek, Murray Bridge, Mannum or Adelaide – and dogs herd cattle, sheep or ducks.

While other events welcome dogs, this is a theory-based session for humans only.

The information day is held at Currency Creek on March 2, from 9am to 4pm, with bookings essential.

For further information, search 'Herding Dog Club of SA' on Facebook.



Keepers are warned to keep an eye on potential Varroa Mite cases.

Bee keepers urged to bee-ware

By Deirdre Graham

Local beekeepers are being urged to keep a look out for Varroa Mite in a bid to keep the state free of the scourge.

PIRSA has been conducting a series of free workshops for apiarists, including recently in Murray Bridge, to bring them up to speed on the latest information following the mite being detected in Mildura, Victoria, in August last year.

"It is important to note there is currently no detection of Varroa Mite in South Australia," a PIRSA spokesperson said.

"However, unfortunately Varroa Mite is not considered eradicable at the national level, which is why the SA Varroa Detection Response and Transition to Management Plan was developed with industries to minimise the impact and prepare beekeepers and pollination industries for the expected arrival of Varroa.

"It is estimated that the establishment of Varroa Mite in Australia could result in losses of more than \$70 million a year to pollination dependent industries across the country, which is why preparation is so important."

The spokesperson said PIRSA was using border control measures to help prevent varroa mites entering the state.

"This relies on beekeepers monitoring their hives, maintaining records, and submitting suspect and positive samples to PIRSA for analysis," the spokesperson said.

"We are working with industry groups to promote awareness of the risks and preventative measures.

"Last year PIRSA also employed three Varroa Development Officers and a co-ordinator dedicated to assisting beekeepers to develop skills and knowledge necessary to prepare for and manage Varroa."

The Varroa Mite workshops have been run by the National Varroa Mite Management Plan and held in Clare, Renmark, Murray Bridge, Mount Gambier and Adelaide, with another three workshops scheduled for early to mid-2025.

"It is critical that beekeepers are aware of their requirements and restrictions for moving bees, hives and other apiary products," the spokesperson said.

"Registered beekeepers will be notified by PIRSA if detections occur in South Australia."

If beekeepers have any signs of Varroa Mite in their hives, they are urged to contact the Exotic Plant Pest Hotline on 1800 084 881 or email (PIRSA.beebiosecurity@sa.gov.au).

For advice on Varroa management or to contact a VDO, refer to the Varroa pages on the PIRSA website.

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Vintage kicks off at Langhorne Creek

By Tara Nash

Winemakers, grape growers and industry players in Langhorne Creek have officially started harvest season, marked by a breakfast that has been a long-running tradition for more than 20 years.

However, not everyone was able to attend, as some were busy picking to avoid fruit damage from the hot weather.

Langhorne Creek Grape and Wine Incorporated Executive Officer Lian Jaensch said vintage started up to a fortnight earlier than usual, beginning with sparkling-based and white varieties.

"The warmer weather is pushing vintage along because grapes ripen faster... and some varieties are more susceptible to the heat," she said.

"It's been an interesting season because it's been so dry.

"I think that's part of the fascination... that challenge each year of 'what am I going to get out of it this year?'"

"Every season you've got to treat that fruit as it comes in and get the best out of that product."

With the dry conditions, most grape growers have resorted to irrigation management, while a few have resilient vines near the floodplains where deep soils hold moisture.

But the upside of the dry conditions means little disease pressure on the vines.

"It's more a matter of watching those hotspots (for powdery mildew) so if next year is a wet season, you're alert that those spores are in your vineyard," she said.

But overall, grape growers are generally happy with their crops, though the market pressures still pose a challenge.

Supply and demand is still hitting the industry "pretty hard", with Ms Jaensch saying it will remain to be seen "how big a crush" they have in the end.

That's why Ms Jaensch stressed the importance of events like last month's breakfast.

"It gets everyone talking and comparing notes so they don't feel isolated," she said.

"I hope there's a buzz out there because it's the time of year where that's what it's all about.

"You've spent all year growing and preparing your vineyards and wineries ready (for this)."

A quicker vintage is expected if current warm weather continues, with predictions wineries could be finished by early April or before Easter.



Stu Purdie, Hanne Thomas, Annelise Zadow, and Lian Jaensch marking the start of vintage in Langhorne Creek. Photos: Tara Nash



David Russ and Dave Bloomer sharing a laugh at the recent breakfast.



Dale Wenzel and Jenny Venus mingling with others at the event.



The Brew Box's Tanya Curtis and Thomas James serving coffees.



Rotarians Craig Maidment, Mike Davidson, Jim Pilkington and Barry Chave were on hand to cook the barbecue breakfast in January.

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Faces & Places



Randall Follett, Murray and Trent McCulloch and David Stanton at the Langhorne Creek breakfast on January 31. Photo: Tara Nash



Daniel and Kelli Owen with Colleen Strangways at Mount Barker's Survival Day event on February 9. Photo: Rowan Sims

Alison Teate and Ann Kinnear browsing an Open Garden in Mount Barker on February 1. Photo: Rowan Sims



Merrin Ozols, of Fleurieu Peninsula Tourism, David Ridley and Steve Shotton, of Regional Development Australia, and Robyn Follett, of Lake Breeze Wines, marking the start of vintage last month.



Southern Country Show Association Jams and Preserves winners: Kim Murphy, second; Carolyn Johnson, winner; Rhiannon Atkinson, third. Photo: Grant Petras



Wendy Bennett and Tania Slack, both from Macclesfield, got into the Australia Day spirit at the town's breakfast. Photo: Deirdre Graham



Jen Engelhardt, Cathie Perkins, Alec Kallus, Sally Porter and Jill Statton sharing Australia Day together – some attending their first award ceremony. Photo: Giorgina McKay

ARGUS SNAPSHOT



Cyclists captured in the Tour Down Under as they passed through Willunga. Photo: Rebekah Doecke



Elizabeth Hunt and Lindy Poole enjoying a cuppa at Mount Barker earlier this month.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to our ARGUS ALL STARS!



Charlee Nettle is from Strathalbyn and turned 16 on February 2.

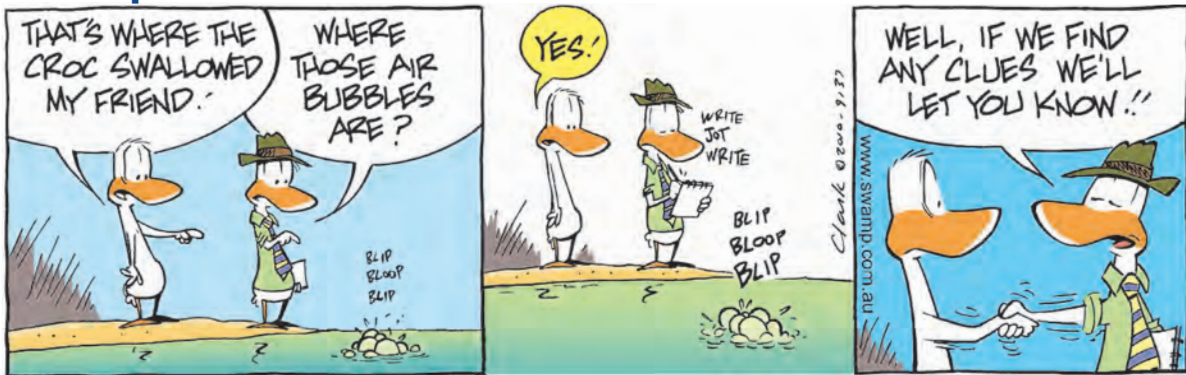


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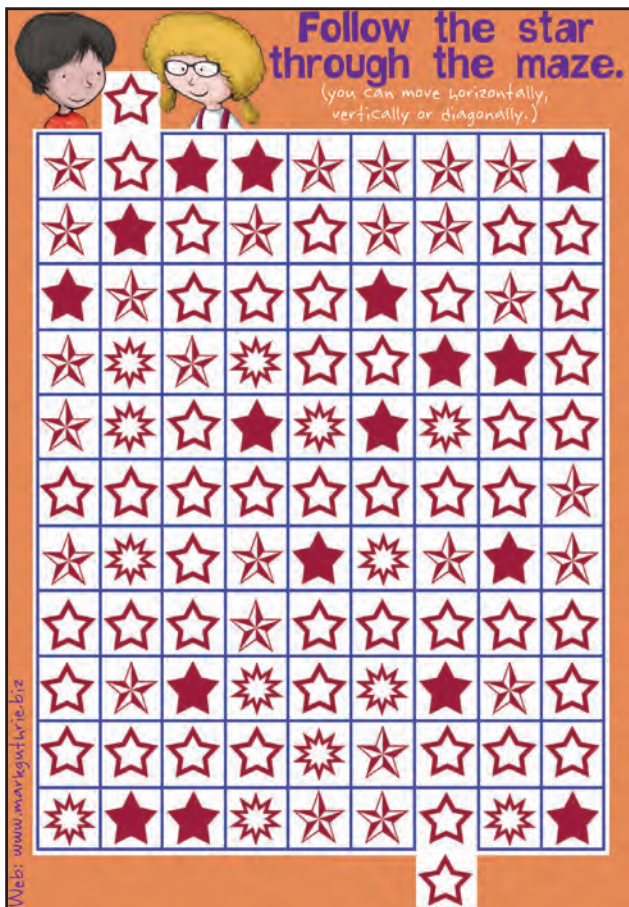
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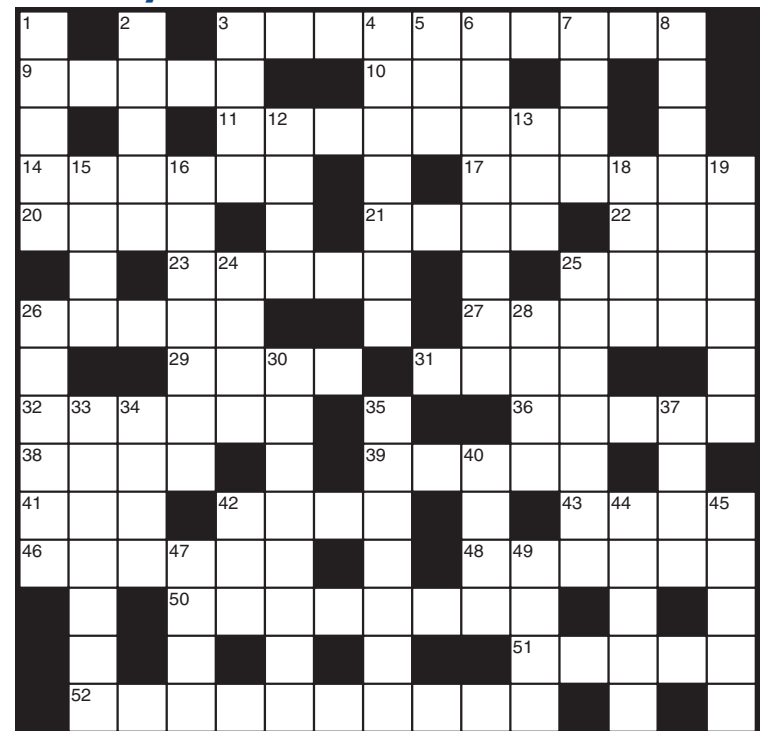
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Weekly Crossword



