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Milang farmer Brian Landseer and Syd are hoping for breaking rains. Photo: Deirdre Graham

## DROUGHT DREAD

Milang farmer Brian Landseer has seen some dry times in his lifetime.

While the current drought is not the worst, if breaking rains fail to arrive within weeks the 93-year-old says "it will be a whole different thing".

"Dry times are never good times, but we have managed to get through to this point pretty well," Mr Landseer said.

"Admittedly, stock numbers will go down

pretty rapidly from now on, but we live in hope of rain in autumn.

"It will be a whole different thing (if we don't get the rain) – we will have to rethink it again.

"We have had zero rain (this year), and in the last 10 months, we wouldn't have had more than 170mls, which is very little."

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## Warm conditions set to continue for autumn...

# FEVER DREAM



By Giorgina McKay

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Eric and Annabel Neumann, Fay Galwey, Ali Steer and Joyleen Winter preparing the toppings. Photos: Tara Nash

## Annual tradition brings community together



By Tara Nash

Almost 100 community members came together last week to enjoy pancakes at Soldiers Memorial Gardens for Shrove Tuesday.

The long-running tradition is a collaborative effort between churches in the region – the Inter Church Council – and 32L of homemade mixture was prepared for the evening.

It comes from the old English custom of using up all the fattening ingredients in the house for a day of feasting before fasting during Lent which is the weeks leading up to Easter.

"Everybody enjoyed it and it was a great evening," one of the helpers, Eric Neumann, said.

"We want to serve the community – that's the ultimate gain.

"Through it, we show that the churches of Strathalbyn are community-minded and willing to look after the community."



Freemason's Walter Hirschhausen and Strathalbyn Uniting Church's Peter Roberts preparing for the event.



Andy and Corrine Snoswell and Joe Geue mingling at the community event.



Eric Neumann and Melanie Macrow at Pancakes at the Park last week.



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An artist's impression of the proposed \$50 million development at Mount Barker's Summit Precinct.



## Multi-million-dollar hotel planned for Mt Barker's Summit Precinct

A new \$50 million hotel is planned for Mount Barker's Summit Precinct, with South Australian-based Accord Property chosen to develop an entertainment and leisure precinct on the Mount Barker District Council-owned land.

Accord Property is seeking approval to build the four-star, 120-room hotel at the Summit Precinct on Springs Road to boost Mount Barker's visitor accommodation capacity, attract private investment, and cement the region's status as a must-visit tourism destination.

The hotel plan marks the first major tourism investment in the 50-hectare, council-owned Summit Precinct, which already includes the Summit Sport and Recreation Park and the soon-to-open Summit Aquatic and Leisure Centre.

Following a competitive selection process, Accord Property was chosen as the council's preferred developer due to its proven track record in delivering high-quality projects across Australia that drive regional growth and economic development.

Accord Property Managing Director Lachy Hogarth said the hotel was more than just accommodation, it was a catalyst for further investment in the precinct.

"This hotel marks the beginning of something much larger – it is the centrepiece of a vibrant new precinct that will attract visitors, create jobs, and elevate the region's tourism appeal," he said.

"We have secured a high-profile hotel brand and look forward to sharing more details soon.

"As the precinct evolves, a planned \$15 million wellness centre will be integrated with the hotel in future stages, further enhancing the visitor experience and establishing the region as a sought-after destination for tourism and leisure.

"Mount Barker is one of the fastest-growing regions in the country, and this development reflects our confidence in its potential.

"By working closely with the council and

stakeholders, we are ensuring this precinct evolves in a way that maximises its impact and long-term success."

Council has been shaping this vision for the Summit Precinct in response to community needs and private sector interest.

In 2023, council invited Expressions of Interest (EOI) from developers and operators to transform the site into a premier tourism destination, featuring accommodation, conference facilities, recreation spaces, and the region's largest adventure playground.

Mount Barker Mayor David Leach said the hotel proposal was a major step in realising council's long-term vision for the precinct.

"This is an exciting opportunity for Mount Barker to create a premier national-level tourism, sport, recreation and events destination that will become a drawcard for visitors to discover our region and all it has to offer," he said.

"A development of the calibre of this hotel proposal has the potential to generate further private sector interest to secure investment in additional tourism accommodation, events facilities and recreation opportunities at the Summit Precinct.

