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Clayton Bay sailor Craig McPhee recently took home gold from the Tasar's 50th National Australian Championship. Photo: Tara Nash

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BEST OF CLUCK

By Giorgina McKay

A local business group is pushing for a "dangerous" roundabout in Strathalbyn to be fixed before the recently approved fast food restaurant is constructed.

As previously reported in *The Southern*

Argus, an application was lodged early last year by planning consultancy Development Holdings for the construction of a restaurant with drive-through facilities, advertising signs, including an 8.5-metre-high freestanding pylon sign, retaining walls, fencing, and associated car parking and landscaping at 37 East Terrace – the

current site of Strathalbyn H Hardware and Strathalbyn Small Engines.

The development, which is sited near Eastern Fleurieu campuses and Tyndale Christian School, was met with opposition by some community members for health and safety reasons, prompting a petition to be circulated to the Department of

Infrastructure and Transport.

But despite its controversy, the development – which *The Argus* understands will be a KFC – received planning consent by the Fleurieu Regional Assessment Panel near the end of December, having met the necessary requirements.

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Graeme and Cynthia Nicholson have left behind their Sgorra Bhreac Garden, closing this chapter. Photo: Deirdre Graham. INSET: The couple's former garden.

New chapter for garden fundraisers



By Deirdre Graham

In 2010, Cynthia and Graeme Nicholson bought 2.5 acres of barren land on Marchant Road at Strathalbyn.

Little did they know then that the purchase and subsequent transformation of their Sgorra Bhreac Garden would help so many people and charities.

Now, 14 years later, the couple have retired, downsized and moved into Strathalbyn, and with dreams of travel, have staged the last fundraiser at the now well-known garden.

With the belief that gardens are for sharing, they have raised funds by having visitors donate their entry fee to various charities and causes through garden hiring, tours and fairy tea parties – often helped by a group of volunteers who have experienced cancer.

Cynthia has lost count of how much money has been raised, but those organisations and initiatives that have been supported have included the Cancer Council Greenhill Lodge, Breast Care projects, the Murray Bridge Hospital Chemotherapy Unit, Murray Bridge Hospital ultrasound scanners, Murray Bridge Hospital palliative care ward, Christmas hampers for the homeless, Leukaemia Foundation, petrol vouchers for cancer patients, Meningie Hospital, Strathalbyn Suicide and Mental Health, Quorn Nursing Home, Strathalbyn



Graeme and Cynthia Nicholson transformed 2.5 acres of barren land to a remarkable garden that has helped many charities and people.

International Women's Day, Port Lincoln Gym Rehab Program for Juvenile Offenders, Strathalbyn Neighbourhood Centre and the Strathalbyn Pink Plus Cancer Group.

"We commenced planting for two years before building because I wanted a garden and Graeme wanted a stone house, but I was not going into a bare patch without a garden," Cynthia said.

"In 2014 we enjoyed our first big open and that money was donated to the Cancer Council's Greenhill Lodge on Greenhill Road.

"The last group we hosted was the Strathalbyn Probus Club and that was the finale, and we held a high tea as a

complimentary gesture for them because it was the last event."

Cynthia said the reality was she would miss both the garden and the people who have helped make it a space for therapy, hope and sharing.

"My garden is about sharing, caring and fellowship, and if it helps people through the tough times and they leave with a smile, that's therapy in abundance," she said.

"I suppose some people say it is a distraction, and until you dip your toe in the water, one never knows how nature changes the way you feel."

The Nicholsons are looking forward to transforming their new, smaller garden, and being able to travel and tick off their bucket list of wishes.

"We have downsized now, and our new plot is roughly 1450sqm," Cynthia said.

"We think it is time to move on, as we are not getting any younger.

"Graeme was born in UK and Australia is a big country to explore.

"He worked in Murray Bridge and around South Australia as a GP, and so we couldn't afford the time to go away for any length of time.

"This garden space is smaller, and basically presents a new challenge for now creating a low-maintenance garden."

The balance of Sgorra Bhreac Garden fundraising will be donated to the South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute.

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James Scott, of Mount Barker, showing off a Three Inch Alchin Traction Engine at the Milang Oval. INSET: Ray, Chase, and Helen Wakefield, of Milang, watching the tractor pull on Sunday. Photos: Deirdre Graham



Yesterday's Power Rally feels the heat

By Deirdre Graham

Weather in the high 30s failed to dampen the enthusiasm of history buffs and families who flocked to the 28th Yesterday's Power Rally at Milang over the weekend.

Milang Vintage Machinery Club Secretary Margaret Rose said the event "soldiered on", and organisers were pleased with the turn-out, despite the heat.

"While we had well-over 100 entries (in various categories) not all of them were able to come because of the heat," she said.

"The tractor pull was a highlight, and the shearing was good too.

"We shifted that spot (so) that was in the shade, which was helpful, and we haven't had anyone doing the shearing before, so that was good.

"This year with the tractor pull there were two women - one driving one for the first time, and one that has driven before.

"Every year we try and have some new features for people to see, and of course, with the museum being open, that was a really good attraction as well - a lot of people went into that."

Along with the tractor pull, the visiting PS Oscar W paddlesteamer was another hit with its trips.

"The Oscar W was great," Mrs Rose said. "They did actually cancel the last run

because it was too hot, but otherwise, they had excellent numbers on there, and the bus driver said it was probably the most he had ever taken to the Oscar W.

"That was a wonderful feature and the fact that we have that free bus shuttle from the oval down to the wharf, and then up to the Butter Factory and Railway Museum if people wanted to have a look at that, (was another highlight)."

Fly overs from heritage planes were another casualty of the heat, with just Captain Rod Lovell the sole person to fly over Milang for both days.

About 15 to 20 volunteers from the Vintage Machinery Club helped bring the event to life, and have already put in a plea for next year.

"Overall, we were very pleased really with the numbers, considering the weather," Mrs Rose said.

"But we would like to change the weather actually, as we are so disappointed because (this Monday was) really quite nice with a nice breeze, and leading up to the weekend the weather was good.

"We did still have a lot of people on Saturday because, while it was hot enough then, we had at least a bit of breeze.

"On Sunday we were grateful for the cloud cover that came over, and if we hadn't had that we would have had to stop much earlier."



A Track Marshall Crawler in action at the Milang tractor pull on the weekend.



Marcus Tonkin, of Salisbury, with his 1955 Ford Prefect.



Dave Rocklyn, of Adelaide, and Dave Lorincz, of Hindmarsh Island, catching up at the 28th Yesterday's Power Rally at Milang on Sunday.

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Macclesfield welcomes TDU riders to town

Macclesfield will be a buzz of activity this afternoon as it becomes a 'live site' for this year's Tour Down Under (TDU).

After starting in Norwood just after 11am, the men's stage three leg of the TDU will see the world's best cyclists heading to Mylor, Echunga, Meadows, Macclesfield, Flaxley, Mount Barker, Paechtown and Hahndorf, before finishing at Uraidla at 3pm.

As part of the festivities, Macclesfield's Davenport Square will become a live site to watch the stage on a giant screen before the riders' race past in real time.

A barbecue, DJ and free craft activities run by the Mount Barker Community Library will be available for patrons, along with kids' bike decorating and youth bike time trial competitions.

The free event will run from 11am to 2pm.



Goolwa Community Centre Manager Di Gordon encourages the community to voice feedback on the proposed sale of Customs House. Photo: Tara Nash. INSET: Concept only, looking northwest from the wharf.

CALL FROM COMMUNITY: 'You have no right to sell heritage'



By Tara Nash

Calls have been made to the public to oppose Alexandrina Council's proposed sale of the historic Customs House for hotel accommodation.

The Goolwa site has been vacant since 2016, with council seeking interest from businesses, organisations and sole traders following the \$18 million development of the Goolwa Wharf Precinct.

Multiple registrations of interest were considered for the precinct in confidence during a council meeting, which resulted in securing three of the 12 available opportunities to Goolwa Visual Arts Group, The Wharf Wine Bar and Cittaslow.

Following this stage, Goolwa Community Centre's application for Customs House was rejected, with the centre exceeding capacity at its current location on Cadell St.

The centre proposed to "activate the site" for community use with workshops, personal development and social connection programs, as well as "celebrating local history" while having it open on weekends.

Real estate service provider Savills Australia underwent a campaign for a hotel last year, and presented to council that it was viable with strong market interest.

At the council meeting in October last

year, councillors approved for the purposes of consultation to proceed with the sale for the purpose of a hotel accommodation development.

Goolwa Community Centre Manager Di Gordon believes that if not granted to themselves, she is calling for the 1859 building to be saved as a community space.

"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.

"If this sells - what next? - it's really important that we retain it for community.

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

Built in 1859, the house served as a base for customs officers when each state collected customs duties on goods leaving for another state.

In later years, it was occupied by the Railway Stationmaster.

Council purchased the property in 1983, and it has been used by various community groups over the years, including by Alexandrina Centre for Positive Ageing and recently as a site office for McMahon Services Australia, the main contractors for the wharf revitalisation project.

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.

"Heritage in Goolwa makes up the fabric of the community - it's one of the reasons that people love Goolwa, because it has that beautiful old-world charm and that makes it feel like a small town," Ms Gordon said.

"Strath is underpinned by its history - they provide a really good model for retaining, celebrating and capitalising on their heritage which should be done (in Goolwa) too.

"We would like that same commitment to maintaining and restoring and valuing our historic buildings."

Goolwa and the wider Fleurieu Peninsula have a significant shortage of accommodation, as found in an analysis by the South Australian Tourism Commission's (SATC).

"I'm not arguing whether we need more accommodation... but there is (other) land that could be released to a developer for hotel accommodation," Ms Gordon said.

"We're not against development, but not with our heritage buildings."

While Ms Gordon "loves" the current location of Goolwa Community Centre, the space is "bursting at the seams" and continues to juggle office space to accommodate programs, staff and volunteers.

The team could potentially negotiate extra space elsewhere in the future.

Alexandrina Mayor Keith Parkes declined to comment during an ongoing community consultation.

Community members are encouraged to give feedback by February 14.



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Community vows to push back against fast food outlet approval

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“Besides (the) mandatory referral (to DIT) and other referrals that occur in most development applications (DA) such as CWMS, it should be noted that for this DA wider public notification is not triggered by the planning regulations we have in South Australia,” then-Alexandrina Council Chief Executive Officer, Nigel Morris, previously told *The Argus*.

“The proposal is consistent with the commercial activities permitted in the zone and the outlet will be considered as any other food business.

“The DA will be assessed against the state-wide Planning and Design Code and the requirements of the Planning, Development, and Infrastructure Act 2016.

“The process cannot assess public perceptions regarding the type of business it is, whether the community want a fast-food outlet, whether fast-food is a public health concern generally, and whether this outlet will be in competition to other food businesses in the area.

“I’m advised by council’s planning team that the planning process will focus on allowed land use, matters such as size and scale and compatibility within the locality, compliance with the code, and the impact on the surrounding built interface.”

One of the major concerns with the development was increased traffic and pedestrian safety.

As part of the approval, the Commissioner of Highways imposed several conditions, including in regards to traffic management.

This included that access points at East and South Terraces are limited to left turn in and out only, with the final design and location of the access points, including their treatment, be to DIT’s satisfaction and suitably signed and line-marked, all vehicles must enter and exit the site in a forward direction, the largest vehicle permitted on site is a 12.5m heavy rigid vehicle.

Other conditions related to landscaping, roadworks and stormwater run-off collection.

Although the conditions seemed to address residents’ concerns, businessman Terry Scolari, who was one of the front runners for a petition opposing the development, said the roundabout directly adjacent the fast food joint’s location needed to be further investigated.

The Strathalbyn Business Group plans to approach Alexandrina Council about installing some barriers to stop people from walking in front of oncoming traffic.

“We’re disappointed of course the development went through, especially in light there’s a big push from the Greens to put a motion in parliament about not having a fast food outlet within 500 metres of schools – which will probably go through – but we’ve missed that,” Mr Scolari said.

“The one thing it did highlight was that dangerous roundabout, so as a business group we’re now going to take that to council.



Local dietician Michelle Fenner and businessman Terry Scolari, who petitioned against the Strathalbyn fast food restaurant development application, were both disappointed it was granted planning consent. Photo: Giorgina McKay

“During school times we’ve got the footage to show kids are walking out in front of cars, which will only get worse once there’s a fast food outlet there, therefore, we’ll be approaching council to fix up that roundabout at least with some barriers to stop people walking straight out into the middle of the roundabout.

“The development won’t happen for a while, but the roundabout is already bad, so now they’ve highlighted it, they need to fix it.”

Another major concern was the impact on people’s health and wellbeing, particularly with the proposed location being near three school campuses.

Local dietician Michelle Fenner, who was another front runner for the petition, was saddened the community’s concerns had been rejected.

“I am saddened to learn that our community’s concerns about stopping a fast food outlet from setting up close to the Strathalbyn schools have been rejected,” she told *The Argus*.

“As I have previously stated, these fast food outlets target children and youth.

“Having easy access to this type of food will make it more difficult for parents and students to prioritise healthy food choices.

“What we eat impacts more than just our waistline – it’s closely tied to risks for cancer, diabetes, heart disease, and mental health issues.

“These are challenges that affect all of us, either personally or through someone we care about.”

She vowed to look for ways to promote healthy eating around schools.

“Moving forward, while we can’t reverse the decision, we can counter it with smart solutions,” Ms Fenner said.

“I, for one, will be looking for ways to promote healthy eating around schools, and I invite other businesses and members of our community to do the same.

“We are a strong community, and although we could focus on the negatives of this decision, we are not powerless, and we can turn this around for good.”



North Ward councillor Craig Maidment, who had been pushing for speed reductions around the Strathalbyn town centre, was disappointed by the lack of community support for the initiative. Photo: Deirdre Graham

Council backs down on speed review for Strathalbyn centre

By Giorgina McKay

A lack of community support has deterred Alexandrina Council from reducing the speed limit around Strathalbyn’s town centre.

As previously reported in *The Southern Argus*, council resolved to investigate the possible introduction of a 40km/h speed zone in the Strathalbyn town centre in December 2023 after local councillor Craig Maidment pushed for the reductions due to safety concerns.

All speed limit changes require approval from the Department of Infrastructure and Transport (DIT), including those under care and control of council, and under the speed limit guidelines, council should consult with the community if it plans to apply for a reduction.

As such, it was decided in August last year for council to conduct public consultation on the speed limit review, which garnered 331 responses during November.

Of the respondents, only 18 per cent were in favour of council formally applying to DIT to request a speed limit change within the town centre, while the large majority believed it was unnecessary.

In addition, with the average mean speeds in this area already being below 40km/h – as supported by a traffic survey – many also believed it would provide little benefit.

With such low levels of support from the local community, councillors decided at Monday night’s meeting to discard the proposal.

It was a particularly disappointing result for North Ward councillor Craig Maidment.

“If we ask 300 senior citizens of Strathalbyn if they’d like to see this

reduced, they would say ‘yes’ – that would negate the 300 people that said ‘no we don’t need a drop in the speed limit,’” he said.

“Social media got a hold of this and smashed this.

“I’ve lived here for 45 years, I’ve seen people doing well-over 50km/h down the main street and that was my concern – the number of people on gophers, walking frames, people on crutches and sticks – because they need to be able to get across the road at certain times, and those trucks going past the schools was a big concern.

“I get it the Department of Transport want the trucks to move through much more quickly, but to go past those schools at up to 50km/h is not helping the situation.

“I asked for a report, I got a report, (and) I accept you don’t always get a win on these situations, so I’ll have to leave it for now and hopefully, no one gets cleaned up in the meantime.”

West Ward councillor Lou Nicholson was equally disappointed, but noted the motion could be looked at for other towns or revisited down the track for Strathalbyn.

“I was surprised at this,” she said.

“If the data is showing drivers are already doing about 40km/h on average in these roads, it really, to me, indicates that if we’re driving to the conditions, that is the maximum or reasonable speed you need to go on these streets.

“It also shows some drivers are going over that, which I certainly can appreciate would be very alarming and feel quite unsafe, so unfortunately, the report shows we can’t really take this to the minister without being able to demonstrate community support, so I will accept the recommendation of council at this time.”

