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By Tara Nash

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Strathalbyn illustrator and author Andrew Joyner is one of the regional artists to receive a grant to help with his work – in this case, the graphic novel 'Hortense Sees God'. Photo: Giorgina McKay

Strathalbyn artist earns grant for graphic novel



By Giorgina McKay

A Strathalbyn illustrator and author is stepping into a new world both figuratively and literally in the creation of a new graphic novel, which has been helped by one of the government's latest round of arts and culture grants.

Almost \$1.6 million in grants have been provided for 56 projects across the state to help deliver artistic experiences valued at more than \$3.9 million, and create jobs for 1227 artists, 181 arts workers and 163 others.

This financial year, eight \$50,000 fellowships have been awarded as a result of the State Government's election commitment to provide an extra \$1 million in grants for local artists.

One of the grant categories in the latest round is Projects – Independent Artists and Groups, which supports the development, production and presentation of new works by independent artists and groups across all art forms.

Renowned Strathalbyn illustrator, author and cartoonist Andrew Joyner is one of the regional artists to receive one of these grants to illustrate a graphic novel.

Andrew, who has had a knack for drawing from a young age, started illustrating for

newspapers and magazines such as *The Age*, *The Sydney Morning Herald* and *The Bulletin* before publishing his first work *The Terrible Plop*.

"I was one of those kids in school that was known to be good at drawing, but I didn't really study art beyond year 10," he explained.

"I grew up in Mannum and when I moved schools in year 11 and 12, I didn't do art there because there weren't that many subjects around back then.

"I just kept drawing, and I think I sent some work out after uni and probably in my mid-to-late twenties got some work with *The Bulletin*, and from there I did more freelance work and illustrating, but children's books seemed the best fit for me."

Andrew received \$16,000 through the grant to help him illustrate *Hortense Sees God*, which is written by Ursula Dubosarsky, who he has collaborated with on other books.

The story follows six-year-old girl Hortense who has a spiritual vision of 'God', and it follows the repercussions of that moment in family, friendships and world in general.

It's the first time the pair have collaborated on a graphic novel and the first time Andrew has illustrated one in general.

He was excited for the project and grateful to receive the grant.

"I'm really grateful to get a grant for it because it's quite an unusual story... and it gives me the time to pursue it because it

will take quite a bit of time," Andrew said.

"It was my publisher's suggestion (to apply for the grant) – I hadn't thought of it.

"I'm very grateful for any advancement I get – which is how they pay you – but there's probably a misconception that publishing advances are huge.

"I did get an advance from my publisher but they said 'maybe to boost your advances, I know it's not a huge amount of money with the time you've got to spend on the book, maybe look at applying for a grant'.

"I think my publisher knew another illustrator who had done the same thing in a different state, so I gave it a go, and I was really pleased they could support it and saw worth in the project."

Andrew estimates it will take him the year to complete the novel.

He will mainly illustrate digitally, and has already started on some of the sketches.

"For every book you do 'roughs,'" Andrew said.

"Sometimes a bit more detailed, a bit of cut and paste it together, but it's a lot of planning involved because with a graphic novel I think that will be 250-300 pages, whereas a picture book is 32 or 40 pages.

"It's also deciding what to draw.

"Ursula has written it so it's a novel, and I don't want to lose some of her great writing just by replacing it with illustrations.

"I'm excited about the potential for the book."

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Shadow Cabinet reshuffle sees local MPs gain new portfolios



By Giordina McKay

A local MP has been promoted to the Shadow Cabinet while another has been assigned new portfolios under a reshuffle of the state's Liberal Party last Tuesday.

The cabinet reshuffle follows the retirement of John Gardner and departure of Jing Lee.

"This reshuffle represents a vital step in preparing for the challenges ahead," Leader of the Opposition, Vincent Tarzia, said.

"By bringing together diverse skills, fresh ideas, and seasoned expertise, we are reinforcing our commitment to holding the government to account and continuing to present a compelling alternative for the future.

"I am confident this team is best equipped to challenge the government and demonstrate the Liberal Party is ready to lead.

"Together, we will work tirelessly to deliver solutions that benefit all South Australians."

One of the new MPs joining the cabinet is Member for Finnis David Basham who takes on the portfolios of Shadow Minister for Environment and for Water Infrastructure.

The local member brings experience to the role, including his leadership as community advisory committee member to the Eastern Mount Lofty Water Allocation plan, and years of managing environmental strategies for agriculture.

As a continuing member of the parliamentary Natural Resources Committee, he is well-versed in balancing environmental stewardship with economic needs.

Formally a member of cabinet in the Marshall Liberal Government, Mr Basham was pleased to be returning to a leadership role, and looked forward to working in a portfolio that aligns well with his expertise and passion.

"It's an honour to join the Shadow Cabinet and contribute to a proactive team focused on delivering real outcomes for South Australians," he said.

"I look forward to addressing critical environmental and water challenges while championing sustainable growth."



Member for Finnis David Basham was honoured to join the Shadow Cabinet. Photo: Deirdre Graham. INSET: Member for Hammond Adrian Pederick was pleased to regain his portfolios of Shadow Minister for Veterans Affairs and Regional Roads.

Member for Heysen Josh Teague has kept the portfolios of Shadow Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Child Protection, Shadow Attorney-General, and Deputy Leader of the Opposition, and added Shadow Minister for Multicultural Affairs.

Additionally, Member for Hammond Adrian Pederick was given the portfolios of Shadow Assistant Minister to the Leader of the Opposition, and Shadow Assistant Minister for Veterans Affairs and Racing late last year.

His new portfolios now consist of Shadow Minister for Veterans Affairs, Shadow Minister for Regional Roads, and Shadow Minister for Marine Infrastructure.

Mr Pederick was pleased to regain his portfolios of Shadow Minister for Veterans

Affairs and Regional Roads.

"(I'm) really pleased to be back in Shadow Cabinet after being outside for five months, and really pleased to be part of the reshuffled, re-energised team in the Liberal Party," he told *The Southern Argus*.

"I never really left veterans; I was the Veterans Assistant Shadow Minister when I wasn't the shadow previously, so it was good to keep that continuation and retake up the role at the shadow ministerial level.

"I just salute anyone who signs up for the defence forces knowing they're prepared to give their life for their country, and just can't give enough praise for these people.

"And also really pleased to be taking an active part in regional roads again as well.

"I've travelled over a million kilometres



since being in this job for almost 19 years, so I've seen a fair bit of them."

Meanwhile, Mr Pederick will be taking his knowledge of local wharf and jetty issues into the marine infrastructure portfolio.

"I've had a fair bit of experience on river marine infrastructure watching what happens with ferry operations during a drought and flood, and when they can go out in both circumstances," he said.

"In regards to the rest of it, I'm well-aware of issues with wharfs that need work around the state at various times and certainly locally.

"The real big one in marine infrastructure is jetties, and a lot of these are leased out to or owned by councils, and they're getting it at a critical time in their lives where a lot of these jetties are 80 to over 100 years old and some of them are needing a major refit to keep them in order to satisfy the needs of our recreational fishers... but also for tourism generally and commercial fishing operations.

"There's a lot of opportunities, and it's about working with all the three levels of government on the best way forward to make sure we keep these facilities up to the standards they need."

He assured Hammond will always come first.

Local member Dan Cregan announces retirement

Member for Kavel Dan Cregan – who was also Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services as well as Special Minister of State – announced on Tuesday that he will resign from politics for family reasons.

Mr Cregan served in the Cabinet since April last year following several years as the Speaker of the House of Assembly.

He was previously a Liberal Minister before becoming independent.

Tuesday was his final cabinet meeting and a cabinet reshuffle is expected.

Mr Cregan will continue to work on significant local projects and support an independent candidate for Kavel – an Adelaide Hills district that includes Bugle Ranges, Wistow and Mount Barker – in the lead up to the next State Election.

"As much as I love this role, pressing family matters make this the correct decision at this time," he said in a statement on Tuesday.

"Most political careers are doomed to go on for longer than they should, and this is the right time for me.

"I've been determined to fix underinvestment in the Hills and I came to see that the only way to do this was to play hardball.

"We now have a new hospital, aquatic centre, sports hub, ambulance station, Service SA centre and major road and public transport upgrades either delivered or under way."

Premier Peter Malinauskas found Mr Cregan showed "relentless advocacy" for Hills residents.

"Dan will leave Cabinet with a legacy to be proud of," he said.

"Together, we worked hard to deliver a world-leading ban on political donations.



Member for Kavel Dan Cregan (second from the left) announced his resignation this week. Photo: Giordina McKay

"This will help safeguard our democracy for generations to come.

"Dan also delivered significant democratic reform to bring our electoral laws up to modern standards."

As Special Minister of State, Mr Cregan oversaw complex negotiations to draft and deliver a world-first ban on political donations, which will take effect before the 2026 election.

The landmark legislation won significant community support including from major and minor parties, independents, democracy groups and other advocates.

Mr Cregan also delivered further democratic reform through a major overhaul of the state's Electoral Act.

Those reforms included banning the use of unsolicited robocalls and prohibiting the use of Artificial Intelligence to generate deepfake electoral advertisements designed to mislead voters.

As Police Minister, Mr Cregan was closely involved in reaching a landmark pay deal for South Australia Police to further boost the government's existing retention and recruitment initiatives.

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Council aims to hold May meeting in Strathalbyn



By Giorgina McKay

Alexandrina Council will hold another general meeting in Strathalbyn to showcase the renovated Town Hall, following the success of the previous one around the same time last year to celebrate history month and the town's 185th anniversary.

In May last year council held its meeting at the St Andrew's Church Hall in acknowledgement of history month and Strathalbyn's birthday celebrations, garnering more than 60 observers in the public gallery.

North Ward councillor Sue Miller has been pushing hard for council meetings to be held in locations other than the Goolwa chambers without much success – the last failure occurring during that same meeting to hold one in Mount Compass in 2025 and another in either Strathalbyn or Langhorne Creek.

At last Monday night's council meeting, Cr Miller attempted again to encourage council to hold another meeting in Strathalbyn, except, this time, to celebrate and showcase the renovated Town Hall, which is estimated to be completed by May.

The previous meeting in Strathalbyn was supposed to be in this location but was unable to eventuate due to renovations being incomplete.

Cr Miller argued holding meetings in other locations would reduce travel time for many residents and encourage participation.

"This is not just about equity and access, but it's also about inclusion," she said.

"The last two years have reinforced to me that people don't come because they generally don't either know they can or they can't get to Goolwa.

"Once a year I don't think is too much to ask, and May does seem to work around harvest, vintage and seeding.

"Let's just reflect back on the overwhelming response we had and the good will it created when we had this meeting in Strathalbyn.

"Ideally, if it's finished and we can have it in history month, I think it would be a marvellous way to showcase the Town Hall and celebrate its completion, but if that's not achievable for any reason, then on a date as soon as practically possible in 2025."

Last year's Strathalbyn-based meeting cost council approximately \$3000 due to needing to provide, and set up, pack down and operate audio equipment to enable people with hearing difficulties to actively participate.

This cost among other reasons was why West Ward councillor Bill Coomans failed to support the motion.

"Personally, I found it a distraction with



Last year's Alexandrina Council meeting held at Strathalbyn's St Andrews Church Hall in May.

the crowded seating arrangements, and people invading my space and looking over my shoulder to read my material," he said.

"To be brutally honest, I think this is perhaps a little bit about campaigning rather than good governance by this council.

"The meeting we held at St Andrew's Church last year, although expertly catered for by the church volunteers, did very little to enhance the standard of the council.

"I also suspect that mostly the same locals and former council members will attend any future meetings there.

"I have had little problem in encouraging people in my ward to attend council meetings when they've been items of interest to them... so I'd rather spend that \$3000-4000-plus in providing some additional playground equipment in my ward or even reducing our bottom line."

However, the majority ruled in favour of holding council's May general meeting at the town hall, or in the event it's unachievable on that date, then as soon as practically possible.

Council will also be provided a report ahead of the 2025/26 Annual Business Plan and Budget considerations that looks at the merits of holding a council meeting annually in the North Ward.

"If the hall isn't ready by May, as soon as practically possible afterwards would be fantastic to celebrate the opening of the Town Hall, and will ensure council ordinary meetings are accessible and inclusive for all people across our vast region," West Ward councillor, Lou Nicholson, said.

"I've always supported making council and government as accessible to people as we can.

"It's really important that people see these meetings as their opportunity to be involved in our decision-making, and to see how we discuss and come to our decisions for this council."



Nathan Rogers is encouraging budding local filmmakers to enter the Adelaide Hills Youth Film Festival. Photo: Deirdre Graham

Youth focus for Hills film festival

By Deirdre Graham

Budding film-makers from across the region are being encouraged to enter the Adelaide Hills Youth Film Festival.

The first-time event has a prize pool of \$1800 and will see the films aired at a number of venues, including at the Macclesfield Hall on March 15.

Co-ordinator Nathan Rogers, from Makerspace Adelaide Hills, said the festival and competition is open to all residents aged from about eight to 25 – no matter their skill level – with films to have a maximum running time of five minutes.

"People can enter anything they want to, and we are encouraging people to be as creative as possible, mainly because sometimes at schools it can be limiting what you can do," he said.

"You can make them on any device such as a phone or a camera, and we do have some film equipment people can use if they would like to borrow (them).

"They are available through the Mount Barker Community Centre."

Entries for the Adelaide Fringe event close on March 7, 2025, with registrations at (<https://shorturl.at/wclG1>) or via the QR code on posters around the Hills area.

"We have had some really good entries so far that have been really creative, but we want to try and get out to more people," Mr Rogers said.

"Being a first-time event, (we would like) more people to know that it is actually on.

"That is the challenge you have got when you are starting a new idea.

"We are very flexible about (where people come from), so places like Strathalbyn all the way through up to Birdwood, the Mount Barker Council and the Adelaide Hills Council areas (are welcome)."

The festival is expected to air across three venues, including Macclesfield, and run from March 14 to March 16.

"I think the judges will look at the ones that have a lot more skill, creativity, and thought put into them, so that is why I am encouraging people to go and come out with some fresh new ideas in that regard," Mr Rogers said.

"The first screening will be where all the main prizes are given out by the judges.

"We also have a People's Choice competition so people can select the film they like the most and that will be awarded on the third evening."

Those who would like to enter but have limited skills, can contact Nathan Rogers on 0458 768 643.

"I encourage people to give it a try," Mr Rogers said.

"They can contact me as I can give them lots of advice on programs you can use online for film editing, including ones you can access for free.

"There are a lot of things you can do if you don't feel you are that skilled in film editing."

More information is available on the Makerspace Adelaide Hills Facebook site.



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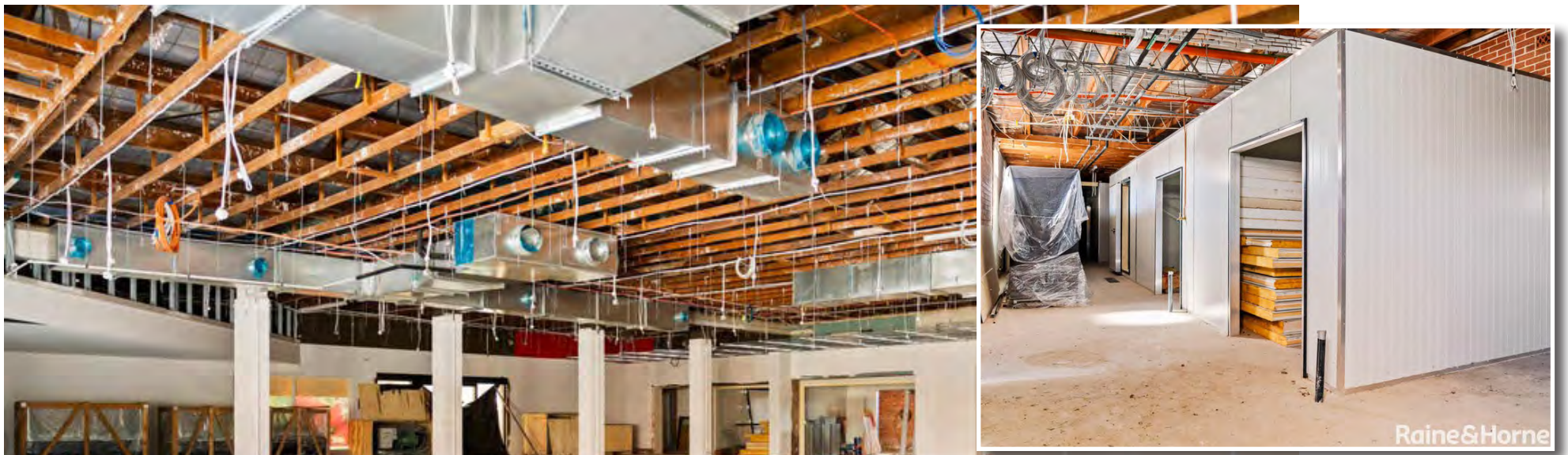
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Potential supermarket hits the 'shelves'

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renovations and the opening, including tradespeople contracting COVID or being close-contacts, asbestos, and health issues.

The sale is being managed by Raine & Horne, and Selling Principal Nick Grosvenor believes after the extensive renovations, the space is “really ripe” for a new tenant “right away”.

