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## FLOWER POWER

Sunflowers have been leaning into the recent hot weather and are currently in full bloom at a Mount Compass farm, bringing smiles to visitors who come to pick them.

In recent weeks, Petal and Stem Flower Farm has been spreading the cheer with the public by welcoming them to come and pick their own bright blooms for the first time.

"It's been the best few weeks since opening," farmer, Chintahla Lobow, said.

"This is what makes me happy – the flowers – and having people come with their kids.

"When you look at a sunflower, they're just so beautiful and they make everyone happy."

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Petal and Stem Flower Farm's Chintahla Lobow is excited to open up flower picking to the public on the Mount Compass property for the first time. Photo: Tara Nash

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# HOUSING HUNT

By Giorgina McKay

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River Dolls of Goolwa owner Lyn Clark has closed her museum and is now selling dolls through her shopfront and online as she prepares for retirement. Photo: Tara Nash. INSET: The Southern Argus photo in December 1999 when the museum first opened.

## Goolwa's 'toy story' comes to an end



By Tara Nash

Dolls hold nostalgic memories for families, from being a symbol of security, something passed down generations or from visiting the extensive collection at River Dolls of Goolwa museum, which has recently closed its doors after 25 years of operation.

The shopfront Dollies Lollies will remain open for the next 12 to 18 months as the owners Lyn and John Clark sell the collection of 3000 items as they prepare for retirement.

Lyn was initially just a hobby collector for 15 years, with the couple living in Melbourne and trawling markets on Sunday mornings.

"I just bought things that I liked - I had no idea of the values of things," Ms Clark said.

"I've always been interested in fashion history, so if I found a naked doll or one in clothes that are tatty, I enjoyed the research - who made that doll? How should it be dressed? How can I get the right material to make an outfit for the doll?"

John "sympathetically" continued to put up shelves around the house for her growing collection, and when their circumstances

changed, they decided to open the dolls to the public in Goolwa.

The Cadell Street space was specifically fitted to be a doll museum, having a back section with no windows to prevent sun damage to the dolls, and a front lolly store that honoured the town's heritage.

Over the quarter of a century it was opened, the unique museum amassed a collection of 3000 dolls which was visited by tourists and generations of local families, becoming an institution in the town.

"I love meeting people and talking with them - I'm a chatterbox at the best of times," Ms Clark said.

"Some people - who are sometimes, 80 or 90 years old - who share their experiences are just a delight."

She also enjoyed encouraging interchange between family members, such as when she'd hear: 'when we get home, we're going to get that doll out of the cupboard'."

"It's that relationship... they lose grandma and sort through her house - and they find these dolls they don't know anything about it," Ms Clark said.

"They realised they've missed an opportunity to find out something about grandma's past, about her dolls: 'where did she get them? What did she call them?'"

Working in the business community, Ms Clark also leaves a legacy of being a key player in making the town the first accredited Cittaslow community in Australia in 2007, and the first one outside of Europe.

Cittaslow is about slow towns, with council, community and businesses working together to promote quality of life and sustainability.

The move was a way to revitalise the region following the Millennium Drought through the Southern Alexandrina Business Association.

Initially Chair then the inaugural President, Ms Clark led a committee of 60 people in the landmark move, and was later recognised as Alexandrina Council's Citizen of the Year for her efforts.

Cittaslow's groups and projects are now far reaching into the community, including a community garden, market and regular events.

It's just one of the ways Ms Clark has seen the town and industry evolve over her time.

"In tourism, you have to be involved with others in the area - you can't properly operate without others," she said.

"Over the 25 years that we've been operating, things have changed, but it's a matter of understanding what it is that people want and adapting accordingly.

"Life develops and changes, and the experiences (I've had) have been terrific."

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### This Week's Joke

What do you call the security guards for Samsung?

A: Guardians of the galaxy!



Mount Barker Football Club players and siblings Will (left) and Abbey Ekberg (right), with Member for Kavel Dan Cregan and newly announced Independent candidate Matt Schultz at the club's facilities on Sunday. Photo: Deirdre Graham

## Football President puts his hand up for seat of Kavel

A grassroots community leader will stand as an Independent candidate for the seat of Kavel at the next election after current member Dan Cregan announced his retirement from South Australian politics.

Mount Barker Football Club President Matt Schultz announced his decision on Sunday alongside Mr Cregan, who endorsed the newcomer.

Mr Schultz was honoured to receive Mr Cregan's endorsement, and was looking forward to hopefully becoming the first football club President to be elected to State Parliament.

"I'm committed to being a strong independent voice for Kavel, and continuing Dan's legacy of grassroots activism to deliver the projects we need for a rapidly growing Hills population," Mr Schultz said.

Mr Schultz lives in Mount Barker with his wife Kylie – a nurse at the Mount Barker Hospital – and the couple's children.

He has a lengthy career in higher education, including stints at TAFE and Flinders University.

Mr Schultz's priorities include a new public high school for the Hills, the upgrade of the Woodside intersection, the resurfacing of roads into Lobethal, more paediatric services at Mount Barker Hospital and the ultimate prize of restoring passenger rail services to the Hills.

He will also campaign for more equipment and facilities for local

emergency services members.

At Sunday's announcement, Mr Cregan said Mr Schultz was widely known and respected in the Hills through his work with more than 600 families and their children in the Mount Barker Football Club development programs, and his work as a talent scout for TAFE and Flinders.

"Matt has a passion for helping people," Mr Cregan said.

"He's worked closely with me to deliver some of the most important local infrastructure and services projects, including a new Regional Sports Hub and Aquatic Centre.

"He has encouraged hundreds of local students, including women, to give football a try for the first time.

"He is also often the link in our community between many school leavers and higher education, especially kids who are the first in their family to go to TAFE or Uni."

Federal Member for Mayo Rebekha Sharkie has also backed Mr Schultz, saying he had the right values and perspectives to be an effective local member.

"Matt is well-known in the Hills for his passion for grassroots sports and community clubs," she said.

"He genuinely cares about people, and has welcomed many families in our community into the Hills sporting and community life."

The Wellington Road trees will be removed in the coming weeks to support the new Mt Barker Hospital development.



## Community outcry over removal of Mount Barker hospital trees

The removal of former World War I (WWI) Avenue of Honour trees to support the Mount Barker Hospital redevelopment has outraged local residents.

To support the construction of the State Government's new hospital, 27 desert ash trees that were part of the WWI Avenue of Honour along Wellington Road – which have since progressively eroded due to roadworks, commercial property development and tree topping – will be removed in the coming weeks.

The Avenue of Honour was decommissioned by the local RSL in 2013, and a new one featuring more than 70 magnolia trees to commemorate war service veterans was established at Keith Stephenson Park in 2020.

Prior to the announcement by District Council of Mount Barker last week about the trees' removal, council members were given a general presentation about the overall project in October last year by the Mount Barker Hospital project team, who then subsequently made a submission to Planning Minister Nick Champion for a landscape plan that included consistent avenue planting along the road.

As a condition of the Planning Minister's approval for the project, DIT and Health Minister Chris Picton were required to submit a final landscape plan detailing ground finishes, planting, shade structures, screening, furniture, lighting and replacement trees, and a permit application was submitted by DIT for the trees removal to enable the works and future traffic interventions for the hospital.

Council claims its Urban Forest Officer undertook a comprehensive on-site assessment as part of the permit application process, including consideration of the amenity value of the trees and status of desert ash as a declared weed.

DIT was then granted permission for their removal subject to a tree offset payment.

Still, many were unhappy with the decision.

"We don't care about aesthetics – get

rid of the local heritage I say," Laura Best responded to council's Facebook post.

"In fact, why doesn't the council just turn Keith Stephenson Park and Laratinga into additional space for houses? The value of the area has been depleted so much anyway and surely the wildlife can just get lost elsewhere!

"No seriously, Mount Barker, why don't you just go along with the State Government's plan to destroy the area? It is so much easier isn't it to roll over and play dead?"

Though some did welcome the news, saying "it's about time".

"They have caused significant problems for such a busy road – root structure has been highly damaging to the road, causing the need for higher maintenance and cost," Michael Van Der Wijngaart wrote.

"For the same reason, the drainage is regularly blocked causing localised flooding – the visibility for vehicles entering Wellington (Road) is horrible, leading to much higher chances of incident.

"Shade, the broader environment and aesthetics are still important, but you have to be pragmatic in the approach to the problems we face."

The removal works will be carried out from January 28 to February 15.

Council assured residents it will continue to work with DIT for a suitable landscaping solution along the frontage of the new hospital to ensure the best outcome for the community and the environment.

For any questions, contact DIT on 1300 872 677 or visit ([www.dit.sa.gov.au/contact\\_us](http://www.dit.sa.gov.au/contact_us)).

## Smoke blankets SA from fires

South Australia was blanketed in smoke from the Victorian fires for several days, impacting local communities, including those in Alexandrina.

The smoke spread across the Victorian and South Australian border from the raging fires in the Grampians, moving west across the state over the weekend and start of the week.

It prompted a warning from the Country Fire Service for people to be careful about smoke inhalation and reduced visibility on the roads.



Smoke blankets over SA from the Grampian fires interstate. Photo: Cory Button



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The main concerns raised were protection of Strathalbyn's character and amenity, traffic and construction impacts, adequacy of infrastructure, and environmental outcomes – most of which were expressed by residents at two information sessions held in town during the consultation period.

Several residents were concerned with the potential for increased traffic due to future development, specifically on the Old Bull Creek Road, West Terrace, North Parade and Manse Road intersection, however, a traffic assessment by MFY affirmed that while traffic will increase, it will be within operating capacity.

However, upgrades will be required to Old Bull Creek Road, which will be negotiated as part of the future land division application.

Another major concern was localised flooding issues.

Local residents noted during the community information sessions that significant rainfall already blocks downpipes and flows over gutters, and that in a downpour, the water flowing from properties can get 'backed up'.

A flood modelling assessment by WGA showed Dawson Creek will not overtop and flood under current conditions, and any future development is only expected to increase flood levels by a maximum 15mm near the site.

Based on residents' concerns, the Minister determined to alter the code amendment by extending the adjoining Neighbourhood Zone and associated 450 square metre



minimum allotment size over the area instead of the Master Planned Township Zone – which would have allowed two-storey townhouses with no minimum frontage and maximum 285sqm homes – to “provide a more appropriate density and design relationship outcome with the Strathalbyn township, and lessen potential environment and rural interface impacts”.

Impact of future development on the environment was additionally a particular concern for council.

In its submission letter, council referred to the protection of vegetation along Old Bull Creek Road and the existing stormwater easement, increasing tree canopy through

applying the urban tree canopy overlay, and increasing the setback to the watercourse to 40 metres.

The concept plan was amended to ensure no more than two dwellings can access Abbotts Lane and that a future road reserve connects future allotments near the road, increase the area of open space around Dawson Creek to 40 metres.

It was also amended to apply the urban tree canopy overlay to the whole area, and limit building height to eight metres and one level.

According to planning documents, the development is anticipated to facilitate approximately 275 dwellings.



Enjoying Little Rock and Read at Strathalbyn during sessions in 2024 were Sam and Arthur Willis from Langhorne Creek.

## Extra Rock 'N' Read sessions added to library

Alexandrina Libraries is hosting additional Little Rock 'N' Read sessions at the Strathalbyn Library during February and March.

Funded by Words Grow Minds, the State Government initiative aims to support healthy brain development in children aged birth to three years by encouraging parents and caregivers to talk, play, read and sing to their young child.

Little Rock 'N' Read is a free, weekly early-learning literacy and language-based activity offered by Alexandrina Council's library team during school terms.

Come along to the new additional sessions and receive a free Words Grow Minds bag that includes a board book, a children's picture book, prompt cards and a library card for your child.

Sign up your child with their library card on the day to support your child's learning journey both with language, literacy and numeracy and learn to borrow and return library items or, if you already have a bag, bring your library card in and staff can activate it.

Sessions include songs and stories performed by staff from the reading chair.

Regularly scheduled sessions at the Strathalbyn Library on Thursday mornings from 10am to 10.30am will continue, with the additional Tuesday sessions being offered to encourage new members.

Sessions for the additional sessions at Strathalbyn are being held from the same time on Tuesday, February 18, Tuesday, February 25, Tuesday, March 4 and Tuesday, March 11.

Council's Library & Customer Service centre is located at 1 Colman Terrace, Strathalbyn.

To find out more about Little Rock 'N' Read, visit ([www.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/libraries](http://www.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/libraries)) or call 8555 7000.

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# Drone causes grass fire at Nangkita

By Giorgina McKay

A drone is believed to have sparked a grass fire at Nangkita last Wednesday.

At about 11am on January 29, approximately 40 Country Fire Service (CFS) firefighters on eight trucks and three support vehicles, along with six aircraft, including firebombers and observational aircraft, SA Police, and SA Power Networks were called to Nangkita Road after a grass fire broke out near Mount Compass.

Quick work from firefighters on the ground supported by 18 drops from aircraft stopped the fire before it could reach the nearby house.

Firefighters remained on scene into the evening to ensure the fireground was safe and reduce the risk of reignition.

The cause is believed to be a fallen power line due to impact from a drone.



A fallen powerline impacted by a drone is believed to have caused a grass fire at Nangkita last Wednesday. INSET: SA Power Networks were on the scene quickly to restore power. Photos: CFS

## Horror start to the year creates concern

In a horror start to the year, 12 people lost their lives on South Australian roads in January – the deadliest first month of the year in more than five years.

Of the 12 fatal crashes so far this year, six occurred in regional SA and all were single-vehicle run-off-road crashes – two of which were cyclists.

This has been the deadliest start to the year on SA roads since 2019 when 14 lives were lost in January.

It's prompted RAA to issue a reminder to South Aussies to drive and ride to the conditions, avoid distractions, and adhere to speed limits.

"At RAA we continually advocate for safer roads and safer communities on behalf of all South Australians," RAA

Senior Manager of Road Safety, Charles Mountain, said.

"What we've seen on our roads so far this year is tragic and cause for serious concern.

"Across December and January, 23 lives were lost on SA roads – the worst two months on our roads since early 2023, which was a catastrophic year on our roads.

"The safe systems approach relies on us having safe road infrastructure, safe vehicles, safe speeds, and safe road user behaviour.

"On an individual level, we should ensure we're driving the safest car we can afford, adhering to speed limits, avoiding distractions, and driving to the conditions."

## Two cars collide at Goolwa Beach

By Giorgina McKay

Two drivers have walked away unscathed after their vehicles collided at Goolwa Beach on Saturday.

At about 6.20pm, police and emergency services were called to the intersection of

Beach Road and Ferguson Road after two cars collided.

Neither driver, a 39-year-old Goolwa Beach man and a 56-year-old Suttontown woman, were injured.

One of the vehicles, a Honda sedan, had to be towed from the scene.

## Tough new knife laws proposed for SA to tackle 'surging' crime

South Australia will have the toughest knife laws in the country under reforms to be introduced to parliament by the State Government this week.

The comprehensive package includes expanding police powers to conduct wandering searches in shopping centres and at public transport hubs, requirements for the secure storage of knives in stores, and the creation of two new offences for supplying knives to minors.

The laws have been developed following extensive consultation with SAPOL and the broader community

Under the proposed reforms:

● Police will have greater power to conduct wandering searches at shopping centres, public transport hubs, on public transport vehicles and at licensed premises.

● It will be an offence to supply a knife to a minor, where the supplier knew or ought to have known that the knife could be used in an offence.

● The sale of knives to minors will be

banned without exception.

● Offences for carrying and using knives at schools and public places will be expanded to cover childcare centres, preschools, kindergartens, universities and TAFE SA campuses.

● Stores selling certain types of knives will need to keep them securely locked up or tethered.

● The display of signage stating knives cannot be sold to minors will be mandated at any retail premises selling knives.

"This is a significant step forward in keeping the community safe, developed in consultation with SA Police and others," Attorney-General, Kyam Maher, said.

"This comprehensive package of reforms is part of the government's efforts to make sure South Australia's knife crime laws are tough, effective, and give police the tools they need to keep our community safe.

"I thank all of those people who had their say during the extensive consultation on these measures, and look forward to their passage through State Parliament."



The stolen naval items.

## Stolen items found at Wellington home

Murray Bridge police arrested a man for theft and firearms offences following the search of a Wellington property last Tuesday.

On January 28, police searched a Wellington address, where they located a stolen Millard Caravan, tools, jewellery and naval paraphernalia, and an air rifle on the premises.

A 27-year-old man was arrested and charged with theft, possession of a firearm without a licence, and unlawful possession.

He was refused bail and attended Murray Bridge Magistrates Court last Thursday.

The owner of the naval items was thrilled to have his items returned to him.



A similar bike to the black and lime green one stolen at Murray Bridge during the school holidays.

## Bike stolen from Murray Bridge

Police are investigating the theft of a bike from a Murray Bridge home during the school holidays.