- ACROSS**
- 3 Assert the opposite
 - 9 Combine
 - 10 Fishing pole
 - 11 Set apart or appropriate
 - 14 Rubber
 - 17 Concretions of nacre
 - 20 Flaccid
 - 21 Medium-sized hawk
 - 22 Consume
 - 23 Coral isle
 - 25 Court attendant
 - 26 Glisten
 - 27 Closer
 - 29 Finds fault constantly
 - 31 Eagerly excited
 - 32 Electrical unit
 - 36 Salamanders
 - 38 Equipment
 - 39 Corkwood
- DOWN**
- 1 Urge forward
 - 2 Dairy product
 - 3 Yield
 - 4 Fall by drops
 - 5 Fabled monstrous bird
 - 6 Making suitable
 - 7 Notion
 - 8 Tilled land
 - 12 Therefore
 - 13 Golf mound
 - 15 Wealthy
 - 16 Tool
 - 18 Bring up
 - 19 Rear ends of ships
 - 24 Rend
 - 25 Splendid procession
 - 26 Organised
 - 28 Vast ages
 - 30 Produce
 - 33 Deserved
 - 34 Separate
 - 35 Scrapes off
 - 37 Work hard
 - 40 Grassy expanse
 - 42 Early freshness
 - 44 Top room
 - 45 Even
 - 47 Headwear
 - 49 Matures

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The Southern ARGUS Sport

Strathalbyn Storm reps off to Nationals

By Deirdre Graham

One of Strathalbyn Storm's biggest contingent of players, coaches and support staff will represent SA Country at the upcoming Under 18 Foot Locker National Championships in April.

Cooper Clayfield and Kale Matthews-Hampton have been selected in the Under 18 SA Country boys' team and Daisy Hocking and Holly Grant in the respective girls' team.

Meanwhile, Lukass Blicavs is the girls' Head Coach, Adrian Brine is Team Manager for the boys, and Felicity Simpson is Team Manager for the girls.

Blicavs said having four athletes in the teams was one of the highest number for Storm for a long time.

"I think there's been some years where we have had multiple girls in the team and no boys, and vice versa, but I think having two athletes in each boys and girls is a pretty big achievement this year for sure," he said.

Blicavs said the selection process for the athletes was a lengthy one.

"They go away to a tournament in Albury, and then from that tournament, we select our final teams," he said.

"So, in both the Under 18 age groups there's 20 athletes that put their hand up for selection, who then go away to Albury, and then after Albury, those teams are selected.

"So, there will be a team of 10 boys and 10 girls selected, and then there will be some development players included, but only 10 get to go away to the Nationals."

Likewise, coaches and support staff go through a selection process.

"Back in August last year nominations go out for coaching roles, so we all apply for those and then are selected by a coaching selection panel, mostly led by the head of high performance for SA Country Basketball," Blicavs said.

"In terms of the managers, it is a voluntary position for them, but theirs has been a four-month process as well, so they nominate to do it, but certainly it is not an easy task.

"Both had to go away to Albury and oversee everything there, and then they are at every training weekend that we have together as a group, so they are just as invested as the kids."

Blicavs said both SA Country's teams have the potential to perform well at the

championships.

"In the girls side especially we are quite a young group, as you have two potential years to play in each group and we have a lot of athletes that are in their first year of this tournament," Blicavs said.

"However, although they are young, there is a lot of experience in the group through various competitions, so I think we will fare quite well, but it is always hard to tell until you actually play that first game and get an understanding of where you are at.

"With the boys' team, our team two years ago finished second overall, and that was a massive achievement for SA Country.

"This team this year has the potential to do some really good things, but again, it is very hard to tell until you get away and play."

Team members have been training together since Albury.

"We train nearly every weekend between then and April," Blicavs said.

"Sometimes it is just two sessions on a Saturday, and other weekends we will have a full camp, where it is two sessions on a Saturday and one on a Sunday, so three two-hour sessions over a day-and-a-half, and nearly every weekend until we go away.

"Because we have a lot of athletes travelling from all over the state, we have to train in a camp-like environment rather than just a weekly training session as such."

Like any commitment to high level sport, the cost to take part can be expensive, especially as this time the Under 18 Foot Locker National Championships will be held at Brendale, Queensland, from Sunday, April 6 to Sunday, April 13.

"It is another instance of (going) through the bank of mum and dad, but there are certainly some grant or fundraiser opportunities, or even sponsorship opportunities, but that is all done depending on the individual families," Blicavs said.

"Beyond the time commitment there is certainly a financial commitment to it, but I think it is a really good return on the investment for the kids.

"It is a great experience for them, and certainly if they want to take their basketball any further, these are the sacrifices they have to make.

"These are the best athletes in the country for their age group... the best of the best."



Cooper Clayfield and Daisy Hocking are part of a seven member group from Strathalbyn Storm headed for the Under 18 Foot Locker National Championships in Queensland in April.

Argus Bowls

Langhorne Creek Bowls

A narrow win and loss

After a hot week, conditions were almost wintry at Goolwa and Encounter Bay for the teams on Saturday.

The cool weather and strong wind at Goolwa made bowling a bit of a challenge, but it was the same for all bowlers.

A win by the Division 2 side saw them stay in touch of a finals position if games go to plan.

With two of the regular skippers not available, teams were a little changed around, but all players were able to contribute to the win.

Tim Footner, along with brother Ben, Sam Borrett and Di Millwood got off to a great start, but on the sixth end dropped six shots, so lost the early advantage.

They then played consistent bowls to get an eight-shot win.

Wayne Duncan and his rink were cruising along, and on the 14th end, the score showed them 11 shots up.

It was all downhill for them after that end, as Goolwa players rallied and the Hawk boys did not score any more ends.

Goolwa ended up winning by nine shots.

Wayne Stremple had his team

ticking along, with scores fairly even throughout the game.

After the smoke break, the Hawk players got on top of the Goolwa team and scored a four-shot win, thus it was an overall win by three shots and 10 points for the Hawks.

The wind also was a bit of a problem at Encounter Bay for bowlers.

With Ronnie Chandler and his rink scoring a big win, things looked to be going okay for the Hawk club.

Neale Probert's rink had a close game most of the day, but dropped a six on end 20, thus not able to overcome that.

Darryl Frost, along with his players, tried hard, but found the opposition too strong on the day.

Overall, the Hawks lost the game by two shots – a great effort, as away matches are often a difficult task.

All rinks were full on Thursday night for Night Owlers, and we even had three boys from NSW joining in for a game.

The pies and chips were much appreciated on a cool evening.

This week will be Di's famous chicken schnitties and salads on the menu – come and join!

Milang Bowls

Successful week at Country Round Robin

Lee Robinson and Jacky Jacobs, who teamed up with two Victor Harbor ladies, were part of the Region 7 side who won all their seven games against other regions in the state Round Robin.

Tuesday and Wednesday were extremely hot.

Wednesday afternoon games were postponed until Thursday when three rounds were played and the last two on Friday.

Lee and Jacky led their teams to a win on Saturday at Milang against Victor Harbor.

Both of them won by nine shots, and Glen Best's were better, winning by 14 to secure Rink of the Week again.

Milang Div. 3 gained all 12 points to remain on top of the ladder – well done to all players.

Div. 5, however, playing against Yankalilla – the lowest team on the ladder – were only able to win one rink.

Kym's rink won by five, Heather's lost by four, and Peter's, playing against a former Div. 1 man, lost by eight shots.

Today the ladies side play at Yankalilla, then on Saturday, Div. 5 play at Milang and Div. 3 travel to Myponga.

Good bowling to all Milang players.

Milang only have two rounds until the finals.

Goolwa, Langhorne Creek and Strathalbyn Bowls



Wayne Duncan Langhorne Creek Div 2.



John Whitbread Goolwa White Div 3.



Sarah Moreton Strath Div 3.



Andrea Radley Goolwa White Div 3.

Photos: Mark Andrews

Great Southern Cricket Association - A Grade - Round 11



Noarlunga 10/264 def Mt Compass 10/203

at Old Noarlunga Oval.
Noarlunga won the toss and elected to bat.