“I think there is an opportunity for an investor to transform it into multiple tenancies, subject to consent,” he said.

“But, I think you’ve got that opportunity because you’ve got two road frontages, bitumen at the back and a side lane.

“So, it’s great opportunity for multiple tenancies, or anything that’s retail or professional services could go within that space.”

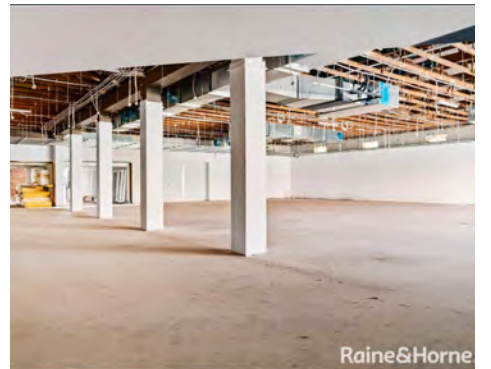
Located in the centre of town – on the corner of Dawson Street and Albyn Terrace – the 1213m2 site is an open-floor plan with more than 700m2 of undercover retail space.

It is one of the town’s largest retail sites.

When speaking to *The Argus* last week – when the property had been on the market for just three days – Ms Grosvenor had already fielded a dozen enquiries from investors, but none with plans to build a supermarket.

He believes the community has strong interest in the space and word will travel fast.

Expressions of interest close on February 18, and his goal is to secure a result within three months and officially change hands in the next financial year.



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Former Creek pilot loops to a new world record



By Deirdre Graham

Former Langhorne Creek pilot Dave Scutchings APM has celebrated his best Australia Day yet by setting, with son Max, a world record for the most loops done in a glider.

As previously reported in *The Southern Argus*, Superintendent Scutchings gave himself the goal to undertake 50 loops, and along with the record, to raise awareness and money for SA Police Legacy – the organisation that supports families of police officers who are either killed or seriously injured on duty.

Superintendent Scutchings and Max had to beat 24 loops to set the record, and on Australia Day, they finished 45 – not quite 50 but a record nonetheless – that now just has to be verified by Guinness World Records.

“It went to perfection,” Superintendent Scutchings said.

“We were aiming for 50 of course, but the problem was the wind was from the south and blew us quite a way from the airfield, so at a certain point, we had to stop doing the loops so we could get safely back to the airfield.

“We had a good brief in the morning and we had a bit of time to calm our nerves.

“We had a beautiful tow up to 10,000 feet, then we looped as well as we could possibly go and finished it off.

“(We) didn’t feel crook at all, we came in for a beautiful landing, and had no issues at all.”

Superintendent Scutchings said he and Max were still coming to terms with their achievement.

“It was a bit of emotional elation on Sunday, and a busy day chatting to everyone,” he said.

Superintendent Dave Scutchings APM (right) and son Max celebrate looping a glider 45 times on Australia Day, setting a new world record.



“One of our mates, who also has a Guinness World Record for something else, said ‘you are the only two people on earth who have done that’, which puts it into perspective.”

The duo has so far raised about \$15,000 for Police Legacy, admitting to some nerves beforehand.

“I took some advice from someone who said ‘once you actually launch, all your training will kick in and the nerves will disappear, and you will just get the job done’, which is what we did,” Superintendent Scutchings said.

“Because we had had so much planning and training, as we were towed up, we had half

an hour to talk about some of the ‘what ifs.’

“By the time we started we were comfortable and had a good process in place in the cockpit to make sure we got the job done safely.

“Max’s role was to read things – first of all to make sure we didn’t stray out of airspace, second was he had a counter to count the loops, and the third job he had was to keep an eye with me on the altitude to make sure we didn’t go below the safe altitude that we determined.

“So, we always knew how many loops we were at and what height, so at a certain point, he said ‘that’s it, last loop’, and we stopped

“ By the time we started, we were comfortable and had a good process in place in the cockpit to make sure we got the job done safely... ”

– Dave Scutchings

it and flew back.”

The world record attempt was undertaken at the Adelaide Soaring Club’s venue at Gawler, where for safety’s sake only a small number of family, friends and others were allowed to watch the action.

Superintendent Scutchings said the widespread media coverage of the mission had helped promote gliding to an audience unfamiliar with its attraction, including showing footage from the six Go Pros set up on the glider on Channel 9 on Monday evening.

Both Superintendent Scutchings and Max are yet to decide about undertaking another challenge.

“We haven’t yet got to that, but obviously, at one point we will probably be going to get the 50,” he said.

“But at the moment we are just enjoying this and making the most of it, and inspiring other kids about flying.

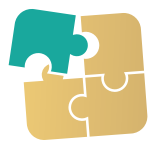
“It has been my favourite Australia Day – it is an Australia Day I will never forget – and likewise for a lot of people who came out and watched it.”

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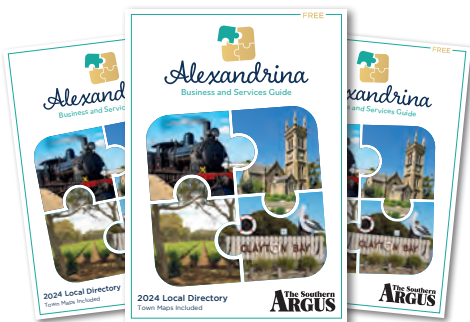
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25 YEARS AGO

from the files of the Southern Argus

THURSDAY, JANUARY 27TH, 2000

Marlene Megaw has lived all her life in the Strathalbyn area and for many years, over 25 in most instances, has been involved in the community to be named Strathalbyn's Citizen of the Year. Matthew Reid has been named Strathalbyn Young Citizen of the Year for his academic and athletic achievements. Prospect Hill couple Dick and Laurel Ramsdale have been named as joint Citizens of the Year for Mount Barker for involvement with the community. Mrs Margaret Brown was the Goolwa Citizen of the Year due to her selfless contribution towards her local community, an example to us all.

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Mrs Ruth Mary Baxendale of McLaren Vale has been awarded the Medal (OAM) of the Order of Australia in the general division for services to the preservation of local and family history and heritage sites in the Willunga and McLaren Vale areas and as chairman of the Willunga branch of the National Trust. Mr. Robin Gregory Gordon of Hackham has been awarded the (OAM) Medal for his service to the pipe band movement as an administrator and tutor.

50 YEARS AGO

from the files of the Southern Argus

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30TH, 1975

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

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Langhorne Creek grape growers are generally pleased about this season's grape prospects. Cabernet and Shiraz have been subject to rises of \$75 and \$54 per tonne respectively, seeing Cabernet at \$282 and Shiraz at \$196 per tonne which growers fear will induce over planting.

100 YEARS AGO

from the files of the Southern Argus

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29TH, 1925

The Strathalbyn Polo Club had a fine attendance of spectators on Saturday afternoon last to witness a series of practice matches. Dr. Formby and Mr. E. L. Tucker captained senior quartets and a couple of junior teams put in some good work, as Jem Donaldson and Willie Richardson shone in the junior section. The hon. secretary Mr. E. J. F. Crawford kept play going smartly to his time schedule and Mrs. Jno. Richardson supplied afternoon tea for all, spectators as well as players partaking of her hospitality.

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At St. Barnabas' Hall Strathalbyn on Tuesday evening, a large attendance of members of the Roman Catholic Church assembled to say goodbye to the Rev. B. F. Gurry who, after 17 years' service to the parish, has been transferred to Kapunda; his removal being much regretted.

Gliders 'high flying' it to Argentina



Members of the Southern Soaring League are pictured recently competing in Horsham, Victoria. Three members of the Milang club will now head to Argentina for the F5J World Championships in March.



By Deirdre Graham

Three members of the Southern Soaring League will be pitting their skills against the best model glider pilots on the planet at the F5J World Championships in Argentina in March.

Andrew Meyer, Nick Chabrel and Beth Loveday – competing in the women's category – are representing the Milang model plane flying club and Australia at the championships in Cordoba with high hopes of doing well on the international stage.

Meyer, who placed third at the championships in Bulgaria two years ago, believes the Australian team of four will be up with the front runners.

"It is the world championships for what is called F5J, which is electric open thermal model gliding run by the FAI, which is the international body for air sports, and they look after both the full-scale air sports and model air sports," Mr Meyer said.

"They will have a pre-competition that anybody can fly in a couple of days before, and they generally use that as an opportunity to train all of the young time keepers that help out.

"Then they get into the main event on March 2, which will run through until the seventh, and then do the fly offs on the eighth.

"It will be tough – in Bulgaria there were about 130 participants in that, and the Europeans are typically very powerful.

"There will be a team from Germany, a team from the Czech Republic, and the reigning world champion at the moment is from France, and I believe he is going to be there, so it will be a tough event for sure."

However, the Australians will be at an advantage this year.

"It is the first time in probably 12 years that the world championships have been in the southern hemisphere," Mr Meyer said.

"Normally, it is in the northern hemisphere and they happen around the middle of the year like in June when it is summer there.

"Having it in the southern hemisphere has obviously changed the numbers a little bit.

"There are some teams from Europe that aren't coming because it is a big deal to get on a plane with your models and fly halfway around the world, so the numbers I expect will be a little bit down this year."

Flyers in the F5J category are given one task to fly.

"The way that the task works is the models have an electric motor on them to launch – we have a little timer and an altometer device in our planes – and what



Southern Soaring League's Andrew Meyer is expected to place well at the F5J World Championships in Argentina.

that does is it times a 30-second motor run from when you start the motor," Mr Meyer explained.

"During that 30 seconds you can drive the plane around to wherever you want and go as high as you want.

"But the higher you go, you get more of a deduction in your points, so the idea is that you stay very low and once your motor runs out you have another nine-and-a-half minutes, for a total of 10 minutes, to keep the model in the air.

"At the end of that 10 minutes you have to land and each pilot has their own landing spot, and the further away you are from that spot the lower the level of landing points that you get.

"So, there are three things that make up the score – one is the launch height, the second is the flight time, and the third thing is the distance from the landing spot."

Meyer said the three local flyers were using the Milang field for practice.

"We have some training games that we play," he said.

"One we call 'how low can you go?' and we all launch very low and try and get away

in a thermal, and once we have got away comfortably, everyone comes down and we all have a look to see who has won.

"Like any other sport or anything that you want to get good at, you go and practice the individual skills that make up the score basically.

"From a local perspective we are very fortunate to have such a great field to go and train at, (as) one of the other team members from Melbourne, he is probably a two-hour drive from his closest field that he can train at."

Meyer said the Australian competitors are a strong team and should do well in the team events.

"Last time in Bulgaria the weather was a bit unpredictable, and while two out of three got into the fly offs at the end, the third pilot had a bit of a disastrous comp," Meyer said.

"I think we have a better than average chance this year, plus we are coming from summer so we are in the middle of the season, whereas the Europeans are having to come out of hibernation, so I think we are well placed this year to do pretty well."

Truck roll-over at Langhorne Creek

A truck driver and his passenger escaped major injuries after a heavy vehicle rolled at Langhorne Creek last Thursday.

At around 1.10pm on January 23, Langhorne Creek, Strathalbyn and Woodchester Country Fire Service (CFS), Strathalbyn State Emergency Service (SES) and SA Ambulance Service (SAAS) and SA Police (SAPOL) were called to Langhorne Creek road where, upon arrival, they found a cement truck had rolled onto its side and ended up in someone's front yard.

All occupants were out of the truck with minor scrapes and bruising.

Responders ensured the vehicle was safe by disconnecting the battery and running out hose lines in case anything hot caught alight.

Other members also conducted traffic management.

Crews worked for a couple of hours before leaving the truck in the care of SAPOL.

The truck driver and passenger thank all those involved for assisting them.



A truck rolled at Langhorne Creek, last Thursday, ending up on its side. Photo: CFS. INSET: Emergency services responding to the crash. Photo: Tara Nash

Truck tips at Goolwa

By Giorgina McKay

A truck driver was taken to hospital after his truck rolled at Hindmarsh Island last Thursday.

Just after 9.30am on January 23, police and other emergency services were called to Princess Royal Parade after a rubbish truck lost control and tipped over.

The driver, a 37-year-old Tennyson man, was taken to hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

Police are investigating and urge anyone who may have witnessed the incident to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or report online at (www.crimestopperssa.com.au).

Drivers warned ahead of the new school year

Motorists are warned to prepare for busy roads and be wary of school zones this week as thousands of students return to class for a new school year.

School zones will be in operation again to ensure safety is prioritised for the state's most vulnerable road users as they make their way to and from campus.

Crash data shows 40 per cent of injury crashes involving pedestrians and cyclists under the age of 16 occur during school pick-up and drop-off hours between 8-9am and 3-4pm, highlighting the risks that come with increased traffic at these times.

Drivers are reminded that a 25km/h speed limit applies within school zones when children are present, at children's (koala) crossings when the lights are flashing, and when passing a school bus that has stopped to pick up or drop off children.

RAA Senior Manager Road Safety Charles

Mountain also urged drivers to brush up on the different types of pedestrian crossings – emu, koala, wombat and zebra crossings – so they could adhere to the relevant road rules.

"The start of the school year is generally the time that traffic levels start to return to normal," he said.

"For the most part, the peak hours flow a bit better in December and January due to school holidays and the higher number of workers taking leave for holidays, so returning to normal traffic numbers when school returns can come as a surprise.

"It's also an exciting time for students and their families as they begin with a new class or perhaps are starting school for the first time.

"All road users are reminded to take care around our roads, especially at school zones where lots of young children will be present."

Rider succumbs to injuries

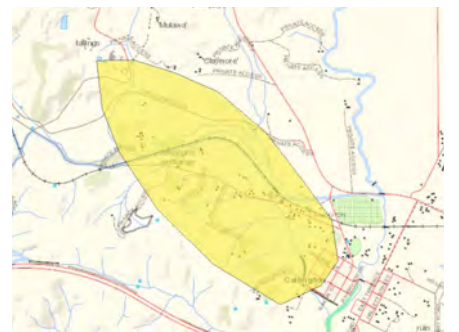
A local man sadly died last Wednesday after sustaining injuries in a crash at Strathalbyn earlier this month.

At about 10.40am on January 5, emergency services were called to the intersection of Callington Road and East Terrace after a rider came off his push bike and crashed onto the road.

The rider, a 67-year-old local man, was airlifted to hospital in a critical condition.

On January 22, the man sadly died from his injuries.

The man's death was the seventh life lost on South Australian roads so far this year.



Smoke warnings were issued throughout the day for a fire at Kanmantoo on Monday.

Fire burns through mulch at Kanmantoo

A small grass/mulch fire burnt through one hectare of mulch at Kanmantoo on Monday.

At around 11am, the grass/mulch fire burnt through one hectare across five mulch piles three kilometres north-west of Callington.

Multiple Country Fire Service crews responded and were rotated throughout the day to monitor and extinguish the fire, with aircraft also attending to support firefighters on the ground.

The fire was contained and the site handed back to the property owner around 9pm that night.

Smoke warnings were issued throughout the day.



Multiple crews containing a large grass fire at Highland Valley on Saturday.

Grass fire spreads at Highland Valley

A large grass fire broke out at Highland Valley on Saturday.

At around 1.30pm, multiple Country Fire Service crews from Strathalbyn, Langhorne Creek, Woodchester and Macclesfield were called to Wellington Road when a grass fire broke out.

Access was challenging, and air bombers made 10 drops to take the sting out of the fire before firefighters arrived on scene.

Crews then thoroughly blacked out the area to avoid flare ups ahead of the expected hot weather on Sunday and Monday.

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A Complete Unknown

RATING



I can't remember the exact date I saw Bob Dylan perform in Adelaide, but I certainly remember the highs and lows of the concert, and turning down the post-performance invitation to the after party and the chance to meet the legend, instead spending the evening with my drummer friend Ray going through favourite record after favourite record.

Many followers of Dylan would be familiar with the storyline of *A Complete Unknown* and the territory it covers – his rise in the folk scene of Greenwich Village aided by his friendship with the fatherly political activist/musician Pete Seeger, his complicated relationship with folk icon Joan Baez, and his eventual 'betrayal' of unplugged music when he plugged in an electric guitar and, together with his band, turned the 1965 Newport Folk Festival into... well, you will have to watch the film yourself.

Timothee Chalamet stars in this film as Dylan, and delivers a performance worthy of the many award nominations he received for it.

Thanks to COVID delays, Chalamet was able to spend five years learning how to play guitar and sing like the scruffy lyrical poet Dylan, giving new life to the legend's socially conscious songwriting.

While Chalamet is undoubtedly the central figure in *A Complete Unknown*, some strong, charismatic, and indeed inspiring performances are also given by Edward Norton as Pete Seeger, Elle Fanning as Sylvie Russo (reportedly based on Dylan's then-girlfriend Suze Rotolo), Monica Barbaro as Joan Baez, and Scoot McNairy as activist and musician Woody Guthrie in his fading years, crippled by Huntington Disease.

For those watching the film just for the music I can reveal you are in for a treat, with groundbreaking Dylan songs such as *Like a Rolling Stone*, *It Ain't Me Babe*, *A Hard Rain's Gonna Fall*, *Mr Tambourine Man*, and *The Times They Are a Changing* all featured.