Sometime between 9.45pm on Saturday, January 18, and 11.30pm on Monday, January 20, a Radius Targa 10 mountain bike and helmet was stolen from the driveway of a Swanport Road property.

The bike is black and lime green and engraved with serial number GW2141866.

Anyone who sees the bike is asked to call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.



A grass fire at Lake Plains is suspected to have been started by lightning on Monday night. Photo: CFS

## Grass fire at Milang

A small grass fire was believed to be started by lightning at Lake Plains on Monday night.

At about 5.30pm, 25 firefighters from the Milang, Strathalbyn, Langhorne Creek, and Clayton Bay Country Fire Service on four trucks, one bulk water carrier and one command car, along with three private farm units, tackled a two-hectare grass fire on Lake Road.

The fire is suspected to have been started by lightning.



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# Last week's fires spark discussion



By Tara Nash

Multiple concerns were raised over two recent fires at Neutrog during Monday night's community forum at Callington, which was held in the town before Mount Barker District Council's monthly meeting.

Fires were sparked at the Kanmantoo site – which develops fertiliser – on January 27 then again, four days later, on January 31. The site has also had reportedly about 10 fires since 2018.

The first last week was five piles of smouldering mulch which resulted in small fires and was responded to by 10 Country Fire Service (CFS) volunteers on two trucks, and five aircraft.

On January 31, another fire started and was responded to by two CFS trucks.

After the community forum, local resident Peter Roberts shared his concerns with *The Southern Argus*.

"If (a fire) jumps the fence and sweeps through the adjoining farming properties, it'll become a huge issue," he said.

"I can't think of another business in any area where it's inevitable that you're going to get a fire every summer."

Cr Harry Seager "share(d) concerns" with local residents, fearing it could become "catastrophic", particularly being in the Adelaide Hills.

He later asked if a risk assessment had been conducted by the CFS, and staff responded that they were following up those answers.

"CFS works with local businesses across the state to assess and support the ongoing risk of fire on their properties," a CFS spokesperson said.

"It is an individual's responsibility to minimise the risk of fire starts and be prepared in the case they do happen."

Neutrog issued a statement after the meeting listing measures taken to "manage fire risk" and "keep the community safe".

They included working to weather conditions, 24/7 surveillance of the site, staff training to identify and treat compost piles that show signs of being at risk.

Others included having sufficient water capacity and numerous fire hydrants and

Cr Harry Seager responding to questions from the public during Monday night's community forum. Photo: Tara Nash



an Emergency Action Plan developed with the CFS.

Neutrog has also lodged an application to return to its original composting process of operating with settled pile heights of five metres in cone formation, up from the current shorter three metre piles in lines.

A spokesperson said expert advice indicates that this height will reduce odour and dust and "substantially reduces, if not eliminates" fire risk.

They claim higher pile sizes and cone shapes reduce risk of combustion because it improves moisture, air and density issues.

"We are confident returning to this method of operation will support the other existing fire prevention measures we have in place and minimise risk," a spokesperson said.

"We hope that by sharing this specific information more widely, the community now has a greater understanding of the processes underway."

They claimed that a lodgement has been made with council and awaits to be signed off by the Environment Protection Authority (EPA).

The EPA "continues to work with Neutrog and other waste sites" about their fire preparedness strategies and procedures to prevent the spread of fires.

"Materials such as organic wastes can produce heat through degradation and licensees are required to monitor stockpiles to reduce risk of overheating and spontaneous combustion," a spokesperson said.

"Neutrog's EPA Licence conditions stipulate there must be a separation distance of 3 metres between stockpiles and 6 metres on the perimeter to allow for emergency vehicle access.

"As per the EPA Stockpile Guidelines, there should be sufficient spacing between stockpiles and buildings to allow access in case of emergency and to help prevent the spread of fire."

Neutrog is also required to notify the EPA of a fire on the premises "as soon as practicable", and a written report must be provided within 72 hours of bringing the fire under control.

Mayor David Leach said residents have "strong support" and advocacy of council.

"I can assure you that there's no greater matter of (importance) for this council than the safety of the residents of this district and we are going to be actively seeking a better solution," he said.

Callington Memorial Hall was full on Monday night for the forum before the council meeting, an initiative which rotates between the wards. About 60 residents turned up, which is more than 10 per cent of the town's population of 478.

Other topics raised included concerns around the drought and possible support, heavy vehicles driving over the Callington bridge, illegal dumping of rubbish, and how to make the Callington bridge safer for pedestrians.

## 25 YEARS AGO

from the files of the Southern Argus

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD, 2000

On Monday, January 31, a small luncheon was held at the Goolwa Hotel by Mrs. Dierdre Tolley to express her thanks to the people who put forward and supported the OAM nomination for her husband and well known SA historian, Mr. John Clifford Tolley. John gained his OAM for services to the preservation and recording of the history of SA, particularly as a researcher and writer over 50 years. The State library holds a copy of all his papers concerning the South Coast and River Murray, as well as an extensive collection of slides.

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The Strathalbyn Scouts started 2000 off with Lance Holdsworth being presented with his 35 years Service Award, Peter Stewart and Bram van Raalte, both being presented with Awards for 15-year service and David Fairweather receiving his Adult Membership. The Cubs had their first meeting on January 31 with Jason Howe and Andrew Kerslake having their first night as Cubs. At the AGM Linda Stringer accepted the position as Chairperson and Marion Mardern accepted the Secretary position.

## 50 YEARS AGO

from the files of the Southern Argus

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH, 1975

There has been a lot of talk about the possibility of closing the Victor Harbor section of the railways. Over the past three years there has been a steady decline in freightage but an increase in passengers. 1971-72 freight carried was 20,000 tons, grossing \$76,000. 1972-73 Freight 12,000 tons grossing \$48,000. 1973-74 Freight less than 3000 tons, which a semi trailer could cart in six months. 1971-72, passengers 36,000, 1972-73 38,000, 1973-74 passengers jumped to 49,595. These figures show a great potential for a tourist draw. It apparently cost \$316,000 to run the line in 1972-73.

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In the Strathalbyn swimming carnival local swimmers took all placings for the first time in the Sunshine Cup 800 metres freestyle, being Dean Lambert first, Mandy Hunt second, and Robert Verner third.

## 100 YEARS AGO

from the files of the Southern Argus

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH, 1925

Milang residents are urgently asked to attend the meeting called for Saturday night next to consider a proposal to reclaim the swamp at the foot of Todd's Hill. Such work would add greatly to Milang's attractiveness as a holiday resort, and if for none other than purely business reasons, should have the moral support of residents of the township and neighbourhood.

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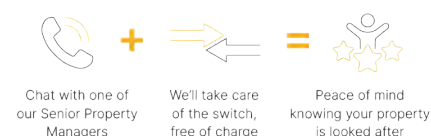
On Monday afternoon a serious fire broke out on Mr. W. B. Gemmill's property close to the railway line about six miles from Strathalbyn and quickly spread into Sir. J. L. Stirling's Highland Valley Estate. Help was sent and in a very short time car loads of firebeaters were on the spot, gathered from Strathalbyn, Mount Barker, Woodchester, Macclesfield and Wistow. There were a lot of sheep and horses on the estates and fears were entertained for the safety of a flock of stud rams and a number of valuable ewes, rescued by driving them quickly through the flames.

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Kelly Holbrook and Penny Sedgman weren't deterred from the heat, with plenty of shade offered around the garden. Photos: Rowan Sims

## Public visits Mount Barker garden

Visitors browsed through a carefully-considered Mount Barker garden named Goodhouse 57 on the weekend, appreciating the shade in the heat as well as the microclimates created for wildlife

In the Open Gardens SA program, part of the ticket sales were donated to the newly-established charity Fruit Share Adelaide that harvests fruit to prevent food waste and shares with local charities and food-relief programs.



Julie Loots and Irene Dover at the garden.

# Second elephant arrives at Monarto Zoo

Monarto Safari Park's newest addition, female Asian elephant 'Permai', safely arrived to the facility last week.

After a 40-hour, 2700km journey across the Nullarbor, 35-year-old Permai, and her dedicated team of veterinarians and keeping staff arrived mid-morning last Thursday.

Perth Zoo Acting Director of Life Sciences John Lemon said the epic trip went well, with plenty of peanut butter sandwiches and watermelon packed in her trunk to keep Permai content.

"It is certainly a relief to see Permai take her first steps into her new home at Monarto Safari Park," he said.

"It was a long journey along the Nullarbor, but she was made as comfortable as possible with plenty of her favourite treats.

"Understandably she was very tired when she arrived, and would have needed a good sleep in her beautiful new barn.

"Her welfare has always been our absolute priority, and I am exceptionally proud of the entire team for getting her to her forever home safely.

"Now, we can't wait to see her start this new chapter, and hopefully, soon develop a bond with Burma."

Permai spent the days following her arrival settling into her new habitat with the support and care of her keepers from Perth Zoo and Monarto elephant team.

Monarto Safari Park Manager of Elephants Andrew Coers said the team will be guided by Permai herself as to when she feels comfortable to explore the wider habitat, and meet her new herd-member Burma.

"We're all very hopeful that Permai and Burma will forge a strong friendship as the two founding members of the new Monarto Safari Park herd," he said.

"We will closely monitor both of the girls' behaviour over the next period to gauge not only how Permai is adjusting to her new home, but also if the pair are ready to interact with each other.

"We will be looking for specific actions and body language that signal they are interested and ready to make a new friend."

Burma and Permai had their first interaction soon after the latter's arrival.

During the interaction, both elephants displayed curiosity and gentle behaviours towards each other, which is a great first step towards further interactions in the future.

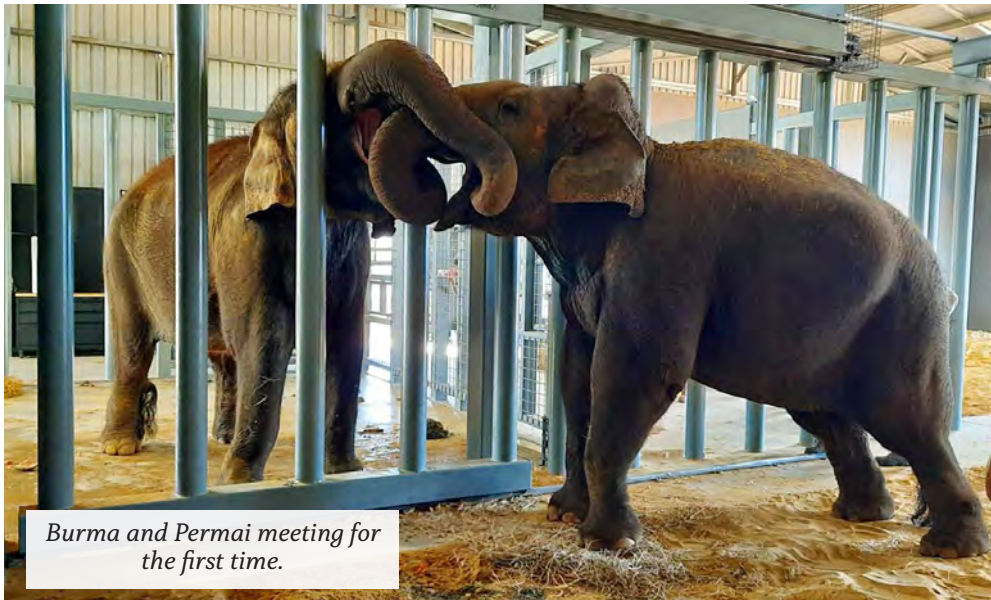
Over the coming year, the two females will be joined by Pak Boon and Tang Mo from Taronga Zoo Sydney, and male Putra Mas from Perth Zoo to form a founding herd.

Director of Monarto Safari Park Peter Clark said Permai's arrival marks the next step in Zoos SA's elephant journey.

"It takes more than one elephant to form a herd, so we are so excited for Permai to join Burma here at Monarto Safari Park," he said.

"As an endangered species with numbers that are declining in the wild, we hope this support continues and ignites a passion for the conservation of this special species.

"We are very thankful to everyone who made Permai's journey a success and have helped us reach this significant milestone."



Burma and Permai meeting for the first time.

## Letters to the Editor

### RE: Fish deaths response

Dear Editor, I write to address the claims made in a letter by Shadow Minister for Regional South Australia, Primary Industries and Water Resources and the River Murray Nicola Centofanti published by your paper on January 23, 2025.

The dredging trial on metropolitan Adelaide beaches was commissioned and overseen by the state's Department for Environment and Water (DEW).

It was not conducted by the Environment Protection Authority (EPA).

The EPA licensed the trial as a dredging activity in accordance with the EPA Licence #42842 held by MC Dredging and Port Development Pty Ltd - the company contracted by DEW to undertake the dredging works.

The licence required a Dredge Management Plan to be approved by the EPA prior to the commencement of dredging.

This process seeks to ensure that measures and controls are in place throughout the trial to prevent and minimise environmental harm.

The Dredge Management Plan was prepared to the satisfaction of the EPA and included requirements for (i) a sediment characterisation sampling program consistent with the National Assessment Guidelines for Dredging, Commonwealth of Australia, (ii) a water quality monitoring plan, (iii) a seagrass monitoring plan, and (iv) a noise management plan.

The sediment sampling program (prior to dredging) confirmed that the sediments identified for dredging contained low or undetectable levels of contaminants.

Turbidity was continuously monitored by the licensee at six sites during the trial,

with trigger levels (stop and mitigate) to protect water quality and seagrass.

Throughout the operations, turbidity remained similar to background levels recorded before the trial and the turbidity triggers to protect water quality and seagrass were not reached.

A seagrass survey was conducted by the licensee in August 2024 (prior to dredging operations) to establish a baseline of nearby seagrass meadows before the trial commenced, and further surveys are being conducted post-dredging.

This monitoring will help inform the EPA's understanding of the potential impacts from dredging and inform assessment of the technical and environmental feasibility of any future dredging activities proposed along the Adelaide metropolitan coastline.

The dredging operations were completed and were compliant with the EPA licence conditions.

DEW will now prepare an evaluation report on the outcomes of the trial, taking into account environmental, operational, economic and social factors.

The EPA is aware of the loss of fish, larvae and spat at the South Australian Research and Development Institute (SARDI) and Robarra sites near West Beach, and is liaising with DEW and SARDI/Primary Industries and Regions South Australia (PIRSA) in relation to the incident.

At this stage, the cause of fish mortality is undetermined, and it is under investigation by PIRSA.

**Dr Jon Gorvett PSM,**  
Environment Protection Authority  
Chief Executive

## Our View

Thursday, February 6, 2025

### Ageing well

As they say, there are only two certainties in life - death and taxes.

We won't talk about taxes.

If you are lucky enough to live a long life, preparing for that longevity can be fraught with questions about fading health and funds, and the knowledge many partners, friends and family could pass away before you.

Sorry to be morbid.

When is it time to sit down and start preparing for this stage of life?

Some sail through the senior years with few problems, but for others it can be a real struggle and one that might start relatively early.

The older you get can often equate with an increasing number of medicines and visits to the doctor.

On Friday, about 170 locals keen to know more about ageing well packed the Strath Neighbourhood Centre to be brought up to speed on this important issue, with the turn-out a testament to how many in our community are keen to know more about this stage of life.

As Member for Mayo Rebekha Sharkie says, positive ageing is about celebrating the richness of life experiences, maintaining one's physical and mental health, remaining socially connected and continuing to engage in meaningful activities as people age.

It can be a time of richness - full-time employment in general in the past, the kids have probably flown the coop, a smaller home to look after, holidays both in Australia and/or overseas to look forward to, or more time to spend with family and friends.

There is no doubt time can be so precious.

For many families, our parents and grandparents have devoted themselves to caring for us unconditionally, and so it is now time those of us that are younger to ensure they get the unconditional care that they need.

Perhaps one of the key points from Friday's forum was that it is never too early to start the conversation about ageing well.

Email your letter to the editor to [news@southernargus.com.au](mailto:news@southernargus.com.au) with an address and mobile number (not for print) or send a text message to 0435 031 908.

The views shared in Letters to the Editor are not those of The Southern Argus.

## The know in the FLEURIEU ...

### What extra support is needed for senior citizens in Strathalbyn?

**Don Sheldon,**  
Strathalbyn



"There is a big need for transport."

**Lorraine Stokoe,**  
Strathalbyn



"We need a proper transport stand and community bus around Strath."

**Coralie Sheldon,**  
Strathalbyn



"Better homecare packages. I haven't found a provider in Strath for Commonwealth packages."

**Diane Lunt,**  
Strathalbyn



"I would love another supermarket to give older people more choice."

Petal and Stem Flower Farm's Chintahla Lobow is excited to open up flower picking to the public.  
Photo: Tara Nash



## Sunflowers in full bloom at Mt Compass



By Tara Nash

Sunflowers have been leaning into the recent hot weather and are currently in full bloom at a Mount Compass farm, bringing smiles to visitors who come to pick them.