Noarlunga 1st Innings:

			R	B	4S	6S	SR
Cameron Bullard	c: Robert Martin	b: Bailey Baldock	41	35	8	0	117.14
Travis Bronstein	c: Joshua Murfitt	b: Jamie Wirth	80	132	4	0	60.60
Michael Ledgard	b: Aaron Dalitz		1	14	0	0	7.14
Jamie Diener	c: Mark Nash	b: Aaron Dalitz	0	3	0	0	0.00
Jason Scarff	c: Lochie Nash	b: Robert Martin	52	98	6	0	53.06
Sean Williams	c: Joshua Dalitz	b: Robert Martin	37	64	5	1	57.81
Rohan Garrard	lbw: Robert Martin		32	34	2	1	94.11
Matthew Spaan	c: Paul Barrett	b: Jamie Wirth	5	9	1	0	55.55
Mason Parry	lbw: Jamie Wirth		0	1	0	0	0.00
Jacob Banks	c: Aaron Dalitz	b: Robert Martin	12	22	0	0	54.54
Jett Holberton	not out		1*	1	0	0	100.00

DNB: Jonathan Bousfield, Samuel George
Extras 3 0WD 0NB 0LB 3B 0P Total 10 / 264 (68.5 Overs) **Bowling (O M R W E WD NB)** Bailey Baldock 14 2 33 1 2.35 0 0 Joshua Dalitz 4 0 40 0 10.00 0 0 Aaron Dalitz (c) 13 1 46 2 3.53 0 0 Lochie Nash 4 0 21 0 5.25 0 0 Mark Nash 6 1 16 0 2.66 0 0 Robert Martin 16.5 1 51 4 3.02 0 0 Jamie Wirth 11 0 54 3 4.90 0 0

Mt Compass 1st Innings:

			R	B	4S	6S	SR
Paul Barrett	c: Mason Parry	b: Jett Holberton	2	34	0	0	5.88
Jamarley Daley	c&b: Sean Williams		20	20	3	0	100.00
Lochie Nash	c: Travis Bronstein	b: Jacob Banks	35	72	3	1	48.61
Joshua Murfitt	c: Cameron Bullard	b: Sean Williams	107	113	11	2	94.69
Jamie Wirth	c: J. Bousfield	b: Jacob Banks	0	2	0	0	0.00
Ethan Anderson	st: Michael Ledgard	b: Jacob Banks	4	10	1	0	40.00
Robert Martin	c: Jett Holberton	b: Jacob Banks	1	17	0	0	5.88
Aaron Dalitz (c)	c: Michael Ledgard	b: Jacob Banks	9	27	0	0	33.33
Mark Nash	c: J. Bousfield	b: Sean Williams	21	39	3	0	53.84
Joshua Dalitz	b: Sean Williams		1	18	0	0	5.55
Bailey Baldock	not out		0*	0	0	0	0.00

Extras 3 0WD 1NB 1LB 1B 0P Total 10 / 203 (58.4 Overs) **Fall of Wickets** 1-23 Jamarley Daley, 2-23 Paul Barrett, 3-83 Lochie Nash, 4-83 Jamie Wirth, 5-97 Ethan Anderson, 6-123 Robert Martin, 7-153 Aaron Dalitz, 8-199 Joshua Murfitt, 9-202 Mark Nash, 10-203 Joshua Dalitz **Bowling (O M R W E WD NB)** Sean Williams 16.4 3 48 4 2.88 0 1 Jett Holberton 10 3 23 1 2.30 0 0 Jacob Banks 16 1 73 5 4.56 0 0 Travis Bronstein 5 0 20 0 4.00 0 0 Jonathan Bousfield 8 1 36 0 4.50 0 0 Cameron Bullard 3 2 1 0 0.33 0 0



Port Elliot 10/170 def by Encounter Bay 6/171

at Port Elliot Oval.
Port Elliot won the toss and elected to bat



Port Elliot 1st Innings:

			R	B	4S	6S	SR
Ethan Spriggs	c: Finn Magor	b: Kieran Garrett	7	33	1	0	21.21
Brayden Arbon	lbw: Kieran Garrett		51	134	2	0	38.05
Jaspa Tonkin	c: Finn Magor	b: Kieran Garrett	2	14	0	0	14.28
Patrick Dodd	lbw: Blake Bailey		1	10	0	0	10.00
Luke Collett	lbw: Blake Bailey		20	28	4	0	71.42
Ben Griffiths (c)	c: Sam Hoffmann	b: Chris Butler	22	60	1	0	36.66
Scott Hannam	c: R. Weidenhofer	b: Blake Bailey	8	22	1	0	36.36
Levi Stringer	c&b: Kieran Garrett		33	57	1	0	57.89
Mark Stringer	b: Sam Hoffmann		7	13	0	0	53.84
Benjamin Martin	not out		8*	24	1	0	33.33
Simon Donaldson	b: Arlo Kempster-Barry		1	2	0	0	50.00

DNB: Tyson Levy, Josh Andrewartha
Extras 10 0WD 5NB 4LB 1B 0P Total 10 / 170 (66.1 Overs) **Bowling (O M R W E WD NB)** Chris Butler 16 2 37 1 2.31 0 1 Blake Bailey (c) 17 5 48 3 2.82 0 3 Kieran Garrett 14 3 37 4 2.64 0 1 Sam Hoffmann 12 5 22 1 1.83 0 0 Arlo Kempster-Barry 7 1 21 1 2.93 0 0

Encounter Bay 1st Innings:

			R	B	4S	6S	SR
David Schulze	run out: Levi Stringer		3	7	0	0	42.85
Chris Butler	c: Ben Griffiths	b: Simon Donaldson	41	48	5	0	85.41
Paul Fantasia	b: Simon Donaldson		0	7	0	0	0.00
Finn Magor	c: Jaspa Tonkin	b: Josh Andrewartha	13	43	2	0	30.23
Blake Bailey (c)	c: Ben Griffiths	b: Scott Hannam	21	61	2	0	34.42
Zane Garrett	c: Jaspa Tonkin	b: Simon Donaldson	26	60	3	0	43.33
Kieran Garrett	not out		22*	58	1	0	37.93
Luke Crichton	not out		38*	37	3	1	102.70

DNB: Sam Hoffmann, Arlo Kempster-Barry, Tully Kempster-Barry, Andrew Pacitti, Zachari Thompson, Reilly Weidenhofer

Extras 7 0WD 2NB 2LB 3B 0P Total 6 / 171 (53.3 Overs) **Fall of Wickets** 1-7 David Schulze, 2-7 Paul Fantasia, 3-53 Chris Butler, 4-68 Finn Magor, 5-110 Blake Bailey, 6-112 Zane Garrett **Bowling (O M R W E WD NB)** Simon Donaldson 18.3 4 45 3 2.43 0 1 Benjamin Martin 10 1 43 0 4.30 0 0 Josh Andrewartha 9 1 22 1 2.44 0 0 Ben Griffiths (c) 6 2 28 0 4.66 0 1 Levi Stringer 4 1 13 0 3.25 0 0 Scott Hannam 6 2 15 1 2.50 0 0

GSCA B Grade - Round 11

Mt Compass 6/177 def Noarlunga 10/173 at Burgess Oval.

Noarlunga, Batting: Adam Parry, 64. Bowling: Chad Parrish, 2/31.

Mt Compass, Bowling: Jeff Crosby, 4/35. Batting: Adam Blakely, 50.

Goolwa 10/190 def by Rapid Bay 5/191 at Goolwa Oval.

Goolwa, Batting: Luke Giddings, 42. Bowling: Greg Robins, 1/0.

Rapid Bay, Bowling: Glenn Pretty (c), 4/47. Batting: Dylan hai Tan, 62.

Encounter Bay 2-d/110 & 6/96 def Port Elliot 10/64 & 10/141 at Encounter Bay Oval.

Port Elliot, Batting 1st Innings: James Panozzo, 16. Bowling 1st Innings: James Panozzo, 1/26. Batting 2nd Innings: Brad Paull, 42. Bowling 2nd Innings: Mark Stringer, 4/30.

Encounter Bay, Bowling 1st Innings: Shane Hastings, 4/26. Batting 1st Innings: Max Longhurst, 41*. Bowling 2nd Innings: Bryan Haines, 3/19; Riley Williams, 3/29. Batting 2nd Innings: Luke Duffill, 27.

Aldinga 7/252 def Willunga 10/232 at Aldinga Oval.

Aldinga, Batting: Paul Inglis, 73*. Bowling: Brenton Averats, 3/33; Matthew Inglis, 3/75.

Willunga, Bowling: Serge Minot, 2/51. Batting: Serge Minot, 54.

GSCA C1 Grade - Round 12

Noarlunga 2/83 def Victor Harbor 5/77 at Aldinga Payinthe College.

Victor Harbor, Batting: Dylan Flavel, 15. Bowling: Michael Hollamby, 1/16; Xavier Oakley, 1/16.

Noarlunga, Bowling: Riley Smitheman, 2/12. Batting: Riley Smitheman, 37*.

Willunga 2/122 def Port Elliot 8/121 at Willunga High School.

Port Elliot, Batting: Mitchell Reilly, 46. Bowling: Karl Lang, 1/6.

Willunga, Bowling: Malcolm Radford, 3/21. Batting: Glen Ongley, 56*.

Encounter Bay 4/148 def by Myponga-Sellicks 8/192 at Victor Harbor Primary School.

Myponga-Sellicks, Batting: Andrew Rosman, 92. Bowling: Scott Hardman, 2/20.

Encounter Bay, Bowling: Leon Tymko, 3/39. Batting: Andrew Langton, 52.

McLaren Districts 10/59 def by Yankalilla 5/203 at McLaren Vale Sporting Complex.

Yankalilla, Batting: Kym Hosking (c), 80. Bowling: Patrick O'leary, 3/15.

McLaren Districts, Bowling: James Neate, 2/35. Batting: Ben Stephens, 32.

GSCA C2 Grade - Round 12

Goolwa 6/199 def by Mt Compass 3/200 at Goolwa Primary School.

Goolwa, Batting: Ben Longmire, 71. Bowling: Rob Lind, 2/5.

Mt Compass, Bowling: Ethan Osmond, 3/46. Batting: Heath McCartney, 88*.

Noarlunga Blue 5/176 def Aldinga 10/144 at Aldinga Payinthe College.

Noarlunga Blue, Batting: Andrew Wright, 69. Bowling: Armin Leimann, 2/18.

Aldinga, Bowling: Raymond James Spring, 2/26. Batting: Deegan Bichard, 43.

Rapid Bay 10/121 def by Noarlunga White 8/173 at Rapid Bay Oval.