For Dylan fans *A Complete Unknown* is indeed a success, with room for similar biopics covering his later years well and truly open, and that we can hopefully look forward to.

For me I am just going to dig out my Joan Baez biography, and track down my copy of *Bob Dylan: Lyrics 1962-1985* so I can relive some of the most powerful songlines of living memory.



Strathalbyn Auto Collectors Club member Ian Elliott, of Strathalbyn, with his 1970 Ford Capri V6 GT. Club President Kate Knight warns people to be wary of their vehicle's safety. Photo: Deirdre Graham

Vigilance warning for classic vehicle owners



By Deirdre Graham

A local member of the Strathalbyn Auto Collectors Club is warning classic vehicle owners to make sure they have security plans in place.

Club President Kate Knight said the value of many classic vehicles has made them a target of thieves.

"A lot of our membership are getting elderly and some of them have got it in their head that if they leave the keys in the ignition, but lock the door, their classic car is safe, but it is far from the truth," she said. "There are more and more people coming into Strath now, and people have to realise that security is a big thing, especially with classics that are worth a lot of money."

"I had a gentleman two years ago (who) had his car down the back behind his house in a shed and locked, but he woke to a noise, and he thought 'what is that?'"

"He sat there and thought 'that doesn't sound right', and as he walked out the back door, his classic car was being pushed down the driveway."

"His car was behind his house and yet they knew what they wanted, (and) to go behind someone's house to open a shed... there are people out there that are desperate."

Ms Knight said classic vehicles were frequently targeted.

"You see those posts – 'look out for this one, it has been stolen,'" she said.

"Thank goodness we haven't had anybody here that I have heard of in Strathalbyn that

has had one stolen, but we have heard of them in the Adelaide City or the northern suburbs where classics have been stolen, and it is not good.

"People work hard and they buy these things, and to see it stolen it must break their heart – I know I would be brokenhearted if mine got stolen."

"A lot of people have that emotional connection to their cars."

While Ms Knight failed to have heard about any Strathalbyn classic vehicles being stolen so far, damage such as 'keying' had happened, including at the Strathalbyn Show where people were trying to remove emblems and scratching the cars.

"It costs so much to have to repair them," she said.

"With a modern car you can just go and say 'I need a bumper bar to fit a 2000 Hyundai', for example, but our cars are sometimes 50 years old, maybe more, and you can't buy parts, so it is hard."

"People don't understand the value, and they think it is funny for their little kids to run up and down it with ice cream on their hands or to climb on the car and have a photo taken."

"They just think 'oh, it is a car and it looks nice' or 'my grandma used to drive one of them'."

"A lot of people don't ask, but if a mum or dad said to me, 'do you mind if I have my photo taken with your car?', I would probably say 'that is okay, just let them lean gently against it'."

"But people don't, they just lean up against them in jeans on, and it all scratches and you can't get paint just to fix a little chip or something, it takes a lot."

Our View

Thursday, January 30, 2025

Setting goals

Setting goals is one thing Superintendent Dave Scutchings APM knows all about.

The veteran policeman of more than 30 years was set 50 weeks of 50 challenges in the lead up to his 50th birthday.

Each week he attempted to do something special, memorable, challenging and inspiring.

One suggestion was for him to undertake 50 loops in a glider.

It was a suggestion put on the back burner, but on Sunday (Australia Day), he and his son Max set a world record of 45 loops – just five shy of their goal, but a world record nonetheless.

Superintendent Scutchings also used the event – witnessed by only a handful of people for safety reasons – to raise awareness and money for SA Police Legacy – an organisation that supports the families of police officers that are either killed or seriously injured on duty.

Superintendent Scutchings was the pilot, and Max's role was to make sure they didn't stray out of airspace, and to use a counter to count the loops and keep an eye out to make sure the duo didn't go below the safe altitude they had determined.

It was an opportunity for some father/son bonding, and an event they hope will inspire young people to set goals, particularly in aviation.

Superintendent Scutchings said a lot of training and planning went into the flight.

Preparation was months in advance, helping things to go smoothly on the day.

The successful mission has also helped boost the profile of gliding – of which the duo are thankful.

The duo has so far raised about \$15,000 for Police Legacy.

While they are now just taking in the enormity of their feat – which needs to be verified by Guinness World Records in about three months time – they haven't ruled out another crack at the 50 loops.

That's what can be done when you set goals.

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The know in the FLEURIEU ...

What do like about the Tour Down Under?

Brian Lock, Strathalbyn



"I like the carnival atmosphere of the whole event."

Jo Noye, Mount Barker



"It's good having a big community event (and children's activities) – that's what we came for... Just seeing everyone come together."

Josephine Simon, Ascot Park



"I like the cycling and the Europe one too. I've always been interested in it. It's good for (South Australia)."

Tilly Price, Hahndorf



"The streamers, everyone celebrating, and everyone learning to ride their bikes."

Faces & Places



Violet Blackwell, Sammi Stratton, and Scarlett Blackwell, watching the tractor pull last Sunday. Photos: Deirdre Graham



Community Living Australia's Neisha Hensteridge, Jaz Wright, Sam Trabilisic and Rani Kulinski cooking the barbecue at the Macclesfield 'live site' for the Tour Down Under last Thursday. Photos: Tara Nash



Oscar Wray, Damian Rowe and Nate Bird enjoying the Macclesfield Tour Down Under celebrations last Thursday.



Milang Vintage Machinery Club members Richard Fidock and Cliff Mayes used several chainsaws to demonstrate cutting wood at Milang's Yesterday's Power Rally last Sunday.



Brenton and Kay Sando, and Ed Cottam, from the Riverland Vintage and Classic Car Club, journeyed to Milang for the 28th Yesterday's Power Rally on January 19.



Ingrid and Steven Berkin, of Ingrid's Lavender Cottage at Pinnaroo, recently journeyed to Strathalbyn to display their wares at the town's market.



Tea Tree Gully's Flik, Marli, Chanel and Katrina Long ready to see the bikes on January 23.



Shirley Tonkin, of Adelaide, with her 1962 S Series Valiant and grandson Jenson's trike at Yesterday's Power Rally on January 19.

Monarto Safari Resort – which will open its doors to the public in May – will be managed and operated by Journey Beyond.



Operator named for Monarto Safari Resort

The much anticipated multi-million-dollar Monarto Safari Resort – which will open its doors to the public in May – will be managed and operated by leading experiential tourism group, Journey Beyond.

The resort features 78 hotel guest rooms and 20 luxury tents in the safari lodge, a world-class spa, two swimming pools, and conference, function and restaurant spaces.

Visitors will also be able to enjoy unique and private tours through Wild Africa such as premium safari tours, bespoke

experiences onboard custom-made safari vehicles, and sundowner drinks and canapes while overlooking the free roaming animals.

The best part is that with every stay at the hotel, a portion of the room rate will be donated to Monarto Safari Park's conservation programs.

Bookings and packages for the resort will be available from February 3.

"Journey Beyond and Monarto Safari Resort are the perfect pairing, and I know the leading experiential tourism group will be dedicated to upholding and

showcasing the important work of Zoos SA as part of this partnership," Tourism Minister, Zoe Bettison, said.

"There is no doubt the multi-million-dollar development will be a jewel in South Australia's tourism crown, offering unique accommodation and experiences for a range of travellers in Murray River, Lakes, & Coorong.

"I look forward to seeing the bookings come in from February for this world-class offering, which will be enhanced by the knowledge and globally revered reputation of Journey Beyond."

Debate makes state headlines

By Tara Nash

A debate about Mount Barker ratepayers funding a Survival Day event made state headlines in metro media last week.

As reported in *The Southern Argus* last week, Mount Barker councillor Rebecca Hewett raised concerns during the meeting about funding \$5000 towards a Survival Day event held on January 26.

Ms Hewett – who is One Nation's candidate for Mayo in the upcoming Federal Election – conducted a poll on social media, which she said showed the majority were against it.

Mayor David Leach interrupted and rejected some of her claims.

"I got totally silenced – it wasn't just me, the community got silenced because I was speaking for the community," she said on 5AA.

"When they didn't want to hear from me, they were saying they didn't want to hear from the community, basically, because I'm their voice in the chamber."

Mayor Leach believed her poll failed to represent the views of all residents in the district, with research finding the community is "strongly supportive" of council being inclusive and acknowledging diversity.

"I have an obligation as Mayor of the council that no harm comes to anybody by the words and actions of other people," he said on 5AA.

"I know they have resulted in harm because Aboriginal people who are my friends and people that I meet on the street say to me that they are harmed by those words, that's why it's my... (responsibility) to ensure that people are not hurt by other peoples' words."

Entertainment

Swamp



Pic Puzzle



Sudoku

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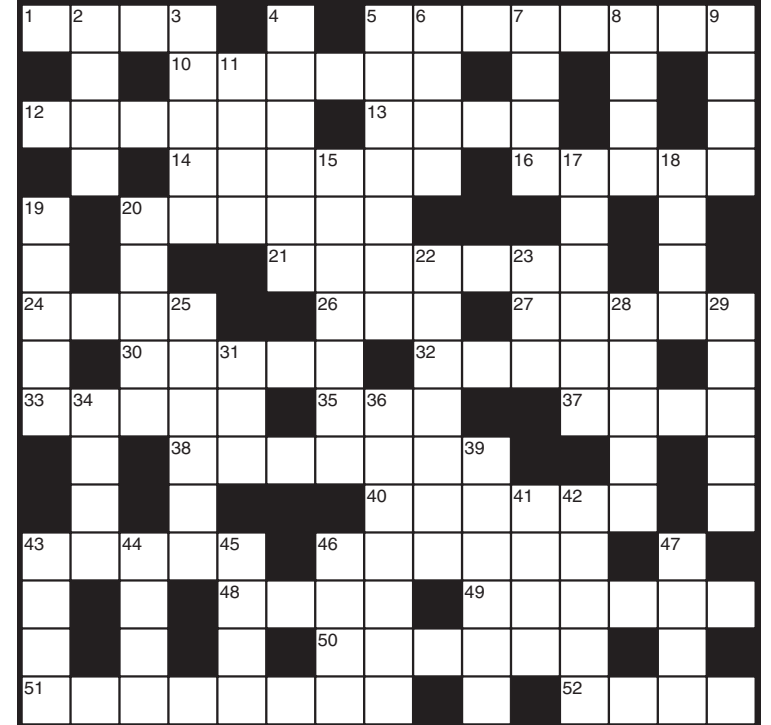
Solutions

PICTURE PUZZLE: Go down the right-hand side of the tree

WEEKLY CROSSWORD

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Weekly Crossword



- ACROSS**
- 1 Prejudice
 - 5 Waterfall
 - 10 Dark brownish red
 - 12 Administration
 - 13 Wander
 - 14 Instructive example
 - 16 Metal
 - 20 Of Lent
 - 21 Including everything
 - 24 Heavy substance
 - 26 Greek letter
 - 27 Select group
 - 30 Cut off
 - 32 Satisfied fully
 - 33 Sports' enclosure
 - 35 Curve
 - 37 Fissure
 - 38 Morally impure
 - 40 Heavenly body
 - 43 Pale yellow
 - 46 Large placard
- DOWN**
- 2 Article
 - 3 Show amusement
 - 4 Quickly (mus)
 - 5 Small crown
 - 6 Soon
 - 7 Weapons
 - 8 Qualified
 - 9 Work hard
 - 11 Prayer ending
 - 15 Sunday
 - 17 Bank employee
 - 18 Direction
 - 19 Mediterranean island state
 - 20 Letting agreement
 - 22 Scoundrels
 - 23 Permit
 - 25 Make bare
 - 28 Foolish person
 - 29 Additional
 - 31 Forefront
 - 34 20 quires
 - 36 Rests
 - 39 Talk much about little
 - 41 Require
 - 42 Did wrong
 - 44 Employer
 - 45 Eternal city
 - 46 Saucy
 - 47 Satellite



Brian Lock, of Strathalbyn, and Josephine Simon, of Ascot Park, saving a good spot to watch the action. LEFT INSET: Two cyclists taking the lead when passing through Macclesfield on January 23. ABOVE INSET: Madison Hurford ready to try the Macclesfield CFS hose. Photos: Tara Nash

Tour Down Under races through the Hills

Hundreds of locals and visitors lined Macclesfield streets and celebrated the Tour Down Under passing through the town.

For Thursday's Men's Stage 3 cyclists started at Norwood, and travelled through the local region of Echunga, Meadows, Macclesfield, Flaxley and Hahndorf, and finished at Uraidla.

The route was anything but cruisy, with two big climbs and tight turns.

Results were:

- First: Javier Romo Oliver, three hours 46:01.

- Second: Jhonatan Manuel Narvaez Prado, +0.05.

- Third: Finn Fisher-Black, +0.05.

At Davenport Square at Macclesfield, a large screen allowed fans to follow the action live.

The fun included a barbecue, bike workshops, and craft activities.



Macclesfield family Lucy, Jess, Callum and Ben Radloff catching up with Todd and Emmy Micke, of Meadows.



Jo, Tanner and Mitchell Noye, of Mount Barker, enjoying the children's activities.



Strathalbyn's Mike Jackson and Sharyn Elliot enjoying the day.



Charlie and Mel Carolan ready at the side lines.



(Back) James Combey, Liam Worden, (front) Emma Combes, and Adeline and Lola Worden watching the race from the live screen. Photo: Giorgina McKay



Macclesfield's Jessie Ryan and Strathalbyn's Elliot Daniels at the Tour Down Under event last Thursday.

Macclesfield's Michael Pinchbeck riding with his two skeletal friends.



The cyclists come barrelling down Todd Street before taking a sharp left onto Venables Street. Photo: Giorgina McKay



Macclesfield Australia Day awardees John 'Neil' Wright, Bev and Clyde Slack, and Nat Lemar with their Australia Day Certificates of Achievements. INSET: Dave Schulz and Sam Fahey, from Macclesfield, ventured down to Davenport Square in Macclesfield for the town's Australia Day breakfast. Photos: Deirdre Graham

Four of Macclesfield's best honoured with awards



By Deirdre Graham

Four Macclesfield RSL Sub-Branch members were honoured with Certificates of Achievements at Sunday's Australia Day event in the town.

John 'Neil' Wright, Nat Lemar, and joint nominees Bev and Clyde Slack were all bestowed the honour, accepting both a certificate and Australia Day medallions.

Macclesfield RSL Sub-Branch President Dennis Oldenhove revealed the four's contributions, beginning with Mr Wright, who admitted the award was a complete surprise.

"For much of the last decade since joining the Sub-Branch in 2014, Neil has been working in the background helping to maintain the Anzac Memorial Gardens," Mr Oldenhove said.

"He has devoted many hundreds of hours – most of it unseen to the members and the public – and now approaching 90 years of age, this tasking is even more remarkable.

"His contribution to the maintenance of this garden – probably the most visited community town attraction – has been tireless, and provided the local population with an outstanding example of selfless contribution to the betterment of the community."

Mr Wright has also been Vice-President of the Sub-Branch for the past four years, and in 2022 was awarded the RSL of Australia National Executive Service Award.

Mr and Mrs Slack were likewise unsuspecting of the award, saying it "certainly was a surprise."

"It is lovely, very humbling, and it is wonderful really," Mrs Slack said.

"But we don't do it for that, we do it because we love it."

Macclesfield is Mr Slack's home town, and he loves continuing to "give back" after 77 years.

Mr Oldenhove said the couple had contributed an "enormous" amount of time and effort into the social side of the Sub-Branch.

"Since their involvement, membership



Letoiya, aged 10, Mia, aged 12, Chris and Kerry Pinchbeck, of Macclesfield, enjoying breakfast at Macclesfield's Australia Day event, along with 'Bingo'.

of our Sub-Branch has increased by more than 400 per cent, as the Sub-Branch strives to offer its existing membership within our charter meaningful activities and to further entice those potential local members into the RSL," he said.

Mrs Slack was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation by the RSL in 2014 and Affiliate of the Year in 2016.

In 2022 she was named the Mount Barker Local Citizen of the Year, and in 2023 awarded Life Affiliat Membership of the League.

She has been involved in the Macclesfield Community Association, along with the Macclesfield Primary School, Anglican Church of Macclesfield, Macclesfield Cricket Club, and Macclesfield Preschool.

Similar to his wife, Mr Slack's contribution has been exemplary.

He was elected Treasurer of the Sub-Branch two years after joining in 2004 – now knocking up 21 years in the role.

"Clyde has instigated many of the fundraising activities since joining, including being the bar manager," Mr Oldenhove said.

"In recent years, he has also been a prominent member of the Anzac Memorial

Gardens team.

"He has featured on Local Government advertising, in which the role of the RSL and in particular the Macclesfield Sub-Branch was detailed."

Mr Slack's contribution to Macclesfield has also included work with the town's Anglican Church (acting as cemetery curator), Macclesfield Community Association, Macclesfield Cricket Club, and in the past the Hills Walking Club.

He was awarded Life Membership of the RSL of Australia in 2019.

Fellow awardee Nat Lemar "had an inkling" something was afoot on Sunday morning, but the award was a surprise.

"It is lovely, but like the rest, we don't do it for this, we do it for all the other reasons," she said.

"I do a lot of research for the veterans, and the World Wars, just so they are remembered."