In recent weeks, Petal and Stem Flower Farm has been spreading the cheer with the public by welcoming them to come and pick their own bright blooms for the first time.

"It's been the best few weeks since opening," farmer, Chintahla Lobow, said.

"This is what makes me happy – the flowers – and having people come with their kids.

"When you look at a sunflower, they're just so beautiful and they make everyone happy."

After recently moving to her partner's Mount Compass property, Ms Lobow decided to grow sunflowers with a love for

the botanicas after completing a floristry course years ago.

She started by growing a small row near the house for fun before expanding to a nearby paddock with a mixed seed batch in October.

The soil had been churned up with manure from the farm's cattle, and with regular irrigation and weed control, the big, bold flowers have grown to different heights – some smaller while others tower above. Most are surrounded by buzzing bees.

Since opening to the public weeks ago, visitors have been having a field day in the space, some having photoshoots in the eye-catching blooms while others have brought their children to enjoy.

Ms Lobow expects the season will last another four or so weeks and is opening up bookings a week or two in advance until they sell out.

Next year, she plans to use an extra paddock to stagger plantings to space out flowerings.

## Fishing line entanglement rescues on the rise locally

By Tara Nash

A Goolwa-based wildlife rescue organisation is supporting an annual rise of 200 rescues during the school holidays over recent years, with a particular increasing issue of animals being entangled in fishing line.

Wildlife Rescue Centre Manager Justin Biddle has found "fishing line entanglements galore" over the school holiday period, responding to at least one a day.

"I think more people in general are coming down and visiting the Fleurieu – it's just getting busier and busier every school holidays," he said.

"(Also) people are a bit more aware of wildlife and more likely to call us... people are much more aware that we exist."

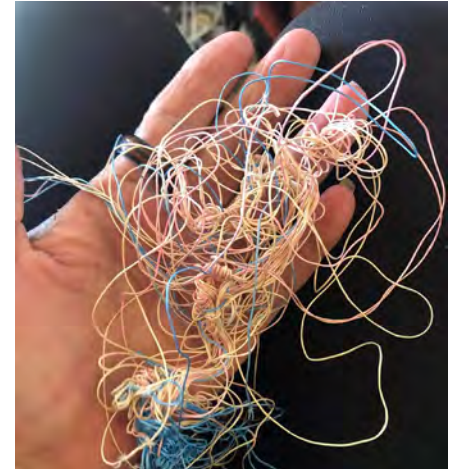
Fishing line entanglements can be for a range of reasons, such as discarded line after it's been snagged, when a bird catches a fish as it's on the line, or in hotspots when people catch carp and leave it on the bank.

Fishing line entanglements can have detrimental impacts to an animal, such as missing feet, lead poisoning from sinkers and hooks, infections or death.

An entanglement could also mean a bird is unable to fly or open their beak to feed.

Some other animals, such as pelicans, have such strong stomach acids it allows a hook to dissolve in their stomachs or they'll digest it.

Birds in trouble have been varying, from debilitated sea birds, white albatross, southern and northern petrels, and unique species.



Wildlife Welfare Organisation SA is calling on the public to report any animals entangled in fishing line.

At last count, the organisation had supported more than 120 species of birds since the centre opened.

Wildlife Welfare Organisation SA supported 1400 animals last year.

Mr Biddle encourages fishers to visit the Safe Fishing website for further tips and report to Wildlife Welfare Organisation SA any hooks or entanglements.

Alexandrina Council region also has hook, line and sinker bins that are tended to by volunteers.

"If you fish and do catch a bird, do not cut the line – you need to reel it in, contain the bird and give us a call," he said.

"At the very worst, if it snaps a line, you still need to call someone – make sure you report it."

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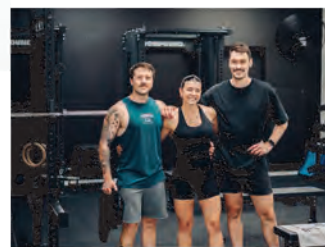
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National Trust of SA - Goolwa Branch Secretary Anthony Presgrave has joined calls to save Customs House from a proposed sale for hotel accommodation. Photo: Tara Nash

## Further calls against proposed historic Customs House sale



By Tara Nash

Alexandrina Council's proposed sale of Goolwa's historic Customs House for hotel accommodation has now sparked widespread calls to save the space for community use after two meetings were held.

The current community consultation follows council seeking interest from businesses, organisations and sole traders into some of the buildings of the Goolwa Wharf Precinct following its \$18 million development.

Customs House was built in 1859 and has been vacant since 2016, apart from recently being used as a site office for McMahon Services Australia, the main contractors for the wharf revitalisation project.

The building was originally constructed to house the Superintendent of a horse-drawn railway which joined the River Port of Goolwa to Port Elliot.

It then served as the Customs House before becoming the Harbour Master's Residence.

It has been used by various community groups over the years, including by Alexandrina Centre for Positive Ageing.

The first Men's Shed in Australia was also established on the block.

Located in the Goolwa State Heritage Area, Customs House is subject to much of the same policies of heritage-listed sites, even though it's not individually listed itself.

Council is proposing the sale to hotel accommodation to support the renewal of the Goolwa Wharf precinct, taking into consideration that the building requires "significant investment" to restore which is "beyond the scope" of council funding, according to online documents.

A report from South Australian Tourism Commission also found that Goolwa and the wider Fleurieu Peninsula faces a "significant

shortage" of accommodation.

Goolwa Community Centre's earlier application for the site was rejected, and Manager Di Gordon initially voiced concerns during community consultation, previously telling *The Southern Argus* that it's "really important" that the building is retained for the community.

"Our board, and many of the community, are saying 'you have no right to sell heritage – that is for future generations to enjoy,'" Ms Gordon said last month.

"We believe it's short-sighted to sell off our heritage buildings to reduce council debt."

She was one of the representatives at a recent meeting, which drew about 40 individuals and from different organisations, with some now planning to meet with council.

Another meeting was held by the Heritage Standing Committee of the National Trust of SA - Goolwa Branch, which responds to local heritage issues.

The meeting resulted in a letter asking council to retain ownership of the space and precinct to be preserved for community use.

"We've dealt with numerous things over the years and this one, we decided, warranted having a Heritage Standing Committee meeting," Branch Secretary, Anthony Presgrave, said.

"Our concern is we don't want to see (the heritage precinct) picked off piece by piece.

"I've been around the town long enough that I've seen what goes on, and I've seen things start and I've seen things fail, and I don't want to see this fail."

Mr Presgrave – who was previously a local councillor – understood that the building required significant investment but believed multiple grants are available for such work.

Council was unable to further comment during an ongoing consultation. Community consultation concludes February 14.

## Homes prepared for Murray Bridge

The State Government is an important step closer to getting houses built at Murray Bridge now that the infrastructure schemes have been initiated for the major land release sites.

The approval will help shape the future of the greenfield development sites, with plans to engage landholders, potential developers and the respective councils in the decisions for their future.

A key initiative from the Housing Roadmap, infrastructure schemes ensure greenfield developments are delivered faster, with consistent necessary infrastructure in place to support new communities.

The Murray Bridge infrastructure scheme is designed to bring three new precincts to market as part of the Residential Growth Areas Code Amendment, with the area expected to

deliver up to 1100 homes.

"Infrastructure schemes in Concordia, Sellicks Beach and Murray Bridge will speed up the delivery of approximately 13,000 new homes," Planning Minister, Nick Champion, said.

"This infrastructure scheme mechanism is unique to South Australia and has the necessary elements required to deliver well-planned growth areas that are underpinned by infrastructure commitments.

"This will provide enhanced transparency and certainty for landowners, developers, investors and communities.

"Through this type of scheme, basic infrastructure is provided in step with the pace of development and delivered when it is actually needed."



Strathalbyn Pool lifeguards Ava Laan and Lucinda Moran are ready to party tomorrow night.

## Neon Party 'lights up' Strathalbyn Swimming Pool

Get ready for an electrifying evening at the Strathalbyn Community Swimming Pool with the highly anticipated Neon Pool Party.

Tomorrow night the pool will host an after-hours event perfect for kids aged 10-15 years.

DJ Brad Collins – a favourite at the pool's events for the past five years – will be back to spin everyone's favourite hits, and lead exciting games and competitions.

The event will be catered for by the pool team, featuring a delicious barbecue with sausages from local legends Maidment's Meat Service.

Attendees can also look forward to tackling the pool's newest inflatable

attraction 'the Wobble Run', which will be featured during the event.

The pool staff are excited to welcome everyone for a night of fun, with team members expressing that this is one of their favourite events to work.

"We love putting this event on and bringing something unique to our local community," Event organiser, Elysse McCabe, said.

"It's a great two hours full of fun, and we love seeing everyone enjoying themselves."

With nearly 100 tickets sold, the event is expected to sell out.

Remaining tickets can be purchased via the Strathalbyn Pool's website.

Concept only of the proposed plans, looking northwest from the wharf.



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Some of the crowd that gathered at the Strath Neighbourhood Centre on Friday for a Positive Ageing Forum organised by Member for Mayo Rebekha Sharkie. INSET: Helen Deguet and Meagan Wittchen from the Care Finder program were on hand to answer questions at Friday's Positive Ageing Forum in Strathalbyn. Photos: Deirdre Graham

## Locals learn the ropes to age well at forum

A bumper crowd of about 170 locals keen to learn how to age well filled the Strath Neighbourhood Centre on Friday afternoon. Organised by Member for Mayo Rebekha Sharkie, the Positive Ageing Forum Strathalbyn brought together a group of experts on the topic, with question time also factored in.

Ms Sharkie said positive ageing was about celebrating the richness of life experiences, maintaining one's physical and mental health, remaining socially connected, and continuing to engage in meaningful activities as people age.

Her hope is to reframe the conversation around ageing to develop a more inclusive society that acknowledges and embraces the valuable contributions made by older Australians.

"Our goal is to foster a community where older people feel empowered to take charge of their health, find new passions, and remain actively involved," Ms Sharkie said.

"For years our parents and grandparents have cared for us unconditionally, (and) it is only fair that the same care and attention be offered to them in their golden years.

"The ageing process should not be perceived as something negative, but as a new stage of life with different challenges, experiences and opportunities."

Special guest speakers at the forum included:

- Ian Yates – former CEO of COTA and most recently the A/Inspector-General of Aged Care, who spoke about the station of the nation for older Australians.

- Chris Grice – CEO of National Seniors Australia, who spoke about issues including aged care and health, the Age Pension,



Allan Cleanthous and Natalia Kerrilee, from Carers SA Australia, were available to help people at Friday's Positive Ageing Forum in Strathalbyn.

retirement incomes, age discrimination, and cost of living.

- Carolanne Barkla – CEO of Aged Rights Advocacy Service (ARAS), who spoke about advocacy for older Australians.

Local experts and services also in attendance included:

- Tim Donlan, Donlan Lawyers Partner – who spoke about organising your Estate in an orderly manner.

- Robin Woods from Caring SA – on Who Cares for the Carers?

- SA Office for Ageing Well – letting attendees know about state concessions available to older community members.

A number of advocacy and community groups were also represented at an 'Expo' at the forum.



John and Maggie Keating, of Strathalbyn, were keen to learn more at Friday's forum.



Don and Coralie Sheldon, of Strathalbyn, were keen to learn more from the speakers.



Lorraine Stokoe and Diane Lunt, of Strathalbyn, at Friday's ageing well forum.

## Strath Neighbourhood Centre unveils new garden name

By Deirdre Graham

Volunteers at the Strath Neighbourhood Centre celebrated the naming of its new garden on Friday.

Grenook is the chosen name – a contraction of Green and Nook – chosen by the team that put the garden together.

Centre Manager Mal Sutcliffe said the garden was the result of hearing from the local community, with the finished space the culmination of two years of planning, resourcing and work.

"This is a safe, tranquil space aimed at providing a sensory place to reflect, share fellowship or just sit and relax, and all are welcome," he said.

"This also provides a space for our volunteers to enjoy, as the work they do

for the community is often challenging.

"This is stage one of the garden, and future plans include security fencing to keep little ones in, and eventually a garden kitchen."

Member for Mayo Rebekha Sharkie and Member for Hammond Adrian Pederick were on hand for the official naming.

"It is a real privilege to be here today with all of you community-minded people and have a look at the garden, and the tranquillity and the relaxation it will provide for many members of the community," Mr Pederick said.

"I think it is magnificent, and all power to you all."

Mr Pederick also used the occasion to present the centre with a certificate marking a \$30,000 grant for volunteer co-ordination and development at the centre.



Member for Hammond Adrian Pederick (left) presents Strath Neighbourhood Centre Manager Mal Sutcliffe with a \$30,000 grant certificate to go towards volunteer co-ordination and development at the centre alongside Member for Mayo Rebekha Sharkie. Photo: Evermore Photographics

# Illegal signs cause nuisance

By Giorgina McKay

A warning has been directed to local residents over illegally erected signs that have been reported popping up across the region, enticing people with cheap labour.

Advertisements for roof painting and other trade services at a low cost have been erected across Adelaide in recent weeks, and have now been sighted in Alexandrina Council.

It is uncertain whether the business is legitimate, but it is confirmed the signs have been erected without authorisation.

Erecting advertisements on government land without relevant permission is illegal and can carry penalties of up to \$10,000 for individuals and \$20,000 for business.

Over the past two weeks, council's community safety team in collaboration with its field services team has been actively removed the signs, and to date has taken down approximately 15 of them, primarily in Strathalbyn.

"At this stage, the installation of unauthorised signage is not widespread across the region and continues to be managed through council's regular daily inspections," Chief Executive Officer, Andrew MacDonald, said.

"The community safety team is adhering to council's enforcement policy and will assess whether any further action is required.

"We would like to remind the community that members of the public are not permitted to install signs on traffic infrastructure such as stop signs, street signage or stobie poles."

Minister for Consumer and Business Affairs Andrea Michaels was aware of the signs popping up around the state more broadly, and urged people to avoid doing business based on a corflute alone.

"While this type of advertising can be used by legitimate businesses, it is often exploited by unlicensed operators looking to prey on



vulnerable people," she told *The Argus*.

"If the work requires a trades licence – such as renovation or building work – people can ensure an individual is licensed by heading to (<https://www.cbs.sa.gov.au/find-a-licence-holder>).

"You should always get multiple quotes. If any one quote is significantly lower than the rest, this can often be a red flag that the trader is unlicensed."

Ms Michaels also recommended people seek recommendations where possible from family and friends.

"If they have had positive experiences with a specific trader, there's every likelihood that there will be minimal issues," she added.

"You should never be pressured into making a decision on the spot.

"High pressure tactics are the hallmark of unlicensed operators."

People wishing to seek advice or report activity in their area by potential scammers can contact CBS on 131 882 or visit ([www.cbs.sa.gov.au/contact](http://www.cbs.sa.gov.au/contact)).

*The Southern Argus* called the advertised number and was told the business owner had allegedly hired a company to erect the signs.

The respondent was happy for them to be removed if they were an issue.



Jeanette Leonard, Athalie Martin, Marylyn Bell, and Colleen Jaensch were among members who celebrated birthdays in December or January. Photo: Betty Tugwell

## Probus ladies celebrate at morning tea

Strathalbyn Ladies' Probus Club President Athalie Martin welcomed 23 members and two visitors, namely Kaye Billington and Ann Butler, to its December 9 Christmas Morning Tea meeting.

The Storyteller of the Day was Betty Tugwell who read two pieces about men and women ageing.

January 2025 birthdays were extended to Margaret Smith, Athalie Martin, Rosa Freschi, Margie Rowe, Colleen Jaensch, Marylyn Bell, and Jeanette Leonard, who received their traditional coat hanger gifts, which were made by Marlene Potts.

Lucky winners of the monthly competition were Kaye Billington, who received first prize of a large fruit cake kindly baked and donated by member Johanna Jenkin's daughter, Anne Stolte,

with the other prize winners being Colleen Page, Yvonne Tischer, Lorraine Stokoe, Fay Penniment, and Margaret McKenzie.

Management Committee members presented two skits – *Jack in the Beanstalk* and *The Three Little Pigs* – for the entertainment of those present at the meeting.

A Christmas-themed morning tea was served, comprising of savoury, hot foods purchased by the club, and sweet items contributed by the Management Committee members.

Having been in recess for the month of January, the Strathalbyn Ladies' Probus Club will conduct its first meeting for 2025 in the Lutheran Church Hall on Monday, February 10, commencing at 9.45am.

Interested visitors will be welcomed.