Noarlunga White, Batting: Troy Johnson, 91*. Bowling: Oliver Davey, 4/27.

Rapid Bay, Bowling: Gregory Stone (c), 3/29. Batting: Max Rush, 27.

Yankalilla 7/174 def Encounter Bay 10/152 at Yankalilla Oval.

Yankalilla, Batting: Troy Smedley, 31. Bowling: Jay Hamblin, 3/29.

Encounter Bay, Bowling: Patrick Dutschke, 2/23; Lachlan Thompson, 2/24. Batting: Jamie Lang, 33.

Goolwa Cricket Club



Goolwa Keeper Greg Robins watches as Jarod Swain is caught.



Goolwa's Terry Smith on Saturday.

Photos: Mark Andrews

A Grade Cricket

Blackwell and Clements star for the Tigers

State SA Country pair Troy Blackwell and Adam Clements put the foot down at Callington for Langhorne Creek when they combined for eight wickets and a run out to sweep the Cobras aside for just 49 on Saturday.

Adam Clements won the toss, as the Tigers welcomed back Brodie O'Dea to the line-up, replacing the unavailable Darcy Paech.

O'Dea was the first to go to inform fast bowler Nathan Fitzgerald, chopping one back on for seven in a brief stay at the crease.

Kropp, coming off 98 last week, was watchful early, but was prepared to hit over the top when given some room from the left armer Grayden Brand, as he kept the runs flowing.

Michelmore settled in but struggled with the tight lines and close fielding as he set about supporting Kropp, as the runs ticked over at four per over.

Kropp went to the left arm spin of Eades LBW for 40, with umpire Marston quick to send Kropp packing.

Michelmore set about breaking the shackles just after drinks with Clements, with two boundaries from the spinners, but fell to the part time spin of John Fitzgerald for 22 from 57 balls – a sharp catch at short cover.

Skipper Clements was in great touch, despite the sharp side spin from Eades and former Tiger Jai McMurtrie.

Clements landed four sixes and two boundaries before he gifted a catch to gully from the leg spin of McMurtrie.

Ben Warren pushed the runs at a run a ball, with Shane Bown at number six, as the pair founds the gaps through the field.

The two moved through to the 38th over before Warren was stumped by Kelly from McMurtrie for 34 with four boundaries.

A small cameo from Troy Blackwell 26 from 24 boosted the Tigers score to 8/226 from 45 overs to give the Cobras something to chase.

Troy Blackwell nailed the Cobras' best batsman McMurtrie in the first over for one, a high ball to mid-on, and a nice catch from Bown to see the Cobras in trouble early.

It was a sign of things to come as Doyle Kelly copped an LBW from Clements, and when Fitzgerald was unlucky to be given out caught behind to Blackwell, the Cobras now 3/3.

Blackwell, steaming in downwind, picked up Brand and Johnny Fitzgerald in consecutive balls, and the fast bowler was on a hat-trick.

Big man Rhys Jordan saw off the hat-trick ball with ease, but Durbridge fell to Adam Clements in the next over, with Clements moving the balls both ways off the Callington turf.

Will Maddox was burned by Jordan

in a mix-up with a direct hit from the bowler Blackwell to see him out by six metres, and when Clements had Jonah Smith caught at slip by Dan Cleggett, the Cobras were reeling at 8/16 in just 12 overs.

Blackwell completed his five-wicket haul when he knocked over Jordan for an 18-ball duck, with the tail enders in Eades and Liam Kemp left to hold the fort for the Cobras.

The two batted well as they saw off Blackwell and Clements, and batted sensibly for the next 14 overs to see the Cobras through to drinks.

Ben Warren was brought on and quickly finished off the 32-run partnership – Kemp bowled for 15 from 40 balls while former Hahndorf player Eades was left 12* from 46 balls.

It could have been a lot worse for Callington at 9/17, but in the end, the Tigers finished 177 runs in front which keeps them in the hunt for the top two finish.

Callington host Strathalbyn next week with both teams out of finals contention.

Langhorne Creek play Macclesfield at home and will be looking to boost their NRR, with Lobethal being beaten by second-placed Hahndorf on the weekend.

Around the grounds

Langhorne Creek B Grade, looking for their first victory since November 10, was looking to replicate their feat earlier in the year when they upset the ladder leaders Strathalbyn at home.

Darcy Phillips led the way with three catches and a stumping, with brother Toby picking up two wickets, but it was not enough after the rain delay, with Strathalbyn too good.

The C Grade continued on with their winning ways, still fighting out a top two spot, with Shane Nurse and Jacob Tonkin leading the charge with the bat.

Jacob Tonkin picked up three wickets with the ball to enhance his self claims as an all-rounder.

The D Grade were buoyant after last week's win at home but soon found trouble at Milang against Mt Barker.

James McInnes was run out like Dean Jones in Georgetown in 1991 from a no-ball that caused all sorts of fracas on the day, with the spirit of cricket at the forefront of no one's minds.

The 16s had a good start up at Mt Barker, with Mason Cook in fine form, spanking 39, and Toby Phillips claiming a wicket in the first ball of the innings.

Chris Nutt has the 14s back on track and firing on all cylinders, with a host of boys retiring in the

batting spree. Skipper Riley Stapleton, Oliver McInnes, Sam McInnes and our fearless joint leader Ollie Bray all made 30 runs or more to chalk up 199 against Nairne and keep us in the hunt for a finals spot.

The 12s continue to demolish any team in sight, with Archie Frost and Sam McInnes hitting runs for fun.

Todd Butler and Jack Farrimond headed to Wistow, and they enjoyed a cold beer on the hill as they watched their sons carve out runs along with Isaac Fullerton.

You better put Sunday, March 2, in the diary and head along for a beer or wine at the Ladies Days, Sponsors Day and Past Players Day.

Trevor Potts XI will be taking on Geoff Warren XI, with a host of former champion Tigers in line for a game.

Dave LeBrun and Tim Harvey are starters, along with Josh Milne, Felipe Hill and Craig Candy.

Roudy James is in for his first game of competitive cricket since 1999, with Will Verco eager to knock over Andrew Cooper and Ben Helyar.

The A, C and D Grades, along with the 14s, are all a good chance to play finals, so get along and support the boys.

See you at the cricket!

Goolwa Cricket Club



Cambell Brennan fields for Goolwa.



Tajinder Singh.

Photos: Mark Andrews

Strathalbyn U10 and U12 Cricket



James Choat .



Connor Sherrie.



Chase Maxwell.



Henry Cutting.



Charlie Sherriff.

Photos: Rowan Sims

Reynella secures win against the Falcons

On Sunday at Strathalbyn Oval, the Eastern Falcons took on Reynella for round 14.

The Falcons won the toss and elected to bat first with openers Emily Roberts and Rebecca Hull.

Unfortunately, they both got out early, with Holly Paech and Minka Macauley getting the run rate off the ground.

Macauley followed suit and was run out, providing opportunity for Lisa Mackenzie to make some runs with an important 20 off of 20 balls.

She later left the game after being caught by Glenys Gabb.

Paech finished off the innings with Dani Brown, and top scored with 23 not out.

The team finished all out for 78 after 18 overs.

The Falcons then headed into bowl, opening with Macauley and Lucy Schreiber.

The fifth over provided the only wicket for the innings, with an LBW removing Gabb from the game.

Other opener Renae Jolly was joined by Ash Carey who both secured the game for Reynella.

Jolly finished with 33 not out off of 57, and Carey finished with 22 not out off of 24.

After a good fight in the field from all players, the 15th over finished the game, with the final runs being scored.

The Falcons' Player of the Day went to Brown.

The Falcons will play against Marion at Strathalbyn Oval this Sunday, February 23.



Lisa Mackenzie.

Strathalbyn Cricket Club - Stable Snippets

A bit of a shorter report this week with the U12 Fillies game lost due to the heat and the U12 Boys had the bye.

All the senior sides recorded wins last weekend which was great to see.

A Grade

With a few showers about the Stallions elected to bowl first last Saturday after winning the toss but were made to work hard for the initial breakthrough.

However, 1/24 after nine overs was quickly 7/50 with Austin Greaves taking three wickets in the 20th over.

The Redbacks lower order dug in and eventually posted 95, Greaves the star with the ball with 5/22 while Harris picked up two wickets.

Luke Cousins was the only wicket to fall in the run chase with Medhurst and Tonkin seeing the team home in the 14th over for a comfortable win.

B Grade

The B Grade match at Langhorne Creek was delayed by an hour due to a heavy shower just prior to the scheduled start and was reduced to 30 overs a side.

The Stallions had elected to bat prior to the rain arriving and there was a bit

in the deck early on.

The Stallions lost two early wickets to be 2/15 before an elevated Tyler Smith and Lane added 40 runs to steady the innings.

There were a few nervous moments at 5/64 but Smith was looking good and useful partnerships followed, firstly with debutant Williamson and then Tim Smith which saw 7/137 posted.

Tyler Smith finished unbeaten on 52 while Tim Smith chipped in with a run a ball to make 28.

In reply the first over went for 8 runs but after 25 overs the score was 6/40 with the pitch still proving a challenge to bat on.

The Creek innings closing on 8/54 with Schofield and Beerenfels picking up two wickets each while Ben Greaves conceded only 7 runs from his six overs.

Well done to Julian Williamson who made his senior debut and looked good with both bat and ball.

Strath 7/137 (Tyler Smith 52*, Tim Smith 28, R Lane 23) def. L/Creek 8/54 (J Beerenfels 2/3, S Schofield 2/10).

C Grade

The C Grade had yet another away 'home' game, this week at Woodside

#2 against Echunga.

The Miners won the toss and batted and at 3/79 at drinks were well placed.

A couple of wickets shortly after drinks was followed by a handy 58 run 6th wicket stand which assisted Echunga to post 8/176 from their 35 overs.

Harvey with three wickets, and Hanley two, were the best with the ball.

In reply the Stallions lost Brook early and when Hanley went it was 2/43 after six overs.