For the past 10 years since joining the Sub-Branch, Mrs Lemar has worked in the background, helping with grant applications and more recently compiling data for a book to be titled *Macclesfield – a District of Service*.



Clive Young and Robert McNamara, of Macclesfield, at the town's Australia Day celebrations on the weekend.

"It will detail all the local men and women who have answered the call to serve in uniform since the mid-1850s," Mr Oldenhove said.

"The original estimate of 250 has now grown to over 750 names.

"Over the past three years, Nat has spent over 4000 hours devoted to the research of this project, with many thousands more expected before the end.

"She has now also begun to help The Headstone Project SA and the Virtual War Memorial, as the data gained is mutually useful to these other groups."

Mrs Lemar is in her second year as Secretary of the Macclesfield RSL Sub-Branch, and has also been Secretary of the Strathalbyn Netball Club, the Macclesfield Netball and Tennis Clubs, as well as historian, grants officer and volunteer to both those clubs and others in Macclesfield.

At the town's Australia Day ceremony, Mr Oldenhove paid tribute to all the volunteer groups in Macclesfield.

"I think it is important for every community to get together on Australia Day and acknowledge what a great place we live in," he said.

"We have lots of volunteer groups in Macclesfield, probably more per capita than most local communities, (but) I think it is important to recognise our most important group of volunteers, our CFS, because they save lives, protect people and property, and give up their time to do that."



Alexandrina Council's Australia Day award Strathalbyn and Surrounds recipients Trevor McLean, Natasha Osmond, John and Bernadette Chaplin, Roger Miller and Jessica Chandler with their awards. Photos: Giorgina McKay

Alexandrina celebrates community's achievements

By Giorgina McKay

Alexandrina's Strathalbyn and Goolwa communities came together on Sunday to acknowledge the achievements and contributions of its local residents, and to reflected on the nation's shared history, both its highs and lows.

Alexandrina Council held its Australia Day ceremonies at Strathalbyn's Soldiers Memorial Garden and Goolwa's Centenary Hall, which recognises the contributions from members of the community, and celebrate "how wonderful it is to live in this beautiful country".

This was the message Alexandrina Mayor Keith Parkes emphasised in his Australia Day speech.

"There's a controversial thing about Australia Day, but what today, as far as I'm concerned, is all about is celebrating this beautiful country in which we're all so lucky to live and the freedom and benefits we get from it – that's really what it's all about," he said.

"It's a time where we can stop and acknowledge the achievements and contributions of all people, and reflect on our shared history, and the highs and lows.

"We do live in an amazing country, and we really should celebrate just how lucky we are to live in it.

"We have the freedom to embrace opportunity, choice and security, and these freedoms come with great responsibility for which are never taken for granted."

The day is also a time to welcome the country's newest citizens.

At the Goolwa ceremony, Saifon

Bishop, Nadtapong Palapho, Abhishek Dhungel, Rejina Lamichhane, Aleksander Ignatovich, Barabara Lloyd, Nicolaas, Micaela and Yolanda Pool, Gordon Robson and Quezia Wynn were welcomed to the community by Mayor Parkes and Deputy Mayor Peter Oliver.

"Being an Australian has changed over time, but the contribution that new Australian citizens make to our nation continues to make a difference in the way we work together to build a cohesive and prosperous Australia," Mayor Parkes said.

"If you go back 60-70 years, I don't think we had pizza, Chinese restaurants, and all those lovely things we really enjoy that mixed cultures have brought into our community and changed the way we live, and made it a bit more diverse and interesting."

Member for Finnis David Basham, who attended the Goolwa ceremony, similarly recognised the changes within the community, and congratulated both the new citizens and award recipients.

"It's a wonderful day, and I was only reflecting yesterday when I happened to turn on the TV on and *Storm Boy* came up," he said.

"Many may not know but *Storm Boy* was filmed locally and I was an extra.

"It's 50 years ago next year that *Storm Boy* was released and it's a great snapshot of what our community looked like.

"Community is such an important thing, and people that do volunteer work in particular do a wonderful thing for our community.

"It's very much an important part of how this community functions."



(Back) Alexandrina Mayor Keith Parkes welcomes the community's new citizens Quezia Wynn, Gordon Robson, Nicolaas, Yolanda and Micaela Pool, (front) Saifon Bishop, Nadtapong Palapho, Rejina Lamichhane, Abhishek Dhungel, Aleksander Ignatovich and Barabara Lloyd.



Naomi and Adelaide Tregilgas enjoying the sunshine at the gardens on Sunday.



Strathalbyn and Surrounds Young Citizen of the Year Award recipient Natasha Osmond was supported by India Carnell.

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Amelia, Tricia, Tessa and David Skewes celebrating Tricia's award at Goolwa.



John and Jane Evans getting into the Australia Day festivities.



Ashleigh Norton, Sue Miller, Rebecca, Morgan, Billie and Shaun Peterson, Mark Chandler, Bob Simounds, Jenny Chandler, Jorja Icing, Olivia Snell, Louise Rother, Beck Burgess and Amy Springhall came to celebrate Jessica Chandler's (centre) major achievement.



Wendy Norris, Jane and Michael Simpson, and Kate Odermatt came to congratulate Duncan Norris (second from right) on receiving the Goolwa and Surrounds Mayor's Community Service Award.

Mark and Jen Watts, Rob Rabone, Keith and Tricia Dommenz, and Lynne and Kim Rundle accepting the Goolwa and Surrounds Community Event of the Year Award on behalf of the Middle and Foreshore Town Association.



Lisa Crawford, Richard Fidock, Carlene Braendler, Gerri, Lee-Ann Fidock and Neville Braendler celebrating Roger Miller's (centre) award.



Tony and Rose Higson at council's awards ceremony.



David Reynolds (centre) accepts the Citizen of the Year Award from Deputy Mayor Peter Oliver (left) and Mayor Keith Parkes.



Trevor McLean celebrates his Citizen of the Year Award with wife Jenny.

Top citizen of the year



By Tara Nash

A passionate volunteer and community leader has received Mount Barker District Council's Citizen of the Year.

Margaret Vincent has made a profound impact on the Nairne and Mount Barker regions, volunteering in a range of roles that benefit the community, starting 15 years ago when she moved to the Hills to meet new people.

"Honestly, volunteering is addictive – once you start, you can't stop," she told *The Southern Argus* after last Sunday's ceremony. "(I love) meeting people, helping people, and being part of the community."

"Volunteering is just amazing and I've met some fabulous people."

Ms Vincent devotes two days a week volunteering at St Vincent de Paul in Mount Barker and is an active Meals on Wheels deliverer.

She also plays a key role in the production and distribution of the *Nairne News*, ensuring the local community stays informed.

As a committed member of several local organisations, Ms Vincent contributes significantly to Nairne's Soldiers Memorial Hall, where she organises the Nifty Fifties – a social and friendship group for older citizens that meets fortnightly.

Her commitment to the Nifty Fifties

group helps retired citizens stay active and engaged, bringing a sense of belonging and joy in the community.

She is also a committee member and working participant of the Nairne and Districts Residents Association, helping to co-ordinate important community events, including the much-loved Nairne Christmas Carols.

Ms Vincent was recognised for making an "extraordinary" effort for the event – co-ordinating with council, liaising with donors, and arranging more than 400 gift bags for children attending the event.

She even fills, stamps, and cuts out the pictures that adorn the bags, personally distributing them to excited children on the day.

Other community services include with the local Resilience Group, which prepares for emergencies such as bushfires.

Whether running quiz nights, assisting with historical group projects, or planning various local events, Ms Vincent was recognised for improving the lives of those around her.

During Sunday's ceremony, two High Commended Citizen awards were also given out.

One was given to Ben Herbig – the Mount Barker Christmas Pageant President, who is also active in the local sporting community – and Trish Eleftheriou, who has been an active volunteer for the Mount Barker Community Library for more than seven years.



Margaret Vincent received Mount Barker District Council's Citizen of the Year. Photo: Tara Nash

Young citizen makes dedicated efforts towards the community

By Tara Nash

With a strong dedication to volunteering and an active involvement in community initiatives, Deanna Wallis was awarded Young Citizen of the Year by Mount Barker District Council during Sunday's Australia Day ceremony.

Deanna Wallis is the great-granddaughter of Hughie Mackenzie Wallis, the founder of Wallis Cinemas.

The award recognised her "dedication and tireless work" to improve the quality of life for residents within the community.

"I feel extraordinarily humbled – it was an honour to be nominated and not something that I expected – I am very, very grateful," she told *The Southern Argus*.

"I have been through a lot in my lifetime and been so deeply connected to the community through this business – serving the community is something we are extraordinarily passionate about, so it's a great honour."

Ms Wallis has led and contributed to a variety of local projects, including spearheading an annual charity fundraiser, and conducting educational workshops on environmental conservation.

Her commitment to wellbeing is evident in her organisation of the Embrace Kids excursion at Wallis Cinemas, a school event designed to celebrate body diversity, promote positive body image, and address mental and emotional health by combating negative media messaging.

As a champion for community wellbeing, Ms Wallis transformed the cinema complex into 'Noah's Ark' during the Cudlee Creek and Cherry Gardens fires, opening the doors to shelter both people and their animals.

A standout advocate for change in South Australia, Ms Wallis is also a fierce voice for those with endometriosis, having battled the condition since she was 16-years-old.

She remains deeply committed to raising awareness about the condition, advocating for better support and sharing her journey to inspire others.



Deanna Wallis was awarded Young Citizen of the Year by Mount Barker District Council. Photo: Tara Nash

A jolly win for popular Christmas pageant

By Tara Nash

Mount Barker District Council granted two recipients of Community Event of the Year award, with one being the much-loved Mount Barker Christmas Pageant, the second largest of its kind in South Australia.

The event has been a beloved tradition for the past 43 years, bringing together the community in a joyful celebration for the Christmas season.

Last year, the pageant featured 88 floats and involved the most participants on record, 1700, creating a vibrant and festive atmosphere.

Last month's event also topped the highest number of costumes they loaned out.

With schools, community groups, and businesses decorating floats, and local sporting clubs, bands, and dancers entertaining the crowd along the route, the event spreads joy from the oval to the main street of Mount Barker.

The pageant is a wonderful demonstration of community spirit, where children and adults alike come together to share in the fun and festive cheer.

President Ben Herbig felt "extremely honoured" to accept the accolade.

"(The pageant) brings everyone together, it is a joyful sort of event – everyone is happy, there are no tears, and that's pretty hard to find these days," he told *The Southern Argus*.

"On that day, in that moment, everyone's happy.

"There are very minimal complaints on the day, that's why I love it – it's very enjoyable.

"We don't do it for the awards but it does feel good to be honoured."

Mr Herbig was also named a Highly Commended Citizen, partially for his involvement in the pageant.



Mount Barker Pageant President Ben Herbig, and committee members Maria Lezuo, Greg Menei, Phil Barnett and Rachael Byrne excited to receive Event of the Year. Photo: Tara Nash

Brukungga volunteers take home two awards

By Tara Nash

The Brukungga Community Association – a team of volunteers who bring the community together by celebrating its rich history and preserving heritage – received two mentions during Mount Barker District Council's Australia Day ceremony.

One was being a joint recipient for Community Event of the Year for Celebrating 70 Years of Brukungga, and the other was for its volunteer, Dianna Stasiuk, who received Award for Active Citizenship.

Celebrating 70 Years of Brukungga - Place of Firestone event is an example of the association's dedication to fostering a sense of unity and pride among residents.

Welcoming more than 200 current and former residents, the event offered a unique opportunity to reflect on and honour Brukungga's past.

With extensive research and careful preservation of historical records, the association brought the town's stories to life, strengthening community bonds while safeguarding its heritage.

"It's a great place to live, it's a community worth fighting for and we are just so united and out there helping each other," volunteer, Heidi Sowerby, said.

The organiser of the event was Ms Stasiuk, who also received Award for Active Citizenship.

She has been a driving force behind the association and the wider community, working tirelessly to lead a series of initiatives that have significantly improved



Brukungga Community Association members: Dianna Stasiuk, Heidi Sowerby, Joy Watkins and Adam Yeager, accepting the Community Event of the Year award. Dianna also won Active Citizenship. Photo: Tara Nash

the town.

She has lived in the town for six years and described it as a "beautiful place", with the volunteers aiming to bring the

community back to its heyday of the '50s to '70s.

Beyond preserving Brukungga's past, Ms Stasiuk has been a steadfast advocate for

the community's present and future.

She played a pivotal role in organising a telecommunications forum that brought together government representatives and service providers to address the need for improved digital connectivity.

Her leadership was instrumental in the approval of the Mount Barker District Council Digital Connectivity Plan, which will bring much-needed service improvements to Brukungga and surrounding areas.

In addition to her advocacy work, Ms Stasiuk's hands-on contributions to community projects have further enriched Brukungga.

She is an active member of the Brukungga Community Garden Sub-Committee and a regular participant in the weekly gardening group.

Ms Stasiuk's artistic talents have also shone through her involvement in the Skateboard Art Murals at the Brukungga Playground.

These colourful, community-driven artworks have transformed the area into a lively and inspiring space for residents and visitors alike.

Her contributions extend beyond Brukungga, as she represents the town through her involvement with the Nairne Districts Residents Association and supports neighbouring organisations by volunteering at events such as the Nairne Christmas Carols and local rodeos.



OAM honour for community-minded man

By Giorgina McKay

A lifetime of commitment to the communities of the Fleurieu and Barossa Valley has earned Murray Bridge resident Neil Wilkinson an Order of Australia Medal (OAM) this Australia Day.

The local, who now resides at Romani Residential Aged Care, was born in Berri, where he completed his education before studying at the Roseworthy Agricultural College, then undergoing his mandatory national service with the air force.

He spent five months in Melbourne before completing the rest of his service back home.

"Every South Australian boy had to do national service between 1951 and 1972," Mr Wilkinson explained.

"I decided to try for the air force and navy because they did five months straight, then you were on a reserve for five years, whereas you did the army, you had to go back in for two fortnightly trips each year.

"I was working with my father who was aged and he needed to be on the property all the time, so I got into the air force.

"I did my five months straight in Melbourne then came home.

"Since then, I joined the National Servicemen's Association on the Fleurieu and (have) been President for the last 20 years."

At the end of his service in July 1954, he went back to Berri to work, manage and eventually purchase the family fruit property.

There, he became the founding member of Berri APEX Club, Inaugural President of the Berri and Districts Car Club, and Berri War Memorial Community Centre committee member.

He also became the youngest councillor to be elected to the Berri District Council in 1957.

"I was elected a councillor in 1957 and I was the youngest councillor to ever be elected - I was only 24," Mr Wilkinson said.

"I was on that for five years but I had to resign because we were shifting to the Barossa."

He shifted to the Barossa to begin his career at Orlando Wines - formerly G Gramps & Sons.

"In 1963 I was concerned about what was happening in the horticultural industry and I wanted to find a job that I could augment my income from the property at Berri," Mr Wilkinson said.

"A friend of mine who went through Roseworthy with me said 'why don't you put in for this job at the Barossa Valley? It's a vineyard supervisor job with G Gramps & Sons'.

"I said 'I couldn't do that' and he said 'of course you could', and he sat with me up until about midnight on the day before Anzac Day in 1963 until I had written out the application, and gone and posted it.

"I was eventually appointed to the job and I said I couldn't do it because my parents were strict Methodist, and Methodist and wine don't go together.

"In the end... my wife forced me into it, and we took the job and went to live in Tanunda, where we lived for 27 years."

Mr Wilkinson served the company as Vineyard Supervisor from 1963 to 1970, Viticulture and General Service Manager in 1980, National Vineyards and Property Manager from 1970 to 1987, and Operation Director at Rowland Flat Vineyards from 1987 to 1990.

Orlando Wines dealt with 500 growers across Australia, and it was Mr Wilkinson's role to negotiate between them or the agents to get the grapes to the wineries.

During this time, he was also active in the local community.

He was a member of the Nuriootpa High School Council, District Governor of APEX Barossa, Committee Member and President of the Barossa Vintage Festival, and Tanunda Town Band Chair for seven years, and became a baron in 1986 for his work in the wine industry and community.

Mr Wilkinson and his wife Margaret 'retired' in 1990 in a two-storey home they built at Encounter Bay, with the former taking up casual work in an irrigation shop at Victor Harbor in summer, and the latter running a B&B for nine years.

Unfortunately, Margaret was diagnosed with cancer in 2002, and the couple decided to sell and move to a smaller home nearby.

This is how Mr Wilkinson started the now highly successful Fleurieu Cancer Support Foundation - his proudest achievement in life.

"When my wife got sick, we went to a course called 'Living with Cancer', and at the end of that course, the group of about a dozen of us said 'well there's no cancer support here in Victor, what are we going to do about it?'," he said.

"So, we formed a little committee, and didn't have any money and didn't know where we were going to have our meetings.

"We went to Dean Brown, who was in the parliament then as Deputy Premier, and he found \$3000 out of a slush fund for us.

"That was 22 years ago and that slush fund has an equity now of \$550,000.