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Strathalbyn scouts make memories



By Deirdre Graham

Seven Strathalbyn scouts and three leaders arrived home recently from one of the biggest celebrations on the scouting calendar – the Australian Jamboree.

The Jamboree, returning for the first time since the pandemic, attracted more than 10,000 participants to Maryborough, Queensland, from January 6 to January 15.

Local group leader Prue Turner said despite some unforeseen challenges such as torrential rain and highly humid weather, the Strathalbyn bunch returned with what she hopes are some lifelong memories.

The participants had a long list of activities they could take part in, including a visit to Australia Zoo, Maryborough sights and attractions, stand up paddleboarding, snorkelling, beach games, rafting, airblower soccer, archery, hatchet throwing, cycling, STEM activities such as 3D printing, and abseiling.

Miss Turner said watching the growth and development of the youth under her care was one of the highlights as a leader.

“There were 21 youth in total in my camp – seven of those from Strathalbyn – so just watching how far they came from the week we arrived to Thursday morning when we left (was one of the highlights),” she said.

“We had that torrential rain while we were there and some flash flooding, which made for some eventful moments, digging trenches at 9pm at night.

“For most of them, the (highlights) were the outings and activities.

“For a lot (of scouts) they had never had the opportunity to go to places like Australia Zoo or abseiling off structures, so a lot of them got to do all that for what is possibly the first, if not the only time, of their lives.”



Strathalbyn scout Artie Murphy was excited to be at Australia Zoo as part of the Jamboree.

The scouts also learned some skills on how to get along with new people.

“For some, they hadn't really had a chance to get to know each other, so they were thrown together for 10 days and had to make the best of the situation,” Miss Turner said.

“It actually cooled down quite a lot at night and that meant everyone was able to get a semi-decent sleep, and I think that made things a bit better as well.”

The next Australian Jamboree will be held in three years, with a venue yet to be announced.

25 YEARS AGO

from the files of the Southern Argus

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20TH, 2000

On Tuesday December 28, the Hartley Community Inc. Committee welcomed the 50 people who braved the very cool, windy conditions to witness the unveiling of two monuments. The green flag which covered the monuments had a large white emblem on them, a replica of the Hartley School Sports Day flag. At 6pm the Vice-President Jeff Wundersitz was spokesperson at the monument adjacent the former Hartley School building giving a history of it before the transition to a community hall. Max Samuel and Robin Harvey did the unveiling. From here it was 500 metres up the Chauncey Line road to unveil a larger monument featuring Hartley's History and Landmarks unveiled by Loyd Jaensch and Mrs Ivy Wundersitz.

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The SA Water State Championships were held from January 6th-9th at the Adelaide Aquatic Centre, with Strathalbyn swimmers competing for the first time in many years. Those competing were Chris Roeger, Rebecca Cowan and Luke Cowan – all three achieving personal best times.

50 YEARS AGO

from the files of the Southern Argus

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23RD, 1975

On Friday morning Janet Wilson, a 1974 matriculation student, left for Stolberg, West Germany, a town with a population of 60,000, lying between Cologne and Aachen, about 30 kilometres from the Belgian border. Janet, the third Rotary Exchange student in her family, knows one member of her host family who came to SA as an exchange student last year. On Saturday Suellen Thyer left for the USA and like Janet, Suellen passed her matriculation last year and will continue her studies at the Curwensville Area High School, Curwensville, on the Allegheny Plateau, about 150 kilometres from Pittsburgh in Pennsylvania.

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With rain making it a one day cricket match at Strathalbyn, the Strathalbyn Red side had their first win of the season when they beat Finnis. Finnis in their innings scored 83 with Brian Vivian top scoring, Adrian Peachey taking 4/16, while the Reds replied with 3/99, Robert Webb retiring on 59.

100 YEARS AGO

from the files of the Southern Argus

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22ND, 1925

While returning from the Test match in Adelaide on Saturday evening, Miss Ethel Castle, of Long Valley Strathalbyn, with two friends Miss L. E. Stirling and Miss F. Oliver both of Strathalbyn, met with a serious motor accident and miraculous escape from death, about halfway between Strathalbyn and Macclesfield on which is known as Doctor's Hill – the scene of many accidents during the past years. Miss Castle said the steering gear refused to answer promptly.

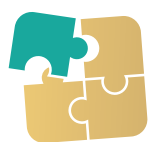
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A very successful swimming carnival was held at Milang on Saturday afternoon with secretary Mr. A. Maude and Mr. F. Kruse responsible for the details. Some results were 25 yards boys T. Pavy, L. Wilson; 100 yards open H. Hahn, C. Jenkinson, H. Calman, Neat Dive J & A Fairweather, Greasy Pole A. Higgins, E. Bowden, Goose Hunt H. Calman.

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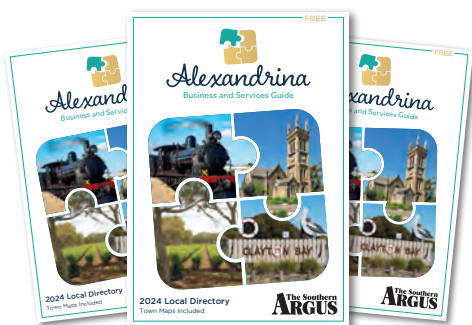
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Terriman case dismissed by Supreme Court

A judicial review of the State Government's decision to reject applications related to the proposed Bird in Hand Gold Project has been dismissed by the Supreme Court.

As previously reported in *The Southern Argus*, Terramin Australia submitted applications for a Mining Lease and a Miscellaneous Purposes Licence pursuant in respect to the project in 2019, but was notified it had been refused by Minister for Energy and Mining Tom Koutsantonis in February 2023.

Subsequent to the decision, the Governor of South Australia made the Mining (Reservation from Act) Proclamation 2023.

The project was anticipated to create more than 140 highly paid mining jobs and numerous indirect jobs for Strathalbyn and Woodside communities, with the Angas Zinc Mine planned to be re-opened to treat gold ore from the latter site.

Following the rejection, Terramin filed legal proceedings in the Supreme Court of South Australia in August that year, seeking judicial review of the refusal of applications, and the making of the recommendation to the Governor.

However, on Monday, the court dismissed Terramin's judicial review of the government's decision to reject applications related to the proposed Bird in Hand gold mine and the proclamation over the relevant area protecting it from future mining applications.

Mr Koutsantonis was pleased with the decision.

"In February 2023, I decided to reject Terramin's applications under the Mining Act related to their proposed Bird in Hand Gold Mine in the Adelaide Hills," he said.

"I was not willing to risk established local industries against the opportunity a short-term mine may have provided to the state.

"I've always stood by my decision and



A judicial review of the State Government's decision to reject applications related to the proposed Bird in Hand Gold Project, which was projected to create more than 140 highly paid mining jobs and numerous indirect jobs for Strathalbyn and Woodside communities, has been dismissed by the Supreme Court. INSET: The Southern Argus August 17, 2023 edition.

the fact that proper process was followed, which has been reflected in the decision of the Supreme Court to dismiss the judicial review application.

"The area of the proposed mine is home to

a world-class viticulture industry, producing some of Australia's best-loved wines.

"Now the court has upheld the government's decision, I suspect Adelaide Hills businesses are breathing a sigh of relief."

In a statement, Terramin announced it intends to appeal the decision.

Further updates will be provided by the company as the matter progresses.



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Water safety urged this long weekend

By Giorgina McKay

A stronger police presence can be expected on the region's waterways this long weekend as officers urge river and beach users to make water safety their first priority.

Police and Marine Safety Officers will have an increased presence on the water and at local boat ramps, including around Alexandrina, as summer continues, with a focus on drug and alcohol testing, safety equipment compliance checks, and enforcing lifejacket laws.

Part of this is through Operation Riversafe, which started on December 27 and runs until February 3, promoting safety and compliance on the Murray River.

So far, police have contacted 219 people, conducted 102 vessel safety equipment checks, 81 alco-tests, 47 drug swipes, and issued six expiations, 11 cautions and three reports for positive drug tests.

Officer in Charge of the Murray Mallee Local Service Area Superintendent Cindy Healey said recent marine-related incidents presented a stark reminder of being prepared and sharing plans with others before heading out on the water.

"This time of year, we see an influx of people enjoying water activities, including on the Murray River, but with this comes a variety of risks," she said.

"It is vital people are aware of the dangers when swimming, boating or fishing, and they abide by all rules and regulations regarding the Harbours and Navigation Act and the Fisheries Act.

"Drugs, alcohol, and the river do not mix.

"All vessel operators, observers and skiers are required to be under 0.05, and we urge everyone to stay safe, stay sober, and enjoy our beautiful river and beaches this long weekend."

One of the most important pieces of safety equipment is lifejackets.

Dubbed the "seatbelt of the water", Manager for Marine Safety and Compliance Gordon Panton reminded people about the importance of lifejackets and staying up-to-date with equipment compliance.

"South Australia's lifejacket laws are there to keep everyone safe when enjoying a day out on the water, and that is why we have strengthened the safety standards," he said.

"Since January 1, 2025, older standard lifejackets have no longer been acceptable to use, and instead users must ensure their jackets meet the AS 4758 standards, which gives the wearer greater buoyancy and reflection.

"Marine Safety Officers have been out on the water checking people's equipment and undertaking an educational approach in reminding users of the change."

Those caught not wearing a lifejacket face a \$262 on-the-spot fine, and another \$207 for carrying none on a vessel.

People are also reminded to slow down to four knots when within 50 metres of people in the water and when 30 metres from any other vessel or a jetty, wharf or boat ramp.

Meanwhile, SAPOL will also deploy trail bikes and all-terrain vehicles to support foot patrols in monitoring behaviour on coastal areas and traffic congestion on drive-on beaches, which now have a default speed limit of 40km/h, or 25km/h when drivers are within 50 metres of pedestrians.



Manager for Marine Safety and Compliance Gordon Panton, Officer in Charge of the Murray Mallee Local Service Area Superintendent Cindy Healey, and Sergeant from Water Operations Unit Darian Leske are urging people to make water safety their first priority, particularly when it comes to lifejackets. Photo: Giorgina McKay

For more information on boating rules and regulations, visit (marinesafety.sa.gov.au).

To report any suspicious behaviour to SAPOL, call 131 444.

Murray Bridge financier jailed for money theft

A Murray Bridge finance manager who stole more than \$800,000 from multiple victims due to an alleged gambling addiction was handed a jail sentence.

The District Court heard Nathan Williams, aged 40, stole \$883,850 from six victims between 2019 and 2022 - \$769,843 from

his then-employer Mid Murray Support Service Incorporated, \$60,000 from another employer, and various other sums from other employers.

Mr Williams pleaded guilty to multiple counts of theft and deception.

He is allegedly motivated to abstain from

gambling for his wife and children, and has repaid some of the victims.

Judge Jane Schammer sentenced Mr Williams to seven years and eight months imprisonment, with a non-parole period of four years, which was backdated from October 12, 2023.

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The wall of Goolwa's Holy Evangelists Anglican Church has sustained serious damage from a crash. Photo: Tara Nash

Woman crashes into church wall

By Giorgina McKay

A local woman has caused significant damage to the wall of a Goolwa church after crashing her vehicle into it last Thursday.

At about 4.45pm on January 16, police were called to Cadell Street after a Hyundai

sedan crashed into the wall of the Holy Evangelists Anglican Church.

The driver, an 86-year-old local woman, was uninjured but was taken to hospital as a precaution.

She will be issued an expiation notice for driving without due care.



A Goolwa shed has been left scorched from a fire last Wednesday night. Photo: Tara Nash

Shed fire erupts at Goolwa

A shed fire at Goolwa last Wednesday night caused an estimated \$1 million in damage.

Shortly after 6pm on January 15, 40 Country Fire Service (CFS) with nine trucks, Metropolitan Fire Service, SA Police, SA Ambulance Service, and SA Power Networks worked in a co-ordinated effort to extinguish a fire in a 30m x 40m shed on Gundagai Street.

As a result of their quick and effective response, firefighters prevented the fire from spreading, which could have caused much greater damage to the business, its contents, and neighbouring properties.

The shed itself incurred smoke damage, and unfortunately, some of the contents, including caravans, were lost, however, thanks to the efforts of both firefighters and the owners, other items were successfully salvaged, helping to minimise the overall damage.

Crews remained on site for some time using thermal imaging cameras to check for hot spots.

The damage is estimated at \$1 million, and fire investigators were called to the scene.



David Sprod – pictured with a *Cussonia Paniculata* – is welcoming the public to his upcoming Open Gardens SA event in Mount Barker. Photo: Tara Nash

Sustainable garden connected to home



By Tara Nash

A Mount Barker garden that was well-considered by its owners to provide shade and create microclimates for wildlife will soon be open to the public.

Cathy and David Sprod's home was previously destroyed by a fire in 2017, leaving them to construct a new, architecturally-designed sustainable house in 2020.

They had a specific focus that the house connects to the garden, including by shading around the windows.

The house now stays around 22C all year round, and the garden can be viewed from almost every side.

"We said (to the architect) that we want to sit inside and feel like we were in the garden," David said.

"The garden and the house – we don't see them as separate."

The garden is environmentally-friendly, climate-resilient and productive, allowing plants to self-seed and evolve.

The layout is random and rambling, with no paths, but instead, gaps to wander through.

"No formal paths and no edging means it makes the garden a priority and you just make your way between what grows – if things grow bigger, the path moves," David explained.

"It wasn't laid out – it was just what happens. "What we do is look at the design as it's happening"

Every plant was carefully positioned to create shade, produce fruit and vegetables and microclimates for wildlife.

About seven possums, hundreds of lizards including bearded dragons, and mostly native bird species live in the space.

Sixty-four bird species were recorded over a two-week period.

As well as a specific productive garden and more than 90 different fruit trees, vegetables grow throughout the space, including rhubarb, kiwis, strawberries, avocados and apples.

The garden also has a large water tank installed underground.

Low-maintenance and sustainability is a focus, for example, with a tree currently shedding bark that will stay where it falls.

David also mulches for weed control which also makes the walking paths soft.

"We like to have places around the garden to sit and people can shift furniture into the shade," David said.

"It's a shady garden so even if it's a stinking hot day – it works pretty well.

"You've got to look after the plants and they look after you... it's all about making it nice for people to come here."

The event – part of Open Gardens SA – will be held at 14 Acacia Street, Mount Barker, on Saturday and Sunday, February 1 and 2, from 10am to 4.30pm.

A walk and talk will be held at 11am and 2pm each day.

The charity Fruit Share Adelaide will receive part of the proceeds from ticket sales.

The South Australian group formed last year to harvest fruit to prevent food waste and share to local charities and food-relief programs.

"It's a great charity, they're new, so when people are starting up, money is far more useful to them," David said.

"They're local – they're doing a really good job."



ARE FERAL RABBITS INVADING YOUR PROPERTY?

Feral rabbits continue to be a serious pest across the region, causing damage to the environment, agriculture, and people's gardens.

There are several tools available to control feral rabbits, including the use of pindone-treated carrots or calicivirus-treated carrots. Landscape Hills and Fleurieu is providing access to these products at several distribution days across the Fleurieu.

- Goolwa - 4 February (Pindone or Calici)
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- Goolwa - 12 March (Pindone only)
- Strathalbyn - 18 March (Pindone only)

To find out more and register:



landscape.sa.gov.au/hf/rabbits

Also, don't miss our rabbit control information session at Blewitt Springs on 1 February - bit.ly/blewittsprings



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

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



Nominations are now open

Please nominate people who make a difference in this community using a form on the website, contacting the office or going to facebook.

Nominating a young ambassador, a business woman or a volunteer is a fun and special way to show appreciation for some exceptional people or quiet achievers.

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New Year message for 2025 !

The year of 2025 is well underway and it is wonderful to see activities and events in the local area being enjoyed by residents and visitors.

While I watch families enjoy their school holidays and swimming lessons around the pontoon at Port Elliot, I reflect on the year past with its successes, sorrows, challenges and wins.