A returning Schubert then added 68 with Stevenson in quick time, the score 3/115 at drinks.

Schubert was dismissed on what would be the penultimate ball of the match for 66 with Gane finishing the run chase off with a boundary next ball, the target reached in the 32nd over.

Schubert was well supported by Stevenson with 48.

Great for Chris and Tait Hanley to play their first game together and celebrate a win.

Echunga 8/176 (R Harvey 3/26, C Hanley 2/33) def. by Strath 5/179 (T Schubert 66, S Stevenson 48, C Hanley 21).

U16

The U16s made the trek up to Cherry Gardens last Saturday morning a little under-manned to tackle the ladder leaders Scoot Creek Ironbank/Aldgate who elected to bat first after winning the toss.

A bit of leather chasing ensued and at 1/158 after 28 overs it was tough going, however to the Stallions credit, they fought back hard to restrict the home side to 8/209.

Ben Greaves continuing his good form with 2/17 from six overs while Lucas Ballantyne finished with 2/35.

While a big run chase lies ahead the Stallions possess a strong batting line-up and will back themselves to reel in the total on day two.

U14

The U14s headed to Balhannah to tackle the ladder leader Onkaparinga with a strong showing needed to keep their finals hopes alive.

The Stallions won the toss and chose to bat first and after taking 10 off the first over the decision appeared to be vindicated.

However, the team then proceeded to lose 10/31 to be all out for just 41 in a very disappointing effort with the bat.

With 25 overs still to play in the day

Onkas continued their dominance compiling 1/141 and they will no doubt be out to secure outright points on day two.

It was a good challenge for the U14 group though and they will have the opportunity to show they are capable of much better this weekend.

U12 FILLIES

Heat out.

U12 BOYS

Bye.

U10

The U10s played another double header last Friday night at home with the Red team hosting Meadows and the White team Wistow.

With a few players unavailable due to injury and illness the teams were shuffled around a little and thanks to Maddelyn Tonkin from the Fillies for helping out with numbers.

Both teams play away this week with the final round match the following week at home to be the last of the season.

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Argus Softball

Hills Softball Association

Redsox (5) def Macclesfield (1)

BEST PLAYERS: H May and J Hancock (Redsox), and K Zaklej and S Flinn (Macclesfield)

The Mt Barker Redsox took to the field first, with Harry May taking the stripe.

Kaleb Zaklej was the leadoff for the Redsox and started his team off with a single to centre field.

But, unfortunately, he was the only batter to safely reach a base in the inning, with Abbott put out at first, Andrews struck out, and McLeod caught at deep left field by Karayiannis.

B Williams was the leadoff for the Redsox and got on base with a single to left field.

Moyle took a walk to first, but it was May who was the first out.

Wilson was put out at first but brought in the first run of the game by scoring Williams.

Karayiannis was the second batter to take a walk, and Peterson's double through shortstop scored an additional 2 runs.

The inning ended with a K2 to Bottoff.

May was again dominant in the second inning, causing havoc for the Maccy batters.

A Pearce was caught in left field by Karayiannis, and his brother Brad was struck out after seven pitches.

Ashman was the third out, with his hit being knocked down by May, then scooped up by Jack Hancock to throw Ashman out at first.

A pitcher change in the second saw Zakelj take the stripe, who successfully took out the Redsox's bottom order, with ground outs to Weirenga and Hancock, and Williams

caught on the centre field fence.

The third inning saw Martin take a walk, and Zakelj was put out at first by Williams.

Abbott was the batter to make a breakthrough, with a solid hit to right field, giving Martin enough time to cross home plate for Macclesfield's first run of the game.

Unfortunately, this would be their only run for the game, as he could not break through the Redsox defence, with Jack Hancock dominating at shortstop.

His skilful glove work and rocket arm saw McLeod fall short of first, and A Pearce caught on a high pop fly.

Redsox drove in an additional 2 runs for the game with a home run to May and a double to Wilson.

Division 2 Men

Hahndorf (18) def Echunga Red (2)

BEST PLAYERS: Angus Wuttke (Hahndorf) and Vernon Groom (Echunga Red)

Hahndorf and Echunga Red squared off for the last time this season.

Both teams were grateful for a gap in the rain that allowed the match-up to go ahead.

The game itself was a very one-sided affair, with the reigning two-time premiers Hahndorf too much for the Demons to handle.

Dan Waters was masterful on the stripe for Hahndorf, allowing only four hits and 2 runs, while striking out 10.

The Hahndorf offense was in good form, scoring 18 runs in total, with home runs to

Mark Peressin, Dan Waters, two to Angus Wuttke, and a maiden senior grade home run to Thomas Johns, who impressed all in attendance with his composure behind the dish and in the batter's box.

Division 2 Men

Macclesfield Red (7) def NFA Pirates (6)

BEST PLAYERS: Sam Williams and Lachy Scadden (Macclesfield), and Henry Sexton and Kingsley Elliott (Pirates).

In the last minor round game for the season, minor premiers Macclesfield Red hosted the NFA Pirates.

It was do or die for the Pirates – a win and they played finals, but a loss meant season over.

Macclesfield drew first blood as Sam Williams scored courtesy of a Ryan Van Kaathoven hit.

The Pirates responded, and added some early insurance through Kingsley Elliott and father-son duo Henry and Nic Sexton.

A see-sawing battle commenced, as Maccy's next turn at bat saw them pile on 4 runs, with hits to Lachy Scadden, Sam Williams and a towering home run from Coen McLeod.

Wayne Eades for the Pirates doubled with a hard hit to centre field, and Henry Sexton's home run will surely be talked about for years on end.

Fortuitously, Macclesfield took the lead through some errors from the Pirates and aggressive baserunning.

Ahead by 2, the Pirates were chasing.

Kingsley Elliott's moonshot solo home run gave the Pirates hope, and Henry Sexton singled. Intelligent pitching from Coen McLeod shut the innings down, securing a 7-6 win.

Safe to say the Pirates are unlucky to miss finals and better than their ladder position indicates, but it's season over and Maccy march on in top spot.

Mt Barker Redsox Blue (11) def Echunga Blue (7)

BEST PLAYERS: Jack Hancock and Barney Bevan (Redsox Blue), and Oliver Askew and Cameron Rule (Echunga Blue).

In a game played with a finals atmosphere and potential ladder position implications, Redsox Blue were victorious in a closely fought contest.

Fielding first, Redsox Blue held Echunga Blue scoreless in the top of the first inning.

Good pitching by Jack Hancock, backed up by good plays in the field from Tyson Soraghan and Sam Hancock, ensured a clean sheet for the inning.

In the bottom half of the first inning Redsox Blue plated 2 runs scored by Jack Hancock and Tyson Soraghan, with a superb two strike at bat by Barney Bevan.

Echunga Blue scored a run in the top of the second, with Brock Herdman tripling and then scoring on a single by Michael Querido.

The three other batters faced in the inning were all set down via strike-out by Jack Hancock.

In the bottom half of the inning, Redsox Blue extended their lead by scoring 3 runs, with disciplined batting securing two walks and three hits for the inning.

Echunga Blue cut into the deficit by scoring 2 runs in the top of the third, with Cameron Rule doubling and coming around to score.

Redsox Blue continued scoring in the bottom of the third, adding 3 runs, with Jack Hancock clearing the bases with a moonshot home run to centre field.

Echunga Blue did not go quietly, scoring 3 runs in the fourth and nearly added another, but thanks to Sam Hancock chasing a ball to the fence and throwing accurately to Anu Sharma, who threw a dart to Barney Bevan at home, they nabbed Caleb Richardson attempting to turn a triple into a home run.

Fielding in the bottom of the fourth, Echunga Blue had the only three up, three down inning of the game, placing the pressure straight back on Redsox, with a 2-run deficit at the start of the fifth.

Echunga Blue started the fifth inning well, with Oliver Askew leading off and scoring.

A superb fielding double play by Tyson Soraghan secured the first two outs of the inning.

A strike-out ended the inning with Redsox a single run ahead.

Redsox Blue added a further 3 runs in the inning, with two scored on a double by Barney Bevan, and after Arran Yuill singled to plate the third time was called to end the game.

With both teams making the finals, it may not be the last match between them.

Softball A Grade



Ashlee Peterson.



Kim Cutting does the catching during CFS round.



Katherine Milne.



Tess Norris.

Photos: Rowan Sims

Argus Tennis

Onkaparinga Tennis Association Round 14

Seniors

Langhorne Creek - Bye

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Macclesfield v Strathalbyn

6 - 6.

R1: 3. A. Shepherd, S. Baraglia (R) 9; 2. a. ness, 3. L. Johnson 5. R2: 5. J. Oster-Ives, 6. N. Lovell 6; 5. J. Wilhelm, 4. J. ROHLOFF 9. R3: K. Baraglia (R), 7. M. Ives 9; 7. S. Crosby, 9. R. Scott 4. R4: 3. A. Shepherd 6; 1. K. WILHELM 3. R5: S. Baraglia (R) 1; 2. a. ness 6. R6:

5. J. Oster-Ives 1; 3. L. Johnson 6. R7: 6. N. Lovell 0; 4. J. ROHLOFF 6. R8: K. Baraglia (R) 6; 9. R. Scott 1. R9: 7. M. Ives 6; M. Penniment (R) 3. R10: 3. A. Shepherd, 6. N. Lovell 3; 1. K. WILHELM, 4. J. ROHLOFF 6. R11: S. Baraglia (R), 7. M. Ives 1; 2. a. ness, M. Penniment (R) 6. R12: 5. J. Oster-Ives, K. Baraglia (R) 6; 3. L. Johnson, 7. S. Crosby 1.

Kangarilla v Woodchester

2 - 10.

Score not provided.

Great Southern Tennis Association - Round 15

Final round focus for tennis

It all comes down to the final round this Saturday for Great Southern tennis, to see who'll make finals and who can pack their racquets away for the season.