"That's my proudest moment - to see that

Murray Bridge resident Neil Wilkinson has earned himself an Order of Australia Medal (OAM) for his dedication to the Fleurieu and Barossa communities. Photo: Giorgina McKay



go from nothing (to) they (now) run four cars to Adelaide daily, taking patients up for treatment, and they're talking about having to get a fifth car."

While on the Fleurieu, Mr Wilkinson was also a Dignitary and Person of Appointment at the 423 Victor Harbor Army Cadet Unit, Secretary of the Residents Committee at Bay Village Retirement Estate for six years, Bay Village Theatre Group Committee Member, and member of the Newland-Port Elliot Uniting Church and Probus Club Port Victor Combined.

His commitment to the community has culminated in an OAM.

Hearing he would receive the prestigious honour brought Mr Wilkinson to tears.

"It made me cry," he said.

"I was at a musical function here and I got this ring from Canberra to say I had been nominated for an award.

"It just overtook me.

"It's a very humbling effect to know someone has been prepared to look at my history and nominate me.

"It's recognition of the effort I've put in apart from work into the community."

Mr Wilkinson has enjoyed every opportunity spent giving back to local communities.

"I've made a commitment in my life to the communities," he said.

"I've always had a philosophy that I've gotten a lot out of working and I wanted to put things back.

"I made time for these things and enjoyed doing them - it was an enjoyable life."

Heat postpones Survival Day

A Survival Day event planned for Mount Barker on Sunday was postponed due to high heats.

Presented by Ruby Hunter Foundation, Peramangk Watta Survival Day was planned for Laratinga Pavilion, as a way to respectfully honour culture, connection and resilience through storytelling, song and dance.

The day aimed to remember and mourn the past while embracing healing in the present for a stronger united future.

"It is really unfortunate and the Ruby Hunter Foundation Inc apologises for any inconvenience, however we hope you will still be interested in attending our event on a suitable weather condition date for community," they posted on Facebook.

"Thank you for your understanding."

New event details are expected to be shared this week.

Meadows volunteer receives high honour

Volunteer and farmer Geoff Page received the honour of Meadows Citizen of the Year Award, presented by Meadows Memorial Hall and Community Association during the town's Australia Day breakfast on Sunday.

Dr Page has been a Meadows Community Association volunteer prior to 2009, and has held roles, including Chair and Deputy Chair.

He was also on the Meadows Hall Committee before it merged with the association, and is currently its Chair.

He has helped with cooking doughnuts, setting up Christmas lights and assisting at Anzac Day services.

The Gooseberry Hill Farm owner has been a Meadows Agricultural Bureau member since 1980, was regional representative for a decade, and is currently Chair.

Dr Page helps run the Adelaide Hills Farmers Market, has been on the board



Geoff Page receiving Meadows Citizen of the Year, presented by Member for Heysen Josh Teague. Photo: John Marsh

since inception, and has held the roles of Treasurer and Chair.

He also helps run the Adelaide Showgrounds Farmers Market, being on the board for about 16 years in three

separate terms, including as Secretary, Chair and currently Deputy Chair.

Dr Page also help set up and run the A W Howard Memorial Trust which was set up to acknowledge the discovery of Clover Park Mount Barker by Amos Howard near the site of the winery.

The trust supports travel grants for pasture researchers and provides funds for PhD students doing pasture research.

Dr Page has been on trust since 1993 and heads the sub-committee in recommending funding allocations.

Dr Page has also been a member of Echunga Primary School Council for the past four years, and was on the committee and an area representative for Meadows Rural Watch.

He brings extensive experience as a lecturer and researcher at University of South Australia, including his time as the University Ombudsman and having a Doctorate in International Business.



A lifetime of service lands Brian an OAM

Strathalbyn's Brian Knill has been awarded an OAM in this year's Australia Day honours list. Photo: Deirdre Graham

By Deirdre Graham

Strathalbyn's Brian Knill cannot remember a time in his 84 years that he hasn't had a passion for conservation and the environment.

It is this passion that has seen Mr Knill awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in this year's Australia Day honours list.

Mr Knill grew up in Blackwood – an area then surrounded by bushland – and it was scouting and its association with hiking that started his lengthy association with many conservation groups over the years.

"I just had a feeling that we really have got to look after all of it," he said.

"We have got to ensure that it is there, and now we need to make sure it is there for our kids, grandkids and great-grand kids."

Some of his pivotal roles have been with the Friends of Private Bushland which has seen the following contributions:

- Membership officer since 2018
- President 1997-2008
- Newsletter Editor 1995-1999
- Secretary 1995-1996
- Treasurer 1995-1996
- Life Member since 2022.

He has also been a member of Trees for Life SA, a volunteer with the Bush for Life program, a member since 1999 with Friends of Kenneth Stirling Conservation Park – where he was Vice-President for two years – a member of Friends of the Cleland Conservation Park, and a volunteer with Gluepot and Birds Australia.

So far his awards and recognitions have included Gold Membership of Trees for Life in 2019, 20 Years Service Award for the Kenneth Stirling Conservation Park in 2016, and a 10 Year Service Award with Friends of Private Bushland in 2012.

Mr Knill and his wife Pam have been married 60 years, and one of the first things they did as a couple was to join as many groups dedicated to the environment as possible.

While he has been associated with many groups it is his involvement with the Friends of Private Bushland of which he is most proud.

"What I wanted was people to understand that this group helps all those people that have native bushland on their private property, as there is probably as much, if not more, bushland on private property than there is on national parks," Mr Knill said.

"This is a group that is affiliated with the Friends of the Parks, but that is probably purely

for constitution and insurance situations.

"But it is the group that actually encourages and helps private people to learn and share with each other to look after their private bushland."

Along with their association with conservation groups, the Knills were proud to transform an 11-hectare property in the Adelaide Hills overlooking the Onkaparinga Valley near Balhannah over 20 years.

"It is a pristine bushland property now because we made it that way," Mr Knill said.

"We were able, over all those years, to get rid of all the invasive weeds and so on, and we did monitoring of all the small mammals so we could gauge whether what we were doing was an advantage.

"We found the satisfaction of seeing all the native bushland come back after clearing all the invasive weeds.

"It was just wonderful to watch, and then all the birds came back, so it was an amazing place to live."

Mr and Mrs Knill retired in Strathalbyn after 20 years on the property, and after Mr Knill undergoing a double heart bypass last year, have scaled back their involvement in various groups, but not completely.

"We have a favourite place up at Macclesfield that they have allowed us to (transform)," Mr Knill said.

"We have cleared really big areas, but then of course you have to keep going back because it takes years and years for the seedlings to emerge.

"So, I would like to think we will keep going back and just ensure that the areas we did are maintained."

Along with the traditional help Mr Knill gave conservation groups, he also developed a number of databases such as one that enabled PIRSA to record data on the rabbit calisi virus – data that has now gone global.

He also established the Mount Lofty Ranges Woodland Bird Survey and maintained it for about 20 years up until recently.

"There's a lot of time there," he said of his many contributions to conservation and the environment.

"The OAM was certainly a shock, and also I am very humbled of course and more to the point I didn't feel worthy.

"As you can imagine we don't do all these things to receive an award, we do it because, especially for me as far as conservation and the environment goes, it has always been an interest to me."



Hindmarsh Island retired architect and leader in the South Australian arts scene Stephen Grieve will receive an Order of Australia Medal. Photo: Tara Nash

Local architect presented OAM for 'constructing' community



By Tara Nash

A Hindmarsh Island retired architect and leader in the South Australian arts scene has been acknowledged with the honour of an Order of Australia Medal (OAM).

Stephen Grieve has worn many hats and been a strong influence over his diverse career, being an architect since 1978 and Founding Director of Grieve Gillett Architects in 1982.

He is a Life Fellow of Australian Institute of Architects, and is a member and former President of the South Australia Chapter of Australian Institute of Architects.

He was also a Professor at the University of Adelaide, and a Visiting Fellow at School of Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Urban Design.

"One of the most important things that architects do is talk about – to as many people as they can – is a. the environment, and b. the buildings in which we live, work and play," he said.

"They should deal with the climate that we're being presented with as best as they can and they should entertain and give joy to people.

"Architecture sits between science and the arts in a way, so we draw the best of both worlds if we can and bring them together in the middle frame."

In the arts, he has held leadership positions with Region Arts Australia, and is a Lifetime Honouree and architect of JamFactory.

Mr Grieve has also been on several arts boards, including the Adelaide Fringe, Creative Industries Associations Reference Group and Adelaide College for the Arts.

He also Chaired the Arts and Cultural Advisory Committee for Alexandrina Council for about eight years.

Mr Grieve is also involved in the Southern Fleurieu Film Society, which has a committee based in Goolwa but also screens films in Victor Harbor and Yankalilla.

Some of his previous accolades have included the Sir James Irwin President's Medal, in the South Australia Chapter, in the Australian Institute of Architects in 2019.

He described the arts as a "core" to society.

"It's essential to an intelligent and informed society – it's really essential that it's there and treasured," he said.

"Through the arts, we discuss important issues constantly, we understand the landscape and the environment, and the interrelations between people.

"It's exciting and it's joyful, and it's enriching for everything you do in the world."

Safety seminar for local pilots

The Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) is inviting pilots of all licence categories to attend an upcoming pilot safety seminar in Strathalbyn next week.

Each year, CASA's aviation safety advisors host free seminars across Australia to help pilots refresh their skills, enhance their knowledge, and improve flight safety.

Effective communication is essential to flight safety, particularly in non-controlled environments.

The Loud and Clear – Effective Communication seminar on Saturday, February 1, will focus on what makes for

clear communication and how to avoid misunderstandings in the air.

Topics covered in the seminar include the basics of human communication, aviation communication rules and procedures, real-life examples of how things can go wrong, techniques to improve communication, use of an AFRU (Aerodrome Frequency Response Unit), and real-life case studies.

The event will be staged on Saturday, from 1pm to 3pm at the Southern Districts Flying Club.

Bookings can be made online.

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Mount Barker Rotarians Roz Lawson, Penny Taylor, Wendy O'Brien, Mark Clemow, Ian Turner, and Joe Geue cooking a barbecue for the Australia Day celebrations held at Mount Barker's Wallis Cinemas. Photos: Tara Nash



Suzanne Opitz and 'Yogi', of Macclesfield, at the town's Australia Day celebrations on Sunday. Photo: Deirdre Graham



Nicolaas, Yolanda and Micaela Pool were proud to be named Australian citizens on Sunday in Goolwa. Photo: Giorgina McKay



Isla, Casey and Harrison Varnas – the centre being a mascot for Vegemite on Australia Day.



Sisters Alice and Lillian Beke visiting Macclesfield for the Australia Day breakfast. Photo: Deirdre Graham



Grace McPhail, Amelia Rainsford, Claire McPhail, and Charlotte Rainsford getting into Mount Barker's family fun day at Wallis Cinemas, which was moved indoors due to the hot weather.



Macclesfield Young at Heart Club members Janet Gunther, Cathy Megson-McAllister, Helen Randall received a Certificate of Appreciation from Mount Barker District Council for their epic Biggest Morning Tea fundraising event.



Jess Pierce from Circus Elements (centre) mingling with the crowds, pictured with Sawan, Sachin and Myra Sachdeva.



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Charming house in tranquil estate

Address: 24 Cobb and Co Court, Strathalbyn

Price Guide: \$550,000

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Ray White Strathalbyn | Murray Bridge is proud to present this three-bedroom, one-bathroom, 2012-built home situated on a spacious 500sqm allotment at 24 Cobb and Co Court, Strathalbyn.

Nestled in a quiet, well-established estate, this beautifully presented three-bedroom home offers the perfect blend of comfort and

convenience. Immaculately maintained and move-in ready, all that's left to do is pack your bags.

The home features three generously sized bedrooms, including a Master suite that overlooks the neatly landscaped front yard, enhanced by ample natural light and a built-in robe for optimal storage.

Bedrooms two and three are equally spacious, with bedroom two also featuring its own built-in robe.

As you make your way down the hall, you are welcomed into a bright and airy open-plan living area.

The spacious lounge provides the perfect place to unwind after a long day, while the well-appointed kitchen boasts ample cabinetry, a spacious breakfast bench to enjoy your morning coffee, and a walk-in pantry to accommodate all your culinary essentials.

Stepping outside, the covered verandah offers an ideal setting for entertaining guests, surrounded by lush green lawns and low-

maintenance gardens-allowing you to reclaim your weekends.

For added convenience, the property features a second driveway, perfect for storing a camper trailer, work trailer, or weekend boat.

Families will appreciate the picturesque views of the local playground from the front of the home, providing a wonderful space for children to play.

Additionally, the nearby Argus Creek walking trails begin just outside your door, placing you in a prime location within Strathalbyn.

Internal features:

- 2012 built
- Three spacious bedrooms
- Open plan living
- Air conditioning
- Ample cupboard space

External features:

- 500sqm allotment
- Low maintenance gardens
- Carport
- Verandah
- Rain water tanks
- Solar system
- Local playground at your front door

Nearby features:

- One-minute walk to local walking trails
- Three-minute drive to Woolworths
- Three-minute drive to Strathalbyn Football Oval
- Four-minute drive to local schools

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



Tantalising Tarella

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Ray White Strathalbyn proudly presents an immaculate four-bedroom, two-bathroom home situated on a spacious 705sqm allotment at 16 Tarella Street, Milang.

Step into a home that exudes charm and sophistication, where a spacious open-plan living area greets you with warmth and perfectly frames picturesque views of the manicured gardens.

The modern kitchen is a culinary enthusiast's haven, boasting sleek stainless-steel appliances, including a convenient dishwasher, stunning stone benchtops, and ample storage to keep all your tools organized and at hand.

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

The Master suite features a private ensuite and built-in robes for seamless storage, while bedrooms two and three also include built-in robes.

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

Outside, the expansive 13.6m x 3m pergola promises endless opportunities for entertaining.

Rain or shine, this undercover space is perfect for hosting gatherings with loved ones or enjoying quiet evenings surrounded by nature.

The landscaped backyard offers plenty of lawn space, ideal for kids and pets to play freely.

At the rear of the property, a versatile 6m x 6m shed with roller doors awaits - perfect for storing the family boat, camper trailer, or weekend toys.

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

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

Internal features:

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

External features:

- 705sqm allotment
- 3.6m x 3m pergola
- 3.7m x 10.9m carport
- 6m x 6m shed
- Fully fenced yard
- Rear access

Nearby features:

- Two-minutes to the historical Anzac Park
- Two-minutes to the Railway Museum
- Three-minutes to the Milang Bakery
- Three-minutes to the Milang Pier Hotel
- Three-minutes to the Milang Football Oval.

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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Saturday, February 1

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 11.30am – 12.15pm 184 Bedlam Flat Road, Delamere Raine and Horne



Serene lifestyle with shedding

Address: 29 Garwood Avenue, Strathalbyn
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4 beds 2 baths 4 cars 1026m2

Ray White Strathalbyn is proud to present this four-bedroom, two-bathroom, 1997-built home, nestled in the highly sought after River Banks Estate on a spacious 1026sqm allotment.

This property at 29 Garwood Avenue offers an exceptional lifestyle, thoughtfully designed for comfort and functionality.

Featuring four generously sized bedrooms,

the Master suite boasts its own private walk-in robe to keep everything neatly organized, complemented by an elegant ensuite for your convenience.

Step into the expansive open-plan living area, where the kitchen becomes the heart of the home.

Equipped with ample storage, a spacious breakfast bar perfect for enjoying your morning coffee and catching up on the news, the kitchen seamlessly flows into the lounge, creating a warm and inviting space to relax or entertain.

Whether it's a cozy evening with loved ones or a vibrant family gathering, this space is designed to bring people together.

For added versatility, teenagers can enjoy their own retreat in the secondary lounge, while parents unwind in the peaceful front living area.

Outside, the entertainment continues under a generous patio, ideal for hosting large gatherings year-round, rain or shine.

The beautifully landscaped backyard offers ample lawn space for children and pets to

play, surrounded by flourishing gardens and an assortment of fruit trees - perfect for those who love to enjoy homegrown delights.

For the handyman or hobbyist, this property includes a spacious shed - perfect for bringing your creative projects to life, tackling weekend DIYs, and complementing this is a 3.5m x 7.5m storage shed for the family trailer, boat, or camper trailer.

It's a versatile space ready to adapt to your needs.

This home is more than just a place to live; it's a sanctuary where every moment can be cherished.

Internal features:

- 1997 built
- Four spacious bedrooms
- Walk-in robe
- Ensuite
- Two living areas
- Airconditioning

External features:

- 1026sqm allotment

- 4.09m x 7m entertainment area
- 8.09m x 6.01m garage/workshop
- 3.5m x 7.5m garage
- Established fruit trees
- Ample water tanks

Nearby features:

- Two-minutes drive to historical Strathalbyn High Street.
- Four-minutes drive to Strathalbyn outdoor swimming pool.
- Five-minutes walk to local schools.
- Five-minutes walk to Angus River walking trail.

Located in the beautiful township of Strathalbyn, walking distance to all amenities including parklands, shops and public transport, 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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National winner dancing on air



Hindmarsh Island dancer Leilani Perry won three first places in the Evolution Nationals. INSET: Leilani Perry ready to compete in a national dance competition. Photo: Tara Nash

By Tara Nash

Hindmarsh Island 16-year-old dancer Leilani Perry has an extra spring in her step after bringing home three wins in the Evolution National Finals, taking the top spot for a second year in a row.