We do live in a fortunate place and I am so grateful for the country we live in and the opportunities at hand, but I know there is still work to do.

Thank you to every one who contacted my office or spoke to me at a coffee catch up, or community event last year. I encourage this to happen more in 2025 and will accept as many invitations to groups or events as I can.

Representing this community is the greatest honour for me and I look to see townships grow with sensible planning and good infrastructure supported by thriving business, education, health, and recreation sectors.

I am so proud of the volunteers that take care of our vulnerable and less fortunate and will work hard to see government enables and supports all that is good in the electorate of Finnis.

Constituents, please help me represent you by contacting me or the office on any matter of concern, celebration or interest.



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Alexandrina Mayor Keith Parkes (front left) with last year's Heritage Award winners (back) Belinda Sullivan and Di Nicholls, Ann Scutchings, Langdon and Heather Badger, Anthony Presgrave, Trevor Heyer, Warren Doman, (front) Cindy Westphalen, Sharon Lyons, Deb Morgan, and Karyn Bradford. Absent: Pago of Middleton and Cedric Varcoe.
Photo: Giorgina McKay

Nominations open for Heritage Awards

Nominations are now open for the region's premiere heritage event, the Alexandrina Council Heritage Awards.

Hosted by council's Heritage Advisory Committee, the awards recognise excellence in the heritage conservation, research and works undertaken within the district.

They are also an opportunity to educate the wider community about the importance of conserving and activating local heritage.

The 2025 awards highlight best practice in heritage-centric projects across six categories, including Heritage Tourism, Conservation Practice, Adaptive Reuse, Heritage Gardens and Fencing, Historic Research, Lorraine Pomery Service to Heritage Award, and Mayoral Award.

Nominations for all except the Mayoral Award are open to members of the public, wider Alexandrina community, businesses, industry partners and people who wish to submit an eligible project.

The 2025 event will be held on May 22 as part of the SA History Festival at Goolwa's Centenary Hall, with journalist and author Lainie Anderson as guest speaker.

The Adelaide Hills-based writer is a History Guardian for the History Trust of South Australia and was announced as the 2023 Emerging Historian of the Year by the History Council of South Australia.

"The Heritage Awards are a beloved council event that celebrates our unique history in the Alexandrina region," Alexandrina Mayor, Keith Parkes, said.

"I encourage community members to get involved and nominate those in the community who deserve recognition for their heartfelt heritage projects and preservation practices."

For further information about the awards, the guidelines, and how to nominate, visit (www.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/heritageawards).

Nominations close on Friday, April 4.

Letters to the Editor

A heartfelt call to action

As Heart Awareness Month approaches this February, Heart Research Australia is urging all Australians to come together and take action to safeguard both their heart and brain health.

This year, we are shedding light on the crucial link between cardiovascular health and cognitive function, and sharing effective day-to-day strategies to support both.

It's crucial to understand that what supports the heart also benefits the brain.

Heart disease remains the leading cause of death in Australia, and its effects reach far beyond our hearts.

Conditions such as high blood pressure and high cholesterol can not only cause damage to the heart, but can also increase the risk of cognitive decline, and the development of dementia.

By 2054, the number of Australians living with dementia is expected to double.

So, protecting our heart and brain health now is more vital than ever, not only for our own health and wellbeing, but to reduce the pressure on our health system as it braces for the impact of an ageing population.

In our communities, the impact of heart disease and dementia are deeply felt.

We see it in our families, friends, and neighbours.

The path forward begins with simple, actionable steps.

Heart Research Australia's four 'M' (4-M) approach – Movement, Meals, Measurement, and Mental Wellness—guides us to take small, meaningful actions today, which can protect both our hearts and our minds.

At Heart Research Australia, we are committed to reducing the devastating impact heart disease has on families and the community.

This 'RED FEB', we are asking Australians to come together to wear red, raise awareness, and contribute to the vital research that will change lives.

By taking action today, we can reduce the devastating effects of heart disease tomorrow.

Together, as one community, we can make a difference for our future.

To learn more about Heart Research Australia's 4-M approach and support Heart Research Australia's critical research, please visit (www.heartresearch.com.au).

Nicci Dent
Heart Research Australia CEO

Fish deaths at SARDI require investigation

The recent deaths of fish and oyster stock at the SARDI West Beach facility needs to be independently investigated.

Despite being downplayed by Minister Clare Scriven, the deaths are a significant loss, with large numbers of fish for snapper restocking, POMS-resistant oysters, and a

commercial operator being killed.

The Minister has suggested on radio there is "no indication that it's been caused by disease or dredging".

We don't know for certain what the cause is, and that is why it needs to be investigated, but consider the following.

Problems first started appearing shortly after the commencement of the dredging trial being conducted by the EPA alongside the facility.

Sea floor dredging can expose anaerobic plant material such as seaweed under the sea floor, which can liberate hydrogen sulphide – also known as 'rotten egg gas'.

This gas is toxic to fish, especially small fish, and filter feeders such as oysters.

In fact, the EPA's own guidelines for dredging warn that "poor water quality can also affect primary industries such as fisheries and aquaculture", and PIRSA's own website speaks to the potential risks of dredging to aquatic life.

The diagram on the EPA website shows dredging and discharge was directly offshore of the SARDI facility.

The SARDI website mentions that water supply to the site is supplied via "four inlet/outlet pipes which extend various distances to 1.5km offshore".

The only common factor between the oyster and snapper production, and the commercial operator at the site is the water supply.

This is not a 'smoking gun', but surely there are issues here that warrant investigation?

Did the EPA discuss the trial with SARDI prior to dredging, and consider the possibility of impact on the water supply to the SARDI site?

Did PIRSA perform a risk assessment of the potential impact of the dredging on fisheries and aquaculture production in the area?

Did the EPA adhere to its own dredging protocols during the trial?

Was the water quality monitored for potential toxins?

Did staff at SARDI notice any odour of rotten egg gas while fish and oysters were dying?

Has the facility now recovered?

Have the losses been made up by successfully restocking?

It is imperative that answers are found, and it should not be done by government departments investigating themselves.

This needs an independent investigation at arm's length from the government.

This is essential to prevent a recurrence of whatever caused the problem in the first place, and to provide confidence in the transparency of the operation of government.

Nicola Centofanti,
Shadow Minister for Regional South Australia, Primary Industries, and Water Resources and the River Murray

Our View

Thursday, January 23, 2025

Fast food, fast business

Perhaps one of the only good things to come out of the planning permission for a fast food outlet near school campuses in Strathalbyn – which *The Southern Argus* understands will be a KFC – are the possible jobs for some of the town's youth.

It comes at a time when it can be difficult for parents to encourage their kids to eat healthy food and not set themselves up for a future of obesity.

Having such an outlet in easy reach of school children looks like a purely monetary decision by a big business not at all worried by both the ethics of its location or the heritage value of the town it is setting up in.

I guess some would argue it is Strathalbyn catching up with modern times, but others would argue why should we when it is the town's character at stake?

With planning permission now granted and building approval expected, those who oppose the project have turned to another big issue with the development – pedestrian safety at the nearby roundabout.

The Strathalbyn Business Group plans to approach Alexandrina Council about installing some barriers to stop people from walking in front of incoming traffic.

The group says it has footage that shows students are already walking out in front of cars as they make their way to and from school.

With both car and foot traffic only expected to increase, whatever safety barriers can be installed would be most welcome.

For those fighting for healthy food for children, planning approval is a sad development.

What we eat throughout our lives is tied to risk factors for conditions such as cancer, diabetes, heart disease and mental health.

Learning more about healthy eating is one way to empower young people to make good choices with the food they consume, but also sends a message to big business that poor eating is on the way out, and healthy eating on the way in, or at least we hope.

Email your letter to the editor to 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 ...

How are you planning to spend Australia Day?

Zita Stark-Prior,
Strathalbyn



"I will go to the Australia Day ceremony and celebrate family milestones such as my engagement to John Prior."

Helen Wakefield,
Milang



"Visiting family in the Mallee."

Jess Sullivan,
Strathalbyn



"We might go out to one of the wildlife parks."

Ingrid Berkin,
Pinnaroo



"It will be just a quiet day."



Creek pilot takes aim at world record

SA Commissioner of Police Grant Stevens giving Superintendent Dave Scutchings APM (right) and son Max (centre) the thumbs up ahead of the duo's Guinness World Record attempt to undertake 50 loops in a glider. Photo: Andrew Challen SAPOL



By Deirdre Graham

A former Langhorne Creek resident and now a SA Police Superintendent will attempt to set a world gliding record on Australia Day.

Superintendent Dave Scutchings APM, along with son Max, has given himself the challenge to undertake 50 loops in a glider, and along with the record, raise awareness and money for SA Police Legacy and inspire young people to set goals, particularly around aviation.

"I was set a 50 weeks of 50 challenges in the lead up to my 50th birthday, so every week I was trying to do something special, memorable, challenging, and inspiring – something different every week," Superintendent Scutchings said.

"One of my family members challenged me to do 50 loops in a glider, and at that time I thought that was ridiculous, so I didn't pay too much attention to it.

"But later on, when I was going through the year and looking for different things to do, I went back to that and thought I would have a look at the Guinness World Record and see what it was.

"It turned out to be 24 loops, so I thought, 'well, I love flying and that will give me something to really aim for, so I will try and break the record'."

As a SAPOL member of more than 30 years, Superintendent Scutchings was also keen to raise the profile of SA Police Legacy.

"I am currently manager of about 350 people that I work with, and in that role I am

acutely aware of the important role that SA Police Legacy has in supporting the families of cops that are either killed or seriously injured on duty," he said.

"On a number of occasions I have reached out to (them) to help my people, so they play a very important role, and they are very helpful and very important for us."

Superintendent Scutchings has been flying aircraft since he was 15 and has passed on his passion to his son Max.

"I started flying gliders at 15, then I flew powered aircraft, and then I jumped on the police helicopters in 2005 and flew on the back of (them) for about 12 years," he said.

"Basically, I have been passionate about aviation for 30 to 40 years, and then coupled with that, my son Max, who is now 16, is also mad keen for aviation and he is madly flying gliders as well.

"So, (the challenge) was something that together we could do as a father/son combo, and inspire some other young kids to try and set some goals."

The duo are hoping for clear skies for their world record attempt at an undisclosed location.

"We will be going earlier than the thermals start, so we will be towed up as high as we can, and then if we have got clear sky, we will just loop down through it," Superintendent Scutchings said.

"It takes on average 12 seconds a loop... it will take about 25 minutes to get towed up there, and then it will take about 10 minutes to finish the loops.

"We have done four training flights, and a whole lot of risk assessment and planning.

"Our last training flight, we actually equalled the record, so we are reasonably

confident we can do it, and now have set ourselves the goal of 50."

Despite the quiet confidence, there are a couple of things that could halt the mission.

"We will be doing it in a specific air space are, and if the wind blows us sideways out of that airspace, we might have to stop and reattempt the record," Superintendent Scutchings said.

"We have to keep in mind airspace, we our altitude, our speed – as we have to conduct the loops at a certain speed – and we have to be conscious of other aircraft (as) it it going to be uncontrolled airspace.

"And also maintain our situational awareness and being switched on to what we are doing, where we are, and just keeping on top of things basically."

Superintendent Scutchings' son Max is excited to be taking part.

"I can't wait; it should be very good," he said. "I have about 100 hours now, as I went solo on my 15th birthday two years ago now.

"So far (I love flying gliders); I haven't really got much experience in powered aircraft yet, but I will probably stick with gliding for a while I would say."

The duo have the best wishes of SA Commissioner of Police Grant Stevens who recently undertook a glider flight with Superintendent Scutchings.

"He handled it exceptionally well," Superintendent Scutchings said.

"We did four loops and a couple of stall turns, and he kept a smile on his face and no sign of air sickness."

Superintendent Scutchings felt privileged to be able to set this goal and hoped to achieve a "special thing for a whole heap of good causes".



Neville Thomas inserts the golden spike while surrounded by volunteers Tony Gates, Ruth Gates, Roger Miller, Joy Travers, Phil Smith, Mark Thomas, Allan McInnes, Stan Woods, Anthony Hogan, Adam Thomas, Bob Hennesy and Gary Parker. Photo: Peter Lucas

Golden spike nailed to track

It was 'Golden Spike Day' at the Milang Railway Museum on January 7, marking the next step in a major project.

The traditional ceremony was held to mark the completion of their narrow-gauge railway, which is used to give visitors free train rides on weekends.

Back in 1999, the Smithfield munitions depot was closed and their equipment was auctioned off, including a very extensive, two-foot gauge railway which was used to move the munitions in and out of storage.

The Milang Railway Museum was successful in purchasing a battery locomotive, four wagons, 20 points and a kilometre of rail, which was put into storage until 2017 when the volunteers laid 100 metres of track and started giving visitors free train rides on weekends.

Over the next few years, the track was doubled in length, but still offered only a limited out-and-back ride.

Late in 2023, the volunteers decided it was time to extend the track into a complete railway journey, and on December 1 that year, track laying commenced using hand tools.

In the 13 months since then, steady progress has been made, with the route going down to the western end of the museum property and then looping back up towards the station.

On Tuesday, January 7, the final golden spike was inserted to complete the loop and the first test trains were run.

The volunteers now have weeks of maintenance work to do, smoothing out some minor kinks, adding washers to fish plates and a few other jobs.

The official opening of the loop will occur on Sunday, February 23 at 2pm, and, from then on, the free train rides will be around the full route.



Rebekha Sharkie MP
Federal Member for Mayo

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Strathalbyn




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Voucher system for Ashbourne residents to be reconsidered

By Giorgina McKay

A free green garden waste voucher system for Ashbourne residents has been turned down by Alexandrina councillors due to budget financial constraints, but will be considered for the next financial year.

Currently Ashbourne is serviced by the Fleurieu Regional Waste Authority (FRWA) through kerbside waste collection, which includes general and recycling, but not green organics.

In May last year council debated free green waste disposal for Ashbourne residents during the fire danger season, and ultimately decided for a report to be prepared investigating the merits of the proposed service, with free access potentially restricted to one or two Sundays per month, by way of a token for permission included in the rates renewal notice or available online and allocated to a property address to avoid misuse.

Investigations have been ongoing since with FRWA, who would be receiving and processing the material through its Strathalbyn Waste and Recycling Depot (WRD), finding the estimated cost per annum based on the assumption that the town has 133 dwellings who will all use the vouchers, the cost of disposal is \$80 per visit, management cost is 15 per cent, and it will run from November to May, would be \$12,236 for one voucher, \$24,472 for two and \$36,708 for three.

If approved, the vouchers would need to be issued automatically by council to all ratepayers and redeemed by them alongside their rates notice or other proof of address.

A manual list of vouchers redeemed would be held by FRWA and provided to council in

May each year to record numbers of vouchers redeemed and who redeemed them.

Based on the costs it was decided to not introduce the initiative this year, but instead, include the potential to introduce a free garden waste voucher system for Ashbourne residents in the 2025/26 Annual Business Plan and Budget consultation.

"I'm moving this amendment because where we are in the budget cycle, I don't think we can introduce any more operating expenses to our current financial year, especially without consulting the broader community," North Ward councillor, Sue Miller, said during Monday night's council meeting.

"This is not saying we'll introduce this, it's saying we won't this year, but we will ask the community more broadly about how they feel introducing this for Ashbourne."

Fellow North Ward councillor Craig Maidment noted something like this would be beneficial for the town's residents.

"Ashbourne has got the highest percentage of tree canopy in the whole of this Alexandrina area," he said.

"The two Ash Wednesday bushfires went through that area as well, and it's a very dangerous place to live with all the undergrowth and tree canopy there.

"If they can keep the fire risk down through the summer months then this goes a long way to helping those people on the smaller blocks.

"This was raised quite some years ago before this chamber, and it was something that came out of a village conversation that Ashbourne residents were looking for.

"Yes, they will all tell you they want it, but they've already told us that in the past."



Last year's Survival Day event. Photo: Tara Nash

Councillor delivers 'apology' during meeting



By Tara Nash

Mount Barker District councillor Rebecca Hewett made an 'apology' during Monday night's meeting for a social media post relating to a Survival Day event held on January 26, supported by council with \$5000 of funding.