"This, in turn, would create considerable local employment and direct and indirect economic growth for our district.

"The proposed hotel, combined with our Summit Sport and Recreation Park and the Summit Aquatic and Leisure Centre, would also position our district to attract more regional, state and national sporting and entertainment events.

"It will centre Mount Barker as a premier visitor destination, and the ideal place to play, stay and explore the Adelaide Hills."

The hotel development application will be assessed by the State Commission Assessment Panel.

Future public space elements of the precinct — such as an adventure playground and an extension of the Laratinga Wetland Trail network — will involve community consultation.



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## Mt Barker Council's financial performance given all-clear

Mount Barker District Council's current and projected financial performance has been deemed "mostly sustainable" by the Essential Services Commission of SA (ESCOSA), with the commission warning council its high projected borrowing levels could put it at risk.

Established by the State Government in 2022, the ESCOSA Local Government Advisory Scheme aims to assist councils in remaining financially sustainable by ensuring their long-term financial and asset management plans are effective in meeting the needs of current and future residents.

Over the last 10 years, Mount Barker District Council has consistently run operating surpluses and only forecasts a small deficit in 2028/29 following a four-year period of significant infrastructure investment.

In its review, ESCOSA found council's current financial performance was mostly sustainable given its effective management of assets and growth, and planned 2.5 per cent annual rate increase per property, but warned high borrowing levels needed to support development and growth could pose future risks to this sustainability.

Council has planned a large capital expenditure program over the next four years to support the region's ongoing growth, and to finance this, plans to borrow up to \$160.4 million by 2027/28 and rely on income from developer contributions, ratepayers and wastewater customers to repay these borrowings to some extent.

The organisation warned council will need to continue to carefully monitor and assess risks through its strategic management planning processes, including to adjust the rate of investment to align with the need for infrastructure.

"Council's strategic planning processes appear robust and well-developed," the report read.

"It has a suite of strategic management plans, including separate plans for its wastewater operations.

"It also regularly consults with its stakeholders and community, as it is required to do under legislation.

"The Essential Services Commission recommends council continues its good work to understand the community's preferences on new service provision, existing service levels, and funding preferences for major project expenditures."

The seven recommendations made by the commission include:

- Disclose material changes to its capital expenditure forecasts as part of its annual review and update to its Long-Term Financial Plans.

- Report on actual or projected operating cost efficiency gains in its Long-Term Financial Plan to provide evidence

of constraining cost growth (on a per property basis) across its operations and service delivery.

- Obtain independent expert financial advice to ensure the development of financial risk measures and targets are appropriate and support its proposed borrowing levels.

- Adhere to the asset management principles underpinning its strategic management plans, and provide greater clarity on plans to manage its asset renewal requirement in the context of its overall capital program.

- Complete its planned update to its asset class infrastructure asset management plans, and in future years, align the sequence of its asset planning processes so they are informed by current and accurate information.

- Aim to align increases in long-term rates and charges with inflation, and consider opportunities for rate adjustments below inflation where financial sustainability allows.

- Monitor affordability risks for its ratepayers and wastewater customers, and ensure costs are appropriately shared between current and new ratepayers.

Mount Barker District Council's Chief Executive Officer Andrew Stuart emphasised council's commitment to balancing financial sustainability with the need to provide essential services for the community.

"A Ministerial Development Plan Amendment in 2009, along with the more recent housing crisis, continues to drive Mount Barker's expansion and the significant infrastructure demands on the council," he said.

"We continue to monitor and refine our Long-Term Financial Plan and Strategic Asset Management Plan to address the long-term high growth forecasts.

"We also believe the cost of growth should be shared equally across generations and not disproportionately borne by the current or future residents.

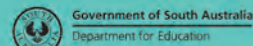
"Balancing the financial pressures on households while ensuring the community's infrastructure needs are met is a significant challenge for any council.

"We welcome the insights and advice provided by ESCOSA as we strive to improve our practices."

Council will consider its full response to ESCOSA's advice at its April 7 meeting.

In its interim response to the draft advice, council reaffirmed its commitment to financial transparency, sustainable asset management, and active community engagement.

The advice will play a crucial role in shaping council's future financial management and service delivery strategies as it continues to support its growing community.



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Though it was almost impossible to accurately predict rainfall well-ahead of time.