At the national competition held in the Gold Coast, she won Classical Ballet, Lyrical and Jazz for her solo performances in the Dance Abilities category.

"I've never seen her work as hard as she did in 2024," her proud mum, Kym, said.

"For any child to complete three solos is exhausting, and for a child with additional needs – to get up there and pull it off – blew my mind in more ways than one."

Leilani has Down syndrome and was supported by a scholarship by Variety – the Children's Charity, which supports young people living with disabilities.

Her third dance to Bikini Bottom in SpongeBob in jazz was a personal highlight.

"The entire theatre stood up and was cheering her on," Kym said.

"She completely owned the stage and the more fun she had, the more

fun we all had.

"Her strength, maturity and the emotion I saw her bring was next level."

The win follows a massive year for Leilani, since she was featured in *The Southern Argus* last year for her momentous wins.

She also was the junior mascot for a game between Port and the Adelaide Crows last year and reunited with her hero, Port Adelaide Football Club star Ollie Wines.

Leilani also got the opportunity to be on live radio with 5AA during a special radiothon at the airport.

Leilani has showed a natural ability

for dance from an early age.

She even danced before she took her first steps, using her first ballet bar to learn to walk, and joined a dance school at age 7.

The now seasoned performer has been involved in a range of productions, including *Seussical the Musical* and *Grease* with Victor Harbor High School, and roles in *The Real Story of Little Red Riding Hood*, the *Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*, and *The SpongeBob Musical* with Fortuna House of Performing Arts.

The family is grateful to Fortuna House of Performing Arts for supporting her in growing "physically, emotionally and mentally".

The future looks bright for the Year 11 student who has big dreams after high school, including studying performing arts.

"Her growth has just been incredible and dance has helped her get out in the world," Kym said.

"With dance, she's getting more confidence – that's what it's about."

Argus Bowls

Langhorne Creek Bowls

Two wins out of three for Hawk bowlers

The girls got things happening when they scored a win against Port Elliot on Thursday.

Both rinks had very close matches but the Hawk ladies kept at their task to record wins and score the available 10 points.

On Saturday, the Div 2 were hosting Encounter Bay Blue and were hoping to score 12 points.

This did not quite go to plan as the visitors were playing well on our grass green.

Justin Cleggett and his rink once again bowled well to score a big win.

Shane Rothe, back from a well-deserved holiday, had his rink scoring nicely and at smoko looked like they would score comfortably.

Encounter Bay had different ideas, as they came back to over-run the Hawk boys and score a one shot win.

Tim Footner was in charge of the remaining rink, and his crew were not really getting the proper weight and were playing catch up bowls for most of the day, eventually going

down by three shots.

A win overall for the side.

Things were not going quite so well for our Div 4 at Port Elliot.

A nice sea breeze was keeping conditions pleasant, so no excuses about hot weather.

Ronnie Chandler was back in charge of the likely lads and they played well to score a handy win.

Neale Probert and his players were having a real tussle and eventually lost the game by one shot, a great game.

Not so great for Darryl Frost and his rink.

I think they had a day they would rather forget!

So only two points for the Div 4.

On Sunday, our club had a team at Milang Australia Day Tournament.

They were the Muster Dogs and the dogs were well behaved during the day and the humans managed to win one out of the two games.

A good fun day for Milang Club.

Milang Bowls

Milang enjoys Australia Day festivities

Last Thursday, the ladies played at Clarendon and returned with two points, thanks to Lee's rink who won by three shots.

Jacky's team lost by one on the last end, despite all playing well.

Irene's once again tried hard but were unsuccessful.

On Saturday at Milang, results were much better for Milang.

In Div. 3 against Aldinga Bay, Glen's boys had a good win by 10 shots, while Jacky's was up by two and Lee's losing marginally, scoring an overall win with 10 points.

Div. 5 gained all 12 points against Encounter Bay Blue.

Heather's rink won by two, Pam's won by nine and Kym's team won Rink of the Week with 29-13.

When celebratory drinks were over, preparations began with resetting furniture and setting tables ready for the Australia Day Mixed Fours on Sunday when 24 teams played.

The barbecue was started at 7am on Sunday, with the boys cooking bacon and sausages and the ladies frying eggs and preparing other food for the day.

Champagne and orange juice was also provided.

The first game began before 10 to avoid the expected heat later on, however, it remained quite pleasant, with the Milang Lake breeze passing through all day.

At lunchtime the players were refreshed in airconditioned comfort with cold meats and a choice of salads and dessert of fruit pies with ice cream/whipped cream.

The ladies who volunteered in the kitchen did an excellent job and worked very efficiently.

After playing another match, the

visitors were treated to afternoon tea of savoury platters and lamingtons.

While the scoring was being completed, the raffle was drawn.

The many businesses who donated prizes were advertised and thanked.

During the day the Best Dressed Aussie Themed team was judged, with some looking like winners, but one team co-ordinated from feet to shoulders.

Phil, Jody, Karen and Peter from Goolwa were winners.

Other prizes were awarded to Best First Game Winner – Williams and Cunninghams from Encounter Bay – while Best Second Game Winner was Barry Martin's team from Strathalbyn.

Third prize overall was Colin and Kay Elsworthy from Yankalilla with Irene and Greg from Milang.

Runners up were John and Helen Humphrys from Willunga with Helen Woolford from Yankalilla, and Fraser Ahrendt who drove from Melbourne to play with his old team.

Winners were Garth and Bev Saunders who live locally and played with Demetri and Tony who represented Edwardstown.

Major sponsor was Lance Kotz Electrical who generously donated a large sum, having also reconnected power to the club following a power pole accident a few weeks ago.

Strathalbyn Wizard Pharmacy also sponsored and donated a raffle prize.

Adelaide Hills Toyota and Adelaide Hills Funerals completed the monetary prizes.

In closing, President Brian thanked all Milang helpers for the outstanding way the event is conducted and spoke of the importance of celebrating Australia Day with fellow Australians.

Bowls



Langhorne Creek Muster Dogs at Milang Australia Day bowls, from left, Jo Cullen, Rosa Freschi, Graham Cullen and Al McNicol.



Jim Hutton.



Rod Lawson.

Photos: Mark Andrews

Fleurieu & District Meyer Shield Grand Final



Alexandra & Eastern Hills 10/203 def by Hills Cricket 5/218

at Birdwood Oval.

Alexandra & Eastern Hills won the toss and elected to bowl.



Alexandra and Eastern Hills 1st Innings:

			R	B	4S	6S	SR
Mitchell Weeks (c)	c: Jake Turnbull	b: Ty Watson	62	71	5	0	87.32
Sam Martin	c: Josh Mitchell	b: Steven Featherstone	11	15	2	0	73.33
Luke Timmins (vc)	c: ?	b: Steven Featherstone	2	5	0	0	40.00
Tanner King	st: Mitchell Thomas	b: Jack Read	24	42	2	0	57.14
Adam Clements	c: Mitchell Thomas	b: Rohan Reid	42	73	1	2	57.53
Lachlan Bates	c&b: Ty Watson		11	15	0	1	73.33
Sam Graeber	c: Mitchell Thomas	b: Ty Watson	0	7	0	0	0.00
Steven Huxter	c: Joshua Healey	b: Ty Watson	5	11	0	0	45.45
Matthew Martin	not out		30*	40	1	0	75.00
Daniel Norsworthy	c: Jack Read	b: Rohan Reid	8	9	0	0	88.88
Brodie Clarke	run out		1	4	0	0	25.00
DNB: Caleb Walker							

Extras 7 3WD 3NB 1LB 0B 0P **Total** 10 / 203 (48.4 Overs) **Fall of Wickets** 1-16 Sam Martin, 2-22 Luke Timmins, 3-91 Tanner King, 4-110 Mitchell Weeks, 5-125 Lachlan Bates, 6-135 Sam Graeber, 7-145 Steven Huxter, 8-182 Adam Clements, 9-200 Daniel Norsworthy, 10-203 Brodie Clarke **Bowling (O M R W E WD NB)** Ty Watson 10 1 41 4 4.10 1 0 Rohan Reid 3 0 10 2 3.33 0 0 Steven Featherstone 8 1 37 2 4.62 2 3 Jack Read 3 0 14 1 4.66 0 0 Jake Turnbull 10 0 27 0 2.70 0 0 Connor Milde 6 0 28 0 4.66 0 0 Adam Carthew 8 4 0 45 0 5.19 0 0

Hills Cricket 1st Innings:

			R	B	4S	6S	SR
Joshua Healey	c: Sam Martin	b: Caleb Walker	6	10	0	0	60.00
Jack Read	c: ?	b: Adam Clements	10	6	1	1	166.66
Jordan Neis-Ber	c: ?	b: Mitchell Weeks	37	84	4	0	44.04
Ty Watson	b: Adam Clements		1	13	0	0	7.69
Adam Shearwood	c: ?	b: Mitchell Weeks	49	106	3	0	46.22
Rohan Reid	not out		74*	64	2	3	115.62
Jake Turnbull	not out		18*	17	1	0	105.88
DNB: Adam Carthew, Steven Featherstone, Connor Milde, Josh Mitchell, Mitchell Thomas.							

Extras 23 12WD 7NB 3LB 1B 0P **Total** 5 / 218 (50 Overs) **Fall of Wickets** 1-22 Joshua Healey, 2-22 Jack Read, 3-31 Ty Watson, 4-99 Jordan Neis-Ber, 5-162 Adam Shearwood **Bowling (O M R W E WD NB)** Adam Clements 10 3 37 2 3.70 2 0 Mitchell Weeks (c) 9 0 50 2 5.55 0 1 Brodie Clarke 6 0 22 0 3.66 1 1 Matthew Martin 9 1 24 0 2.66 0 0 Sam Graeber 6 0 31 0 5.16 0 0

T20 review

Langhorne Creek in to T20 final four

Langhorne Creek have carried on their great form in the shorter format by entering the final four of the T20 competition for the 11th consecutive year with a victory over Great Southern team Port Elliot.

Adam Clements won the toss and batted on a perfect night for T20 cricket, with former Tiger Jaspa Tonkin up against his old team for the first time.

Clements opened with Shannon Jones, with the skipper keen to get things moving, finding the boundaries early and moving the score long to 40 inside the first five overs.

Jones fell to the spin of former Ashbourne Bull Ben Griffith, caught by another former Bull, Tyson Levy.

Ben Warren joined Clements and set about supporting the skipper, as Clements continued his big hitting.

Warren struggled to find the boundary in his 61-run partnership with Clements, as the pair pushed the fielders with some hard running.

Warren fell to slow bowler Scott Hannam LBW trying to force the issue for 17.

Clements was playing a lone hand with the bat as he belted his way past 50 from just 22 balls.

Kropp hit a brisk 16 and then Frost was out to a sharp return catch to Hannam, and the Tigers were 4/128 from 16 overs.

Clements was closing in on a century after landing a huge blow onto the Langhorne Creek clubrooms, and despite a few tough chances in the field, he was eventually out for 88 from just 48 balls, with five boundaries and four sixes, caught by Levy off the bowling of veteran Simon Donaldson.

The Tigers finished on a competitive total of 6/154 from 20 overs – Hannam the best of the Bloods bowlers, 3/30 from four overs.

Port Elliot had Griffith and Levy at the top, with the left-handed Levy in top form

in recent weeks.

Brad Clements had other ideas, with Jayden Michelmore taking a great catch from a lofted drive at mid-off to see the danger man out for two in the second over.

Griffith was keen to play 360 degrees, taking on the bowlers with some ramps and sweeps, and finding the boundary, with Colby Whitbourne hitting the ball hard and straight.

The Bloods started to get on top with some handy extras, and Whitbourne looked the most likely to lead the Bloods to victory before veteran Warren combined with Dan Cleggett, who took a fantastic catch at deep mid-on, running 20 metres, diving full stretch, and taking the ball just before it hit the turf; Whitbourne out for 12.

Griffith continued on, but Warren was able to tie up the run rate with some tight bowling.

The Bloods were at 1/69 at the end of 10 overs.

Brad Clements came back and immediately struck, removing Griffith for 44, and then Dan Cleggett took another catch at deep long on, removing Jaspa Tonkin for 15, and the game was in the Tigers' favour.

Off spinner Jagga Kotz bowled a terrific spell of bowling and kept the Bloods in check with 0/12 from three overs.

Patrick Dodd hit the ball hard in his 25 not out, but it wasn't enough for the Bloods, as Daniel Evans picked up a wicket late with a sharp stumping of Liam Harris from Brayden Frost to give the Tigers a 26-run victory and advance to the Semi-Final against Nairne at Langhorne Creek tonight.

Brad Clements 3/30 and Ben Warren 2/14 both bowled well for the Tigers, with Griffith the stand-out with the bat for the Bloods.

Woodside and Lobethal both advanced to the other Semi-Final to be played at Lobethal Oval.

Hills defeat Alexandra and Eastern Hills to take out 17th Meyer Shield Title

The Senior Meyer Shield campaign came to an end with Hills Cricket Association winning the final by 15 runs.

Hills batted first in hot windy conditions, getting off to a flying start with 22 on the board after two overs.

Walker claimed the first wicket of Healy for six, with Sam Martin taking a sharp chance in slips.

Clements picked up the next two wickets and Hills were 3/34 after eight overs.

Shearwood and Neis-Ber batted for the next 24 overs which produced a 68-run partnership in which skipper Mitchell Weeks broke, dismissing Neis-Ber for 37.

Hills were 4/99 after 32 overs, with the run rate at 3.09

The platform was set for Rohan Reid as he combined with Shearwood in an old school approach.

In the 44th over, Shearwood, trying to lift the tempo, fell to Weeks for 49 from 106 deliveries.

Shearwood and Reid put on a 63-run partnership, pushing the Hills score to 5/162.

The next six overs produced 56 runs, as Hills finished with 218 runs.

Reid, winding back the clock, finished unbeaten on 74 from 64 deliveries.

Turnbull was a handy contributor, scoring 18 not out from 17 deliveries.

The AEHCA toiled hard. Wicket takers were Clements, who had the best figures of 2/37 from his 10 overs, Skipper Weeks 2/50 from nine overs, and Walker 1/50 from his allotted 10 overs.

The victory target was 219, as Sam Martin and Weeks looked to take the game on to get ahead of the required run rate of 4.4 runs per over.

In the fourth over, Featherstone struck for Hills, dismissing Martin for 11.

Next man in Luke Timmins played a classic cut shot, but it went straight to the gully fieldsman – the Vice-Captain gone for two – with AEHCA on 2/17 after six overs.

Teenager Tanner King and Weeks steadied the ship and were looking really solid, but just after the first drinks break and in the 20th over, Read dismissed King for 24, with the score at 3/91 at a run rate of 4.55.

Clements joined Weeks at the crease.

Weeks was on 62 when he skied a ball of Watson in the 26th over, with Turnbull accepting the catch.

AEHCA were now 4/113, with the run rate at 4.33 still in check.

Watson struck another blow in the 30th over, dismissing Bates for 11.

The game was in the balance now, as AEHCA were 5/125.

Sam Greaber's stay was brief, with Watson making another breakthrough – AEHCA now 6/137 after 32 overs.

AEHCA were keeping up with the required run rate, but wickets in hand were getting to be a problem.

A partnership was required, as Clements was still the key for AEHCA to win the game.

In the 36th over Watson claimed his fourth wicket of the match – that of Steve Huxter for five.

The score was 7/145, with AEHCA requiring 74 runs with 16 overs remaining, three wickets in hand, and Clements still at the crease.

Matt Martin joined Clements, and the pair put on a 43-run partnership for the eighth wicket when, in the 44th over, Rohan Reid was introduced into the attack and took the vital wicket of Clements caught behind for 42 of 73 deliveries.

With six overs to go, 34 runs were required for victory.

Martin was looking comfortable at the crease and hitting the ball well.

In the 48th over Norsworthy was caught right on the boundary line for eight runs.

With 48 overs bowled, the score was 200.

A total of 19 runs was required, with two overs to play.

Carthew bowled the 49th over, and three runs were added off of the first three balls when Hills took a run out chance, running out Clarke at the bowlers end.

This ended the game, giving Hills a 15-run victory and giving them a 17th Meyer Shield title.

AEHCA were valiant in defeat in the run chase.

It was disappointing to lose, but it shows the Meyer Shield still has a place on the cricket calendar.

There were many positives for the AEHCA, with seven players under 23 years of age playing the Meyer Shield – the majority for the first time.

Six players made the Team of the Year – Sam Martin, Luke Timmins, Caleb Walker, Adam Clements, Sam Graeber and Skipper Mitch Weeks, who also won the most wickets and leading run scorer award for the first two days.



Adam Clements did the damage for Langhorne Creek last Thursday.

Photo: Deirdre Graham

T20 Langhorne Creek V Port Elliot



Ben Griffith opened the bowling for Port Elliot last Thursday.



Langhorne Creek's Adam Clements and Shannon Jones discuss tactics in between overs.



Port Elliot celebrate taking Shannon Jones' wicket.



Ben Warren.