"I acknowledge that I voted for it, but having known that it was on Australia Day, I never would have supported it, and I would have certainly voted against it," Cr Hewett said.

Several residents reportedly contacted her with concerns, and she conducted a poll on social media asking if council should support the event held on Australia Day.

She reported that respondents showed

a "resounding 'no'" against it.

"A true democracy is the duty of elected representatives to consult their constituents," Cr Hewett said on Monday night.

"It is the duty of constituents to make their views known to elective representatives."

She saw "nothing remotely controversial" about what she did and believed that Survival Day is not a community event.

"This statement you just made is not correct - this is a community event," Mayor David Leach responded.

"You made an inaccurate statement."

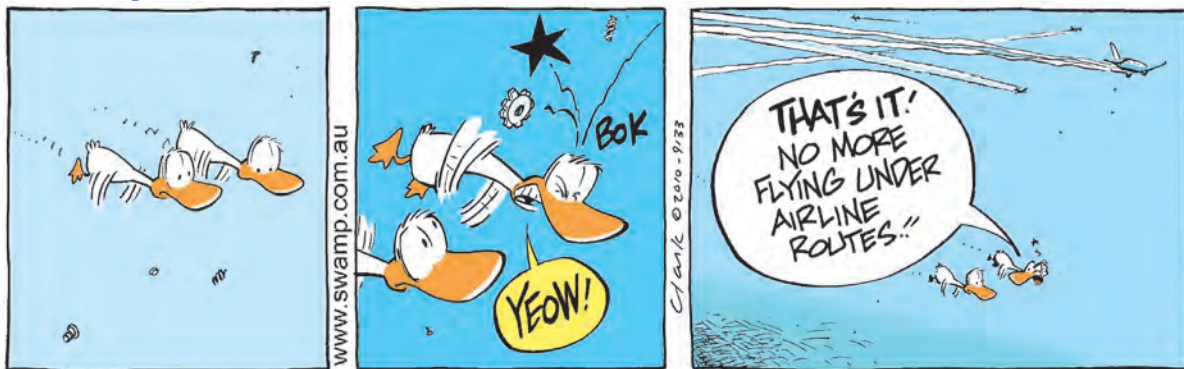
He rejected some of her other claims and offered another chance to deliver her apology.

"I'm truly sorry if my post upset some people," she said.

"But what I've done is in the best interest of this council and the community this post represented, and I will not apologise for that."

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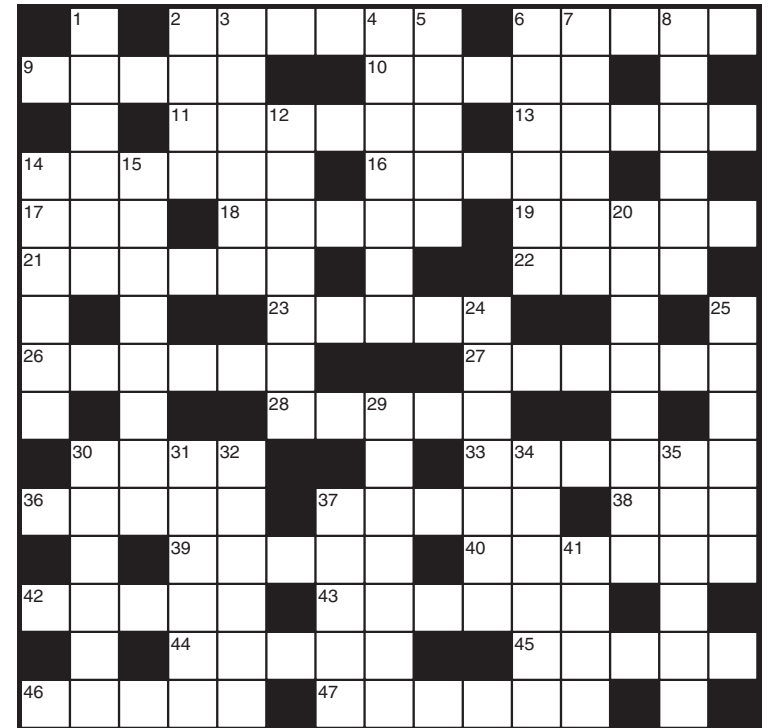
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Weekly Crossword



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- 2 Royal family member
 - 6 Riverside embankment
 - 9 Worship
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 - 14 Guide
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 - 17 Limb
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 - 21 Rest
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 - 26 Wait on
 - 27 Invisible
 - 28 One of a flight of steps
 - 30 Sicilian volcano
 - 33 Relating to a feoff or fee
 - 36 Show contempt
 - 37 Of the sun
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 - 39 Strict vegetarian
 - 40 Queensland town
 - 42 Saloon car
 - 43 Best quality
 - 44 Challenges
 - 45 Brilliance of success
 - 46 Operatic airs
 - 47 Enjoy
 - 7 American inventor
 - 8 Avoid
 - 12 Well-wishers
 - 14 Lasso
 - 15 Cut off surgically
 - 20 Bullfighter
 - 24 Outer face
 - 25 Fishes with hook and line
 - 29 Worry excessively
 - 30 Make beloved
 - 31 American state
 - 32 Fields of conflict
 - 34 Effaces
 - 35 Yearly
 - 37 More secure
 - 41 Irritation
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- 1 Stick
 - 2 Poke
 - 3 Alludes to
 - 4 Moves at easy pace
 - 5 Large sea duck
 - 6 Acquires knowledge

Reeling in adventures across the country



By Tara Nash

At just 14 years old, angler Cooper Smylie has already reeled in 55,000 social media followers during his fishing adventure around Australia with his family, which recently took them to Hindmarsh Island and Port Elliot.

Known as 'Fysh Lur', his videos attract millions of viewers who appreciate that he is not letting Complex Regional Pain Syndrome (CRPS) deter him from his passion for fishing.

The incurable and rare pain condition developed after Cooper fell over playing tag at school and landed on his knee.

It seemed minor at first – just a scratch – until he was suddenly “screaming in pain”.

Cooper had to wait about seven or eight months to receive a diagnosis, then two and a half years to receive treatment.

Symptoms can vary from person to person, but Cooper can have excruciatingly burning painful reactions to stimuli such as water and air.

Sometimes he needs to wear a moonboot for protection, and at other times, can be bed bound. The longest period was seven months.

With no known effective treatments, patients resort to trialling medications.

Around one in four children and young people live with chronic pain and can wait years for a diagnosis.

In November, Cooper spoke to Health Ministers in Parliament in Canberra, advocating for an increase in funding for



chronic pain sufferers.

“For rural and remote conditions – for places like (the local region), even Adelaide itself – don’t really have sufficient services to be able to support people living with chronic pain,” his mum, Melinda, said.

“We were looking for support to increase the funding across the primary healthcare so that anybody can access the healthcare that they need in their local area.”

To give himself an outlet, Cooper chases his passion for fishing and shares it with others through social media.

His largest demographic is 18 to 25-year-olds, often who are fishers or living with a disability themselves.

“Chronic pain is a 24/7 experience for those people and it’s encouraging for them to see someone quite young push through

that barrier and still do something that he loves,” Melinda said.

“That’s the amazing thing with social media – you can have such a positive impact and reach so many people.

“It’s a really healthy interest to find something that you love and be able to combine that with the ability to travel, see amazing places and meet incredible people.”

With a goal of travelling and immersing themselves in smaller communities, Tasmanian-born Cooper left the Gold Coast with his family three and a half years ago, and is home-schooled while exploring Tasmania to the Daintree Forest, Tamworth, and Canberra.

They travelled down the Murray River to the local region, where many locals have recognised and approached him for a chat.

Social media influencer Cooper Smylie, aged 14, is travelling around the country with his family, most recently staying in Hindmarsh Island and Port Elliot.

Photo: Tara Nash

INSET: A squid he caught at Rapid Bay, the “most beautiful” place he has seen.

They are then planning to slowly travel towards Adelaide and explore the rest of South Australia before heading to Western Australia.

Highlights have been Harvey Bay, Cairns, and Moreton Island, the latter where the family lived for two months eating the fish he caught.

In Cairns, he caught one of the biggest trevally fish the locals had ever seen.

However, the “most beautiful place” Cooper has seen is South Australia’s very own, the nearby Rapid Bay.

“We were out on the boat in the clear water... there were seals, dolphins, it was 6m deep and you could see the bottom,” Cooper said.

“It was all coral and it was really clear.”

Maintenance issues behind most rescues

By Tara Nash

Victor Harbor-Goolwa Sea Rescue Squadron volunteers conducted seven rescues in the Clayton Bay to Tauwitche region in December last year.

Four of those rescues were breakdowns, one was a jetski drifting into rocks, and another was assisting SA Police with an offender who ran into the water.

Most of the issues were maintenance coupled with boaters failing to log their trip onto the Volunteer Marine Rescue (VMR)

network before they left, which meant volunteers found it harder to find them.

“They can call in their emergency later on, but we’ve got no record of them going out, so we don’t know who or where they are,” Commodore, Mike Rosser, said.

“Sometimes there can be an inaccurate

description of where the vessel is located which takes us extra time.

“There’s been no really serious injuries... people don’t maintain their boats correctly; they don’t make sure that they’re in top notch condition before they go out.”

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The stunning coastline from the Point Labatt seal colony lookout, 22km south of Streaky Bay. INSET: A friendly kangaroo at Coffin Bay.



Eyre Peninsula

“Kwawwaaack” – the noise startles me as I wake suddenly, zipped up in a swag while camping at Coffin Bay.

I scramble to identify the noise – what animal makes that kind of call?

Quickly ripping out of the swag, I come eye-to-eye with a family of emus – a mum and four babies waddling through my campsite.

Seemingly as surprised as I am, their long necks swivel from me to back forward, and dash out of sight.

It's not my only wildlife encounter during the five-day road trip around the Eyre Peninsula.

A kangaroo was more than friendly when he hopped up to my campsite to say hello and nose my esky, disappointed to discover I was out of beers.

A large goanna also waddled through my

campsite and plenty of smaller lizards also crossed my path, as well as the occasional quick slithering snake.

Seals lazily sun-baked on rocks and the sand at Point Labatt Conservation Park near Streaky Bay, which can be viewed from a platform at a distance.

Fresh oysters during a tour at Coffin Bay were maybe one of the most delicious foods ever, as the tour group learned about the farm and the technique of shucking.

Being more than seven-hour drive away, the Eyre Peninsula can be challenging to get to, so with some leave over Christmas, it was the perfect escape for a solo road trip.

My stops were Port Lincoln, Coffin Bay, and then a few of the beautiful coastal spots on the almost three-hour trip north to Streaky Bay.

The environment and wildlife are really incredible in this area of South Australia, particularly camping at Coffin Bay National Park and spending the day at Almonta Beach, which was almost a private paradise shared with just the other odd visitor here and there.

The stretch of beach has stunning crystal blue waters and surrounded by fine white sand dunes.

Another highlight was driving the 30km Westall Way Loop near Streaky Bay around stunning coastal spots.

If you are in that neck of the woods, you also have to camp on the sand at Perlubie Beach, 22km north of Streaky Bay, and watch the sunset over the beautiful waters.

After days of camping, having a proper meal at Drift Streaky Bay cafe also hit the spot, especially opting for a table that overlooks the ocean.

On the way home, it's easier to cut through Wudinna and Kimba, then stay a night at the absolutely beautiful Mount Remarkable National Park to break up the drive, and have a hike before returning home.



Argus journalist Tara Nash learning to shuck oysters during a tour at Coffin Bay.



Tips for buyers plus new ATO rules every seller should know

If you are going to be buying or selling property in 2025, the landscape has shifted in exciting and essential ways.

At Strathalbyn Conveyancing, we're here to guide you through your property journey with key tips and updates to keep you informed.

Top 5 tips for finding your dream property in 2025

1. Start with pre-approved finance: Get your finance pre-approved before starting your property search. Knowing what your borrowing limit is can save you time and disappointment.

2. Understand market trends: Research recent property sales in the area you are interested in, so you have a good understanding of price trends. Partnering with a local agent who knows the market can be invaluable.

3. Research local amenities: Make sure the amenities you and your family needs are closeby. Are schools, healthcare facilities, public transport and shopping options close enough for you? If these amenities are too far away, you may end up growing increasingly dissatisfied with your new home. Amenity proximity can also affect the value of your property.

4. Budget for interest rate rises: Work closely with your lender or broker to understand your borrowing capacity. It's important to take into account the impact of potential mortgage rate rises.

5. Engage professionals early: A conveyancer can help identify potential legal issues with the property you are interested in purchasing. Understanding the impact of easements and encumbrances on your use of the property is really important.

New Australian Taxation Office (ATO) clearance certificate requirements

From January 1, 2025, all Australian property sellers must obtain an ATO clearance certificate, regardless of the value of the property.

This update is aimed at streamlining compliance with foreign resident capital gains withholding laws.

Clearance certificates were only required for properties valued at \$750,000 or above.

Now, every seller must provide this certificate to demonstrate they are not

a foreign resident for tax purposes.

Without it, buyers are legally obligated to withhold up to 15 per cent of the sale price and send that to the ATO.

To avoid delays, we recommend applying for your clearance certificate early.

You can apply online on the ATO website. You will need to have your Tax File Number.

The certificate is free and usually issued within a few days.

This example illustrates why it's important for sellers to get a clearance certificate early:

Willow and Stanley are Australian residents for tax purposes.

On September 1, 2024, they decided to sell their home, which was their main residence.

They needed the funds from the sale to purchase their new home.

They are both listed as owners of the property on the Certificate of Title, so both must apply for their own Clearance Certificate.

They find a buyer on January 8, 2025, and sign the Contract of Sale, with settlement due to take place 30 days later on February 6.

Willow and Stanley don't apply for a clearance certificate until January 15.

They don't have both of their Clearance Certificates at or before settlement.

Their property sold for \$600,000.

However:

- Willow's Clearance Certificate was issued and given to the buyer

- Stanley was still waiting for his Clearance Certificate

The sale proceeded and settlement occurred.

As Stanley didn't have his Clearance Certificate at settlement, 15 per cent of Stanley's share of the sale (\$90,000) had to be withheld and paid to the ATO.

Stanley now has to wait until he lodges his 2025 tax return and it is processed before he will be able to receive the refund of the \$90,000.

As the purchaser received a Clearance Certificate from Willow, her share of the sale was paid in full.

At Strathalbyn Conveyancing, we're committed to helping you smoothly navigate these changes and achieve successful property transactions.

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Negative gearing: time to re-evaluate your strategy?

There are tax-related perks that come with negative gearing, but the strategy doesn't necessarily make sense for everyone.

To work out if negative gearing is right for you, it might be time to give your property investment plan a 'health check'.

Advantages of negative gearing

Put simply, negatively gearing your property investment means spending more on your mortgage interest payments and expenses than you're getting in rental payments.

In this case, you're effectively not earning an income from the property, but it does mean you can write off these losses at tax time.

Although the investment property is costing you (rather than providing income), the negative gearing pay day hopefully comes in the form of capital growth.

Disadvantages of negative gearing

While some investors swear by the strategy, negative gearing does come with downsides.

You'll be making an ongoing loss and won't generate a passive income to help pay for the property's holding costs.

Another drawback is the potential for a capital loss.

Investors get into real estate to make money, but there are no guarantees.

What is positive gearing?

On the flip side of negative gearing, positive gearing takes the opposite approach, whereby the income you earn from your investment property is higher than your expenses.

This tactic is ideal for investors looking for consistent returns and a passive income.

And if the property increases in value, there will be capital gains on top of your rental income when you come to sell.

You will pay tax on your rental income, and with rising rates, it can be more challenging to find suitable properties which fit the strategy.

Neutral gearing explained

If your investment property costs you nothing, but also earns you nothing, then it's neutrally geared.

It's a rare approach because it's difficult to perfectly align both expenses and earnings, but can work well for anyone investing through self-managed super as it won't eat into the fund's wealth.

What to consider when negative gearing

It's important to cover all bases when working out whether negative gearing is the right strategy for your personal circumstances.