Division 1 results last Saturday saw Back Valley defeat Myponga-Sellicks four rubbers to two, where Back Valley's Matt Crittenden and Craig Littlely had tough tie break wins, while the Myponga-Sellicks' women of Courtney Gum and Imogen Harney nabbed two vital premiership points with their singles' wins.

This result helps Back Valley remain in second spot while, for Myponga-Sellicks, every win helps in getting back into the top four.

Victor Harbor did all they could to get the maximum points over Port Elliot, not allowing them to win a match at Victor despite the visitors coming close.

Victor's Millard sisters won a topsy turvy super tiebreak double, and then Danika Millard and her Port Elliot opponent, Zara Bowles, went toe to toe in an epic single with Millard winning in a tiebreak.

This result has given Victor a remote chance of snatching second spot, and the double chance from Back Valley, while Port Elliot have left the door slightly ajar for Myponga-Sellicks to try and reclaim the fourth and final spot.

The final round pits Myponga-Sellicks at home to Victor Harbor with the scenario being simple for both teams.

Victor Harbor must win every match to accumulate enough points to overtake Back Valley.

Anything short of a clean sweep won't be enough, and it's wondered if Victor can do it (it's possible, but it'll be tough).

Myponga-Sellicks found some form last week and have their own motivation, and they must win by as big as margin as possible, and hope that Port Elliot don't gain any premiership points against Inman Valley.

Victor should win, but will they clean sweep their opposition?

They did in Round 3, but everything will have to go right, and given the potential conditions, I can't see it happening.

Port Elliot are at home against top side Inman.

Inman can't move regardless of the result, but they'll want to keep their good momentum going into the finals.

Port Elliot must win as many matches as possible, and hope it's more than what Myponga-Sellicks' win will be, to stay in fourth spot.

Being the home side, will Port Elliot play on the synthetic grass courts to extract as big as an advantage as possible in the hope of winning sets?

If it's an option available, then it can't be discounted.

It will be tight and with more to play for, Port Elliot will get the win and, in all likelihood, book their finals ticket.

Around the Divisions

Division 2 Inman Valley remains at the top of the ladder, and should remain there after playing the bottom side Mount Compass Gold this Saturday.

Port Elliot will be too strong for the Mount Compass Emu Wrens, who will be hoping that they get enough wins to keep Myponga Sellicks Gold out of fourth spot.

The two Myponga-Sellicks' teams will fight it out with the green team, hoping to hold onto third spot and the home final advantage in the first week, so it will be 100 per cent intensity from both sides.

A Doubles provided two thrillers with Inman defeating Port Elliot by one game, while Victor Harbor overcame Back Valley by eight games, leaving Back Valley in second spot by only two points to Port Elliot.

Both Back Valley and Port Elliot who play Inman and Victor, respectively, will hope that their added motivation to secure second spot will be enough against their opposition, who can't move from their current spots.

B Doubles Port Elliot Black displayed their premiership credentials by toppling top side Port Elliot Red.

Victor White were helped in maintaining second spot by getting maximum points through a walkover win against Inman.

This result makes it very difficult for Port Elliot Black to overtake them, but they'll be going hard to win the 10 points against Victor Blue.

Victor White will be an all-out attack to defeat Back Valley, as will Port Elliot Red against Inman Valley.

John Wesley Tennis Club



Fraser Eatts.



Brooklyn Binder.

Photos: Rowan Sims

Argus Tennis

Tennis



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Goolwa Rowing Club

Goolwa rowers get adventurous

On Saturday, February 1, 17 Goolwa Rowing Club (GRC) members set off for a tour row from Rankine's Landing on Hindmarsh Island to Sugars Beach at the Murray Mouth.

Three coastal boats were used for the row, which are currently on loan to the club.

With great excitement and enthusiasm, participants set off at 8.30am.

After rowing to the nearby Goolwa Barrage, crews carefully maneuvered the boats into the lock.

Once the lock transfer was complete, all rowers marvelled in the natural beauty of the local environment as they completed the 8km distance to Sugars Beach.

After refuelling with a delicious morning tea at Coorong Café, several crew changes took place.

All rowers completing the homeward journey relished the opportunity to row among several dolphins and a plethora of birdlife.

A fantastic time was had by all, and members gathered together for a celebratory drink at the conclusion of the row.

Thirteen GRC members completed an adventure row from Hindmarsh Island to Clayton Bay on Sunday, February 16.

Two coxed crews set off early in cool conditions, accompanied by the safety boat.

After rowing 13km, they arrived at Clayton Bay where they enjoyed morning tea at the Pier 28 café.

After crew changes were complete, the homeward journey was enjoyed by all who were involved.

The club has also recently competed in two Rowing SA regattas at West Lakes.

The number of rowers that can represent the club at regattas has swelled to 18.

This is enabling many different crews to be entered in mens, womens and mixed events in both scull and sweep rowing.

In both the January and February regattas in which the club competed, many first, second and third placings were achieved among a strong field of crews.

Goolwa Sailing Club

Flukey shifts and start line drift

It was a challenging day of lighter winds from varying southerly points of the compass on Sunday at Goolwa Sailing Club.

Despite the flukey shifts and inconsistencies, three solid races were held across the two fleets.

Between the 11 sailors in Division 1 and nine in Division 2, plus a vintage yacht race and the Oscar W cruising, it was very busy on the water.

After the three races in Division

1, it was the very much in-form state champion, Lucas Byrnes in Barely Awake (ILCA 4), winning on yardstick ahead of Andy Harris in Purple Haze (Europe Dinghy), and Keegan Eatts in Aquaholic (ILCA 4).

Personal handicap results saw Lachlan Perry in Fin (ILCA 4) take first ahead of Andy Harris and Django Westmoreland in Kookabugga (ILCA 4).

It was a battle of the pacers in Division 2, with the regular opti sailors

pairing up to contest the class.

On yardstick, Sam Watters and Ollie Johnson finished ahead of Lucy Norris and Renee Newman, and Summer Newman and Hugh MacIntosh.

Goolwa Sailing Club will compete in the Interclub Challenge, hosted by Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club next week.

Round 15 will be held on Sunday, March 2, as competitors vie to sure-up their place on the series leaderboard.



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Gordon Robson goes one better

By Perry Jones

Having finished runner-up on the previous Saturday in a par competition, Gordon Robson went one better on Saturday in winning the final qualifying round of the Summer Cup on count back with a nett 69.

Gordon had 44 off the stick on the front nine and 40 on the back, picking up birdies on the 12th and 15th, but was a bit disappointed that he had a double bogie on the last after three putts, having 28 putts for the round.

Gordon beat another player performing well of late, Matthew Gniel, who was third-placed the previous Saturday, and second last Saturday, also with a nett 69, having a bit of luck on the third when chipping in to limit the damage to a bogie and, while on the last, was unlucky that a long putt just missed the hole.

Andrew Hentschke, after a scratchy start, picked up birdies on the sixth and 11th to take third place with a nett 70 and 75 off the stick, on a countback from Michael Clarke.

Phil Perrin was in birdie territory on the eighth, and Henry Kelly picked up one on the seventh before the second time around on the 16th when he had picked up an eight.

Ben McLeod entered the A Grade for the first time and had birdies on the second and third after his tee shot on the first went over the boundary fence.

Ben also had a problem on the dam hole with three hits off the tee block, while his first two shots had headed towards the dam on Ashbourne Road, to finish with nine for the hole and had ended up with a nett 80 and 92 off the stick, with 29 putts.

Mike Semple was certainly on target with his putts, as he only had 21 for the round to win that competition, but all was not going to plan as he had 97 off the stick for a nett 81, just a bit better than his son, Ben, up from Robe, who had 98 off the stick for a nett 84.

While three players didn't sign their card, some cards showed a 10 (Ben

Nelson was one of them with a 10 on the fifth, which included three shots off the tee).

Ben did have some better shots off the tee when he collected nearest the pin on the eighth and 17th, finishing with 92 off the stick for a nett 73.

Gavin Perryman was another to have a 10, being on the seventh, as he had 104 off the stick while playing with Kevin Shepley and with Ian Furniss, who was another to have the proud number of 10 on his card on the 12th, as he had 93 off the stick for a nett 76.

Garry Beasley, with Mick Beasley, Stuart Hozier and Sam Avramidis, was certainly annoyed on the par three 17th in not shifting a small rock he thought could be a problem coming out from the rough close to the green and it was, stopping him reaching the green as the ball hit it, having five for the hole with three putts.

Damon Mayes with a birdie on the seventh made a meal on the last when his tee shot finished on the 17th fairway, and his next shot was still on the same fairway near the tee block before trying to get through the trees to the 18th green, but the ball was still in the rough and only going half the distance.

Damon then managed to get the ball to the back of the green before then seeing his ball fly over the other side of the green on his way to eight, as the ball disappeared over the boundary fence off his boot for 97 shots and a nett 80.

Michael Clarke on the seventh was fortunate to only have a bogie six on when his tee shot hit trees on the left, then flew back over the ladies' tee block to finish on the path for a free drop.

On this hole, his partners John Owen, David Pryor and Brian Simpson had varied success, Brian picking up a par, John going into the dam for an eight, while David had a bit of trouble on the fairway with numerous hits to join the 10 club.

The 10th hole then caused John a few more problems when off the tee went over the boundary fence on the

left to lose his ball, and then cleverly found the drain on the right side, just before the green on his way to an eight.

On the 11th, John sprayed his ball through the pine trees on the left, and Brian to the trees on the right, with John then missing a short putt for five.

Brian had six, like Michael who couldn't handle a foot putt, and David's putts were short again on his way to highest off the stick with 116.

Highlights were plenty in the group consisting of Gordon Robson, Ken Lester, Kim Wittwer and Brenton Welk.

Kim, with tree trouble most of the round, was doing his best to join the 10 club on the seventh when he had a nine.

Gordon showed plenty of consistency, and so much so, that when he teed off on the 10th, he hit the same big tree just to the left as he hit when off the first.

Gordon then cleverly got to about an inch off the green on the 10th for his first double bogie for the round as his hit from there, dropped in the hole and with no putt needing to be recorded.