# Entertainment

## Swamp



## Pic Puzzle



## Sudoku

1		7						6
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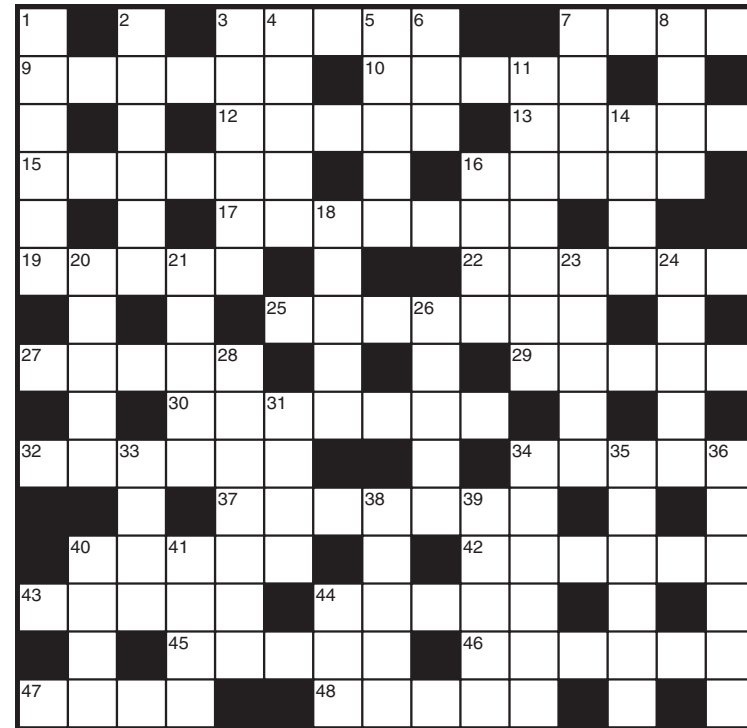
## Solutions

PIC PUZZLE: 8 native Australian animals – 2 koalas, an echidna, possum, kangaroo, emu, wombat and a kookaburra.

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## Weekly Crossword



- ACROSS**
- 3 Happen again
  - 7 Subtle emanation
  - 9 Bellowed
  - 10 Bare
  - 12 Musical note
  - 13 Essential
  - 15 Of foreign origin
  - 16 Death-dealing
  - 17 Directed a course
  - 19 Endures
  - 22 Stifled laugh
  - 25 Assemble
  - 27 Thin biscuit
  - 29 Verdant
  - 30 Arbitrator
  - 32 Dairy product
  - 34 Inconsiderate speed
  - 37 Card game
  - 40 First public appearance
  - 42 Fisher
- DOWN**
- 1 Severe trial
  - 2 Regional dialect
  - 3 Not diligent
  - 4 Decree
  - 5 Combine
  - 6 Male sheep
  - 7 Mine entrance
  - 8 Actual
  - 11 Dodging
  - 14 Diplomacy
  - 16 Festivity
  - 18 Call up
  - 20 Make ashamed
- 21 Thither
  - 23 Earth (L)
  - 24 Cast out
  - 26 Turns away
  - 28 Saves
  - 31 Noteworthy act
  - 33 Water pitcher
  - 34 Cope with
  - 35 Biblical dancer
  - 36 Departure
  - 38 Sky blue
  - 39 Reverse of a coin
  - 40 Deceive
  - 41 Carry
  - 44 Concealed

# Faces & Places



Jasmine and Charlie Watt enjoying Macclesfield's Tour Down Under live site on January 23. Photo: Giorgina McKay



Graham Crack looks over the 1923 Model T Ford he donated to the Milang Museum at last month's Power Rally. The vehicle was purchased as a four-door tourer in the 1930s and remained in the family for more than 90 years. Photos: Deirdre Graham

Nick McCue and Jayme Marshall, of Murray Bridge, started up a Haesler engine and Haesler Pump Jack, which is a water pump built in Hahndorf, at the Yesterday's Power Rally in Milang.



Reg Eastaugh, Karen Stephenson, Cathy Megson-McAllister and Dennis Oldenhove getting together at Macclesfield's Australia Day breakfast. Photo: Deirdre Graham



Mary Smith and David Porter came down from Ardrossan to attend Strathalbyn's Australia Day ceremony with local Craig Lambert. Photo: Giorgina McKay



Tilly and Jane Price, of Hahndorf, waiting to try a hose demonstration led by Macclesfield CFS on January 23. Photo: Tara Nash



Murray Stephenson, Phillip Prey and Ernie catching up recently in Maccy. Photo: Tara Nash



RFDS Fleurieu Support Group members Phil Daws, Bronnie Daws, Lois Hannagan, and Paul Hannagan on hand at Yesterday's Power Rally on January 19.



Gilbert and Heather Haywood drove this 1931 Ford Model A Victoria from Strathalbyn to Queensland and back last year. The vehicle is just one of 15 classic vehicles Mr Haywood has restored over his lifetime, with just one more to be completed before he hangs up his tools. Photo: Deirdre Graham

# A lifetime of restoring classic vehicles for Gilbert



By Deirdre Graham

Strathalbyn car buff Gilbert Haywood began restoring cars as a teenager in 1959, and now the near-85-year-old is working on his last one – a 1948 Triumph Razoredge. Mr Haywood left school after finishing grade 7 and spent much of his working life as a windmill specialist, but believes his restoration talent came from “just being mechanically minded”. “I like the restoring side of it – bringing something that is dead back to life,” Mr Haywood said. “It is history, and just my passion. “I have done 15 (vehicles) and I am on my 16th one at the moment – the Razoredge.” Some of the classics he has restored include a 1948 Chevrolet, 1947 Plymouth,

1921 TT Truck, 1926 T Ford car, 1927 T Ford Roadster, 1928 Ford Model A, 1972 Dodge Truck, 1969 Dodge Truck, 1912 T Ford, 1930 Model A Ford, 1931 Model A Ford, and a 1926 Ford T Buckboard. His favourite to this day was the 1927 T Ford Roadster. “I bought it in Barmera in about 2005, and brought it home as a trailer load of junk,” Mr Haywood said. “I didn’t even get one bolt (then) to put that together because it was all in pieces, so I left it in the trailer for a while. “I sourced the bolts from all sorts of sources, and I made space in the shed and started on it. “From the day I took the first piece out of the trailer to when I drove the vehicle out of the shed was exactly nine months. “I just worked on it full time, and my wife Heather helped me a bit... that was 2006 and 2007 because we took it to the 2008 100 Years of T Model Fords at Echuca in Victoria for

the national rally.” Mr Haywood had to mostly rely on his own mechanical skills to rebuild the car. “I looked at a couple of other T Fords and took a few pictures,” he said. “I had everything grit blasted and undercoated, and once that was done, I did all the painting and complete restoration from start to go. “I bought myself an upholstery sewing machine, and stitched up the hood and seats. “We had to completely rebuild the engine, I had to get all the chrome redone, and I sourced brand new tyres from Victoria from Vintage Tyres. “The (parts) are readily available, straight direct from America, but I can’t remember how much I spent on parts – I was frightened to add them up – however I did get a catalogue from Schneider’s in America and that was a very good source of how to put things together.” Once he had finished 15 vehicles that was

going to be it for Mr Haywood, but a special request for help came in. “My latest project is the Triumph Razoredge and that car, believe it or not, I used to service for my boss when I was 18 or 19,” he said. “I was working for this lady and she had this car that I used to do the servicing and whatever else had to be done. “She was only a little lady by the name of Mrs Torr, and she used to sit in the car and look through the steering wheel to drive it. “Now the grandson owns it, and just a few months back he came to me and said ‘I have still got grandma’s car’, and I said ‘You must be joking’. “He said, ‘No, I have still got it, and Gilbert you are the only one who would know much about it, so how about you do a bit of work on it for me’, so that is what we are doing at the moment.”

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**Contact:** Brendan Saunders  
 0400 856 500

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Private, convenient and ready to go! Positioned on a no-through road and located on a spacious 896m<sup>2</sup> allotment, this diverse property at 14 Cotton Court, Strathalbyn offers an ideal opportunity for investors, young families, or first home buyers alike to enter the market. The three-bedroom, one-bathroom home bridges the gap between open and separate living floorplans. The formal lounge overlooks the front yard and captures beautiful natural light, creating a warm and inviting atmosphere.

The kitchen includes ample storage and flows seamlessly through to the dining area and rear entertaining space. Ideal for family and friends, this area spans the length of the home and is perfect for hosting Christmas gatherings or children's birthday parties. The spacious backyard can be enjoyed as is or offers the opportunity to get your creative juices flowing to shape the space to your liking. The shed, complete with concrete flooring and power, makes a great workshop or

storage area. This private location is within close proximity to the walking trails of the River Angus, offering a serene and picturesque setting. Enjoy the Strathalbyn country town feel with all the convenience, commute to work or take in all the Adelaide Hills and Fleurieu have to offer. This one is an opportunity not to be missed!



## An exciting opportunity for adventure and country living

**Address:** Lot 253 Chaunceys Line Road, Hartley  
**Price:** \$1,060,000 - \$1,164,000  
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 Phone 08 8549 1700  
 RLA320683  
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Ray White Strathalbyn | Murray Bridge proudly presents a three-bedroom, one-bathroom home nestled on an expansive 83.21-hectare property in Hartley. Escape the city and embrace open space, fresh air, and endless possibilities on this stunning space at Lot 253 Chaunceys Line Road. Set among rolling hills, this expansive land is your chance to create the lifestyle you've always wanted. Whether you seek adventure, sustainability, or a peaceful retreat, the opportunities are

limitless. Picture yourself racing across open trails on dirt bikes, enjoying the thrill of freedom with every ride. Or perhaps you dream of a self-sufficient homestead, where cattle roam, chickens lay fresh eggs, and fruit trees and vegetable gardens flourish. For horse lovers, this property is a dream come true. Ride freely across your own private haven, take in breathtaking scenery, and enjoy picnics under the shade of towering trees. With so much space to explore, this land is more than just property - it's a gateway to adventure and tranquility. The impressive 12m x 12m stable is a valuable addition, whether you're an equestrian enthusiast, hobby farmer, or need extra storage. Secure and weather-protected stalls keep your horses safe and comfortable. There's plenty of room for feed storage, tack rooms, and grooming stations, making daily care effortless. Beyond horses, this versatile space is ideal for storing farm tools, machinery, or recreational gear like dirt bikes and caravans.

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 cozy 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 hectare | 205 acres
  - Three bedrooms
  - Slow combustion heater
  - Ceiling fans

- Breathtaking views
- Solar with batteries
- 12m x 12m stable
- 2 x 4.5m x 4m 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 characterized 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.



## In trend living in beautiful Hampden Park

**Address:** 15 Catt Drive, Strathalbyn  
**Price:** \$740,000 - \$760,000  
**Open:** Call Agent  
**Agent:** Raine & Horne Strathalbyn Rural SA RLA316138  
**Contact:** Nick Grosvenor 0439 845 974

4 2 2 624m2

This stunning four-bedroom, two-bathroom residence is perfectly positioned on a coveted north-facing 624m<sup>2</sup> allotment at 15 Catt Drive, Strathalbyn, offering both

luxury and tranquillity. The moment you arrive, you'll be captivated by the elegant facade of this 2009-built Oakford home, featuring charming Queen Anne windows surrounded by beautifully manicured gardens. Now, let's talk about one of the standout features that will leave you breathless - a brand new, sparkling kitchen that redefines elegance and functionality! This opulent space is the highlight of the home, boasting exquisite stone benchtops, premium appliances, high-end fittings, and abundant storage options. It's not just a kitchen; it's a chef's paradise! The thoughtfully designed floor plan ensures plenty of space for the whole family,

including a sumptuous master suite complete with an ensuite and a spacious walk-in robe. Two of the additional bedrooms (two and three) come with built-ins for convenience, while your entertaining needs are met with a formal lounge, dining room, and a light-filled second lounge. The bathroom features a convenient separate vanity, plus there's a second toilet and a stylishly updated laundry that perfectly complements the kitchen. Key internal features include stunning updated timber flooring that flows through the living areas, ducted reverse cycle air conditioning to keep you comfortable year-round, soaring 9ft ceilings that enhance the roomy vibe, and exquisite plantation shutters

that add a touch of luxury throughout. Step outside through the lounge to your southerly-facing entertaining area, where you'll enjoy relaxing views of the low-maintenance lawns and established gardens - perfect for hosting gatherings or enjoying peaceful afternoons outdoors. And that's not all. This home also comes equipped with a 6kW solar system, rainwater storage, and a handy garden shed, making it the complete package! Don't miss your chance to own this exceptional property in one of Strathalbyn's most sought-after locations. Your perfect lifestyle awaits!

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15 Catt Drive, Strathalbyn  
 4 Bed 2 Bath 2 Car 624m2

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- The floor plan ensures plenty of space for the whole family complete with ducted r/c air conditioning
- Manicured established gardens with lawns, 6kw solar system, rainwater storage and a garden shed

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## Stylish country charm meets modern convenience

**Address:** 15 Jacob Road, Strathalbyn  
**Price Guide:** \$925,000 - \$975,000  
**Agent:** Ray White Strathalbyn  
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Ray White Strathalbyn | Murray Bridge is proud to present this four-bedroom, two-bathroom home situated on a spacious 5090sqm | 1.25-acre allotment at 15 Jacob Road, Strathalbyn.

Discover the perfect blend of space, comfort, and country charm just outside Strathalbyn in the peaceful setting of Strathalbyn.

This exceptional property offers a lifestyle of relaxation and convenience, ideal for those seeking room to move, entertain, and enjoy the outdoors.

Step inside and be greeted by a light-filled, open-plan living space that seamlessly blends comfort with functionality.

At the heart of the home, the well-appointed kitchen boasts ample storage, an induction cooktop, and a skylight that bathes the space in natural light-all while offering picturesque views of your generous allotment.

The inviting living area overlooks the tranquil front garden and features a new, cozy slow-combustion heater, perfect for winter nights, or for those warmer days,

there is also a split system reverse cycle air-conditioner.

The elegant French doors effortlessly connect the indoors to your large, fully covered outdoor entertaining spaces - perfect for entertaining family and friends in any season.

Surrounded by established, low-maintenance gardens and lush green lawns, this space provides the perfect backdrop for relaxation.

This spacious home offers four well-sized bedrooms, all with built-in robes and ceiling fans for added comfort ensuring restful nights during the warmer months.

The Master suite is a true retreat, complete with a recently updated, generous, and private ensuite inclusive of a spa bath and another reverse cycle split-system air conditioner.

Beyond the main home, a versatile retreat room awaits-ideal as a games room, teenage getaway, or home office.

With two additional storage rooms, keeping your belongings neatly organized has never been easier.

For those who love their hobbies, the 6.2m x 5m shed offers ample room to store a camper trailer, dirt bikes, or tools-an ideal workshop for any handyman or craftsman, or can be used as a tack shed.

Equipped with two stables and an arena, along with a horse washing bay, this property is a dream come true for horse lovers.

With side access to the rear of the property to easily accommodate a horse float, boat, or caravan, there is also plenty of space to roam and a secure place to rest for your equine companions who will feel right at home.

Opportunities like this don't come around

often.

Whether you're seeking a peaceful retreat, a hobby farm, or an entertainer's paradise, this property delivers it all.

**Internal features:**

- 1981 built
- Four spacious bedrooms
- Ensuite
- Built-in robes
- Slow combustion heater
- Split system air conditioning
- Retreat/studio

**External features:**

- 5090sqm | 1.25-acre allotment
- 2 x 4.2m x 4.2m Stables
- Arena
- 6.2m x 5.0m shed
- 11m x 4.5m verandah
- Solar
- Ample rain water tanks

**Nearby features:**

- Five-minute drive to Historic High Street
- Five-minute drive to Woolworths
- Six-minute drive to early learning centres
- Six-minute drive to local schools

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.



## Summer-ready luxury in prestigious Pipers Crest

**Address:** 10 Sullivan Road, Strathalbyn  
**Price Guide:** \$675,000 - \$720,000  
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 RLA320683  
**Contact:** Joshua Bagley 0487 823 645

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Ray White Strathalbyn | Murray Bridge is delighted to present this 2012-built, four-bedroom, two-bathroom home situated on a 518 sqm allotment at 10 Sullivan Road, Strathalbyn.

Nestled within the sought-after Pipers Crest Estate, this residence is a haven of comfort and style, complete with a sparkling in-ground pool - just in time for summer!

The Master suite offers a large ensuite and a walk-in robe, providing both comfort and convenience.

Bedrooms two and three feature built-in robes, while bedroom four stands out as a sunlit sanctuary - an ideal winter haven for curling up with your favourite bestseller.

All four bedrooms are equipped with ceiling fans, ensuring a comfortable and restful night's sleep during warm summer evenings.

At the heart of the home, you'll find an expansive open-plan living area designed for effortless entertaining and everyday relaxation.

The stylish kitchen seamlessly connects to the generously sized lounge, making it the ultimate space for gatherings big or small.

With abundant cupboard space, stainless steel appliances, and a dishwasher, the kitchen is both practical and elegant.

Year-round comfort is guaranteed with a split-system air conditioner and a extremely welcoming cozy slow-combustion heater located in the heart of the home, perfect for the crisp Adelaide Hills winters.

Step outside into your private oasis. The alfresco area, complete with roller blinds for all-weather enjoyment, is perfect for unwinding or entertaining.