Prepare yourself by asking:

- Can I realistically pay for the property while also losing money on it?
- If interest rates continue to rise, can I still afford this strategy?
- Is there scope to increase the rent to meet the mortgage demands?
- Is the property going to appeal to a high number of potential renters so it never sits empty?
- What happens if I can't find a quality tenant or one at all?

- Has the home got good capital growth potential?

- When, if ever, will the property be positively geared?

- Will the potential tax benefit, coupled with the profit I hope to make upon its sale, outweigh the negative gearing losses?

Is negative gearing still worth it?

As the cost of living and the price of holding a mortgage continues to increase, negative gearing will eat more and more into your monthly expenses.

While it can be a highly effective strategy to reduce tax and unlock capital gains, there are a lot of things to consider.

If your household budget is already tight in the current climate, perhaps this isn't a path for you.

However, if you've crunched the numbers and are confident you can absorb the extra costs, then negative gearing might just be the right fit.

For advice, call Wealth Logic | KTA Financial Services on 8536 2022.

Our advisers, Ryan Easton, Kym Thyer, Josh Pegler and Kamila Gallagher are here to help.

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Ray White Strathalbyn proudly presents an immaculate 2015-built, three-bedroom, two-bathroom home situated on a spacious 1170sqm allotment.

Every detail has been taken care of in this beautifully presented home, leaving you to simply move in and start enjoying the lifestyle you deserve.

This property boasts three generously sized bedrooms, with the master suite offering a touch of luxury.

Unwind in your private sanctuary, featuring a spacious walk-in dressing room and an ensuite designed for comfort and convenience.

Wake up to serene views of your well-maintained front garden, adding a tranquil charm to your mornings. The open-plan living space is both functional and inviting, with a modern kitchen that's a dream for culinary enthusiasts.

Outfitted with stainless-steel appliances, a roomy walk-in pantry, and a spacious breakfast bar, it's the perfect spot to sip your morning coffee or catch up with loved ones.

This home is equipped with ducted air conditioning to keep you cool during summer's hottest days.

For those crisp winter nights, a slow-combustion heater creates a cozy atmosphere in the heart of the home.

Step outside to discover a generous allotment with plenty of lawn space, ideal for children or pets to roam freely.

The established gardens are low-maintenance yet lush, complemented by productive veggie planters, fruit trees, and vines ready for your seasonal harvests.

A 2.44m x 5.28m studio with an attached verandah provides the perfect space for a home office, craft room or teenage retreat.

Whether you're working, creating or relaxing, the deck is the ideal spot to enjoy

your private oasis.

For the tinkerer or tradesperson, the property includes ample shedding, offering space to store tools, trailers or weekend toys.

There's plenty of room to bring your projects to life without compromising on storage.

This home is a harmonious blend of comfort, convenience, and style.

Don't miss the opportunity to make it yours – schedule a viewing today!

Internal features:

- 2015 built
- Three spacious bedrooms
- Walk-in robe ensuite
- Spacious walk-in pantry
- Slow combustion heater
- Ducted air conditioning

External features:

- 1072sqm allotment
- 2.44x 5.28m studio
- 8.13 x 5.80m shed
- 4.74 x 5.64m implement shed
- Veggie planter boxes
- Established fruit trees
- Combustion wood fire oven

- 10.36kW solar system

Nearby features:

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

Conveniently located, you are situated just 12 minutes from Strathalbyn, 10 minutes from the Langhorne Creek wine region, 20 minutes from Goolwa, and 40 minutes from Victor Harbor.

For city commuters, you are only an hour from the Adelaide CBD.

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Luxurious living on Hampden

Address: 41 Hampden Way, Strathalbyn

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Ray White Strathalbyn is delighted to present this four-bed, two-bath home situated on a spacious 867sqm allotment.

Welcome to your dream home – a stunning four-bedroom residence that offers both sophistication and comfort.

Step into the master bedroom – a true retreat featuring his and hers walk-in robes and a luxurious ensuite with premium finishes.

It's the perfect haven to relax and recharge.

The additional three bedrooms are equally spacious, with bedrooms 3 and 4 boasting built-in robes to keep everything organised

and tidy.

The open-plan living area is a showstopper, with a modern kitchen that includes a large walk-in pantry, high-end stainless-steel appliances, and a well-appointed dishwasher.

The expansive breakfast bar is ideal for everything from helping little ones whip up a batch of muffins to supervising homework while preparing dinner.

The lounge area provides the perfect space for family relaxation after a busy day.

Meanwhile, a separate living room offers the kids a private zone for their gaming marathons, movie nights or sleepovers while you enjoy a quiet retreat at the front of the home.

Stay comfortable year-round with ducted air conditioning for balmy summer nights and a cozy feature fireplace to keep winter chills at bay.

Step outside into your spacious alfresco area – a 5.1m x 5m haven equipped with café blinds and ceiling fans, ensuring outdoor entertaining is a breeze no matter the weather.

The surrounding lawn is perfect for kids and pets to roam and play, while the low-

maintenance gardens let you spend less time on chores and more time unwinding.

For the creative or hands-on members of the household, the workshop in the backyard offers the ultimate space to bring your projects to life.

This home truly has it all. Pack your bags and make it yours today!

Internal features include:

- Four spacious bedrooms
- Two living
- His and her walk-in robes in the master bedroom
- Feature fireplace, including a 55inch TV
- Ducted air conditioning
- Samsung fridge/freezer
- 203sqm of internal living

External features include:

- 867sqm allotment
- 5.10 x 5m entertainment area
- Roller blinds
- Workshed with concrete floor and power
- Fully fenced rear yard.
- Solar system
- Epoxy flooring

- Firepit area.
- Rainwater tank.

Nearby features include:

- Two minutes to local schools
- Two minutes to local cafes and bakeries
- Two minutes to the historic High Street
- Three minutes to Strathalbyn outdoor swimming pool
- Three minutes to Strath Footy Oval

There is so much to love about this home in the vibrant community of Strathalbyn, offering all local services and facilities expected, with an easy 25-minute commute to Mount Barker or Murray Bridge.

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Summer-ready luxury in prestigious Pipers Crest

Address: 10 Sullivan Road, Strathalbyn

Price Guide: \$675,000-\$720,000

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

Nestled within the sought-after Pipers Crest Estate, this impressive four-bedroom, two-bathroom 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 2 and 3 feature built-in robes, while bedroom 4 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 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 an extremely welcoming cozy slow-combustion heater located in the heart of the home, perfect for the crisp Adelaide Hills winters.

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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 2 and 3 with built-in robe
- Open-plan living
- Slow combustion heater
- Split system air conditioning
- Ceiling fans

External features include:

- 518sqm allotment
- 5.5 x 5.9m garage with EV charger
- 2.8 x 3.8m gazebo
- 8.6KW solar System and 13.5KW Tesla battery
- In-ground heated swimming pool

- Established fruit trees
- Veggie patches
- 22,500L rain water tank

Nearby features include:

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- 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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Norma and Rex Keily representing the Strathalbyn Tourism Association at Sunday's Strath Markets. Photos: Deirdre Graham



Brigid Reavely with Meriel and Gina Custance soaking up the sunshine at last Wednesday's mid-week races. Photos: Giorgina McKay



Levi with Jake Donaldson at last Wednesday's Fleurieu Community Bendigo Bank Family Day.



Paramedics Jarred Gilbert, Caroline Kinnane and Michael Rushby, with Executive Director Robert Tolson, and SAAS CEO Rob Elliott at the opening of the new Mount Barker Ambulance Station last Sunday. Photos: Deirdre Graham



Bogden Krawczuk, from Beautiful Bali Bling, of Renmark, showing off his mosquito coil holders at the Strathalbyn Markets on Sunday



Arabella Cupke and Amelia Rainsford showing off their painted faces by the Strathalbyn trackside last Wednesday.



Retired ambulance officers Chris McGrath, who has notched up his 50th year as an emergency services volunteer, Helen McGrath, Mary Anderson, and Jeff Anderson – a current volunteer with the SAAS Retired Officers Association – were on hand to introduce visitors at the new Mount Barker station to a 1998 and 1999 ambulance last Sunday.



Natalie, Jess and Benji Sullivan looking around the Strathalbyn Markets on Sunday.

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The Southern ARGUS Sport

Roosters unable to field senior women side



The Strathalbyn Football Club has been unable to recruit enough players to comfortably field an A Grade Women side for the 2025 competition. This will be the third year it will be without the senior grade. Photo: Rowan Sims

By Giorgina McKay

The Strathalbyn Football Club has "disappointingly" been unable to recruit enough players to comfortably field an A Grade Women side for the 2025 competition.

The club aimed to get the side back this season after two years of being

unable to compete due to a shortage of numbers, but was unable to secure the players needed before the Great Southern Football League's deadline.

President Phil Eatts expressed the decision is a disappointing one to make for the club.

"I'm disappointed for the club, but I'm disappointed as much for people who want to play women's football –

I'm disappointed we can't offer that to the young people of our community," he said.

"I think we've done as much as we could've done – there are no other avenues we could have really pushed to get more people.

"I think there's just a limited number of girls and women that want to play football, and that's just the reality of it."

While it is without a senior women side, the Strathalbyn-based club has strong numbers in its junior grades.

It's one of the main reasons why Eatts said the club will remain open to fielding an A Grade side in the future.

"That's why we need to keep looking at the option of getting going again because we'd like somewhere for these girls to continue to play football once

they run out of junior grades," he said.

"If we can gauge there is enough interest then we definitely would pursue reforming the senior womens team.

"Long-term we'd like to see it back or in some form we'd like to see access to young women to play football somewhere close."

Argus Bowls

Langhorne Creek Bowls

No joy for Hawks

The Langhorne Creek Hawk bowlers were overwhelmed by their opposition in the Saturday open gender competition.

At Port Elliott the conditions were warm, but a little sea breeze kept the real heat at bay.

Once again, the selectors were scratching their heads to try and get two divisions onto the green on Saturday.

Justin Cleggett and his chaps were in full control of the match all day and, at one stage, looked like they might have enough shots up to cover the other two rinks who were struggling.

This did not happen, as Wayne Duncan and Jo Cullen and their players did not have the expertise to match the local Port Elliot bowlers.

We guess two points are better than none!

Back at Langhorne Creek, the weather was pretty warm but play was not interrupted by the heat rule.

Di Golding and her rink were the only winners for the day, with Neale Probert and Elroy Westley, who were skipping the other two rinks, not able to find any winning form.

It was the same as Division 2 goes – we guess two shots are better than none.

Our night owl competition started on Thursday night with a lovely summer evening, encouraging the players to get out on the green and enjoy themselves - and that they did!

We are looking forward to this Thursday night, when Di will be cooking her famous chicken schnitties – yum yum.

Welcome to anyone who would like to come along and have a meal and a catch-up chat.

Milang Bowls

Milang divisions 'doing well'

Last Thursday, the ladies pennants resumed, with Strathalbyn visiting Milang.

Strathalbyn had two good wins, gaining eight points, and Milang only had one good win and two points.

This week Milang travels to Clarendon to their synthetic green.

Last Saturday Div. 3 played at Goolwa and received 10 points.

Glen's rink had a great result of 22-8, earning Rink of the Week, but were unfortunately outdone by a Div. 5 rink.

Lee's team lost by one and Jacky's won with 29-25.

Div. 5 started early at Clarendon to

avoid road closures for the bike race.

All players contributed well on their synthetic, with all rinks winning and gaining 12 points.

Pam's scored 29-11, Kym's 28-13 and Heather's 28-18.

Both divisions are doing well.

On Saturday evening some of the ladies provided tea for exhibitors from the Power Rally to give them stamina to survive the heat on the Sunday.

Both sides are playing at Milang on Saturday and then have to prepare for the Big Australia Day program on Sunday.



Al McNicol.

Bowls



Ralph Richardson.



Rhonda Vincent.



Barry Blucher.

Photos: Rowan Sims

Argus Cricket

Strathalbyn Cricket Club



Naite Hider.



Todd Hillam.



Todd Hillam.



Scott Harding takes the catch.



Tyler Smith splits the stumps.



Liam Hutchinson does the glove work.



Tyler Smith.

Langhorne Creek Cricket Club



Jacob Tonkin.



Shane Nurse.



Brad Cook & Jacob Tonkin.



Sam Tonkin.



Shane Nurse gets bowled.



Brad Cook.

T20 review

Langhorne Creek cruise past Stallions

With both Langhorne Creek and Strathalbyn having a host of their best players out for the T20 game at Langhorne Creek last Thursday night, it was the Tigers who posted the win and snuck past the Stallions by six wickets on a beautiful evening at Murray Road.

Stallions' T20 skipper Matt Harris won the toss and batted, but they lost Todd Hillam to Adam Clements early for a duck to see Strathalbyn 1/4.

Tigers' marquee player and former Mt Gambier batsman Hamish Case opened the bowling, and bowled with some venom, as he picked up the Stallions' marquee Riley Endersby for five to have the Stallions at 2/11.

When former Langhorne Creek Tiger Riley Tonkin fell for a duck – his fourth in five games against his old side – the Stallions were in strife at 3/12.

Harris and Tyson Roberts pushed the Tigers' bowling around before Harris fell to Tiger's off-spinner Daniel Cleggett for 19.

Roberts continued on and challenged the Tigers' bowlers as he hit three fours and a six in his half century.

Brad Wyatt and Roberts put on 61 before Wyatt went for 21, bowled by Daniel Cleggett, and then not long after, Roberts fell to Adam Clements for a well-made 56 from just 45 balls.

The Stallions pushed along to 6/124 from their 20 overs, with Adam Clements the stand-out with 3/6

from three overs.

Clements and Case opened the batting, but it was the Southern District pair of Jack Roberts and Endersby that picked up early wickets, removing the openers to have the Tigers at 2/29 from six overs.

Shannon Jones and Dan Kropp added some stability to the Tigers' batting, as they batted sensibly to stay in touch with the run rate and work the gaps.

Jones fell to a sharp piece of work from Greaves for 21 and not long after Kropp brought up his match winnings half century from just 44 balls.

Brayden Frost made a run-a-ball 13 to finish off the Stallions before he fell with two runs to get for victory.

Jagga Kotz hit the winning runs and Dan Kropp finished with 52*, as both teams advanced to an eight-team knock-out Quarter Finals showdown, with only Macclesfield and Bremer/Callington missing finals action out of 10 teams.

Langhorne Creek will host Port Elliot at Langhorne Creek, while Strathalbyn head to Woodside.

Langhorne Creek will be chasing their seventh T20 premiership and 10th T20 Grand Final in 11 years in an incredible run over the past decade, but have gone down in the past three T20 Grand Finals to Lobethal and Nairne twice.

A Grade Cricket

Woodside jump to third

Langhorne Creek lost their second game after the Christmas break and second game at Woodside this season when they were defeated by 65 runs.

Woodside won the toss and batted on a very warm day and a very dry outfield at Woodside on Saturday.

Langhorne Creek Captain Adam Clements struck early, removing Warriors' skipper Tom Baldock for just six to have Woodside 1/12 after six overs.

The dangerous veteran Dave Wescombe was in at three and should have gone first ball when a simple catch to Dan Kropp was misjudged and put down to give the left hander a life on zero.

This costly mistake was made to pay in full as Woodside's opening batsman Brad Collins and Wescombe then hit the bowlers to all parts of Woodside in a match winnings 181-run partnership.

Wescombe swung hard and landed balls in between the Tigers fielders all day as Tigers keepers Shannon Jones and Brad Clements gifted a few lives to both batsmen during their stay.

Collins punished anything short or overpitched, with the Warriors hovering at five runs per over from the start.

It wasn't until skipper Clements

brought himself back on and had Wescombe bowled for 83 to see the Warriors at 2/193.

Collins continued on as he pierced the fields and worked the gaps to post his first century this season.

Woodside lost 7/42 as Troy Blackwell and Shannon Jones ripped through the long tail, but it wasn't early enough as Woodside posted a big score of 7/235 from their 45 overs.

Blackwell picked up his usual three wickets along with Jones, who took a career best 3/25.