To celebrate his bit of fortune, Gordon from the 11th tee block almost took out Sean Walsh on the edge of the neighbouring fairway under the pine trees.

Brenton also had a go at getting through the pine trees off the tee as his ball hit one of them to fly back to the right over the 11th fairway and, with his next hit, joined Gordon on the 12th fairway.

While Gordon got five for the hole, Welky had six the same as Ken, but Kim went one better with seven after his shot from 80 metres out which was too long and out of bounds, picked up at the clubhouse door.

After the 12th, Gordon was chirping in picking up a birdie, as Ken had had seven after his putt run around the cup and out, and Kim made it six, while Welky off the tee went into trees on the right and then hit into a tree in front of him for the ball to luckily bounce out onto the fairway.

As he explained, he was then using a Karrie Webb grip for his putting to sink a

nice putt to finish with a six for the hole.

On the 13th, Ken's tee shot fell just behind the big gum tree on the right of the dog leg (and decided not to go through the gap in the trees), getting his putter out to get back on the fairway only to then hit a twig on the ground and run into the base of the big tree.

Gordon with his tee shot, managed to get through the trees on the corner of the dogleg before going to the rough right off the green, as he went on to sink a long putt to pick up his par four.

Kim was on the green in three, but missed a short putt for par and then missed an even shorter putt on his way to seven, and Welky being just off the green in three, said how he was going to play the hole, his first shot almost on song, but then missed a foot downhill putt to finish with six.

On the 14th, Kim off the tee almost managed to get the ball in the drain pipe, in hitting the drain bank and having it travel towards the pipe.

From the drain, he hit a big tree in front of him and then almost got through the trees before a twig on the ground stopped the ball, on his way to seven for the par four hole.

Gordon was well down the 13th fairway while his tee shot finished with five, and Welky was quite happy that he had finished with a par four, but Ken Lester played the shot of the day when having hit his third from 100 metres out, and immediately declaring that the ball was going to go into the hole (and it did) for a birdie three, with no putts needed.

Then Gordon produced a magical putt on the 15th when, from off the green, he hit the ball up over the bank and straight into the hole for a birdie two.

Brenton, after a nice drive on the 16th, then found his second shot getting past the gobbie bush on the corner before rolling into the dam, but still salvaged a one over six with a nice putt, while Kim struggled again to have an eight on his way to this week's win for last position outright, and not winning last on a count back as on the

previous Saturday.

Gordon was still on fire as he landed on the green in three, but missed out on the nearest third shot hit by Andrew Hentschke earlier, before also missing his birdie chance to settle for a par, while Ken was at it again and showing his talent when, from off the green, he putted the ball in for a par as well, with him finishing fifth on the day with 99 off the stick and a nett 71.

There was \$180 up for grabs in the putting competition after play, with Gordon in with a chance along with Graeme Bertholini and Sean Walsh, but all dipping out.

Being the last of the Summer Cup qualifying rounds, the top four to have a go for it will see Alan Haberfield and Mark Condon meet, while Peter Drury takes on Andrew Hentschke.

Results Stroke Saturday, February 15, 2025

A Grade: A Hentschke, 75 off the stick/nett 70, G Bertholini, 71/83, S Walsh, 73/85, B Roberts, 74/83, S Naylor, 76/82, P Perrin, 78/87, C Nelson, 79/83, K Richardson, 80/88, B McLeod, 80/92, and M Condon, 85/97.

B Grade: G Robson, 69/84, M Gniel, 69/88, M Clarke, 70/88, B Clark, 72/85, B Nelson, 73/92, D Wright, 73/90, K Shepley, 75/92, A Sorrell, 75/93, E Heyns, 75/94, D Keane, 76/89, G Beasley, 76/90, I Furniss, 76/93, D Nettle, 78/96, D Kelly, 78/93, B Welk, 78/93, Dave Bell, 79/99, H Kelly, 79/94, S Hozier, 80/94, Don Bell, 80/98, D Mayes, 80/97, B Simpson, 80/99, M Semple, 81/97, M Beasley, 83/98, B Semple, 84/98, and K Wittwer, 86/106.

C Grade: K Lester, 71/99, P Drury, 71/95, J Owen, 73/100, D Pryor, 76/116, G Perryman, 76/104, S Avramidis, 79/102, and B Clements, 81/103.

Ladies: K Edwards, 73/89, S Roberts, 77/92, J Pickhaver, 80/100, and D Krutli, 83/101.

Nearest the Pin: 6th - S Walsh, 8th - B Nelson, 15th - C Nelson, and 17th - B Nelson.

Nearest Third: (0-18) 16th - A Hentschke.

Murray Bridge Rifle Club

On the weekend, weather again played a role in the Murray Bridge Rifle Club's championship round from 1000 yards.

This time, rain and gusty winds were responsible for the additional challenge, which is not normally needed from the longest-range shot.

'Harro' had the distinction of being the top F-Class scorer for the day, where his second round 55.03 helped him to 106.04 off-rifle

in F-Standard, three points clear of next placed Nicole Edwards in FTR, with 103.03.

Harro and Nicole also finished first and second in the F-Class handicap, respectively, followed by F-Open shooter, John Cranwell, whose 102.04 helped him to third place.

In Target Rifle, Jasamine Irvine had a stellar afternoon, almost making a clean sweep of the awards.

Her excellent 46.05 in the second

round earned her an off-rifle win by a point from Robert Paech, 90.08 to 89.02.

Jazz's high centre count also helped her to an impressive handicap win on the day, 15 points clear of second-placed Rob.

Next week, shooters travel to Mount Barker to compete in the DRA Championship.

Alexandrina Contract Bridge Club

Ranking February 12:

Pos	Pair	Players	Score	%
North-South				
1	..... 6	Garry Skuse / Beryl Liebelt	90.00	62.50%
2	= 9	Helen Conolly / Sue Caddy	81.00	56.25%
2	= 8	Raelene Lines / Graeme Crase	81.00	56.25%
4	..... 5	John Elliott / Pat Elliott	80.00	55.56%
5	..... 10	Graham Phillips / Bruce Pascoe	75.00	52.08%
6	..... 4	Leigh Clothier / Debbie Clothier	67.00	46.53%
7	..... 2	Sue Perkins / Glenys Chapman	64.00	44.44%
8 7	Valmai Phillips / Mary Rowley	57.00	39.58%
9 1	Mike Robertson / Malcolm Twartz	53.00	38.10%



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Warnings

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Mount Barker:

Sunny. Winds southeasterly 15 to 25 km/h becoming light in the evening.

Friday, Sunny.

Strathalbyn:

Mostly sunny.

Friday, Sunny.

Murray Bridge:

Sunny.

Friday, Sunny.

Mount Lofty Ranges District:

Mostly sunny. Winds southeasterly 20 to 30 km/h.

Murraylands District:

Sunny. Winds southerly 15 to 25 km/h turning southeasterly during the morning.

Upper South East District:

Mostly sunny. Winds southerly 15 to 20 km/h becoming light before dawn then becoming southeasterly 25 to 35 km/h in the morning.

Mid North District:

Sunny. Winds east to southeasterly 15 to 25 km/h becoming light in the late evening.

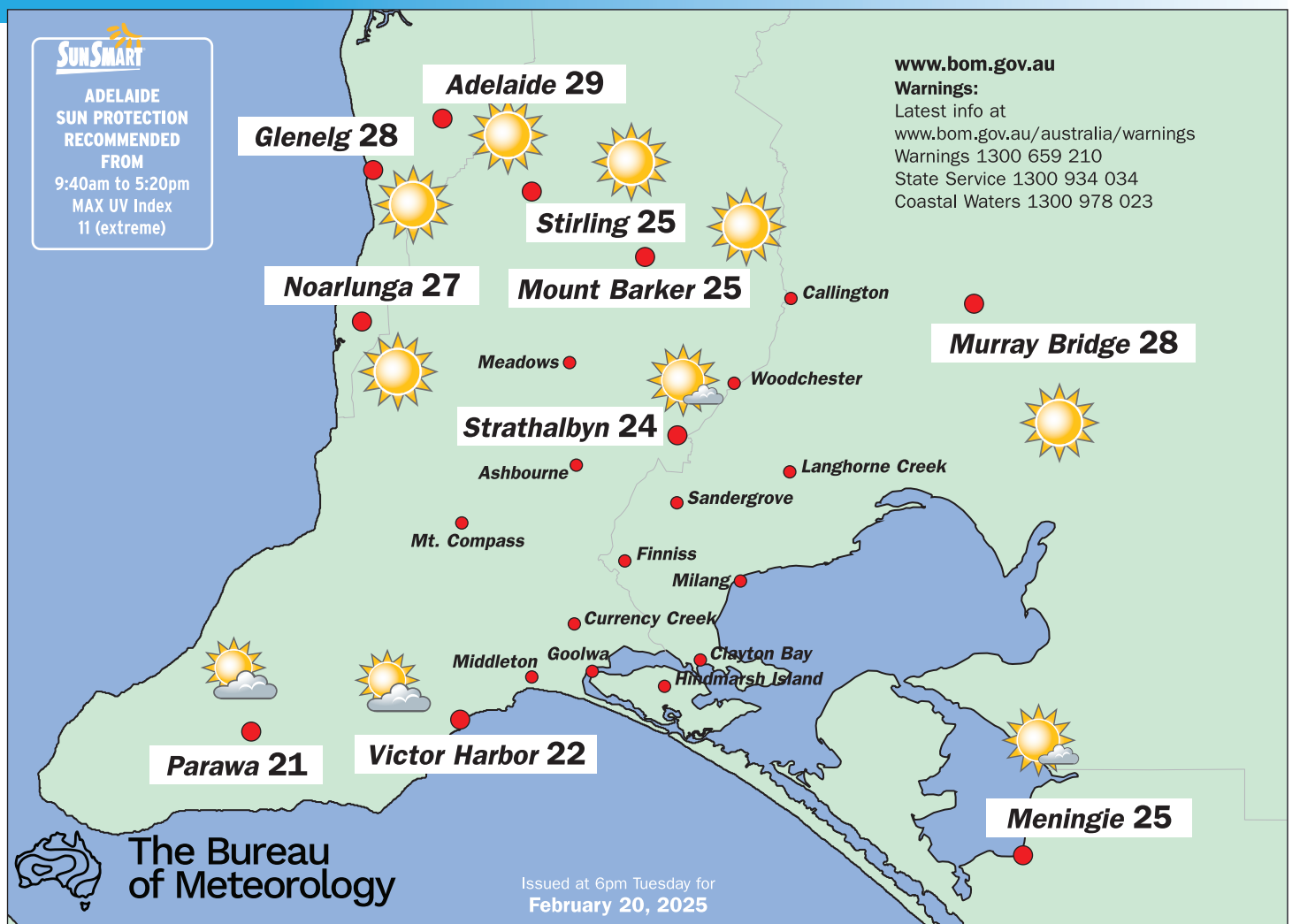
South Australia:

Dry and mostly sunny. Maximum temperatures below average about central and eastern parts, rising to above average in the west. Southeasterly winds.