From here, enjoy serene views of your sparkling in-ground heated swimming pool - a space designed for endless summer fun and relaxation.

Nature lovers and gardening enthusiasts will be delighted by the abundance of established fruit trees and raised veggie boxes.

Grow your own seasonal produce, enjoy the fresh flavours of your land, and save on grocery bills while living sustainably.

Continuing the eco-friendly theme, this home is equipped with a powerful 8.6kW solar system and a 13.5kW battery, ensuring your energy costs stay impressively low.

Additionally, the garage has an EV charger installed, making it ideal for electric vehicle owners.

This home is more than just a place to live - it's a lifestyle.

Experience modern comfort, sustainable living, and endless possibilities.

**Internal features include:**

- 2012-built
- Master bedroom with WIR and ensuite
- Bedroom two and three with built-in robe
- Open plan living
- Slow combustion heater
- Split system air conditioning
- Ceiling fans

**External features include:**

- 518sqm allotment
- 5.5m x 5.9m garage with EV charger
- 2.8m x 3.8m gazebo
- 8.6KW solar system + 13.5 Kw Tesla battery
- In ground heated swimming pool
- Established fruit trees
- Veggie patches
- 22,500L rain water tank

**Nearby features include:**

- Two minutes to local schools.
- Two minutes to the historic High Street.
- Three minutes to Strathalbyn outdoor swimming pool.
- Three minutes to Strathalbyn Footy Oval

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.





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# The Southern ARGUS Sport

## Strath basketballers up the ante for new stadium



### By Deirdre Graham

The Strathalbyn Basketball Association is upping the ante with its push for a new multi-court stadium in the town. In recent weeks association members have been meeting with local members, Basketball SA officials, Shadow Finance Minister Jane Hume, and Liberal candidate for the seat of Mayo Zane Basic, along with fronting Alexandrina Council at its last meeting.

"There are now 50 teams here that are relying on this one facility, which is clearly outdated," Hume said.

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Strathalbyn Basketball members Lewis Graham, aged seven, Jaxon Horne, aged 10, with Liberal candidate for Mayo Zane Basic and Shadow Finance Minister Jane Hume, and Poppy, aged 10, and Daisy Begue, aged eight.

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# Argus Bowls

## Langhorne Creek Bowls

### Close win on Saturday for Division 2

Saturday bowls, at Langhorne Creek, was played on a genuine summer's day.

The warm dry weather had allowed our greenkeeper to prepare a very slick green for pennant competition.

I think our visitors were quite surprised at how well our green was playing.

Our Division 2 were hosting players from Clarendon, who sit on top of the ladder in that competition.

With a place in the top four still achievable by the Hawks, the game was on!

Tim Footner who was skipping a rink, which included brother Ben who was back from a couple of weeks' holidays, Delton Schiller and Adam Chamberlain (also back from a week off), got it off to a great start and looked in control for most of the day.

Their rink was the last one to complete the day, and all players gathered to see if they were able to maintain a big enough lead to carry the other two rinks.

Clarendon needed five shots to win (and four to draw), and as Tim bowled his last bowl, Clarendon were holding four, but fortunately for the Hawks, Tim's bowl edged out one shot, thus giving that rink the win

and an overall win by the Hawks by one shot, which was a bit close for comfort.

The other two rinks, skipped by Justin Cleggett and Shane Rothe, battled hard to keep in touch, thus allowing the win overall.

Meanwhile on adjoining rinks, the Division 4s were hosting a strong unit from Victor Harbor.

Unfortunately, all rinks were overwhelmed by stronger opposition.

There was quite a bit of banter happening when the Hawks did manage to win an end or two, so the spirit of the game was evident during the afternoon.

The Thursday girls had another good win on their pennant day, when they were playing Victor Harbor, and scored nine out of the 10 available points, to sit on top of the ladder in their division.

It was another great night on Thursday night for our Night Owls competition, and a big thank you goes to Bill Tonkin and wife Lee, who organise the supper for these evenings.

On this coming Sunday, the club is getting ready to hold the annual Red and Rump Day, which is one of the major fundraisers for our club.

## Milang Bowls

### Good week for Milang bowls

With full points in two divisions and a draw, Milang had good results this week.

At Milang last Thursday the ladies played Aldinga Bay – the top team – and won all rinks.

Lee's ladies scored 24-10, Jacky's 23-18 and Bev's 22-18.

Well done to all our ladies.

On Saturday both divisions played at Strathalbyn, with Div. 3 recording the full 12 points.

Glen's rink were finally rewarded with Rink of the Week with 25-15.

Jacky's scored 20-13 and Lee's won by one shot.

This boosted Milang to top of the ladder, with other teams close behind.

Let's keep the good bowls going.

Div. 5 had an overall draw, but only Heather's rink won with 17-10.

Kym's were 18-20 and Pam's 1-19.

Milang scored five points and Strathalbyn got seven.

Milang are still in third position, with a break this Saturday and three rounds left in the minor round.

## Goolwa Bowls



Stephen Rose Goolwa Div 3.



Mandy Van Dyk Goolwa Div 2.



Vic Butvila Goolwa Div 1.



Anne Wood Goolwa Div 1.

Photos: Mark Andrews

# Argus Bowls

## Goolwa and Langhorne Creek Bowls



Jim Hutton Goolwa Div 1.



Peter Cosgrove.



Lee Perkins Goolwa Div 1.



Jo Cullen.



Shaun Golding Goolwa Div 1.



Adam Chamberlain.

# Argus Bowls

## Strathalbyn and Langhorne Creek Bowls



John Page.



Tim Footner.



David Machin.



Rod Lawson.



Andy Hall.



Wayne Strempet.

Photos: Rowan Sims







## Langhorne Creek Cricket



Tigers get around Brad Clements after he claims a wicket.



Brad Clements.



Daniel Kropp.

Photos: Rowan Sims

## Super support for Strathalbyn Strikers

By Deirdre Graham

The Strathalbyn Strikers Football Club is heading into the 2025 season with bumper numbers and an expectation that its A Grade men team will improve on its sixth-place finish in 2024.

Club President Nick Brook said numbers were already "looking good" ahead of two 'Come and Try' days on February 11 and 18 for prospective soccer players.

"Every indication is we will have more players than last year and teams in nearly every grade, which will be fantastic," he said.

"We will have teams in nearly every age group, and the possibility of teams in the younger age groups, which will be great.

"Our men's teams... (is) already out at training.

"We have had over 30 players, so we just need a few more and we could potentially put in a third team, which would be the first time in quite a number of years that we have had three teams."

The club's A Grade men teams will be boosted by the increase in numbers.

"We are expecting to be a lot more competitive than what we were last year based on having the same teams, plus a few extra recruits, so we are adding to our depth, which has always been a bit lacking," Brook said.

"We should be able to have a really good, strong solid group of 15 to 20 A Grade players,

and then when everyone is available, they will feature down to the Reserves and make them a lot stronger too."

Brook said both prospective junior players and their parents were welcome at the February 11 and 18 'Come and Try' days.

"If anyone is interested, but not quite sure, they can come out," he said.

"The parents can have a chat, and the kids can have a try and see whether they like it or not, and sign up from there.

"If they are already dead keen, you don't have to come and try, you can just come and register.

"We will have all details for trainings and all that available as well on those nights, so we should have every question being able to be answered."

The sessions run from 5.30pm to 6.30pm. Brook said soccer was an ideal sport for all ages, including young children.

"There is no waiting list and there is no rotating players out of the team" he said.

"If we have too many for one team we can put a second team in - there is no restriction on that.

"We work hard to make sure everyone has equal game time as well, with enjoyment and family being the number one.

"We don't have trials, we don't have a selection process, we accept everybody."

"While we would love to breed Matildas and Socceroos players, as a club, we are here to provide an outlet for everybody in the town."

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## A Grade Cricket

### Langhorne Creek return to the winners list

The Tigers won their first match of 2025 when they defeated the second-placed Hahndorf at Langhorne Creek on Saturday.

Hahndorf won the toss and batted in the warm conditions, looking to keep in touch with Lobethal who hold top spot, and seeking to turn around their first-round loss at home to the Tigers.

Langhorne Creek were looking to reverse their form after dropping two matches in a row after Christmas, and keep in touch with a potential top two finish.

Hahndorf started slowly, with former Kensington pair Paul Allegretto and Sam Williams watching closely on a slow bare wicket, with Langhorne Creek's bowlers targeting the stumps early.

Allegretto received a life early in the second over, with Troy Blackwell putting down a simple catch at square leg off of Clements, and Sam Williams wasn't able to free his arms early which brought about some hesitation at the crease.

Williams was the first to fall after the Magpies could not rotate the strike with tight bowling.

Brad Clements was the first to strike with a caught behind to Jones, and Hahndorf were 1/32.

Allegretto and Judd looked untroubled, but with no desire to push

the scoreboard, it allowed the Tigers bowlers, in particular Dan Kropp and Ben Warren, to get through their overs and tie the Magpie batters down.

Allegretto played his first aggressive shot and paid the price, with Warren knocking over middle stump, and the dangerous batter was out for 32 from 83 balls with three boundaries.

Judd struggled with anything full and straight, and he fell not long after, after a long stay at the crease, with 17 from 70 balls.

He was run out with a mix-up with Jenner; a direct hit by Brad Clements at mid-on.

From there, Hahndorf tried to force the runs, but the Tigers bowlers and fielders were on top.

Captain Dan Jenner had 27 from 41 and tried his best, but he fell late to Adam Clements, bowled, and the best Hahndorf could muster was 6/123 from 45 overs.

Langhorne Creek sent the left handers Warren and Shannon Jones to the crease, and with some tight bowling from Allegretto and off spinner Sam Williams, the Tigers still had the chase ahead of them.

Jones was positive early and led the way with some nice shots, but the Tigers were slow early at 0/26 from 10 overs.

The opening pair saw off the

opening bowlers before Warren landed a six from Jenner and two boundaries before he was removed by young left arm fast bowler Hudson Judd for 25 to see the score at 1/48 from 13 overs.

Wickets were the only thing that were keeping Hahndorf in the game, and when they removed Jagga Kotz in the 20th over, the Tigers still needed 55 runs for victory.

Jones continued to hang in there with 34 before he was run out from a beautiful direct hit from Sam Williams at mid-off, and when Brodie O'Dea fell for nine at midwicket, the Tigers were 4/87.

Dan Kropp walked from a 'bump' ball not long after, and the Tigers still needed 22 for the win.

Skipper Adam Clements played a casual skipper's knock to guide the team home, with support from Shane Bown who put a couple French cuts to fine leg to finish off the Magpies by five wickets.

Ryan Trafford-Walker toiled hard for his 2/29 from nine overs, with most bowlers working hard on the slow Langhorne Creek pitch.

Hahndorf host Bremer/Callington, with Langhorne Creek off to Macclesfield.

Both teams are eager to finish inside the top two along with Woodside, with all teams on nine wins.

Lobethal lead the table with 11 wins to date.

### Around the grounds

Langhorne Creek B Grade welcomed back some A Grade experience at Wistow, but it didn't matter as the boys were hammered on the Hill by 145 runs.

The C Grade welcomed back the Esperance farmer Jordan Whiting, and he put the Ashbourne Bulls to the sword, with 53 runs, which included five sixes and some damage to a car or two, and a big six over the Milang Panthers' clubrooms.

Mitch Tonkin scored four wickets and Jacko Dalitz three, continuing their good form with the ball.

The D Grade made the trek to Woodside to take on Macclesfield, and Ben Potts lit up the number two oval, with Ben Moore hitting 72 and 66, with not much running done by the pair.

The boys belted out 275 before holding out the Redbacks by 26 runs.

Toby and Darcy Phillips were back at it at Langhorne Creek on Saturday morning, hitting 50\* and 35 to lead the 16s to 194 against Stirling.

Ashton Warren and Will Stratford suited up for the first time in the U14s this year, with the 11 year olds heading up the South Eastern Freeway for a game

at Hahndorf.

The extras column top scored with 55, with Chris Nutt and his Tiger cubs chasing 169 next week.

The 12s put on a show at home, demolishing the Stallions, with Archie Frost 26\* and Rupert Potts 22\* on fire.

The 10s held on by a run at Strathalbyn also on Friday night, with Todd Butler and Jack Farrimond happy with the Tigers' work.

Great to see Henry Lyon back in the fold too.

Toby Phillips headed to Cherry Gardens for the Calaby Shield on Sunday (U15), but the boys went down to Hills.

Archie Frost had a win in the Fuller Shield first XI, with Sam McInnes going down in the Fuller Shield second XI – well done to our association representatives.

Riley Stapleton (U14 Captain) played for Murray Towns, and they defeated KI in a canter.

The A Grade went down to Nairne in the T20 Semi-Final at home, but it was good to see Hamish Case pull on the black and gold again as the marquee.

Thanks to Michelle Tonkin and the D Grade for the fabulous feast on Thursday night as per usual.

See you at the cricket.

### Strathalbyn Cricket



Matthew Harris.



Riley Tonkin.



Riley Tonkin & Matthew Harris.



Matthew Harris.

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Tim Stewart.



Luke Giddings.

Photos: Mark Andrews.

### T20 review

## Sloppy fielding costs Tigers spot in Grand Final

Langhorne Creek were gunning for their 10th T20 Grand Final in 11 years, but fell short by five runs at the hands of Nairne last Thursday night at Langhorne Creek Oval.

Adam Clements lost the toss and the Tigers were sent to the field, where some costly dropped catches ended up being the difference between the two teams.

Corey Kelly and Shane Kenney had the Razorbacks on the front foot early, blasting 40 runs from the first four overs, with Kelly hitting the majority of the runs, as Blackwell and Case charged in from the Noel Craig end.

Jagga Kotz put down a simple chance from Corey Kelly in the second over before Tea Tree Gully and SA second XI batsman Hamish Case had the breakthrough, with Kenny caught and bowled for 14 in

the fifth over.

Veteran Ben Warren struck first ball at the change of ends, removing the out of form but dangerous Corey Kelly for 27 from 18 balls, and the Tigers had snuck their way back into the contest.

Nick Melvin had a few lives early with a simple catch at deep midwicket put down by Shannon Jones off Warren, before Melvin and Luke Timmins put together a handy partnership of 54 for the third wicket.

Melvin had another life by Jones at midwicket and one at deep square leg by Kotz before Jones took a sharp chance from Luke Timmins to have the Razorbacks at 3/98 from 14 overs.

The last six overs yielded 44 runs, with Chad Harrop hitting a brisk 19 from 15 balls, and skipper Crook knocking up 18\* from 11 balls to see

the away team finish on 5/142 (20). Hamish Case was the best of the Tigers with 2/27 (4).

Adam Clements opened with Hamish Case, with Clements looking to replicate last week's knock off 88, but he fell victim to Brodie Clarke LBW for five.

Ben Warren joined the young gun Case, and they set about building inside the first six overs, taking the score to 1/49 with some lofted shots and hard running between the wickets.

Left arm wrist spinner Nick Williams' introduction was the catalyst for the quick turnaround in fortunes for Nairne, removing Hamish Case with a full toss for 28 to see the Tigers at 1/71 from nine overs.

Two overs later Williams removed Warren with a half tracker caught at fine leg for 44 (34) with a sharp catch

to Caleb Walker and the momentum had shifted.

The Tigers through Kropp chipped away, with 44 needed from the remaining six overs, but a needless run out from Frost by Kelly did not help the Tigers' cause.

Kropp and Kotz pushed the Nairne fielders in the deep, but when Kropp fell to Clarke for 34 with a sharp catch to Kelly on the boundary, it was too

much for the Tigers who required 13 from the last over.

Nick Williams with 2/11 from four overs was the difference along with some dropped catches from the Tigers in the field.

Nairne will now play Lobethal, with Nairne seeking a three-peat of T20 triumphs.

## U16s knocked out at Nairne

Langhorne Creek were knocked out of the AEHCA Solar Wholesalers U/16 T20 quarter finals last Wednesday night, going down to Nairne by nine wickets.

Langhorne Creek won the toss and batted, and were in early trouble at 2/5, with Mason Cook

and Levi Nutt in the shed.

Skipper Toby Phillips led the way with 23 from 17 balls while Under 14s Ollie Bray and Kohde Cook knocked up 13 and 14\* respectively to help the junior Tigers to a competitive 10/119, all out in 16 overs.

The Razorbacks started poorly at 1/5, but from then on, they were rarely troubled, as they cruised to victory and moved to the Semi-Final, where they will face Lobethal at Lobethal, while Wistow host Onkaparinga for a spot in the Grand Final.



Hamish Case. Photo: Deirdre Graham.

## Goolwa Cricket



Max McCardle.



Shaun Burger.

Photos: Mark Andrews

### Strathalbyn Cricket Club - Stable Snippets

All grades were back in action last weekend with the U10 and U12 competitions resuming after the mid-season break, and the U12 Strikers Girls Cricket League extended for a further six rounds during term one which is fantastic to see.