Brad Collins finished on 103 from 118 balls in a fine effort for the Warriors at the top of the order.

If it could not get any worse after last week's debacle at Nairne, the Tigers found themselves in real trouble early, with openers Ben Koehler and Jones back in the sheds to Shane Druwitt at 2/3.

Ben Warren joined Adam Clements before the latter went for one, hitting a simple catch to Baldock at mid-on from Druwitt for one.

Kropp lasted eight balls, as he departed for a duck, and the Tigers were in dire straits at 4/20 – Druwitt having all four wickets.

Ben Warren copped a woeful

decision from umpire Bruce Marston LBW to a ball that pitched well outside leg stump to Craig Medlow, bowling left arm around, and any hope the Tigers had was gone at 5/22, with Warren out for 19.

Up-and-coming A Grade batsmen Jayden Michelmore and Jagga Kotz found an opportunity to ply their trade in the middle as they went about putting some respectability back on the scoreboard with some good old-fashioned guts and determination.

A 103 partnership gave the Tigers a glimmer of hope, but Kotz went for 48 from 89 balls, trying to force the run rate, with the asking rate at 12 runs per over.

Michelmore compiled a brilliant maiden half century with some great shots through the leg side as he fell, forcing the issue to former fast man Aaron Galvin.

Dan Cleggett launched several big sixes in his 26 from 14 balls before he fell to Galvin, who then dismissed Blackwell and Brad Clements, to finish with a hat-trick and stop the Tigers in their tracks at 170.

Galvin with five wickets and Druwitt with four were the Warriors' stand-outs with the ball.



Holly Paech celebrating one of her wickets.

Eastern Falcons make short work of Port Adelaide

After a win by forfeit last week, the Falcons returned to their home ground at Strathalbyn Oval for Round 11 of the ATCA Women's Second Grade competition against Port Adelaide.

The Falcons lost the toss and were sent in to bowl in the heat.

The first wicket fell in the second over, bowled out by H Paech.

The wickets were then shared between H Paech and L Mackenzie, with H Paech taking two wickets in the 14th over.

Despite the heat, the Falcons kept the fielding tight throughout the game, which restricted Port Adelaide to 6/76 off 20 overs.

Notable contributors with the ball

were H Paech with the figures of 4/12 off four overs, and L Mackenzie with 2/9 off four overs.

Captain R Hull and E Roberts opened the batting, but unfortunately, E Roberts was lost in the fourth over, which brought H Paech to the crease.

The girls made short work of the innings, winning the game in just 11 overs.

R Hull ended with 32 not out off of 30 balls, and H Paech had a personal best of 31 off of 26 balls, both hitting five fours.

A well-deserved Player of the Day goes to H Paech with a superb effort with both bat and ball.

Around the grounds

Langhorne Creek A Grade had another tough day at Woodside, but still sit three games inside the top four.

A break this week then another tough game against Hahndorf at home – a good opportunity to post some runs for our top order.

The B Grade fell short in their pursuit of 150, with Paul Newbery finding some good touch in his 44, and fill-in B Grade skipper Daniel Evans bowling beautifully, with 2/16 from his eight overs.

Young guns Toby Phillips and Chew Palapho both picked up two wickets each, but it was some costly fielding efforts that prevented a lower score from the Redbacks and a chance for victory.

The C Grade found themselves

at home against Wistow in a rare turf game, and rolled one of the flag favourites by 17 runs.

Skipper Shane Nurse made 40 and Mitch Tonkin hit out late for 27*, with Sam Tonkin the best with the ball, taking 2/20.

The D Grade had a well-deserved break, with skipper Filsell telling his troops it's time to get serious after the long weekend break.

The A Grade have their T20 Quarter Final against Port Elliot on Thursday night at home.

The bar and canteen will be open, so get along to see some T20 action.

The 16s finished off their second week at Wistow, with Darcy Phillips knocking around 18 from 64 balls in a great effort to hold out an

outright victory.

The U14s rolled Mount Barker to jump into third spot on the premiers table, with a tough game against Hahndorf next week at Hahndorf.

Two victories in the last three games would almost secure finals for our Tiger cubs.

This Friday marks AJ Potts' 100th birthday; unfortunately passing away in 1987.

John was a great supporter of the Tigers and without his support during the 50s through to 1987, we aren't sure where we would be if it wasn't for his guidance and support.

His legacy lives on.

See you at the cricket.

Strathalbyn Cricket Club - Stable Snippets

A great day for the club last weekend with all three senior teams recording wins and with the U14s and U16s doing the same it was the perfect 5/5 result.

While we haven't checked the history books it at least feels like it's been some time since this last occurred.

While the U10 mixed, U12 Boys and U12 Girls competitions are still in their mid-season break the restart is fast looming with matches to recommence once school goes back next week.

A Grade

In the A Grade at Callington the Stallions were asked to bowl first and were made to work hard to secure the first wicket but 1/29 was soon 3/30.

At 7/85 the Cobras were struggling but some lower order resistance saw 132 posted. Skipper Gaiter took three wickets while Harris, Cutting and Abbott picked up two each.

Debutant Austin Greaves nicking off to take his first A Grade wicket.

In reply the Stallions lost Cousins early before Mark Abbott combined firstly with Pelle and then Medhurst to push the score to 3/102.

The target was eventually reached in

the 37th over for the loss of five wickets.

Abbott recorded his fifth consecutive score of 50+ while Medhurst finished unbeaten on 23.

B Grade

In the B Grade at home it was certainly a day dominated by the ball.

Strath batted first with only Beerenfels and Hanley reaching 20 and the Stallions were all out for 102 in the 36th over.

In reply Woodside found batting equally as challenging and were soon reduced to 6/32 with Hillam, Hider and Tyler Smith doing the early damage.

The Warriors were ultimately bowled out for 61 in the 25th over to end a difficult day for batters.

Hillam and Hider finished with three wickets each and Hanley two, while Tyler Smith finished with 1/4 from five overs.

Strath 102 (J Beerenfels 26, C Hanley 20) def. Woodside 61 (N Hider 3/16, T Hillam 3/18, C Hanley 2/2).

C Grade

The C Grade travelled up to Lenswood with Humphrys stepping up to coin toss duties, winning and

choosing to bat in hot conditions.

The innings was highlighted by a brilliant 115 (88) from Lachie Hourigan who hit good cricket shots on his way to bringing up his maiden century.

Stevenson with 22 and McMurtrie 21 chipped in with nice cameos, helping to see 204 posted.

The Ranges were up for the fight however and at 2/133 after 28 overs the game was evenly poised with Seth Hannaford well set and nearing his ton.

An inspired bowling change called for by Humphrys saw Shamus Higgins claim the danger man Hannaford just after he had reached a fine 100 which changed the momentum of the match.

The home side eventually finishing on 7/164, Harvey with three scalps and Higgins two.

Thanks to Zak Arruzzolo who played with the club over late December/January as he now heads back to the Riverland.

We hope to see him in the red and white again.

Strath 204 (L Hourigan 115, S Stevenson 22, E McMurtrie 21) def. Lenswood 7/164 (R Harvey 3/32, S Higgins 2/8).

U16

The U16s headed into day two of their clash against Woodside looking to defend the good total of 9/232 posted last week.

The Warriors started well and the first wicket didn't fall until 62 was on the board, skipper Wheaton making the initial breakthrough before soon grabbing a second to have the score at 2/69.

The score then progressed onto 100 with Colla looking in ominous form before Williamson removed him with a sharp direct hit run out.

From here the Stallions took control of the match reducing Woodside to 7/134, before the innings ended on 158.

Strath 9/232 def. Woodside 158 (A Wheaton 2/5, J Halling 1/8, B Owen-Randall 1/11, C Eldridge 1/11, B Greaves 1/23).

U14

The U14s headed up to Nairne last Friday evening for the second of two mid-season T20s.

The lads made a great start after

winning the toss and batting, with the first three batters, Burgess, Gane and Smith all retiring not out.

The first wicket did not fall until 76 was on the board with the batters rotated before 3/123 was posted.

Horsnell provided some late improvisation while Jenkins smoked one through mid-wicket to find the boundary which was great to see.

The bowling innings also started very positively with Thiele rattling the pegs twice early on and the Razors were teetering at 4/27 at the half way mark.

The boys didn't quite finish it off however, with a lot of extras conceded and the home side finished on 6/100, with 43 extras not helping the Stallions cause.

It was a solid win though that keeps the team in contention for finals action.

Strath 3/123 (H Burgess 18rtno, B Gane 16rtno, J Smith 15rtno) def. Nairne 6/100 (E Thiele 2/5, M Filsell 1/8, R Hart 1/8, R Fox-Curnow 1/13, J Smith 1/13)

Langhorne Creek Tennis



Jordan Follett.



Ashleigh Cross.

Photos: Rowan Sims

Onkaparinga Tennis Association Round 10

Seniors

Bye - Strathalbyn

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Langhorne Creek v Woodchester
7 - 5.

R1:2. C. James, Unspecified player 7; 1. J. LePoidevin, B. Munzberg (R) 9. R2: 3. J. Follett, 4. A. Cross 9; Unspecified player, 7. N. Fitton 6. R3: 7. N. Cleggett, 11. M. Cleggett 9; Unspecified player, Unspecified player 0. R4: 2. C. James 2, 1. J. LePoidevin 6. R5: Unspecified player 6; B. Munzberg (R) 1. R6:3. J. Follett 4; Unspecified player 6. R7: 4. A. Cross 6; 7. N. Fitton 1. R8: 11. M. Cleggett 6; Unspecified player 0. R9: 8. K. Bence 0; Unspecified player 6. R10: Unspecified player, 4. A. Cross 7; 1. J. LePoidevin, 7. N. Fitton 6. R11: 9. T. Follett, 11. M. Cleggett 6; B. Munzberg (R), Unspecified player 1. R12: 3. J. Follett, 8. K. Bence 4;

Unspecified player, Unspecified player 6.

Macclesfield v Kangarilla
3 - 9.

R1: K. Meese (F), 3. A. Shepherd 4; 1. A. Bright, 2. P. Garwood 9. R2: 4. M. Tregaskis, 5. J. Oster-Ives 5; 3. T. White, Unspecified player 9. R3: 6. N. Lovell, 7. M. Ives 6; 4. D. Eickhoff, 5. M. Scott 9. R4: K. Meese (F) 1, 1. A. Bright 6. R5: 3. A. Shepherd 4, 3. T. White 6. R6: 4. M. Tregaskis 7, 2. P. Garwood 6. R7: 5. J. Oster-Ives 6, Unspecified player 4. R8: 6. N. Lovell 3; 4. D. Eickhoff 6. R9: K. Baraglia (R) 6; 5. M. Scott 0. R10: K. Meese (F), 5. J. Oster-Ives 1; 1. A. Bright, Unspecified player 6. R11: 3. A. Shepherd, 6. N. Lovell 5; 2. P. Garwood, 4. D. Eickhoff 7. R12: 4. M. Tregaskis, 7. M. Ives 4; 3. T. White, 5. M. Scott 6.

Great Southern Tennis Association - Round 12

Victor wins the close one

Victor Harbor snuck home by a set and two games over Myponga-Sellicks in Great Southern Tennis to keep their top two chances alive.

Played in very warm conditions, it was an evenly contested match with each team winning a double, including a super tiebreak win to Myponga-Sellicks's Courtney Gum and Nari Wright.

The first set of this match, won by Victor, would prove to be decisive in the final result.

Victor's Jeremy Bell continued his great run of form having a strong singles' win, while Myponga-Sellicks' Daniel Murray, stepping up from Division 2, won his singles handsomely.

The match of the day was the epic top women's single, where Victor's Danika Millard outlasted Courtney Gum in a nail-biting tiebreak, while Myponga-Sellicks' Wright was at her energetic best in her singles' win.

When all tallied, both teams were level on three rubbers each, but Victor had the extra set and games.

It was a good win for Victor against a possible first round finals opponent, at possibly the same venue.

Inman Valley ventured to Back Valley, and came away with a strong five rubbers to one-win, to extend their lead at the top of the ladder.

Back Valley, missing their top man Matthew Crittenden, fought hard all afternoon, but Inman showed their class and won their five rubbers in convincing style.

Inman's Dave Giltinan played a great match to quell Back Valley's danger-man, Keni Lewis-Baida, while Inman's Darren Lush outlasted Back Valley's Craig Littlely in a tough drawn out encounter.

Back Valley's only win was Tanya Milne's well-constructed singles' win, ensuring that her recent dominance of Margie Dyer continued.

Around the Divisions

Division 2 Inman Valley suffered their first loss of the season, going down narrowly to Myponga-Sellicks' Gold,

but they still remain top of the ladder.

Port Elliot's strong six sets to two-win over Back Valley, in combination with Mount Compass Emu Wrens' bye, has seen the Port Elliot side move up to third spot on the ladder.

Myponga Sellicks Green succumbed to Mount Compass Gold in a close match, that has the Gold side moving up to seventh on the ladder, while Goolwa's seven sets to one-win over Mount Compass Maroon, didn't impact on their ladder position at all.

Maroon's blushes were saved by Matthew East who proved too strong in his singles' encounter.

A Doubles Port Elliot won a nail-biting encounter against Back Valley by a mere six games after both teams were level, three sets.

Most results were 9-5 scorelines to each side, but it was Elliot's James Sherrah and Ben Wood whose strong opening win, coupled with Julianne Lowrey and Amanda Fairman's games, accumulated in their tiebreak loss that saw the home side win narrowly.

Inman Valley comfortably accounted for Victor Harbor by five sets to one, that saw a welcome appearance by Greg Nicholls for the Inman side.

Victor's Jason Bormann showed he was a handy addition, partnering with Tony Juergen to score Victor's sole win for the afternoon.

B Doubles' ladder-leader Port Elliot Red demolished Victor Harbor Blue, winning all six sets, while Port Elliot Black had a strong four sets to two-win over Inman Valley.

Second-placed Victor White kept the pressure on the ladder-leaders, easily accounting for Back Valley, five sets to one.

Back Valley's John Leopold and Daniel Cooper scored a strong win to ensure the visitors didn't leave empty handed.

The competition takes this long weekend off, and returns on the first Saturday of February that will also see the resumption of the junior competition for their first hit of the calendar year.

Big plans unveiled for Strathalbyn racecourse

By **Giorgina McKay**

A land expansion at the Strathalbyn racecourse is expected to future-proof the local racing industry by improving the local club's training facilities, and bringing economic benefits to the local township through employment and tourism.

Racing SA announced last Thursday it had entered into an agreement to purchase an approximately 11-hectare parcel of land on the southern boundary of the racecourse, extending through to Michelmore Road.

The purchase provides potential for on course stabling and training facilities over time, which is something Strathalbyn Racing Club CEO Trevor Taylor said is needed in town.

"I think in consultation with our directors and Racing SA we were looking at the future growth of the industry, and also to create sustainability in horse racing for the future," he explained.

"There's no doubt improved training facilities, with possibly an all-weather track, and having improved grass and fibre tracks, would help a number of our trainers.

"I think an all-weather track is extremely important for training.

"Especially in winter, there's a shortage of all-weather or fibre tracks in South Australia, so having another one at Strathalbyn will add a lot of value to the trainers and industry."

The expansion also brings with it economic benefits, with more people being drawn to the town through employment, and more events.

"I think in the future there is a possibility that if we have growth in our training facilities then there's no doubt there's going to be economic benefits where we'd have possibly a lot more trainers from Strathalbyn, and there would be more employment and stronger economic growth in our regional area," Mr Taylor said.

"So, that would develop the surrounding areas of Alexandrina Council as people start purchasing property and possibly move from the metropolitan area up towards Strathalbyn.

"Other growth opportunities for Strathalbyn would be the possibility of having more race meetings or events as we become a lot busier and with better, improved facilities.

"The economic benefits of having world-class facilities at Strathalbyn, and having a fibre track especially, there's no doubt there will be a massive advantage for a number of trainers.

"We are very well-located within the area – we're only 50 minutes from Adelaide, and at the same time, we're very close to Victor Harbor – then we've got the biggest town right on doorstep which is Mt Barker, which is a population of 29,000 people, so there's a lot of economic benefits for investing in Strathalbyn which I think would have very good regional economic benefits for the future of racing."