Photos: Deirdre Graham

Great Southern Tennis Association

The race is on

Great Southern Tennis resumes this Saturday after the Australia Day long weekend and barring heat outs or washouts, will have a clear four rounds of matches before finals commence.

With the window fast closing for teams to make a run for finals position, every match of every round left takes on increased importance that could see teams thrive or 'dive' out of the finals race.

Division 1 Myponga-Selicks is such a team with motivation from all directions as they currently sit fourth on the ladder.

They take on the top side Inman Valley at home with a mathematical chance of getting third spot from Victor Harbor before the season's done.

Get off to a winning start this weekend, get momentum and it's a possibility.

Yet if they stumble and accumulate losses they could also drop out of the four, opening the way for Pt Elliot to snatch fourth spot.

Inman Valley still need to keep winning as top spot is not yet assured and Back Valley, despite last week's loss to Inman, could still snatch it if they get on a successful run and Inman lose form in the final weeks.

It will be a danger game for Inman at Myponga.

Inman's won both encounters in comfortable fashion and as always it could come down to player availability and Myponga-Selicks have found that difficult to manage.

Conversely Inman's strength in putting out good doubles combinations regardless of personnel adds a resilience to their methodology and come Saturday, they should win comfortably again.

Pt Elliot, who host Back Valley, have to start putting some wins on the board and avoid any big losses to grab a finals spot.

Back Valley will feel confident they can retain the double chance second spot so they'll attack their remaining opposition with gusto to apply pressure to top side Inman.

They've beaten Pt Elliot both times they've met in the season.

In round two Pt Elliot lost narrowly by a set and games so they're good enough to send jitters through the Back Valley camp.

Back Valley will hope Matt Crittenden's back this week to strengthen their side while Pt Elliot will hope two weeks off from playing due to a bye and the long weekend has given them time to study the television tennis form and apply a strategy or two.

The women's matchups will be crucial as always with Kerry Pearsons playing number two single in their last outing in round eight, but now playing as number one woman, and what part will Tanya Crompton play, that will bolster the Back Valley side?

It will be a close tussle but Back Valley should be too strong for the third time this season.

Around the divisions

Division 2 Mt Compass Emu Wrens will be aiming for a big win against lowly Back Valley to force their way back into the top four while hoping Mt Compass Gold can dispose of Pt Elliot strongly in a big afternoon of tennis at Mt Compass.

Inman Valley will be looking to recover from their first loss by defeating Goolwa while second placed Myponga-Selicks Green will be aiming for a strong win over Mt Compass Maroon at Myponga to apply pressure to ladder leaders Inman.

A Doubles will see Inman Valley venture to Back Valley to see if they can continue their winning run and denting the home side's top two finals birth aspirations, while Pt Elliot will look for a strong win over fourth placed Victor Harbor to assure they remain in the coveted second spot on the ladder.

B Doubles Victor Blue, in fifth spot will be looking for a big win over lowly Inman Valley to have any hope of snatching fourth spot by season's end from Back Valley who face ladder leaders Pt Elliot Red. The match of the round for the entire association is second placed Victor White up against third placed Pt Elliot Black with the teams almost even on the ladder, only separated by the number of sets and games won.

The double chance is up for grabs and by merely hosting this weekend's match, I'll tip Victor White.

Polo players compete at Arthur Graetz Memorial Tournament

The Strathalbyn Polo Club conducted the Arthur Graetz Memorial Tournament, a two-day round-robin carnival, at the Adelaide Polo Club on the Australia Day weekend.

Arthur Graetz was a member and the patron of the Strathalbyn Polo Club until 2011.

The eventual winners of the A Grade and the Arthur Graetz Trophy was the AGT team consisting of C. Brawne, J. Bayes, P. Henschke and J. Watson from South Africa.

Carol van Dalen, Arthur's daughter, presented the trophy.

The best A Grade pony was 'Honey' ridden by J. Bayes.

The B Grade winner was the 'Lane End' team consisting of M. Dollard, M. Strauss, M. Lindh and G. Deverall.

The best B Grade pony was 'Harper' ridden by G. Deverall.

The club's Heritage Cup will be held towards the end of March.



A Grade winners of the Arthur Graetz Trophy were C. Brawne, J. Bayes, Carol van Dalen, P. Henschke, and J. Watson.



Best A Grade pony 'Honey', ridden by J. Bayes.



Action from the A Grade game.



Action from the B Grade game.

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Bordertown-trained horse 'storms' to victory at Strathalbyn Cup

The Strathalbyn Cup was a resounding success, drawing more than 1000 attendees to the track for a vibrant day of racing, fashion, and entertainment.

Despite the summer heat, the atmosphere was electric as guests enjoyed an unforgettable experience.

The event featured eight thrilling races, complemented by delicious food, fine wine, live music from the talented White Keys and Coombsy Band, and plenty of family friendly activities.

Kids delighted in A Sprinkle of Magic face painting and South Australia's largest sandpit, while adults cheered on participants in the iconic Aussie Villis' Pie Eating Competition.

The club's new Behemoth Trackside Room hosted a special VIP luncheon attended by notable guests, including Member for Mayo Rebekha Sharkie, Member for Hammond Adrian Pederick, Racing SA Chairman Rob Rorrison, Racing SA CEO Nick Bawden, Country Racing Chairman Jeff Tansell, and Country Racing CEO Chris Biggs.

The Fashions on the Field, expertly hosted by MC Steve Murphy, showcased stunning style and creativity across several categories, including Best Dressed Woman & Millinery, Best Dressed Gentleman, Best Junior (12 & under), Best Local Gentleman & Lady, and Best Dressed Couple.

The highlight of the day came

from local trainers Shane and Cassie Oxlade, who celebrated two remarkable victories.

In the first race – the Sportsbet Set a Deposit Limit Maiden Plate (1200m) – their four-year-old bay gelding 'Rob the Bank' clinched a nail-biting win by just 0.07 lengths, thanks to an outstanding ride by apprentice Taylor Johnstone.

The winning streak continued in the fourth race – the Fleurieu Community Bendigo Bank Class One Handicap (1100m) – where their four-year-old gelding 'Dodd' triumphed after a 245-day break.

Taylor Johnstone once again showcased her skills, guiding the 7-1 shot to victory by 0.01 lengths, rewarding punters with a \$7 pay-out.

The Strathalbyn Cup – the day's premier race worth \$107,500 – provided a thrilling climax.

Stormsarried – a four-year-old chestnut mare trained by Lindsay Cadzow of Bordertown – clinched victory by the narrowest of margins – 0.24 lengths.

Ridden brilliantly by apprentice Caitlin Tootell, Stormsarried delighted lucky punters with a \$46 win and \$7.50 place pay-out.

The club's next big event is on Wednesday, February 19 for the Early Bird Specials Race Day.

Gates open at 12.30pm, with the first race starting at 1.40pm.

To book a lunch table, contact the club at 8536 2248.



Strathalbyn Cup Winner No7.



Race 7.



Race 2.



Amelie Darveniza and Flynn Darveniza (Junior Best Dressed).



Melissa Gregorace (Best Dressed Hat) and Nicole Wenske (Best Dressed).



Marc Odell (Men's Best Dressed).

Photos: Rowan Sims



Some contestants took different approaches in the pie eating contest.



Jackson Wilson was the lucky winner of the pie competition with 14 pies.



The duck patrol was on hand Sunday with Rob Wincer, Rod Woods, Craig Woods, Richard and Susan Wirth, Mark and Joan Dilena, Mihaela Woods, Dean and Kylie Johnson, Paul and Elona Rose, John Soldi and Lena Regan.



Eddie Jackson and Bailey Ferrari.



Aileen Harrington, Ros Whenam and Anna Valentino.



Jai Sanders, Jess Halling and Caitlin Kats.

Photos: Rowan Sims

Goolwa young sailors impress on the national stage

By Deirdre Graham

Five junior members from the Goolwa Sailing Club have put in some exceptional performances at the recent 2025 Musto Australian Optimist Championships in Queensland.

The championships see the best young sailors aged from nine to 15 from across Australia compete against each other in Optimist boats – which are one of the biggest class of dinghies in the world for juniors to compete in.

Goolwa coach Renee Newman said the Goolwa contingent all finished in the top half of their divisions.

“Lucy Norris, who was in the Green Fleet, which is the beginner fleet, she came eighth overall in a fleet of 35,” Newman said.

“Her boat was Raider, and she was the first female in the division as well.

“In the Intermediate fleet, the first one from Goolwa was Ollie Morris, he came seventh overall out of 50 boats, and then Summer Newman, she came 15th overall, and she was the third female in her division.

“The top 20 in the Open fleet go over to compete in the World Championships for sailing and we had two Goolwa kids and they weren’t too far off the top 20 – Oliver Johnson, who came 37th out of 113 boats, and Sam Watters, he came 55th, so in the top half.”

Newman said the standard at the

competition was “very high”.

“In the Open fleet they are competing against kids that are in the Australian squad, and who go to Sydney and train with Australian coaches,” she said.

“These kids also go to Thailand, Asia, Europe and South Africa.

“So the top 30 kids get some really amazing opportunities, so they are all pushing to get into that top section.

“It was a great opportunity for the kids to test themselves against the nation’s best sailors and to strive for further improvement for themselves.”

Summer Newman, aged 12, said she was “really happy” with how she placed, and pleased to have achieved one of her goals.

“Summer has been in a state squad training team, she has been training since August for the Nationals,” her mum said.

“She has been up in Adelaide with Oliver Johnson, Ollie Morris and Sam Watters from Goolwa Sailing Club training twice a week in the state squad at Brighton Yacht Club in preparation for the titles.”

Newman said any budding sailors would be welcome at the Goolwa Sailing Club.

“They can come and join learn-to-sail programs at the club, and they can actually see what Opti (boats) look like,” she said.

“We teach the kids how to sail on Sunday mornings, we do entry level, we build them up, and then when they get to the racing components they then get to work with coaches and so forth.”



Members of the South Australian team of Optimist sailors at the 2025 Musto Australian Optimist Championships.



Goolwa Sailing Club member Summer Newman finished third in her division at the 2025 Musto Australian Optimist Championships.



Lucy Norris competing at the 2025 Musto Australian Optimist Championships in Queensland.

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Strathalbyn Ladies Golf

Four ladies finish in equal first

On Wednesday, January 22, 16 players enjoyed fabulous golfing weather to play an 18-hole Stableford round at Strathalbyn.

The course was in great condition and had a lot of run on it, so club selection was paramount, especially when approaching the greens.

However, four ladies enjoyed the conditions, with all of them finishing with 38 points.

Well done to Mel Johnson, Charmaine Aplin, Jo Pickhaver and Dawne Thomas for their great rounds.

Not too far behind were Mandi Vardon and Cara Eastwood, both on 36, with Ann Semple following them on 35.

Kerrie Edwards had 33 and Di Krutli, Sue Pryor and Jenny Drury all scored 31.

Next came Carol Pelle and Tonya

Merritt on 30, Marie Kingsbury and Jo Cullen with 29, and Pauline Walkom finished with 28 points.

NTP winner with a great drive onto the green and a finishing second shot into the hole was Jo P.

This was one of her birdies, with the other one on the 14th.

Charmaine had a birdie/gobbler (chip in) on the ninth, while Pauline also had a gobbler on her round.

Jo C could have had a better score if her ball had not gone round and over so many holes.

The ladies found the trees on the course both kind and unkind during their round.

Dawne visited the creek and the dam on her round.

So once again, the story is to stay on the fairway where there are fewer obstacles!



Mel Johnson, Charmaine Aplin, Jo Pickhaver and Dawne Thomas – 38 points for all.

John Owen excels on red tee day

By Perry Jones

John Owen with a superb back nine came home with 40 points to win the Stableford competition on the Strathalbyn Golf Course last Saturday, with players having their handicaps adjusted in playing off the red tees.

John, in the clubhouse, thought he had won the day with the scores on the computer, but he couldn't believe that when the last group put their scores in that Stuart Warnock had gathered 61 points for the day.

He was quite relieved that Stuart had incorrectly entered his scores, left to partner Derek Keane to sort out the problem.

John, who beat Gary Beasley by one shot, found a bit of trouble on the front nine with just 17 points.

He, like Brian Simpson and Dave Pryor in the group, being led astray early by Michael Clarke when he tried to get them to hit off the normal third tee block, before those in the clubhouse said they were on the wrong tee block.

On the fourth John hit the big tree on the right of the fairway but found his ball on the fairway to score a par four, as Dave started hitting his tee shots too high, saying the ball nearly went as far as his tee and had to settle for six, the same as Brian Simpson, who with an excellent tee shot then made a mess of his second shot.

On the fifth John, having found his ball below the green in the rough, had a strong hit up the rise and luckily hit Dave Pryor's buggy and finished on the edge of the green as it would have shot well over the green.

On the six John tried to mow the flowers down in front of the tee block to finish in the ditch below before the creek and then still had a chance for five on the par three hole before he missed a six-inch putt for a six.

On the seventh John, like Brian, found himself almost in the water of the dam, both getting out without problems.

This was the same hole that Michael Clarke was driving around in his cart

looking for his tee shot, not listening to his partners that the ball was in the middle of the fairway.

While John hit a tree and failed to get past the 17th tee block ahead in hitting off the eighth, Brian, who had a three for four points on the second was again fairly proud of himself as he had a birdie on the par four hole eighth to pick up four points but like Dave then had three putts on the ninth, while Michael had three and John four.

On the back nine John excelled with 23 points parring several holes and thinking he had the longest drive (19+) until late in the day when James Beney beat him.

John was able to stand back and watch his team mates get into all sorts of trouble, particularly on the 14th, starting with Michael trying to rip off his cart roof by colliding with a tree branch and then injuring his ankle trying to free his cart.

Michael in having 34 for the round then went home and left his wallet in the clubhouse.

Also on the 14th Brian, aiming for the green, managed to hit Dave in the back 10 metres away for the ball then to roll into Hobbit's Hollow, Brian complaining that he didn't score any points on the hole as his drop shot went about a yard.

Gordon Robson was certainly on fire on the first nine with 23 points, having an eagle on the eighth along with three birdies, however the back nine was not as kind to him when he only scored another 14 points.

Damon Mayes, playing with Gordon, mentioned that he had just seven points on the front nine and almost had that many points in playing the 12th when he picked up an eagle for five points.

Damon was not so lucky on the 14th when his tee shot was lost in the creek, then finding himself in the trees above the green on his way to six on the par four hole.

Damon and Brenton Welk, in the same group, were full of voice after their tee shots on the 15th, with Brenton again going left of the green and Damon right before Brenton salvaged

a four and Damon finished with six on the par three after a poor second shot from under the big gum tree.

Gordon showed the former two in the group how to do it being just off the back on the green to make four, and Lord Haberfield, also in the group, in landing on the green was unlucky his birdie putt rolled past the flag and then down the slope off the green to also have four for the hole.

Darryl Holt lost control of his buggy on the sixth as he tried to shift it without his remote control which he had lost but found by Graeme Bertholini who was using it for him to keep Darryl's buggy going the wrong way.

Speaking of Berti, he had the longest drive for a while (0-18) on the 14th until Chrissie Beasley beat him but then Sean Naylor made the longest drive for the day.

Mike Semple had a reasonable 37 for the round as he picked up a birdie on the 15th but found trouble with the boundary fence on the third causing him to have seven for the hole.

Ben McLeod, despite a birdie on the third, had a rough day with just 12 points on the front nine as he scrubbed the first four holes, then going on to get 16 more points on the back nine.

Henry Kelly was another on the day to go into Hobbit's Hollow and then find himself in the dam for 32 points for the round and Rob Lyon also found himself in the dam, but he did have birdies on the fourth and 12th for 32 points.

Michael Young had 33 points for the round, but he was a bit annoyed on the 10th with his tee shot, saying he was too casual as his next shot hit the tree in front of him for the ball to go backwards and his third shot was played into the group of trees nearer the green going on to finish with six.

Playing with Michael were Sean Naylor, Sean Walsh and Kirk Richardson, Kirk paying the penalty for trying to go over the trees off the tee on the 10th as his short cut only produced a lost ball.

Sean Walsh finished with five on the par four hole while Sean Naylor missed an easy birdie chance.

On the 11th Kirk had a lot of problems when off the tee managed to hit the last pine tree on the left as the ball dropped straight down.

Kirk's next shot was well hit but the big gum tree on the corner got in the way, the same tree that Sean Walsh hit off the tee.

Kirk lining up for his third shot managed to hit the ball only about 20 feet saying he had to contend with a bit of talk from the sidelines as he went on to pick up.

On this hole Michael Young, travelling from fairway to fairway, still had a five, as did Sean Walsh, while Sean Naylor saw his putt bubble around the hole and drop in for a birdie.

On the 13th Kirk went right off the tee but got over the drain to have a good shot at the green but the rest were a bit worried with their shots going left and into the tree line as they panicked seeing Brian Simpson in that area looking for his tee shot on the 14th after hitting a tree.

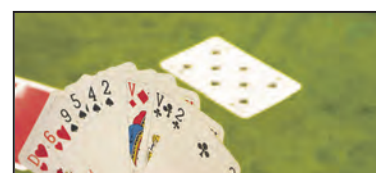
Brian, noted for picking up stray balls on the course, luckily didn't pick their's up as Sean Naylor, who hit his tee shot too long, was up the bank of the dam on the 14th as he found Brian's ball only a metre from his.