The seniors were looking to repeat the perfect three from three wins achieved last round but unfortunately had to settle for two from three.

#### A Grade

At home in the A Grade last Saturday the Stallions batted first and were struggling at 5/67 however Harris and Tonkin then steadied things adding 50 for the sixth wicket and allowing 7/159 to be posted, with an unbeaten 61 from Harris the standout knock.

The Warriors were coasting in the run chase before second gamer Aussie Greaves breathed life into the contest with two quick wickets, however Woodside eventually reached the target in the 41st over.

#### B Grade

In the B Grade at Macclesfield the Stallions were asked to bowl first and the initial wicket proved hard to come by, but when it did 1/45 shifted quickly to 6/58.

The Redbacks were all out for 99 with Hider taking four wickets and Wyatt three.

The run chase was largely without drama with the target reached in the 24th over for the loss of two wickets.

Lane and Beerenfels added an unbeaten 62 to seal the win.

Macclesfield 99 (N Hider 4/26, B Wyatt 3/23, N Evenden 2/12) def. by Strath 2/100 (J Beerenfels 44\*, R Lane 36\*).

#### C Grade

In the transferred C Grade game at Mt Torrens, it was a case of fluctuating fortunes for the Stallions.

Woodside batted first and were well placed at 1/85 at drinks (18) but the Stallions were then able to restrict the Warriors to 5/147 - Humphrys and Harvey with two wickets each.

The Stallions run chase started badly with an elevated River Berden

dismissed in the opening over followed by four more wickets, and things were looking grim at 5/27 after 14 overs.

Enter Evan McMurtrie whose recent net form suggested he could go big, and he did just that blasting 8 x 6's and 5 x 4's on his way to an unbeaten 81.

The Stallions passed the total in the 27th over, Harvey and McMurtrie adding an unbeaten 122.

Woodside 5/147 (R Harvey 2/18, C Humphrys 2/35) def. by Strath 5/148 (E McMurtrie 81\*, R Harvey 23\*).

#### U16

Last Saturday morning the U16s hosted ladder leaders Onkaparinga who won the toss and elected to bat first.

Ben Greaves secured the big early wicket of Madigan (1/20) caught behind, however when the second fell Onkas had consolidated to 2/68.

The next period was all the Stallions with the score reduced to 8/91, Berden with three scalps in a top spell.

Some solid lower order resistance saw 130 posted, but it was a great effort by the lads to bowl the talented Browns line up out.

Berden was well supported by Williamson and Ballantyne who grabbed two wickets each.

The Stallions navigated six overs to finish on 1/19 at stumps.

Onkaparinga 130 (C Berden 3/7, J Williamson 2/14, L Ballantyne 2/30) vs. Strath 1/19.

#### U14

The U14s headed out to Ashbourne last Saturday morning for their home fixture which was moved from EFS and were asked to bowl first after Lobethal won the toss.

Lobethal made a positive start and had the score at 0/17 after four overs.

Thiele secured the first wicket which triggered a collapse with the Tigers then 6/34 after 9 overs.

Cousins took three wickets in an impressive spell of stump-to-stump bowling.

Keeper Max Filsell then featured in the final three dismissals with a stumping off Horsnell and two sharp caught behinds from Rory Hart.

Hart finished with 2/0 from two deliveries.

The innings ended in the 16th over with the score on 53.

With plenty of overs remaining in the day the young Stallions went out and batted with good intent and at stumps were 4/157, Gane, Thiele and Smith all retiring not out.

Lobethal 53 (T Cousins 3/3, R Hart 2/0, B Gane 2/14, E Thiele 1/10, B Horsnell 1/10) vs. Strath 4/157 (E Thiele 33\*, J Smith 33\*, B Gane 30\*, H Burgess 15).

#### U12 FILLIES

Last Wednesday evening our girls hosted Nairne at Strathalbyn oval.

Mackenzie Diegrond was named captain on the night, with Nairne winning the flip and batting.

Our bowling effort was solid for the first week back from the break, with still plenty to improve on as the season continues.

Erica was outstanding in the field with two direct hit runouts, with one amazing throw from point.

Maddelyn rattled the stumps twice and Izabella once as we kept Nairne to 5/74

In chasing we lost a wicket first ball of the innings, but we did recover from there to put pressure on the Nairne bowling.

Mia and Erica were brilliant in their partnership with their stroke play and running.

We fell short of the Nairne total but only lost four wickets in our innings.

Final scores Strathalbyn 4/45 (65) def by Nairne 5/74 (89) by 24 runs.

#### U12 BOYS

The U12s headed down to Langhorne Creek earlier on the night to face a talented Tigers line up after a long mid-season break.

After being asked to bat first the boys were well contained by the Creek, bowled out in the penultimate over for 42.

Cousins with 18 was the best with the bat while Parsons, Heinrich and Kayden Johnson occupied the crease well.

With only 42 on the board the

defence was always going to be a challenge but the Johnson brothers, Kodi and Kayden secured early breakthroughs.

From here the Creek consolidated with Matt Hissey getting a third, and ultimately the final wicket before the innings closed on 3/139.

Last time the two sides met the Tigers posted 180+ so it is great to see the lads continue to make steady improvement. Well done boys!

A big thank you to Mitch Woolfitt for the work he has done with the boys this season.

Unfortunately, a change of work means Mitch is unable to continue in the role.

Thanks to Lachie Cutting and Tyler Smith who will pick up where Mitch left off for the remainder of the season.

Finally thanks to Langhorne Creek Cricket Club for live scoring and streaming the match via FrogBox.

Strath 42 (T Cousins 18, S Heinrich 5\*, C Parsons 5) def. by L/Creek 3/139 (Kodi Johnson 1/14, Kayden Johnson 1/17, M Hissey 1/22).

#### U10

Last match we hosted a double header with White taking on Nairne and Red up against Langhorne Creek.

In the Red match Poppy captained the team on her birthday and in a high standard game of cricket our Reds bowled first and started well taking two early wickets and restricting the scoring.

Langhorne Creek consolidated through the middle of the innings and were able to post a good score of 117 from 20.

James, Dayne, Wolf and Jack took a wicket each and a runout.

In chasing the Reds were in early trouble losing six wickets in the first 10 overs.

From there, however, the Reds took to the attack and powered their way to a thrilling finish falling short by a single run making 116.

Wickets were the main difference between the teams.

Final scores Strathalbyn Red 9/116 (136) def. by Langhorne Creek 5/117 (153) by 17 runs.

The Whites took on a very young Nairne side fresh from the Blasters program.

We welcomed Henry Cutting for his first game for the club with Izabella captaining the side.

The Whites batted first and with a younger batting line up than normal batted quite well.

Asher, Charlie and Izabella all made double figures with Connor topping the tally with 19.

The energy in the Whites fielding was excellent with plenty of diving saves and good hustle.

Our bowling length was a little off tonight except for Charlie who bowled great leggies to take four.

Izabella snared two early and one each to Maddie, Asher, and Henry with his first for the club.

Final scores Strathalbyn White 2/81 (117) def. Nairne 9/48 (56) by 61 runs.

#### WOOLWORTHS CRICKET BLAST

This term we are trialling a new approach to our Cricket Blast program by running the sessions at the Eastern Fleurieu School R-6 campus immediately after school finishes on a Tuesday afternoon.

The term one program will commence in week three and is open to all, you do not need to be a student at EFS to participate. Please search Strathalbyn Cricket Club at ([www.playcricket.com.au](http://www.playcricket.com.au)) for more information on the Cricket Blast program.

#### ASSOCIATION CRICKET

Congratulations to Tyrian Cousins, Max Filsell, Bailey Horsnell (Fuller Shield First XI), Ben Greaves and Archie Wheaton (Calaby Shield) and Jack Roberts and Riley Tonkin (Figg Cup) who all represented the A&EHCA last Sunday in association matches.

The Fuller Shield and Figg Cup teams were both victorious over the Hills however the Calaby Shield team went down to the Hills.

Round Two matches will be played this weekend.



## Ladies B2 team take Gold at state championships

Senior State Championships is a time for fun, teamwork, and collaboration from all clubs within the Hills Softball Association to play together and compete against all other state association.

Hills entered a B2 team who played against three CDSA teams, All Stars, and The Mighty Ducks team.

The first games of this carnival were a settling period for this team which lost these games to CDSA Red, who batted very well and held Hills out all game.

Hills faced the Mighty Ducks for their second game and took the game to them with 4 runs in the first turn, with a deep left field home run hit to Wendy Pope bringing in Chris Wawryk and Margie Cammell.

The Mighty Ducks pulled out all the stops in this game and scored 6 runs in one dig due to aggressive baserunning and safe hitting to beat the Hills.

The first game of day two saw Hills B2 go up against CDSA Navy, and with Jordana Wilks pitching to Amber Spriggs, they held CDSA Navy to 0 runs all game, while Michelle Stewart and Chris Wawryk were very patient in the batter's box – both getting on base safe.

Elise Duffield and Jodie Karayiannis had safe hits to the outfield which brought in Michelle, Chris, and Elise.

Hills continued to hold CDSA to no runs, while Amber, Brydie, Michelle, and Chris all got safe on base for a following home run hit to Monica Spriggs, clearing the bases and seeing Hills win their first game.

Hills found their rhythm and the second game of day two saw them play the All Stars.

Patience in the box and aggressive baserunning saw Leonie Beattie, Chris,

Wendy, Sue Stewart, Margie, Taminka Wilks, and Monica all have safe hits to get on and around.

With Margie pitching to Wendy and form in the batter's box, Hills held All Stars to 5 runs, while claiming 12 of their own.

In the third game for day two Hills played against CDSA 30-plus, and while they pushed Hills' skills in the field, Jordana pitched to Wendy and held CDSA 30-plus to only 3 runs.

While Hills had some clean bunts to Brydie on her third strike, Michelle's bunt stopped straight in front of the catcher after Michelle was hit in the back by a pitched ball.

Then Taminka ran the bases with a home run to close the game out.

Day three was the finals series, and with Hills finishing second behind The Mighty Ducks, they had a shot straight to the Grand Final.

But it was not to be, with The Mighty Ducks beating Hills in a draw.

As they were the top team, they got to go straight through.

This did not diminish the amazing plays that happened in this game, with the first three outs going to Elise, two pop flies to her base, and a rundown stretching catch for the third out.

Two strong accurate throws from third-baser Margie to Elise at first, and clean fielding in the outfield by Monica, Leonie and Michelle held the runs.

This then created the back-to-back Semi to Prelim Final, where Hills played CDSA for first and second.

In the Prelim Final, with Jordana still pitching to Wendy, Hills held CDSA to only 7 runs, while almost ending up in another tie-breaker.

Thankfully Hills had to play even inning in finals and got the last say.

Jodie, Sue, Michelle and Taminka all got on base, and the Hills team stole every chance and slid at every change to steal the game back from CDSA by 1 run to go into the Grand Final.

In the Grand Final game Hills faced the undefeated Mighty Ducks.

The Mighty Ducks scored first in their first turn at bat while holding Hills to 0 runs, and the tension between both teams could be felt everywhere and by everyone.

Wendy was the first batter in Hills to have a second turn at bat, and she was patient and got a walk to first.

This seemed to inspire the team, and Margie hit to third base and pushed Wendy safely to second while claiming first for herself.

Chris and Amber both hit to right field, pushing runners around to score 2 runs for the game.

Hills were now 1 run up, but The Mighty Ducks were not backing down. Jordana was pitching to Wendy and they managed to hold the batters to 0 runs, while Elise scored another three infield catches as first.

This lit the fire in the belly of the Hills team, and with patient batting and aggressive baserunning, Hills put on 3 more runs.

With Hills now 1 run up they needed to hold The Mighty Ducks, but they were skilled with the bat and managed to put on 3 more runs.

Hills needed to score a minimum of 3 runs to win as The Mighty Ducks

were 2 runs up. Patient batting got Hills two walks, and Wendy hit to the outfield and scored 1 run.

Now two on base and still 1 down, Margie and Chris got safely on base and Chris' turn brought Wendy home.

Now the game was tied up and there were no draws in the Grand Final.

Both teams were fighting hard to hold their spot and with Amber up to bat, she hit a two-base hit to left field, bringing in more runners and Hills got in front.

Time was on the Hills' side and they managed to get 6 runs in total in that final dig, running out winners by 11 to 4 to win the Grand Final and take the Gold.



The victorious Adelaide Hills Softball Association B2 team at the state championships: (back) Margie Cammell, Elise Duffield, Brydie Spriggs, Jodi Hauwai (coach), Monica Spriggs, Alecia Spinks, (middle), Leonie Beattie, Sue Stewart, Wendy Pope, Rose Mattingly (scorer), (front) Jodie Karayiannis, Amber Crawford, Jordana Wilks, Aminka Wilks, Michelle Stewart and Chris Wawryk.

### Strathalbyn Softball Juniors



Anna Scott.



Imogen Baker.



Sam Baker.



Byron Strange.

Photos: Rowan Sims

## Strath basketballers up the ante for new stadium

By Deirdre Graham

The Strathalbyn Basketball Association is upping the ante with its push for a new multi-court stadium in the town.

In recent weeks association members have been meeting with local members, Basketball SA officials, Shadow Federal Finance Minister Jane Hume, and Liberal candidate for the seat of Mayo Zane Basic, along with fronting Alexandrina Council at its last meeting.

"There are now 50 teams here that are relying on this one facility, which is clearly outdated," Hume said.

"It has been ignored for far too long, and if we want to have strong, thriving and growing communities, we have to make sure they have the social infrastructure as well."

Basic said a growing community meant the facilities would only become more crucial.

"There is about 40 kids that are under 10 that (couldn't play that wanted to this season), and that is the really important developmental years," he said.

"If you can't get them into team sports then they miss out growing up, and we don't want to deprive the kids of Strathalbyn the opportunity to play basketball."

Strathalbyn Basketball spokesperson James Murphy said it was a "pleasure" to welcome Hume and Basic to the stadium last week.

"Seeing is believing and so having the Shadow Federal Finance Minister at the site to show the urgent need was a wonderful opportunity for the basketball association," Murphy said.

"The Shadow Minister committed to continuing the conversation about what the federal Liberal Party might be able to contribute to the development of Lot 10 for the entire Strathalbyn community.

"Federal funding is critical to enable this project and having our voice heard directly by the decision makers in Canberra was a great opportunity.

"We will continue to speak with our local member Rebekha Sharkie, as well as any candidate to highlight the need for investment outside of our capital cities in the lead up to the Federal Election."

Meanwhile, Member for Mayo Rebekha Sharkie was making the push for a basketball stadium an election pledge.

"I think what we could create down here could even be a basketball stadium where we could host country championships, but we need to get some federal money to do it," Sharkie said.

"Talking with council... I have sat down with the Mayor Keith Parkes, and I think there is a real keenness to start with at least two courts and build that to four.

"There are so many young people that would love to play basketball in the district, and they can't get a spot on a team because we just don't have the facilities.

"I am going to do everything in my power... as we come into an election



Darcie Pegler, Logan Barbary, Senator for South Australia Andrew McLachlan, Shadow Finance Minister Jane Hume, Liberal candidate for the seat of Mayo Zane Basic, Ashton Begue, and Willow Begue met at Strathalbyn Basketball's single basketball court last week.

to make it an election pledge, and try and get that pledge mirrored by both major parties.

"At the moment we just have to make sure that council and the community have exactly what they want out there, and once those plans are in and are properly costed, it then makes my job easier to go to State and Federal (Governments), as well as grant rounds that happen in-between.

"I think we can really demonstrate the need down here, and I am just going to work as hard as I can to make this happen."

Ms Sharkie was "pretty confident" Alexandrina Council's Lot 10 development – which would include a basketball stadium – would not fold.

"I think there is an appetite from Local Government to make that a sporting precinct, and if they have that land, that is their contribution," she said.

"It is going to need all three levels of government to tip money in, as well as potentially Basketball SA – there's a few different avenues.

"That is how we have had success in other parts of the electorate, and I can't see why it is not above us here."

Mr Murphy fronted council at its last general meeting, putting on record the association's opposition to the sale of any land at Lot 10 to other entities.

"We believe the council land is for the community and their interests are not served by the land being taken out of the communities' hands," Murphy said.

"Alexandrina Council's needs analysis for the region identifies additional court facilities in the Alexandrina Council are urgently required.

"The independent TSA Riley report finds that there is significant unmet need in Strathalbyn for

basketball.

"The expected unmet need in 2026 is 315 players, with total demand being 715 players, so based on those numbers, that means that approximately one in two people who want to play basketball in the Strathalbyn and surrounding areas will not have the opportunity to play from next year."

Murphy said the independent report notes "this regional plan, which is aligned with the state strategy, clearly shows the importance of Lot 10 in supporting health and welfare outcomes for the regional community".

"It highlights the potential for Lot 10 to support the delivery of improved mental and physical health and wellbeing, connection and inclusion," he added.