Racing SA looked forward to continuing to work with stakeholders, including Alexandrina Council, to enhance regional development within the industry.

"For some time, the board and management have been looking at where the best opportunities



Strathalbyn Racing Club CEO Trevor Taylor welcomes the agreement from Racing SA to purchase an approximately 11-hectare parcel of land on the southern boundary of the racecourse to enable local growth. Photo: Giorgina McKay

to grow and improve both our race track offering and training facilities," Racing SA Chairman, Rob Rorrison, said.

"The ability to expand on the existing facilities at Strathalbyn is, we believe, the best option for the industry.

"The longer-term vision is to have a better quality and expanded race track available for racing on 12 months of the year, complemented by high quality training facilities, including both inner grass and fibre tracks, as well as the potential for 'uphill gallops'."



Aurora and Blaize Birch with Damon Petras, patting the baby cow in Darcy's Farm. Photos: Giorgina McKay

Fleurieu families enjoy Strathalbyn races

Families came together last Wednesday to enjoy the Fleurieu Community Bendigo Bank Family Day at the Strathalbyn racecourse.

The club noted it was a "fantastic success", bringing together 428 attendees for a day of racing and family fun under perfect weather conditions.

The event featured eight thrilling races, delicious food, fine wine, live music by the talented Coombsy Band, and plenty of entertainment for the kids, including A Sprinkle of Magic face painting, Darcy's Farm, and South Australia's largest sandpit.

The highlight of the day was the stellar performance by local trainer David Jolly, who celebrated two wins.

In the second race – the Adelaide Galvanising Industries Maiden Plate over 1200m – his three-year-old bay filly 'Empire Race' achieved a close victory by just 0.56 lengths.

Jockey Justin Potter delivered an outstanding ride to secure the win.

David Jolly's winning streak continued in the third race – the Grand Syndicates Maiden Plate – with five-year-old bay mare 'Our Glamour Girl'.

Once again, Justin Potter showcased his skill, guiding the favourite to victory by a narrow margin of 0.74 lengths, rewarding punters with a \$2.50 pay out.

Mark your calendars for the next exciting event on Australia Day – Sunday, January 26.

Gates open at 11.30am, and the first race kicks off at 12.35pm.

To reserve a lunch table, contact 8536 2248.



Carolyn Hirst and Niki Nellis on holiday from England.



Brenda Field, Florence Reed and Alma Roper make a toast at the races.

Goolwa dinghy racing kicks off for 2025

Round 11 of the Goolwa Sailing Club's Summer Season was held last Sunday, and despite the 35-degree temperatures, a steady and refreshing 12-14 knot breeze from the south allowed for two exciting races.

Hydration was the order of the day, both during the races and at the bar afterwards.

Yardstick results saw Lucas Byrnes in Barely Awake (ILCA 4), winning ahead of John Gratton in Hoodoo (Sabre) and Andy Harris in Purple Haze (Europe Dinghy).

On personal handicap, Keegan Eatts in Aquaholic (ILCA 6), beat Andy Harris and Lucas Byrnes.

Jimi Westmoreland in Wild West was the

only Optimist in Division 2.

Several members of the club's Optimist fleet have just returned from their national championships in Brisbane, all did extremely well, and really put Goolwa on the map.

Of note was Summer Newman's third female in the intermediate fleet.

It was a fantastic effort on the national stage.

With a weekend off next week, sailors will line up again on February 2 for Round 12 of the summer championships in the shifty and unpredictable waters of the Goolwa channel.



Goolwa dinghy racing.

SAIL TO VICTORY... Local takes out national title

By Tara Nash

Clayton Bay sailor Craig McPhee and friend Wayne Hale recently had a full circle moment taking home gold from a national championship – 42 years since their last national title won together at just 12 and 21-years-old.

Their recent triumph was at the Tasar's 50th National Australian Championship, where they also won in their age category, Grand Masters.

Held in Mandurah, just south of Perth earlier this month, the championship had 10 races over five days which brought reasonably strong breezes.

The races were close, with the first three to four crossing the finish line within one minute, and sailors' best eight races were counted towards the final results.

"Mandurah gets quite windy at 1pm every day – it's quite regular," McPhee said.

"You can often see wind coming – you can see a little dark line in the water coming towards you, but you really don't know from which direction.

"So, it can give you a really great day or a really bad day."

Tasars are a small, light-weight, 4.5 metre high-performance sailing dinghies that are identical across its 50-years of existence.

Every boat is fitted within five millimetres of each other to allow equity in the competition.

McPhee also described them as a "very, very tricky boat" weighing just 68 kilograms so it moves easily, which it did when it capsized "in a blink" just two minutes before a

race at the starting line.

"They roll upside-down very, very quickly," McPhee said.

"The mast was stuck in the bottom, Wayne was on one side of the boat trying to pull it up, I was on the other side of the boat trying to sort some things out."

Impressively, the pair took just 40 seconds to recover, pulling the boat up and jumping back in.

McPhee has been sailing for 52 years and is a multi-national championship winner, including seven Australian titles with Tasars.

He has competed in 15 world titles, putting his boat in a 40-foot container and sending it to the United Kingdom, Thailand, the United States and Japan, and being placed second, third, fourth, fifth and sixth.

He is yet to decide if he competes in the next world championships in Italy, in July.

"(Competing internationally) has been a fantastic thing to do – you make a lot of friends overseas," McPhee said.

"You have good sails with good people, and you see a lot of places that you wouldn't normally go to."

For 16 years, he competed alongside his partner Gill in a number of regattas.

Living at Clayton Bay, the 63-year-old has plenty of opportunity to master his skills near home.

"It's very challenging out here – the wind direction never blows to the same strength and the same direction for more than about 10 seconds," he said.

"It's pretty good – I love it, and it's a beautiful area."



Clayton Bay sailor Craig McPhee recently took home gold from the Tasar's 50th National Australian Championship.



Craig McPhee and friend Wayne Hale competing in the race. Photo: Thomas Hodge/Tom Hodge Media

Strathalbyn Ladies Golf

Family affair for the win and runner-up

On Wednesday, January 15, 18 ladies played a Stableford round.

A total of 17 played 18 holes with daughter, Mel Johnson just pipping her mum, Jo Cullen by one point.

Mel had 41, and Jo C had 40.

Jo C said that she would like to thank the lady who gave her a massage the day before, for her great round.

Following very closely behind these ladies were Dawne Thomas with 39, Mandi Vardon, 38, Jo Pickhaver, 37, and Marie Kingsbury with 36 points.

Next came Charmaine Aplin and Di Krutli with 35 each, Cara Eastwood, 34, and Penny Geue and Carol Pelle both with 33.

Not missing a beat, Maureen Need came next with 32, Ann Semple, 31, and Tonya Merritt, 30.

Kerrie Edwards scored 28, Pauline Walkom, 24, and returning player Christine Ciavatta played 18 holes for the first time in a long time, and finished with eight points.

Sue Pryor played nine holes and

scored 14 points.

Nearest the pin on the ninth hole was won by Cara Eastwood, with a very nice drive that stayed on the green.

Di scored a birdie/gobbler on the sixth and ninth holes, while Mel scored birdies on the eighth and 12th holes.

Sue scored a gobbler (chip in) on the seventh, Christine scored one on the 11th, and Charmaine scored hers on the 16th hole.

Dawne, Christine and Maureen all drove into the creek on the sixth hole.

They didn't go looking for them, as they worried about any snakes that may have been out and about.

Congratulations goes to Cara Eastwood who recently was named the runner-up on a countback, in the bronze section of the International Bowl for the Southern Group - well done, Cara.

Thank you goes to the volunteers who have tended the course, as it's in great shape after the season of little rain that we have had - well done.



Winner Mel Johnson with runner-up Jo Cullen.

Haberfield finishes on top again

By Perry Jones

Alan Haberfield is certainly making the most of his recent rise to the A grade ranks and setting up a Summer Cup winning chance when in Saturday's Stroke round he came out on top with a nett 70 to win the day on a count back.

Alan had 80 off the stick with nines of 41 and 39 which included birdies on the fifth and 12th holes and had 26 putts, this effort coming on top of winning the chicken run on Friday evening beating 14 other players over nine holes with 18 points.

B grade winner Mark Condon was done by Alan on a count back for overall winner on the day, Mark also having a nett 70 with a birdie on the ninth and 26 putts, but it was 83 off the stick for him with the last hole costing him victory with seven on the par four as his tee shot slammed into a tree near the 17th green.

Best with the putter for the day was Stewart Glatz with just 22 putts, on his way to a best of 76 off the stick, he having a bit of trouble on the 16th when, like his playing partner Garieth Pitt, took on the dam to reach the green, Stewart having his second hit, while Garieth was taking a third shot.

Garieth found his ball on the 13th fairway but Stewart was about to call his ball lost when found on the dam bank on the edge of the 14th fairway.

Stewart then was faced with a very difficult shot but hit it too well, with the ball then on the boundary fence at the back of the green.

Dave Wright was pleased with the run on the fairways, amazed by the distance his tee shot on the third travelled off the tee, but then next shot had an 'airy'.

Mike Semple was not that happy with his 93 off the stick with four holes of seven, but he did pick up a birdie on the par five 16th, where his partner Erik Heyns thought he had nearest the pin third shot, until Mike got his third inside Erik's mark.

Erik, however, in his 98 off the stick got his par on the hole to go with his one on the eighth.

Terry Merritt said that he had his best round at Strathalbyn but he still had 103 off the stick, with a couple of holes of eight in that effort, still taking pleasure in seeing Michael Beasley stuck in the mud in the dam on the 16th and needing a drop.

He was also impressed with Mick's daughter Chrissie, saying he had to have four hits at times to get to her drives, as she went around with a one over par 73 and in having handed in

three cards is the only plus golfer going around for Strathalbyn.

Damien Nettle looked like he was off to a flier on the first, as he lined up a birdie but missed the putt, having 97 off the stick, while Andrew Muller, in Damien's group, had a wild hit on the par three sixth when his tee shot smashed into Brenton Robert's cart near the tee block to then roll down the flat finishing short of the creek, still having a four.

Kevin Shepley had 47 off the stick on the front nine which saw him have a spot of trouble on the third when being against the fence at the back of the green had an 'airy' to finish with eight and with a double bogie on the 14th had 50 on the back nine with a nett 77 for the round.

Playing with Kevin was Gavin Perryman. His fourth shot on the last was out of the drain at the side of the green, while Ian Furniss, also in this group, was quite pleased with his drive on the tenth, able to get the ball around the dog leg and pick up a par on his way to 94 off the stick.

Michael Clarke had bad luck on the par three sixth when he lost his ball to have eight for the hole. That was on top of the week before when, having parked his car near the cart shed, copped a broken window from a stray shot from someone on the practice fairway.

Michael finished last Saturday with 97 off the stick for a nett 79, while playing partner Ben Phelan finished the day in fifth place with 85 off the stick and a nett 72, sinking three putts from off the green.

Graeme Noble didn't finish the round too well when with his second shot on the 18th, in having to approach the green from the 12th fairway, found himself in the flower pots in front of the clubhouse, having 90 and a nett 81.

Des Kelly didn't start the day too well with three putts on the first for a six and then on the fifth used the drain in front of the tee block to get on the fairway for a fat eight on the par five, he having a chance to redeem himself on the par three sixth by landing on, but could only get a par.

On the seventh Des' vision was not quite right when his shot over the dam was just short, hitting the logs at the end, never to be seen again and then when on the green couldn't see where his \$2 coin marker was, before having seven for the hole.

On the eighth Des found he was a screw loose, on his brand new three wood that was, as the head wobbled around, Kirk Richardson later having a

screw on him to fix the problem.

Speaking of Kirk, he had much pleasure in taking pictures of Andrew Hentschke trying to get out of thick grass on the dam's edge on the seventh, as his shot to the green hit the big tree on the corner, his first attempt to get out not successful.

Kirk then copped a bit of flack as he went to the 17th tee block while Andrew, who had four birdies in his round, and the rest were waiting for him on the eighth tee block, and the second time around (16th) it was Kirk's turn to go into the dam.

Also on the eighth John Owen said he usually scores well on the par three hole and he certainly did after hitting trees on the left, then having a short shot before going over the green, on his way to six, then forgetting to pick up his chipper.

John also scored well on the ninth with a seven which saw partner Kingsley Handke have his first three putt for the day and an eight.

John said he could still break the 'ton' after getting a par on the 10th, but he missed a birdie on the hole the first time (1st) with three putts.

On the 10th Kingsley was falling into a hole when his chip shot up from the back of the hole and rolled back down the rise to him for an eight.

John's mission to break the 100 barrier was all but gone when he had an eight on the 11th having struck trees twice early and then having three putts.

When this group had finished the 12th, Kingsley, with three putts for another eight, thought he was in line for last position as he finished with 110 off the stick but James Beney was last with 123 off the stick and a nett 90.

Des Kelly had a bit of pleasure explaining John Owen's effort on the 16th as he lost a ball at the start, then had to chip out from the gobble bush on the corner and then was clever enough to hit the ball out of bounds.

This required John to have a drop for another hit on his way to 11, he saying he had a nice bottle of Grange for Des, until he gave his running description of his effort.

The last group going around had five players toiling in the heat in Derek Keane, Randall Pitt, Troy Williams, Grant Ewins and Russell Kimm, as they all finished down the list of the 47 players, Derek the best with 88 off the stick as he started the second nine with a birdie.

Troy's putt to save par on the 10th lipped the cup, while Randall's short par putt missed the mark.

On the 11th only Derek went down

the fairway off the tee as Russell, Randall and Grant found trees on the right and Troy, starting to have back problems, hit the pine trees on the left, Randall at least salvaging just a bogie in sinking a long putt.

The 12th caused a bit of drama for Grant and Russell, while Derek and Troy, the only one going left off the tee, were both on in three.

Russell found his shot to the green going over the boundary fence to the left of the green and his next shot almost doing the same, while Grant went out in sympathy with his first shot at the green, also over the fence, as they both finished with eight, while Derek and Troy both missed their birdie putts.

Troy then had trouble on the 13th as his tee shot went left to nearly be in the hazard by the creek on the 14th before his next shot, on line to land on the green, collected a tree to ruin that hole, his next hit from the back of the ladies tee still short of the green.

Grant with birdies on the third and 15th finished with 85 off the stick, Randall and Troy 86, with Russell having 94.

Derek summed up his day by saying when he put his cart away and locked up the roller door on the shed he couldn't get out as someone had already locked the access door.

Results Stroke Saturday, January 18, 2025:

A grade: A.Haberfield 70 nett/80 off the stick, S.Glatz 72/76, B.Roberts 73/82, G.Bertholini 73/85, G.Ewins 75/85, A.Hentschke 76/81, K.Richardson 76/84, T.Williams 76/86, R.Pitt, 77/86, P.Perrin 79/88, S.Naylor 79/84, G.Pitt 80/88, G.Noble 81/90.

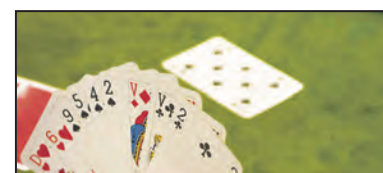
B Grade: M.Condon 70/83, M.Young 71/90, B.Phelan 72/85, B.Welk 73/89, S.Hozier 74/89, M.Beasley 74/90, Dave Bell 74/94, D.Keane 75/88, M.Semple 76/93, Don Bell 76/94, D.Wright 76/93, I.Furniss 77/94, B.Clark 77/90, G.Beasley 77/92, K.Shepley 77/94, B.McLeod 78/91, D.Nettle 78/97, M.Clarke 79/97, D.Kelly 80/95, E.Heyns 80/98, R.Kimm 81/94, D.Mayes 83/100.

C Grade: A.Muller 71/92, T.Merritt 73/103, S.Avramidis 78/101, T.Furniss 80/114, J.Owen 81/109, G.Perryman 82/112, K.Handke 83/110, J.Beney 90/123.