Friday, Dry and mostly sunny. Maximum temperatures rising to above average throughout. Northeast to northerly winds and afternoon coastal sea breezes.



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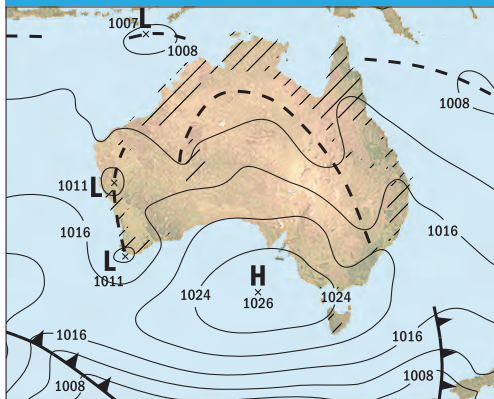
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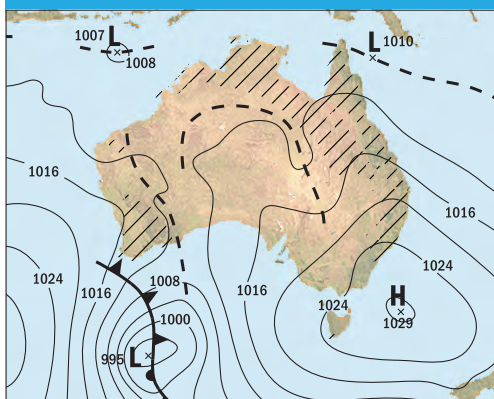
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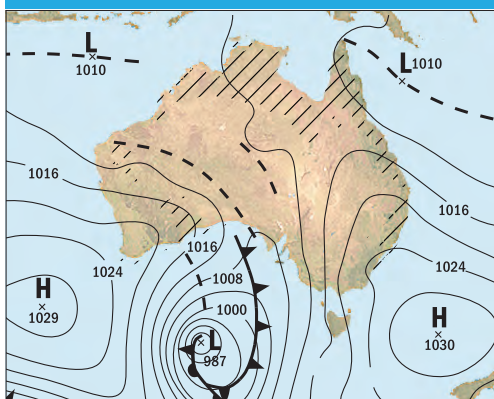
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FRIDAY 10AM



SATURDAY 10AM



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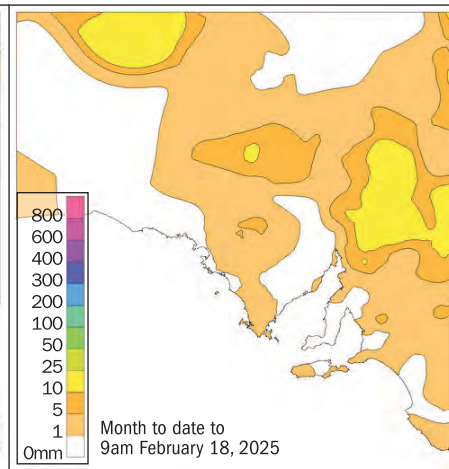
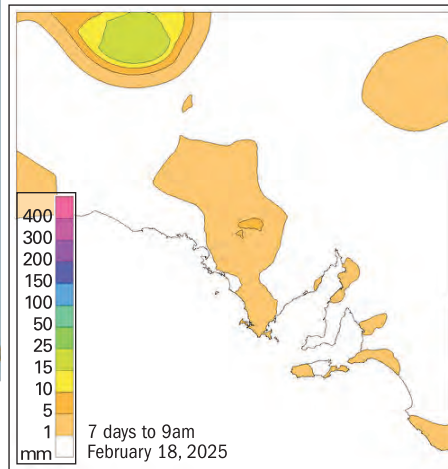
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Lenswood	0	0	0.0	4.0
Meningie	0	0	0.0	0.0
Milang	0	4	4.0	9.8
Millbrook Resv	0	2	1.4	3.6
Monarto	0	2	1.8	8.6
Mt Barker	0	0.4	0.4	6.4
Mt Lofty	0	0	0.0	8.2
Murray Bridge	0	0.7	3.7	11.2
Nairne	0	0	0.0	5.8
Noarlunga	0	0	0.0	5.8
Nuriootpa	0	2	12.6	14.0
Palmer	0	0	1.0	3.5
Parawa	0	0	0.0	10.6
Parawa West	0	0	0.0	10.6
Parndana	0	0.6	0.8	2.4
Peake	0	0	0.0	2.8
Roseworthy	0	2	1.6	2.8
Strathalbyn	0	0	0.0	4.8
Tailem Bend	0	0	0.0	7.2
Tintinara	0	0	0.0	4.0
Uraidla	0	0	0.0	4.8
Victor Harbor	0	2	1.8	9.0
Williamstown	0	0.8	0.8	2.8
Willunga	0	2	1.6	7.8
Woodhouse	0	0.2	0.2	8.8
Yankalilla	0	1	1.2	7.8

SUN & MOON

	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Thursday	6:54am	8:04pm	11:46pm	1:51pm
Friday	6:55am	8:03pm	Nil	2:51pm
Saturday	6:56am	8:02pm	12:26am	3:51pm
Sunday	6:57am	8:01pm	1:16am	4:48pm
Monday	6:58am	7:59pm	2:13am	5:39pm
Tuesday	6:59am	7:58pm	3:18am	6:24pm
Wednesday	7:00am	7:57pm	4:28am	7:03pm

TIDES

Location	Time	Height (m)	Time	Height (m)
Outer Harbor	Thursday: 2:56am	0.6m	8:33am	2.0m
	Thursday: 2:27pm	0.4m	9:03pm	2.4m
Friday:	Friday: 3:24am	0.7m	8:49am	1.8m
	Friday: 2:39pm	0.5m	9:25pm	2.3m
Saturday:	Saturday: 3:56am	0.9m	8:56am	1.5m
	Saturday: 2:37pm	0.7m	9:47pm	2.1m
Sunday:	Sunday: 4:50am	1.2m	7:40am	1.3m
	Sunday: 1:38pm	0.8m	9:36pm	1.8m
Monday:	Monday: 12:11pm	0.7m	7:07pm	1.7m
	Monday: 11:20pm	1.4m		
Victor Harbor	Thursday: 3:46am	0.8m	10:00am	0.3m
	Thursday: 5:53pm	1.0m	10:47pm	0.8m
Friday:	Friday: 2:11am	0.8m	10:09am	0.3m
	Friday: 6:51pm	1.0m	11:07pm	0.9m
Saturday:	Saturday: 1:18am	0.9m	10:15am	0.3m
	Saturday: 1:06am	1.0m	10:14am	0.3m
Monday:	Monday: 1:06am	1.1m	9:53am	0.3m



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Deaths

GURNEY,
Rodney Donald:

Of Strathalbyn
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Aged 63 Years.

Dearly loved husband of Andrea for 42 Years.

Much loved father of Daniel and Timothy.

Loved son of Don and Yvonne (both deceased);

Brother and brother-in-law of Raylene and Ian, Veronica and Carl.

Loved by their families.

Loved brother-in-law of Gavin, Karen and Bill, Brenton and Karen; also Sandy.

Loved by their families.

A kind, selfless and generous man, who gave total devotion to his family, his friends and his community.

He will be deeply missed.

Rodney's funeral service was held on Wednesday 19th February followed by a private cremation.

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GURNEY

Rodney Donald
of Strathalbyn:

13/03/1961 -
07/02/2025.
Aged 63 Years.

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Dearly loved and caring brother and brother-in-law of Raylene and Ian and Veronica and Carl.

Cherished and devoted uncle of Steven, Robyn, Kerry, Anthony, Katie, Kyle, Simon, Emma, Shaye, Brendan, Craig, Matthew and families.

Your heart of gold stopped beating.

Your smiling eyes at rest.

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You tried so hard to stay with us.

Your fight was all in vain.

God took you in his loving care and freed you from all pain.

When family chains are broken nothing is the same but as God takes us one by one, he links the chains again.

Now at peace in God's loving care and reunited with mum and dad.

Till we meet again. Forever in our hearts xx

Deaths

ROBERTS,
Gerry:

Of Langhorne Creek.
Died 11/02/2025

Relatives and friends are invited to attend Gerry's Funeral Mass, to be held in the Good Shepherd Catholic Church, 2 Chapel Street, Strathalbyn, on Tuesday, February 25, 2025, at 2:00pm, followed by a private burial.

If desired, in lieu of floral tributes, a donation to the Lobethal Harmony Club Scholarship Scheme, in memory of Gerry, would be greatly appreciated.

Details for the donations will be available at the church.

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REYNOLDS,

Penelope Ann:

Passed away peacefully on February 13, 2025.
Aged 78 years.

Loved daughter of Peter and Kay (both dec).

Loved sister of Jenny (dec).

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Expressions of interest for vacant member positions or Independent Chairperson positions for the CEEC and RBBHBAC will be accepted between Thursday 20 February until 5 pm Friday 14 March 2025.

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