The association was hopeful of securing funds from all tiers of government.

"The independent report makes clear that federal funding support is the preferred option given the size of the financial commitment required," Murphy said.

"The basketball association is committed to advocating to both Federal and State Governments to attract funding for this critical project as we understand council is not in a position to fund a project of this size.

"This is a responsibility for our National and State Governments."

Mr Murphy brought councillors up to speed on the history of the association's need for better facilities.

"The concept of a new basketball stadium started in 2014," he said.

"Ten years have passed and the need has only grown more significant.

"More than three years ago, we presented a concept to council for a new three-court basketball stadium at Lot 10, and now we have a preferred option recommended by independent consultants.

"For anyone who has played basketball at Strathalbyn or tried to organise a training session, it's very obvious that the Strathalbyn community desperately needs additional courts.

"We have outgrown our existing

single court stadium, which at more than 30 years old, has seen better days.

"Trainings are being held off site and outdoors, new players are being turned away, and the association is not able to attract regional competitions due to its limited facilities.

"The Strathalbyn Basketball Association, which attracts players from the Fleurieu and Adelaide Hills, currently has 400 registered players spread across 51 teams and we play competition basketball every night of the week."

Murphy said funding for the three-court stadium was critical for more than just community health and wellbeing.

He said it will create jobs through the construction phase, provide economic benefits for the town through the attraction of regional carnivals, provide the school with a state-of-the-art facility to cater for their growing student population and offer ongoing employment opportunities through stadium management.

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## SANFL games headed to Summit

Mount Barker's Summit Sport and Recreation Park will not only help launch the start of the SANFL Under 18 2025 season in March, but be the host for several other league games.

In an exciting initiative to maximise the exposure of South Australia's best talent, the first round of SANFL U18 matches will be played at the Summit on Saturday, March 15, starting with the first contest at 10am and concluding with the final encounter at 5.30pm.

The showcase at the Summit will provide AFL club recruiting staff with the opportunity to have an early view of players from all eight SANFL clubs at the same venue.

The facility will also host other matches across the SANFL U18, U16 and U14 seasons, and the SANFLW this year to make the most of the prized turf used for Gather

Round games in 2023 and 2024.

SANFL Chief Executive Officer Darren Chandler was pleased to have the opportunity to access the pristine Mt Barker setting for a number of SANFL matches this season.

"Oval access across the metropolitan area is a critical issue for our SANFL Clubs, so having the opportunity to utilise the Summit Oval, particularly in the early months of the year, is a positive step forward to unlocking available green space," he said.

District Council of Mount Barker Mayor Leach was similarly thrilled to have talented young footballers across the state playing at Mount Barker.

Every SANFL under-age match will be streamed live and on demand on SANFL Now, with the Hostplus SANFL U14 competition streamed for the first time in 2025.

## Great Southern Tennis Association - Round 13

### Inman & Back Valley further ahead

Very warm conditions didn't stop the two valley teams, Inman and Back Valley from extending their lead at the top of the ladder in Great Southern tennis.

Back Valley's four rubbers to two win at Port Elliot was an all-round team effort, with wins to Tanya Milne, Matthew Crittenden, Keni Lewis Baida and Craig Littlely, while Port Elliot's best was Zara Bowles and Julianne Lowrey.

After both teams split the doubles, it was the visitors who exerted control to win comfortably.

Inman Valley outclassed Myponga-Sellicks' five rubbers to one at Myponga, with the home side not at full strength due to the absence of Jack Pacitti and Courtney Gum.

Inman had great players in Paul Martin and Margie Dyer, while Myponga-Sellicks was saved from a whitewash with Jason Heinze's impressive win over Darren Lush in the top single.

These wins to the respective Valley teams have Inman top, with Back Valley in second spot (5.5 points clear of Victor Harbor) with three rounds to yet play.

Myponga-Sellicks will be hanging on to fourth, with Port Elliot still having a chance to take that spot, but the window of opportunity is rapidly diminishing.

Port Elliot's final charge starts with playing Myponga-Sellicks at Myponga this week and it will, in all likelihood, decide who gets the fourth spot.

Port Elliot need to win - it's that simple.

A win to the home side and the top four will be set.

Their previous encounters have been shared with Port Elliot winning narrowly at home in Round 9.

Neither team appears to be at full strength, with Myponga-Sellicks Pacitti's absence a big loss and with plenty to play for, Port Elliot should win to really tighten up the finals race.

Inman Valley host Victor Harbor with the visitors having two weeks lay off with the bye long weekend combined break and will be keen to find form quickly.

Victor Harbor have a chance to snatch second spot from Back Valley with the quirks of the schedule finding Back Valley having two byes in the last three rounds while Victor have three rounds of opportunity to garner enough premiership points to over them.

It will start with Inman this weekend. Victor should be confident in the challenge.

They comfortably accounted for the top side in Round 9 with both sides at full strength.

Inman will need to be at best form to overcome Victor with the top women's match of Bree Leibhardt versus Danika Millard being a highlight.

It will be close, but Victor have more to play for and they will conquer the home side for an important win.

Division 2 Port Elliot are mounting a serious challenge to snatch top spot with an eight-set win over Mount Compass Gold to place them second.

Ladder leaders Inman helped Elliot's cause by losing a close five-to-three battle with Goolwa in a tight contest.

The Mount Compass Wrens had a strong five sets to three win to enhance their top four prospects while Myponga-Sellicks Green six sets to two win wasn't enough to hold second spot, dropping to third.

Back Valley A doubles inflicted the first loss of the season on ladder leaders Inman Valley, winning comfortably four sets to two and thus continuing to apply pressure to second placed Port Elliot, who narrowly escaped with a two-game win over Victor Harbor.

Back Valley and Port Elliot do battle this weekend that will go a long way to decide who has the double chance in the finals.

Victor White B Doubles won the important matchup against Port Elliot Black four sets to two to entrench themselves in second spot.

Back Valley lost five sets to one to ladder leaders Port Elliot Red, but will likely hold onto fourth spot for the remainder of the season despite fifth place Victor Blue winning four sets to two against Inman.

Next week could be a grand final preview with the top two teams, Port Elliot Red and Victor White going head-to-head in a mouth-watering contest.

**Around the Divisions**

## Strathalbyn Ladies Golf

### A day out for Carol Pelle

It was the perfect day for playing golf on Wednesday, January 29.

Headed out to the course to play a Stableford round in the Summer Cup were 17 ladies from the Strathalbyn Golf Club.

Once again, the course was in great condition, with a lot of roll, so staying on the fairways was paramount.

Carol Pelle won the day with a fantastic 42 points, with Dawne Thomas close behind on 41, and Jenny Drury on 40.

They were well-ahead of the other ladies, with Mandi Vardon, Penny Geue and Mel Johnson all finishing with 34 points.

Next came Jo Pickhaver, Di Krutli and Kerrie Edwards, who all had 32 points.

The next three ladies all had 31 points - Marie Kingsbury, Ann

Simple and Tonya Merritt.

They were followed by Jo Cullen, 30, Maureen Need and Pauline Walkom both on 28, Sue Pryor 26, and Cara Eastwood 22 points.

Carol continued her great day by claiming the nearest the pin on the ninth hole with a great drive to the green.

Kerrie had a birdie/gobbler on the seventh, Mandi had a birdie on the 12th, Tonya had gobblers on both the fourth and the 11th, Jo P had a birdie on the 10th, and Mel Johnson had a birdie/gobbler on the third and another birdie on the eighth.

A couple of stories from the day included Jo P finding the dam edge (and she was lucky enough to get out in one shot), Sue finding the creek (and then finding two extra balls while looking for hers), and Ann having two shots into the dam

on the 16th hole.

Sue had a day where quite a few of her putts finished agonisingly just short or went around the hole to dribble out the other side.

Jo C had some trouble on the third hole, and had to use course management to get out of the tricky situation.

On Friday, January 31, a group connected to golf headed to Adelaide for a meal out on the way to visiting the glass sculpture displays in the botanic gardens.

Lots of photos were taken, and there was much wonder as to how the pieces hadn't broken both in assembly and/or transportation to Adelaide.

It was interesting to watch some of the videos to have seen the processes.



Winner on the day Carol Pelle.



Jo P, Di, Kerrie, Jenny, Jane, Sally, Carol, Susy, Peter and Jo C visited Chihuly Glass at Botanic Gardens.



# Philip Perrin paves the way

By Perry Jones

It was a Stableford competition back on the blue tees at the Strathalbyn Golf Course last Saturday, and Philip 'Perfect' Perrin hardly put a foot wrong when he won the day with 40 points.

Phil, able to hit long drives off the tee, had 40 off the stick on the front nine and 38 on the back nine, which equated to 19 points and 21 points for the total of 40 points, which was good enough for the A Grader to win the day by one shot over C Grade player, Kingsley Handke, having 38 with two nines of 19 without missing a fairway, while having no scratches and picking up pars on the eighth and 17th holes.

Consistent 'Eagle Hunter' Phil was in eagle territory again on the third and 12th holes, having to settle for a birdie the first time around but, on the 12th, chipped in to pick up his eagle.

Playing with Phil were Dave Wright, who strung together a few pars to finish with 33 points, and Damien Nettle going great guns on the front nine with 21 points, sinking a monster birdie putt on the third and then sinking another monster putt on the fourth.

Damien's back nine wasn't quite as good with 17 more points to finish with 36, missing a birdie putt on the 10th from four feet, as he had just seven points after the first four holes on the back nine.

He then struck trees near Hobbit's Hollow on the 14th, and the scrubbed the 16th when needing a provisional shot off the tee.

Mark Condon was the other player going around with Phil and Co (in a day he would rather forget despite having pars on the sixth, 12th, 14th and 17th), as he also scrubbed six holes and was lucky enough to pick up a point on the last when he tried to hit the ball out of the dirt, while collecting it twice with the stick.

The end result was a last position for Mark on the day scoring 22 points, with 10 on the front and 12 on the back.

Damon Mayes was quite pleased he didn't run last, as he had 23 points,

just like the late-starter in the heat, Kim Wittwer.

Damon was going around with the captain Graeme Bertholini, Sean Naylor and Don Bell, trying to pick up a few clues on how to improve his game, but apart from Don Bell's effort of 34 points, would not have learned too much.

On the 12th, Graeme missed a four-foot putt for birdie while Damon, with just 11 points on the front nine, had a scrub, and then Don Bell having cleared the drain on the right off the tee on the 13th, then found himself in the drain at the next shot, to end his good run, leading him to pick up.

On to the 15th par three Don looked to be in line for points until he had three putts, and while Sean was the only one to pick up a par three, Berti and Damon had to settle for four, while Damon was still looking for his first par, saying that pars were overrated.

Off the tee on the 16th, Damon had a bit of luck when his tee shot hit a tree to the left, over the creek, for the ball to bounce onto the fairway before his next shot hit a tree near the back of the dam.

While Graeme was hitting his way out of the trees on the right side of the fairway after his tee shot, his second hit went left to be back in the rough on the corner of the fairway, before he got over the dam to be in the rough again on the right of the green.

As Damo's third shot from the back of the dam got over the water as well, on his way to seven for the par five-hole, Don and Berti had six and Sean missed a birdie chance to settle for par.

The par three 17th saw Sean's tee shot go over the back before picking up par, while Damon was in line for a par until he had three putts for a five.

On the last, while Berti saw his second shot go well left off the fairway and Sean was hitting his third shot off the ladies' tee, Damon, after an excellent tee shot had a simple chip shot to the green (though it was too simple), as it travelled only a couple of metres.

However, his third shot was a

'pearler', and was just three feet from the pin.

It was Damon's last chance to get a par for the round, commenting that the putt was not his favourite distance, but he made no mistake.

It was said that David Pryor, in going around with Kingsley Handke and James Beney, certainly looked a better player after he had had a pie, finishing with 29 points, while James Beney made a meal of the 14th when his tee shot, in hitting the top of the drain, at least bounced a few times before it went left to still leave him with a clear shot.

His next shot hit a tree and came back to be behind another tree, and as he got to the blue tree near the green, hit yet another tree as he scrubbed the hole saying he should be a spectator, as he finished with 34 points.

Ben McLeod, consistent with 18 on both nines, certainly had a long drive on the third before his next shot rolled all the way, getting over the drain, before he got his third shot on the green, but then missed a foot putt for par.

Ben then had an ordinary tee shot on the fourth, before he had to again get out of trouble as his next shot hit a tree in front of him.

Henry Kelly and Ben Clark, playing in this group, also went left off this tee and onto the fifth fairway (while Henry was almost in the creek), with them both scrambling back to the fourth fairway as they all had six.

Henry's tee shot on the fifth was lost over the creek, and his long provisional shot nearly rolled into the creek on his way to seven for the hole, with the Bens each having a par four.

On the par three 15th, Henry played a provisional tee shot which went somewhere right near the big gum tree, as his first tee shot appeared to be in the creek.

Luckily, he found his first ball just on the other side of the creek, but he still had five for the hole while the Bens each had four.

Henry's tee shot on the 17th went at right angles towards the Ashbourne Road, so needed a provisional, while

Ben Clark's tee shot was found in the woods over the creek near the back of the small dam wall.

With the next shot, Ben got out to go across the fairway to the rough on the other side.

Here, Ben spotted two balls - one which was his and that he had hit up to the corner.

Ben and Henry, in the end, having missed short putts on the green, both picked up.

Shortly after, Kym Nelson in the group behind, was wondering what had happened to his tee shot on the 16th as he couldn't find it, and it turned out that Ben Clark, in seeing the other ball near his third shot on the 16th, picked it up and not realising that it was Kym's drive (with Kym scrubbing the hole, and also scrubbing the last nine holes, wasn't feeling well so needed to go home).

Mick Beasley having done well to get out of the dam reeds on the seventh, and landing the ball on the green, saw his putting efforts on the day come back to haunt him as he had seven for the hole.

Stuart Hozier started well, but on the third and fourth holes had sevens, and then on the fifth despite a good putt, had a five.

On the seventh, Stuart lost his ball in the creek off the tee and had to go back and play another tee shot.

Then with his fourth shot, lucky to pull up just short of rolling into the dam (so the next shot he made sure the ball went into the water before his seventh shot left him near the green), went on to make a mess of his next shot and picked up, while partners Gary Beasley (with a long putt) and Sam Avramidis, were happy to each pick up a par five.

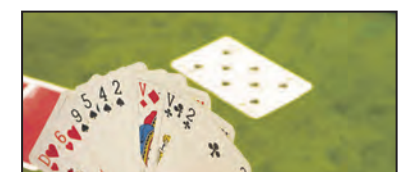
On the ninth, Stuart did pick up a par for a round of 33 points, while Gary, trying to get closer to the hole after marking his ball and shifting it a club length, then in replacing his ball cheekily, had his putter aiming it directly at the hole to shorten the distance, before he sank the putt from the right distance to have 29 points for the round, while Sam had 31.

## Results Stableford Saturday February 1:

P.Perrin 40, K.Handke 38, B.Welk, A.Haberfield 37, E.Heyns, B.McLeod, D.Nettle 36, M.Semple, M.Clarke 35, T.Furniss, P.Drury, D.Keane, J.Beney, Don Bell 34, S.Hozier, D.Wright, G.Pitt, M.Beasley, S.Walsh 33, C.Nelson, 32, B.Clark, R.Pitt, B.Nelson, S.Avramidis 31, S.Naylor, K.Richardson 30, M.Gniel, T.Merritt, G.Beasley, D.Pryor 29, G.Robson 28, J.Owen, G.Bertholini 27, G.Perryman 26, D.Mayes, K.Wittwer 23, M.Condon 22.

Ladies: P.Geue 32, A.Vardon 27, A.Semple 26.

Nearest the Pin sixth G.Robson, 15th C.Nelson.



## Pre-emptive Raise



By John Elliott

Dealer East Both Vul.

♠ 3 2	♠ A 10 7
♥ Q J 9 7 4 3	♥ 8
♦ K 4 3	♦ Q 8 6 5 2
♣ 9 4	♣ K 10 8 6
♠ Q 9 8 6	♠ K J 5 4
♥ A 10	♥ K 6 5 2
♦ A J 7	♦ 10 9
♣ Q 7 5 2	♣ A J 3

**BIDDING: N E S W**  
P 2D P  
4H ALL PASS

### BIDDING ANALYSIS

South 2D\* : Two 4-card Majors 11-15  
West Pass: No useful bid available  
North 4H: Pre-emptive Raise

An opening 2 Diamonds is one of my favourite bids, it came from the Precision bidding system but can be used with many other systems, but not where you are using multi-twos or like to have a natural meaning for 2 Diamonds. As we play it, it means 4-4 (or better) in the majors with normal opening points.

Notice how it robs West of any useful bid, poor old West can only Pass and see what happens. North knows about The Law of Total Tricks, which says that any time North and South can find a fit in a Major, the total number of tricks they can expect to make is equal to the number of trumps they hold. This law makes no mention of High Card Points. With that knowledge, a raise to 4H is a no brainer, regardless of North's holding, 6 HCP + 2 DP.