Ladies: K.Edwards 73/89, J.Pickhaver 74/95, D.Krutli 78/97, S.Roberts 84/99.

NTP 6th & 17th G.Pitt, 8th & 15th M.Beasley.

Nearest third (0-18) 16th M.Semple (19+) 12th M.Young.



A Trap for Beginners



By John Elliott

Dealer North E/W Vul.

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

BIDDING: N E S W
P P 1D P
P* P P

BIDDING ANALYSIS

South 1D : Better Minor opening
3 consecutive passes ended the auction.

What drew my attention to this deal was the results in a session of Supervised Bridge. The players were a group of people not long out of Beginner's Classes, and several notable issues appear at once to a more experienced player. No doubt they were trying to follow the rules so recently learned.

After two quite reasonable passes, South follows the Rule which says to open 1 of a suit and make a jump re-bid to show 18 – 21 HCP. With no 4-card Major, the Better Minor opening of 1D was chosen.

When West passes, North has the problem with only 3 HCP, whether to bid the 4-card Heart suit or Pass because of the low HCP. (At this stage North has no idea that South has 19HCP and is waiting for any response in order to show the strong hand.) 6 out of 7 North's chose to Pass, because the results showed the deal was played 6 times in 1D by South for a horrible score, only 1 pair found 1NT, which just scraped in for a positive score of 90.

I have been teaching Bridge for over 20 years and have found that beginners get off to a much better start by adopting the Strong Opening 2 Clubs for any hand 19 or more, with HCP responses. (South 2C – North 2D – South 2H – North Pass!) The other query that this set of results raises is, why did the North pass the Better Minor opening, which only promises 3 Diamonds, as was the case here. Were they not taught that you cannot pass a Better Minor opening for that very reason? Or was it simply the lack of experience?

A far better way of opening this hand is to use the Precision 2D opening to show two 4-card Majors (South 2D (alert!) – North 2H (Alert! Cannot Pass) – South PASS!). This immediately identifies the 4-4 Heart fit and would have delivered 9 tricks for 140, even better than 1NT, even if 1NT made 8 tricks. However, I do not expect raw beginners to know about this very valuable device.

McLaren Vale Golf Club

Saturday, January 18, 2025, Mens Stableford Final competition results

Field size, 33; Members, 33; Visitors, None; GA, Blue, Men (Par 66).

Mens A Grade

Winner: Malcolm Anderson 35; Runner-up: Trevor Jones 34; 3rd Place: Bruce Bowey 33; 4th Place: Matthew Baldock 30.

Mens B Grade

Winner: Jeff McMurtrie 39; Runner-up: Terry Payne 35; 3rd Place: Ben Adams 34; 4th Place: John Burger 33.

Mens C Grade

Winner: Robert Meyers 39; Runner-up: Rodney Rowe 34; 3rd Place: Simon Dillon 32; 4th Place: Gavin Low 31.

Mens Overall

Player of the Day: Jeff McMurtrie 39 30.00.

Nearest the Pin

Mens C Grade 3rd & 12th Robert Meyers; Mens 6th & 15th Bruce Bowey; Mens 8th & 17th Dennis Knowles.

Birdies Par 3

Wade Goldsmith; Robert Meyers; Armour Galletly; Ben Adams.

Alexandrina Contract Bridge Club

Ranking January 15:

Pos	Pair	Players	Score	%
North-South				
1	Marie Pike / Norman Bullen	143.00	59.58%
2	John Elliott / Pat Elliott	139.00	57.92%
3	Garry Skuse / Colin Elix	135.00	56.25%
4	Leonie Vale / Denise Muhlhan	122.00	50.83%
5	Rhonda Perriam / Peter Mitchell	114.00	47.50%
6	Graham Phillips / Bruce Pascoe	94.00	39.17%
7	Sue Perkins / Glenys Chapman	93.00	38.75%
East-West				
1	Val Hay / Beryl Liebelt	155.00	55.36%
2	Leigh Clothier / Debbie Clothier	154.00	55.00%
3	Sue Caddy / Helen Conolly	152.00	54.29%
4	Valmai Phillips / Mary Rowley	141.00	50.36%
5	Mike Robertson / Malcolm Twartz	119.00	42.50%
5	Raelene Lines / Graeme Crase	119.00	42.50%

Weather

FORECAST

Warnings

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

Mount Barker:

Partly cloudy. Light winds becoming southerly 15 to 25 km/h in the early afternoon.

Friday. Partly cloudy.

Strathalbyn:

Partly cloudy.

Friday. Partly cloudy.

Murray Bridge:

Partly cloudy.

Friday. Mostly sunny.

Mount Lofty Ranges District:

Partly cloudy. Winds SE 15 to 25 km/h tending southerly 20 to 30 km/h in the middle of the day.

Murraylands District:

Partly cloudy. Winds SE 15 to 20 km/h tending southerly in the morning then increasing to 20 to 30 km/h in the early afternoon.

Upper South East District:

Partly cloudy. Winds SE 15 to 20 km/h becoming light in the morning then becoming southerly 25 to 35 km/h in the middle of the day.

Mid North District:

Partly cloudy. Winds south to SE 15 to 20 km/h becoming light early in the morning then becoming south to SW 20 to 30 km/h in the middle of the day.

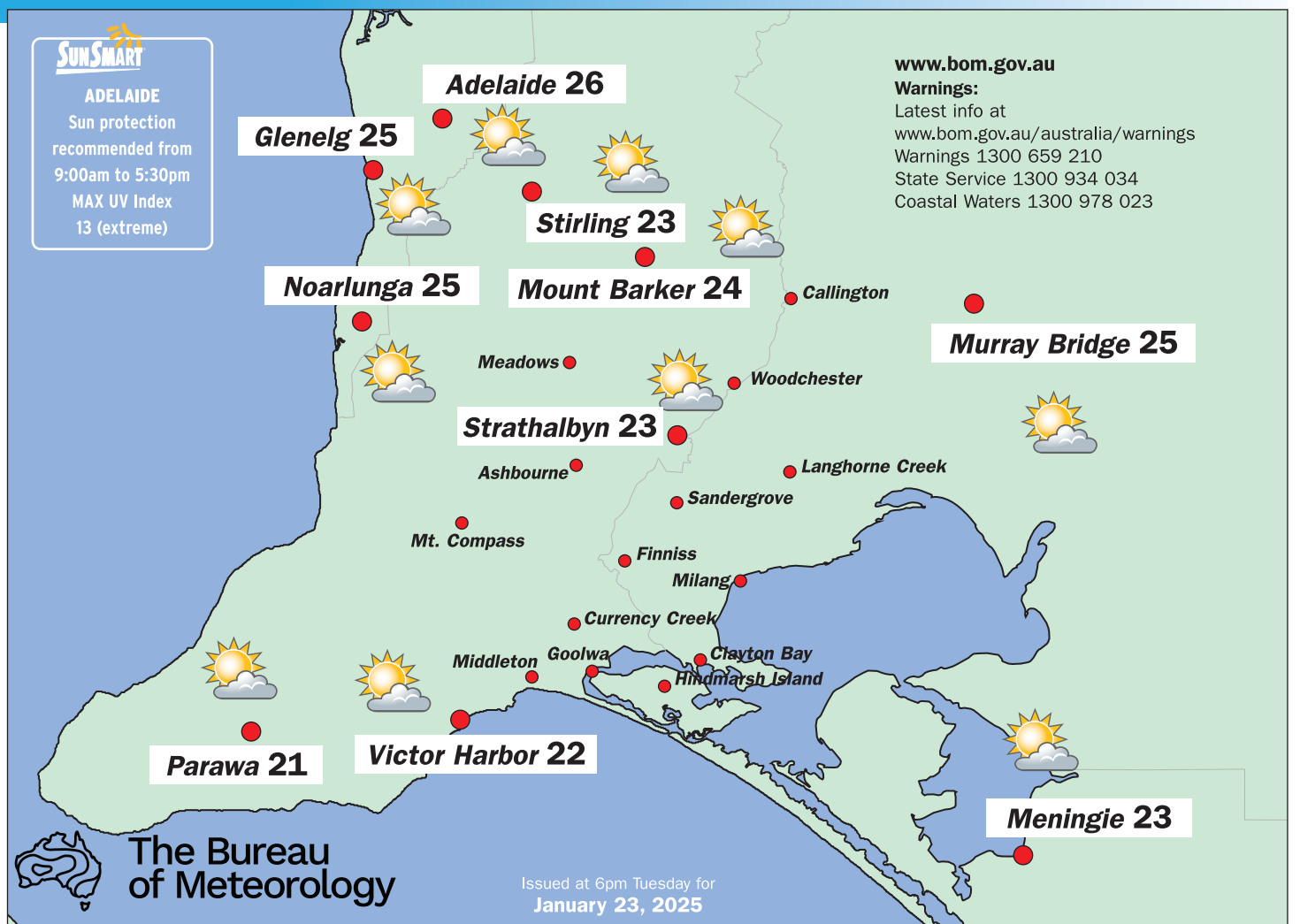
South Australia:

Isolated showers across the Southern Agricultural Areas, possibly reaching into the Riverland and Murraylands. Maximum temperatures above average in the north half of the state and below average in the south, temperatures well below average in the far southeast. Southerly winds, possibly fresh along the coast.



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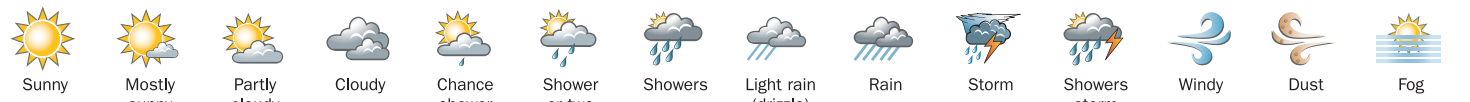
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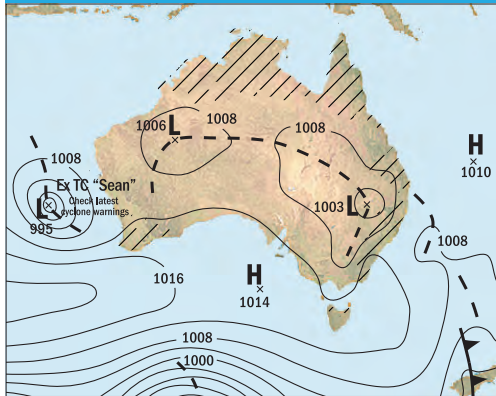
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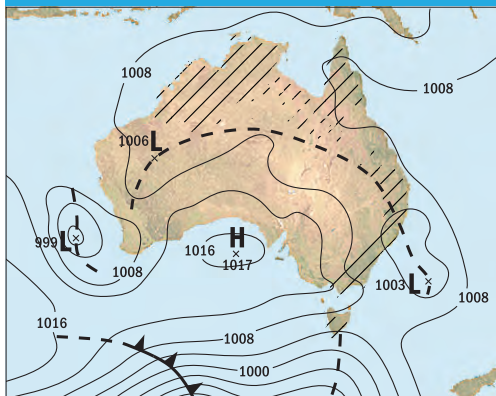
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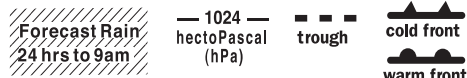
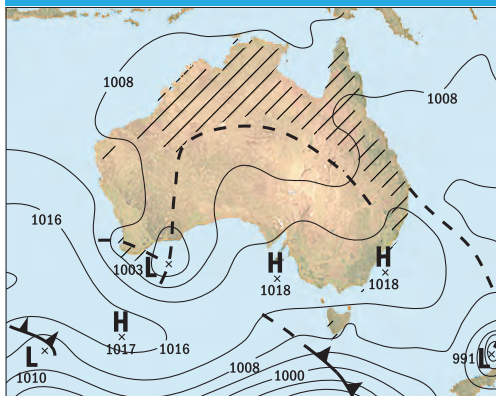
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SATURDAY 10AM



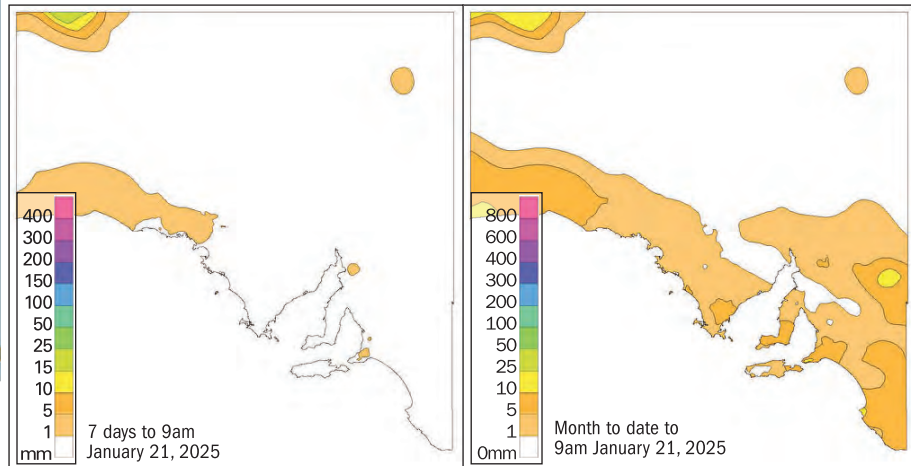
RECENT RAINFALL

Rain (mm)	Daily	Week	MTD	YTD				
Lenswood	0	0.4	4.0	4.0				
Meningie	0	0.0	0.0	0.0				
Milang	0	0.4	5.0	5.0				
Millbrook Resv	0	0	2.2	2.2				
Monarto	0	0	6.8	6.8				
Mt Barker	0	0.2	6.0	6.0				
Mt Lofty	0	1	8.2	8.2				
Murray Bridge	0	0	7.5	7.5				
Nairne	0	0	0	0				
Noarlunga	0	0.4	5.8	5.8				
Nuriootpa	0	0	1.4	1.4				
Palmer	0	0	2.5	2.5				
Parawa	0	0.2	9.2	9.2				
Parawa West	0	0.2	9.2	9.2				
Parndana	0	0.4	0.8	0.8				
Peake	0	0	0	0				
Roseworthy	0	0	1.2	1.2				
Strathalbyn	0	0.6	4.8	4.8				
Tailem Bend	0	0	7.2	7.2				
Tintinara	0	0	4.0	4.0				
Uraidla	0	0	4.8	4.8				
Victor Harbor	0	0.6	6.0	6.0				
Williamstown	0	0.2	2.0	2.0				
Willunga	0	1	6.2	6.2				
Woodhouse	0	1	8.6	8.6				
Yankalilla	0	0.6	6.2	6.2				

SUN & MOON

	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonsset
Thursday	6:26am	8:29pm	12:43am	3:03pm
Friday	6:27am	8:28pm	1:14am	4:04pm
Saturday	6:28am	8:28pm	1:51am	5:05pm
Sunday	6:29am	8:27pm	2:36am	6:06pm
Monday	6:30am	8:26pm	3:30am	7:01pm
Tuesday	6:31am	8:26pm	4:33am	7:50pm
Wednesday	6:32am	8:25pm	5:41am	8:32pm

TIDES				
Outer Harbor				
Thursday:				
4:19am	0.9m	9:40am	1.7m	
3:36pm	0.7m	10:42pm	2.1m	
Friday:				
5:26am	1.1m	10:00am	1.4m	
3:36pm	0.9m	11:44pm	1.9m	
Saturday:				
12:00pm	1.0m			
Sunday:				
3:13am	1.9m	11:34am	0.7m	
6:36pm	1.5m	10:17pm	1.3m	
Monday:				
4:39am	2.1m	11:59am	0.4m	
6:31pm	1.7m	11:10pm	1.1m	
Victor Harbor				
Thursday:				
2:37am	0.9m	11:23am	0.4m	
9:41pm	0.9m	11:54pm	0.9m	
Friday:				
1:42am	0.9m	11:33am	0.4m	
11:28pm	1.0m			
Saturday:				
11:28am	0.4m			
Sunday:				
12:29am	1.1m	10:13am	0.4m	
Monday:				
1:05am	1.2m	9:46am	0.4m	



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