Results Stableford Saturday, January 25:

J.Owen 40, G.Beasley 39, M.Gniel 38, D.Keane, R.Pitt, M.Semple, G.Robson 37, D.Krutli, C.Beasley, S.Hozier, S.Avrarnidis 35, A.Haberfield, M.Clarke, S.Walsh, B.Clark, D.Pryor 34, B.Welk, M.Beasley, M.Young, H.Kelly 33, Don Bell, B.Phelan, R.Lyon, S.Naylor, I.Furniss, K.Richardson, M. Condon 32, D.Nettle, S.Warnock, A.Semple, P.Drury 31, D.Holt, G.Bertholini 30, J.Beney 29, K.Wittwer, K.Shepley, B.McLeod, P.Perrin, B.Simpson 28, D.Mayes, K.Handke, J.Pickhaver 27, G.Perryman, C.Barker 26, A.Muller 25.

NTP 6th K.Richardson 15th C.Barker 17th D.Keane.

Longest Drive (0-18) 14th S.Naylor (19+) 14th J.Beney.



Planning the Play



By John Elliott

Dealer South E/W Vul.

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

BIDDING: N E S W
 1S P
 2H P 3C P
 3NT ALL PASS

BIDDING ANALYSIS

South 1S : Normal 5-card Major opening
 North 2H: Norman Response
 South 3C: Tries another suit
 North 3NT: 4th suit covered.

On the lead of the ♠5 (4th highest), Declarer can see 4 certain Spade tricks, but the rest is going to be hard work. The Heart void in South will limit communications between the hands, but not eliminate them. As the cards lie, and with the infinite wisdom that comes from viewing all 4 hands at once, it is going to be tough for the Defenders also. Singletons and voids are a liability in No Trumps. As are North's two Minor suits.

The plan which evolved in North's head required work on the Clubs to develop two tricks, but the Hearts had to be set up first, even if it meant giving a trick to the ♥K. Best chance with the Diamonds was to wait for them to be led by Defenders. The Plan may need to be revised several times during the course of play.

After winning the ♠Ace, the ♥Ace was led followed by the ♥Q, taken greedily by East's King, and another Spade continued, won in Dummy with the ♠K. On the ♠Q, West discards a Club. Declarer now leads a low Club from Dummy: West works out that North has (at best) 3 Clubs to the Queen, so quickly goes up with the ♠K, but is unable to return a Spade to partner, so must choose something else. West chooses the ♦10 - ♦Q - ♠K - ♦Ace. Now, ♠8 draws the ♠Ace, and North discards the ♠Q to preserve an entry to Dummy's ♣J and 10. West can now only exit with a Heart or a Club, and chooses a Heart, taken by North for 2 Heart tricks, a low Club to dummy's ♠J and 10, and finally the ♠J. 10 tricks!

On the day this was played, one pair found 10 tricks in 3NT (as above), 2 others made 9, one got 7, one got 8, 4SS made 9 and 3HN made 5. To play this hand, you must plan where the tricks have to come from, and throw the ♠Q under the ♠K to preserve ♠7 as an entry to dummy for ♠J and ♠10 plus the last winning Spade. You cannot afford to run off the Spades too early. If you can follow all that, you are doing very well. There are the brain teasers that make a difference, and keep us coming back for more Bridge!

McLaren Vale Golf Club

Saturday, January 25, 2025 Mens Stableford Final competition results

Field size, 37; Members, 37; Visitors, None; GA, Blue, Men (Par 66).

Mens A Grade

Winner: William Rosser 36; Runner-up: Peter Schmerl 35; 3rd Place: Aaron Noske 35; 4th Place: Steven North 35.

Mens B Grade

Winner: Rory Kappler 36; Runner-up: John Burger 36; 3rd Place: Andrew Jarvis 36; 4th Place: Armour

Galletly 35.

Mens C Grade

Winner: Graham Dellow 37; Runner-up: Thomas Bartsch 36; 3rd Place: Keith Jones 36; 4th Place: Simon Dillon 36.

Mens Overall

Player of the day Graham Dellow 37 30.00.

Nearest the Pin

Mens C Grade 3rd & 12th Gavin Low; Mens 6th & 15th John Burger; Mens 8th & 17th Anthony Critchley; Mens 9th & 18th Steven North.

Birdies Par 3

Birdie Par 3 Gavin Low.

Alexandrina Contract Bridge Club

Ranking January 22:

Pos	Pair	Players	Score	%
North-South				
1	2	Garry Skuse / Colin Elix	158.89	66.20%
2	1	Marie Pike / Norman Bullen	140.83	58.68%
3	5	Erica Schmidt / Beryl Liebelt	139.00	57.92%
4	8	Valmai Phillips / Mary Rowley	129.72	54.05%
5	9	Tom Hughes / Lizzie Hughes	118.06	49.19%
5	3	Graham Phillips / Bruce Pascoe	118.06	49.19%
7	11	John Elliott / Pat Elliott	117.78	49.07%
8	6	Mike Robertson / Malcolm Twartz	104.44	43.52%
9	7	Sue Caddy / Helen Conolly	102.22	42.59%
10	10	Raelene Lines / Graeme Crase	94.62	39.42%
11	4	Leonie Vale / Denise Muhlhan	92.31	38.46%

Murray Bridge Rifle Club

Taylor tops at 300 metres

A total of 15 members of the Murray Bridge Rifle Club turned out to compete in the first championship round of 2025 on Saturday from a range of 300m.

The weather was warm and still early on with wind increasing over the afternoon.

Making a stunning start to the new year was Ian Taylor in F-Standard, who

blasted his way to 115.09, with a 57.06 and a 58.03.

He was easily top off-rifle in Standard, two points clear of Gordon Harrison on 113.06, despite scoring a near immaculate 24.03 for his sighters.

Ian's efforts also saw him carry home the handicap win in F-Class with 134.9, ahead of Adrian Conlon, who won

F-Open with 116.09 for a handicap score of 126.3.

In Target Rifle, Rob Paech was the clear off rifle winner, handling the more challenging conditions later in the day with apparent ease, backing up his 49.05 in the first round with a 48.04 in the second for a 97.09, four points ahead of second-placed Andrew

Heard on 93.07.

It wasn't quite enough to claim the handicap win for the day however, missing out by 0.8 points to Daniel Irvine, whose 90.05 was enough to sneak a win.

Shooting continues next week from 400 metres.

Weather

FORECAST

Warnings

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

Mount Barker:

Partly cloudy. Winds southeasterly 15 to 20 km/h becoming light before dawn then becoming south to southeasterly 20 to 30 km/h in the morning.

Friday, Sunny.

Strathalbyn:

Partly cloudy.

Friday, Sunny.

Murray Bridge:

Partly cloudy.

Friday, Sunny.

Mount Lofty Ranges District:

Partly cloudy. Winds south to southeasterly 20 to 30 km/h.

Murraylands District:

Mostly sunny. Winds southerly 15 to 25 km/h becoming light early in the morning then becoming southerly 25 to 35 km/h in the morning.

Upper South East District:

Cloud clearing. Winds southerly 15 to 20 km/h becoming light before dawn then becoming southerly 25 to 35 km/h in the morning.

Mid North District:

Sunny. Winds south to southeasterly 25 to 35 km/h.

South Australia:

Dry. Maximum temperatures near average in the far north grading to below average over the agricultural areas. South to southeasterly winds freshening about coastal districts with the afternoon sea breezes.

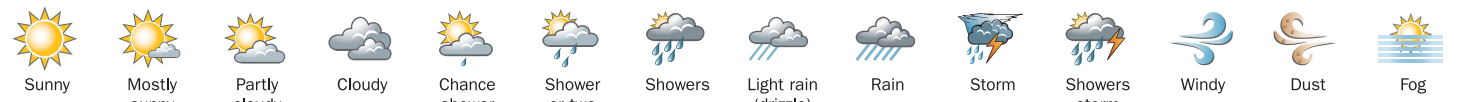
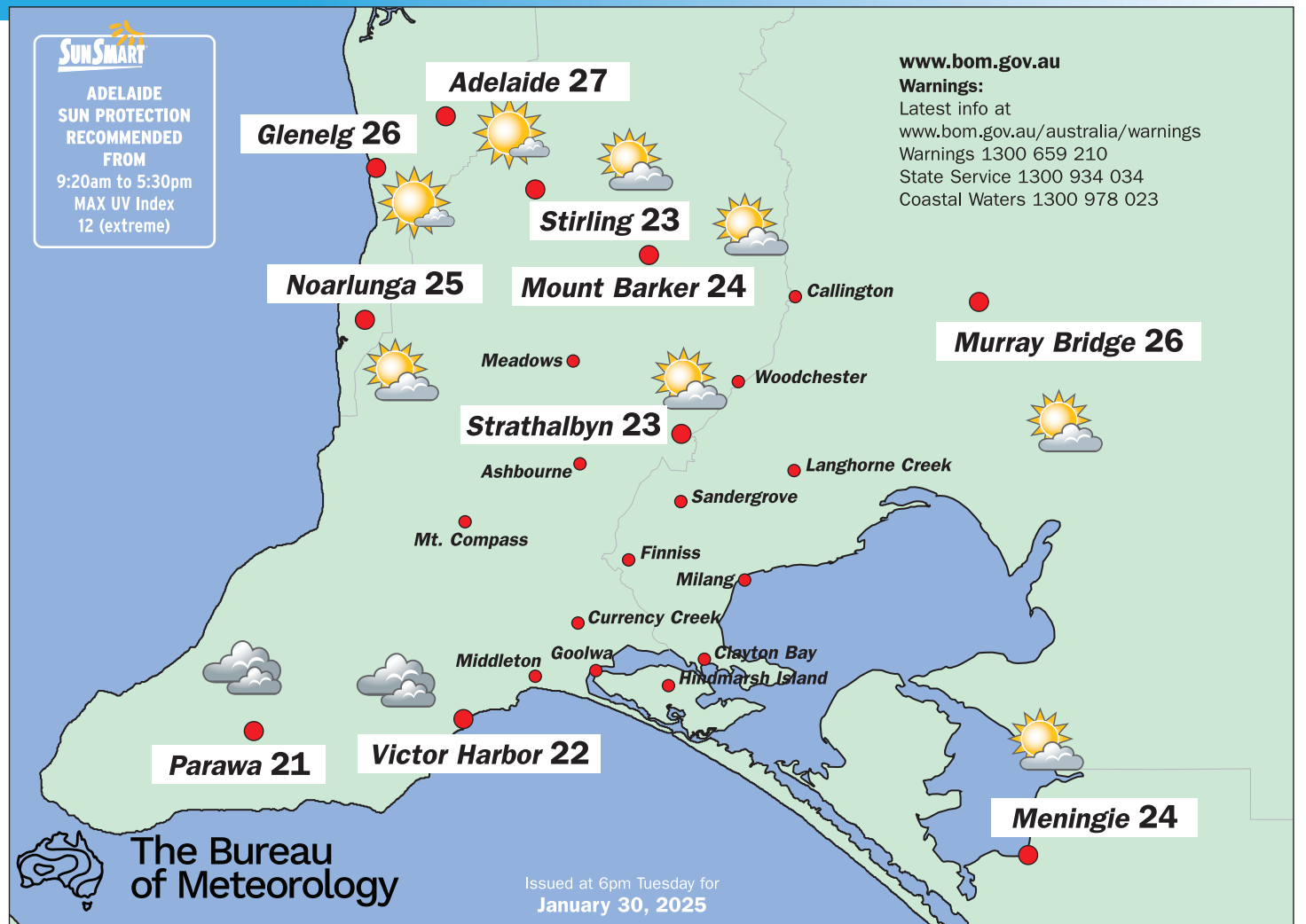


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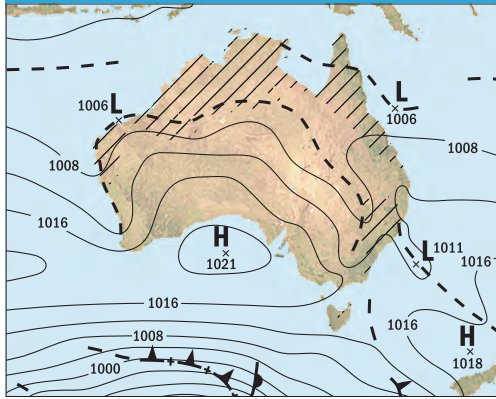
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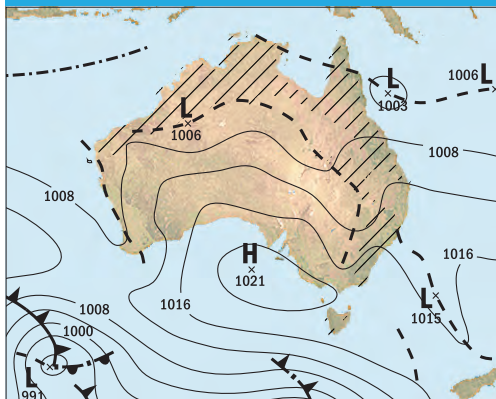
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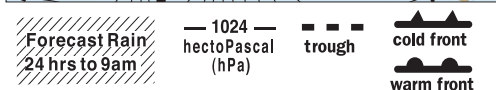
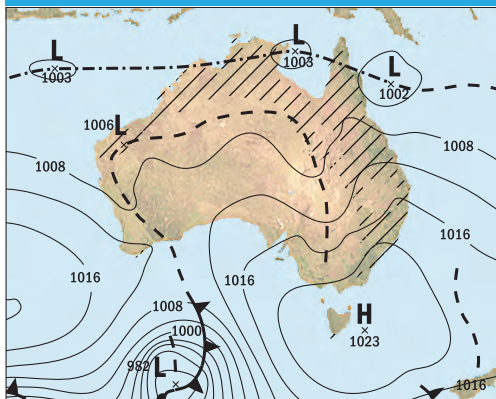
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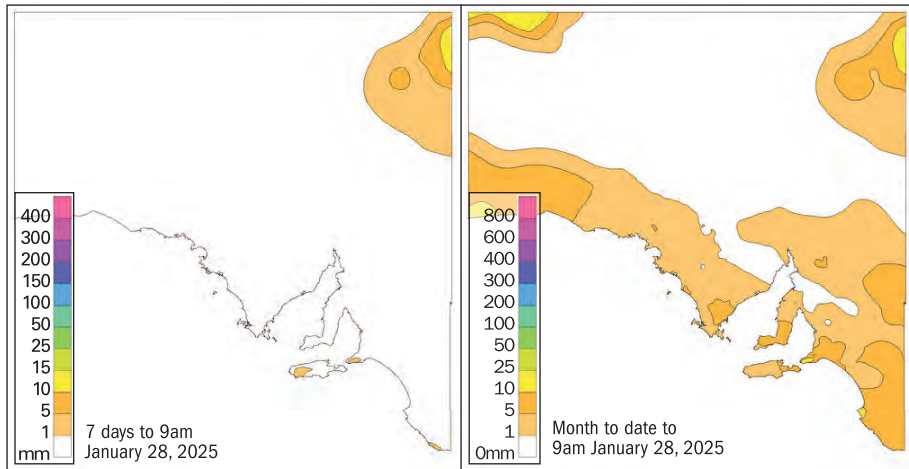
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Lenswood	0	0	4.0	4.0
Meningie	0	0	0.0	0.0
Milang	0	0	0.8	5.8
Millbrook Resv	0	0	2.2	2.2
Monarto	0	0	6.8	6.8
Mt Barker	0	0	6.0	6.0
Mt Lofty	0	0	8.2	8.2
Murray Bridge	0	0	7.5	7.5
Nairne	0	0	5.8	5.8
Noarlunga	0	0	5.8	5.8
Nuriootpa	0	0	1.4	1.4
Palmer	0	0	2.5	2.5
Parawa	0	1	10.6	10.6
Parawa West	0	1	10.6	10.6
Parndana	0	0.8	1.6	1.6
Peake	0	0	1.2	1.2
Roseworthy	0	0	4.8	4.8
Strathalbyn	0	0	7.2	7.2
Taillem Bend	0	0	4.0	4.0
Tintinara	0	0	4.8	4.8
Uraidla	0	1	7.2	7.2
Victor Harbor	0	1	6.2	6.2
Williamstown	0	0	8.6	8.6
Willunga	0	0	6.6	6.6
Woodhouse	0	0	0.4	6.6
Yankalilla	0	0	6.6	6.6

SUN & MOON

	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonsset
Thursday	6:33am	8:24pm	6:52am	9:08pm
Friday	6:34am	8:24pm	8:03am	9:40pm
Saturday	6:35am	8:23pm	9:14am	10:09pm
Sunday	6:36am	8:22pm	10:23am	10:37pm
Monday	6:37am	8:21pm	11:32am	11:05pm
Tuesday	6:38am	8:20pm	12:42pm	11:37pm
Wednesday	6:39am	8:20pm	1:53pm	Nil

TIDES

Location	Time	Tide Height	
Outer Harbor	Thursday: 12:08am	0.8m	
	Thursday: 1:07pm	0.1m	
	Friday: 12:35am	0.6m	
	Friday: 1:28pm	0.1m	
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