On the day this was played, the lead (at my table) was ♥8, and 10 tricks were made for a top board. The mystery is why were we the only pair in a contract of 4H? There were plenty of 2H and 3H contracts, one making 10, five others made 9 and one table played in 3D by East making 9, for a top board to East/West.

### McLaren Vale Golf Club

#### Saturday, February 1, 2025 Mens Stroke Monthly Medal Final competition results

Field size, 31; Members, 31;  
Visitors, None; GA, Blue, Men (Par 66).

#### Mens A Grade

Winner: William Rosser 66,80;  
Runner-up: Simon Jackson 67, 83;  
3rd Place: Peter Schmerl 68, 84.

#### Mens B Grade

Winner: Anthony Critchley 64, 85;  
Runner-up: Armour Galletly 64, 83;  
3rd Place: Jeff McMurtrie 64, 84.

#### Mens C Grade

Winner: Graham Dellow 63, 89;  
Runner-up: Rodney Rowe 67, 2; 3rd  
Place: Keith Jones 67,90.

#### Mens Overall

Player of the day Graham Dellow  
63, 89.

#### Nearest the Pin

Mens C grade 3rd/12th Keith Jones;  
Mens 6th/15th Matthew Baldock;  
Mens 8th/17th John Burger; Mens  
9th/18th Anthony Critchley.

#### Birdies Par 3

Birdie Par 3 Terry Payne; Birdie Par  
3 John Burger; Birdie Par 3 Anthony  
Critchley; Birdie Par 3 William Rosser.

### Alexandrina Contract Bridge Club

Ranking January 29:

Pos	Pair	Players	Score	%
<b>North-South</b>				
1	6	Val Hay / Beryl Liebelt	217.00	64.58%
2	5	Sandra Baker / Colin Elix	203.00	60.42%
3	1	Marie Pike / Norman Bullen	186.00	55.36%
4	2	Craige Mader / Garry Skuse	162.00	48.21%
5	4	Beryl Williams / Linda Scholz	147.00	43.75%
6	3	Graham Phillips / Bruce Pascoe	132.00	39.29%
7	7	Denise Muhlhan / Leonie Vale	129.00	38.39%
<b>East-West</b>				
1	5	Pat Elliott / John Elliott	210.00	62.50%
2	7	Sue Caddy / Helen Conolly	180.00	53.57%
3	6	Leigh Clothier / Debbie Clothier	163.00	48.51%
4	3	Valmai Phillips / Mary Rowley	160.00	47.62%
5	4	Tom Hughes / Lizzie Hughes	159.00	47.32%
6	1	Mike Robertson / Malcolm Twartz	153.00	45.54%
7	2	Erica Schmidt / Glenys Chapman	151.00	44.94%

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# Weather

## FORECAST

### Warnings

See [www.bom.gov.au/australia/warnings](http://www.bom.gov.au/australia/warnings)  
**Mount Barker:**  
 Sunny. Light winds becoming west to southwesterly 15 to 20 km/h in the early afternoon then tending south to southwesterly in the evening.

Friday. Partly cloudy.

### Strathalbyn:

Sunny.

Friday. Cloudy.

### Murray Bridge:

Sunny.

Friday. Partly cloudy.

### Mount Lofty Ranges District:

Sunny. Winds east to southeasterly 15 to 25 km/h tending northwest to southwesterly in the middle of the day then tending south to southwesterly in the late afternoon.

### Murraylands District:

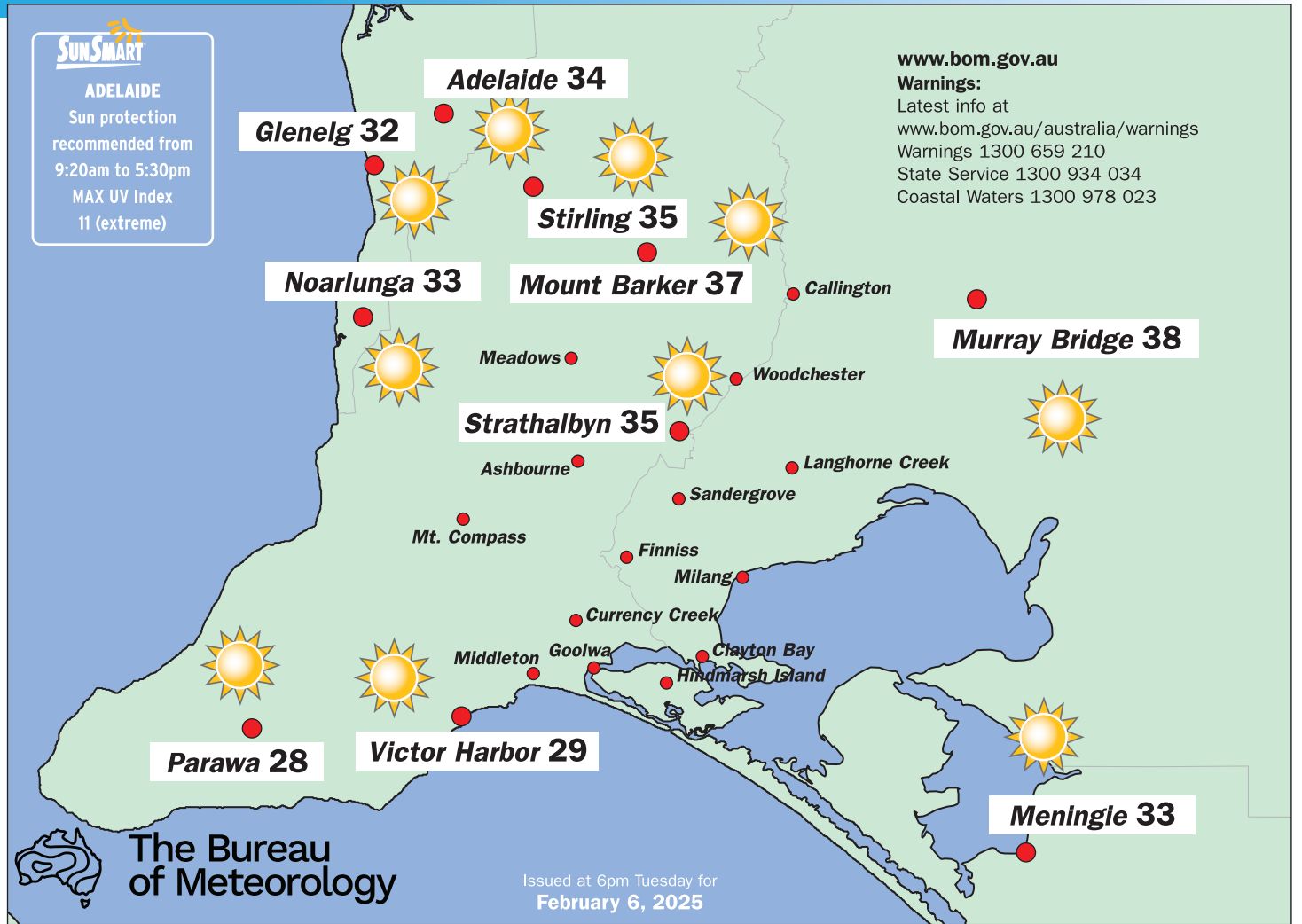
Sunny. Winds southeast to southwesterly 15 to 20 km/h becoming light before dawn then becoming south to southwesterly 20 to 30 km/h in the early afternoon.

### Upper South East District:

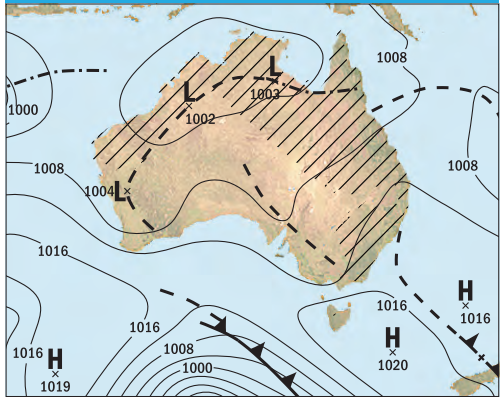
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### Mid North District:

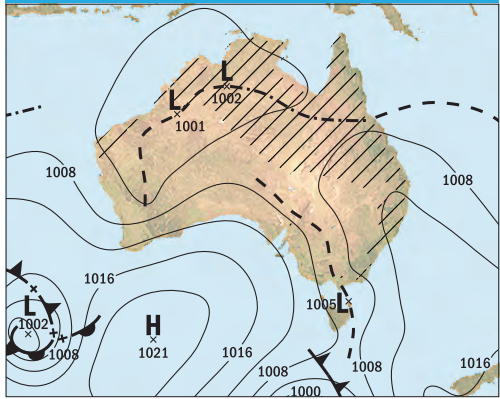
Sunny day. The chance of a storm in the east in the evening. Winds northeast to southeasterly 15 to 20 km/h tending northwest to southwesterly 20 to 30 km/h in the middle of the day then tending south to southwesterly 15 to 25 km/h in the evening.



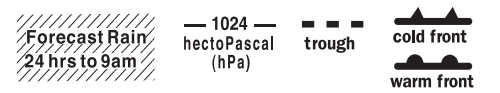
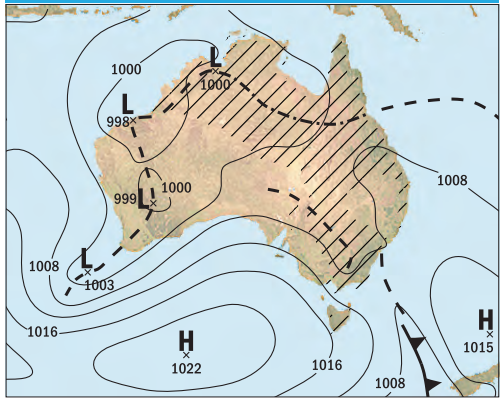
## THURSDAY 10AM



## FRIDAY 10AM



## SATURDAY 10AM



## RECENT RAINFALL

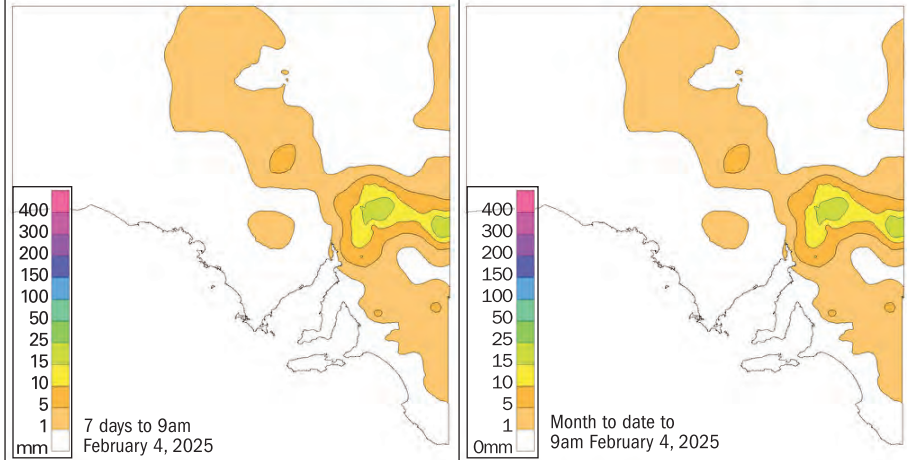
Rain (mm)	Daily	Week	MTD	YTD
Lenswood	0	0	0.0	4.0
Meningie	0	0	0.0	0.0
Milang	0	0	0.0	5.8
Millbrook Resv	0	0	0.0	2.2
Monarto	0	0	0.0	6.8
Mt Barker	0	0	0.0	6.0
Mt Lofty	0	0	0.0	8.2
Murray Bridge	3	3	3.0	10.5
Nairne	0	0	0.0	5.8
Noarlunga	0	0	0.0	5.8
Nuriootpa	8	8	10.8	12.2
Palmer	1	1	1.0	3.5
Parawa	0	0	0.0	10.6
Parawa West	0	0	0.0	10.6
Parndana	0.2	0.2	0.2	1.8
Peake	0	0	0.0	1.2
Roseworthy	0	0	0.0	1.2
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	0	0.0	7.2
Williamstown	0	0	0.0	2.0
Willunga	0	0	0.0	6.2
Woodhouse	0	0	0.0	8.6
Yankalilla	0	0	0.0	6.6

## SUN & MOON

	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Thursday	6:40am	8:19pm	3:05pm	12:12am
Friday	6:41am	8:18pm	4:15pm	12:54am
Saturday	6:42am	8:17pm	5:20pm	1:44am
Sunday	6:43am	8:16pm	6:17pm	2:42am
Monday	6:44am	8:15pm	7:05pm	3:47am
Tuesday	6:45am	8:14pm	7:44pm	4:53am
Wednesday	6:46am	8:13pm	8:16pm	5:59am

## TIDES

	Time	Height (m)	Time	Height (m)
<b>Outer Harbor</b>	Thursday: 3:31am	0.8m	8:49am	1.7m
	Thursday: 2:38pm	0.4m	9:37pm	2.3m
<b>Friday:</b>	Friday: 4:05am	1.0m	8:47am	1.5m
	Friday: 2:38pm	0.6m	10:03pm	2.1m
<b>Saturday:</b>	Saturday: 4:55am	1.3m	7:14am	1.3m
	Saturday: 2:02pm	0.7m	10:14pm	1.8m
<b>Sunday:</b>	Sunday: 12:49pm	0.6m	7:53pm	1.6m
	Sunday: 11:28pm	1.5m		
<b>Monday:</b>	Monday: 5:07am	2.0m	12:27pm	0.4m
	Monday: 7:03pm	1.7m	11:41pm	1.2m
<b>Victor Harbor</b>	Thursday: 1:24am	0.9m	10:24am	0.2m
	Thursday: 7:28pm	1.0m	10:50pm	0.9m
<b>Friday:</b>	Friday: 1:31am	1.0m	10:54am	0.2m
	Friday: 9:46pm	1.0m	11:17pm	1.0m
<b>Saturday:</b>	Saturday: 1:40am	1.0m	11:23am	0.2m
	Saturday:			
<b>Sunday:</b>	Sunday: 1:36am	1.1m	11:35am	0.3m
	Sunday:			
<b>Monday:</b>	Monday: 1:23am	1.2m	9:51am	0.3m
	Monday:			



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Department for Environment and Water  
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12-month contract  
Vacancy ID: 648412  
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To apply and for more information visit the I WORK FOR SA website: [www.iworkfor.sa.gov.au](http://www.iworkfor.sa.gov.au) and search by vacancy number.

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5 Dawson St,  
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Mass times  
Sunday: 10.45am  
All Welcome



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Strathalbyn, 9.00am HC

Live stream of services on YouTube: search for 'Strathalbyn Lutheran'  
Pastor Matthew Edgecomb  
Ph: 0423 385 153



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Rev Beth Hancock  
Ph: 0403 270 506  
Hall available for Hire  
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**Deaths**

**JAMES,**  
Trudy Anne (nee Taylor):  
1/4/1958 - 30/1/2025  
Aged 66 Years.

Dearly loved wife of Kevin for 40 years.

Much loved mother and mother-in-law of Brenton and Bryanna, Alison and Joel.

Adored Nan of Caleb and Rhys, Aiden and Zali.

Cherished daughter of Shirley and Murray (deceased).

Loved sister and sister-in-law of Jan and Barry, Sue and David.

Loved daughter-in-law of Isobel and Eric (deceased), sister-in-law of Greg and Sue.

Special thanks to Dr Jim Wilhelm and the staff at The Strathalbyn Hospital and Strathalbyn Aged Care.

Trudy had an adventurous spirit and a talent for teaching children using her gift of music. Trudy will be sadly missed.

Rest in peace.



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**Deaths**

**JAMES,**  
Trudy:  
Strathalbyn Kindergarten would like to express their sympathy to the family and friends of Trudy James on the occasion of her sad passing.

We remember Trudy as an energetic and dedicated member of our team.

Her valued contribution to kindergarten began as a dedicated parent, and included volunteer, support worker for children with specific needs, teacher, and co-Extended Services Director.

Trudy brought joy to many children and their families through her love of music and exuberance in sharing her musical talents with young and old.

We remember Trudy's love, dedication and energy in caring for others and bringing joy to all she met.

We offer our condolences to all who knew and loved Trudy.

**Funerals**

**JAMES,**  
Trudy Anne (nee Taylor):  
Relatives and friends are invited to attend Trudy's Funeral Service to be held in the Carr Memorial Chapel, 1 Morphett Street, Mount Barker, on Monday, 10th February 2025, at 2.00pm, followed by a private cremation.

Trudy's funeral service will also be live streamed. The link will be available within Kleemann Funerals website.

If desired, in lieu of floral tributes, a donation to Alzheimer's Research Australia in memory of Trudy would be greatly appreciated. Envelopes available at the service.



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