“While weather forecasts can tell you what the temperature will be tomorrow and how much rain to expect, long-range forecasts cannot be this specific,” Mr Pollock said.

“This is because the further we look ahead, the more small, random changes can amplify into different weather patterns.

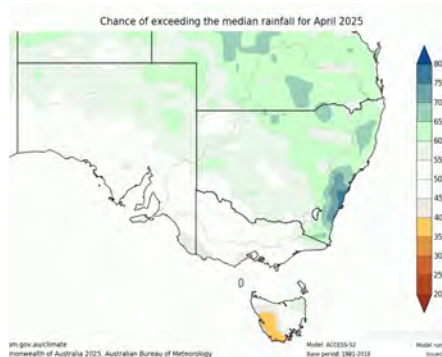
“However, longer-term forecasts of seasonal statistics, such as whether rainfall or temperature will generally be above or below median, are possible to accurately predict.”

Autumn’s forecast comes at a time where people are already struggling from the ongoing warm and dry conditions, which have affected water resources in regional areas.

Locally, Shadow Minister for Water Infrastructure and Member for Finnis David Basham has led the charge on a solution to the region’s water issues, including suggesting solutions and urging Environment and Water Minister Susan Close to provide an emergency response.

“I wrote to Minister Susan Close offering a bi-partisan approach to this emergency to look for solutions to help all those that are running out of water in their homes – the minister has not accepted my offer to assist,” Mr Basham said.

“It has taken weeks for the minister to deliver simple solutions to the emergency



Chance of exceeding the median rainfall for April 2025.

that should have been implemented immediately such as using milk tankers to help transport water.

“The Liberal Opposition could also offer the benefit of local knowledge to ensure sensible locations for water standpipe access.

“I urge Minister Close to respond to my formal offer that we create a bi-partisan taskforce where our combined knowledge can be utilised for a timely sensible emergency response.

“This issue is too important to play politics – our communities need us to work together.”

The warmer-than-average outlook for autumn highlights a heightened bushfire risk for South Australians, including those living in the Murraylands and Adelaide Hills.

Residents who live and work in bushfire risk areas are asked by the Country Fire Service (CFS) to remain vigilant, maintain their properties, and stay informed about fire risks.

A number of incidents have occurred recently from people being careless, prompting a reminder to check the CFS website or contact council for more information on daily conditions before conducting burn-offs or using potentially hazardous machinery.

Anyone planning to stay to defend their home during a bushfire will need to prepare throughout the year.

The better prepared you and your home are, the more likely you are to survive a bushfire.

The CFS recommends the following:

- Ensure there are adequate water supplies.
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- Check pumps.
- Practice your bushfire survival plan.
- Check your emergency kit.
- Test hoses and fittings.

For more information on what to do on high fire danger days, visit (<https://ow.ly/mESn50V9TXG>).



Milang farmer Brian Landseer has seen plenty of droughts in his 93 years, and is worried about the impact should breaking rains not arrive. Photo: Deirdre Graham

# Countdown to breaking rain

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According to Mr Landseer, people would have to look back decades for another time that was worse than the current dry conditions in the Milang region.

“We have a bit to go yet (before we get to the worst),” he said.

“I had a bit of a look at the records, and there are quite a few rainfall events of only 250ml for the year, and while this would be one of the lowest ones, there have been some that have been even less than that.

“Possibly 1967 was one of the worst, and 1982 was something that frightened everybody – I remember that very well – and I would say that 1967 was the one that knocked us around more than anything that I can remember.

“It was another lead-up time of a poor situation and it wasn’t much better the following year, and it takes time to reconcile itself to be helpful to us.”

Mr Landseer said modern technology meant farmers were able to cope with a lack of rain much more than when he first started farming at 17.

“We still had draught animals when I first came on the farm, and you had to feed them because they were making a living for you,” he said.

“People older than me at the time knew it was a big deal because if you didn’t look after them, you wouldn’t have them for when times come good.

“Nowadays all you do is turn the switch off” Mr Landseer is hoping for breaking rains in April, but is a bit sceptical.

“You really need to see the season start again during April if you can,” he said.

“It probably won’t, but you like to see that 100ml over time and then another lot a month (or two) later – that would be very nice.

“We are not the tropics, so we expect it to be dry in the summer.

“You would get the odd thunderstorm of course and rain events... but we have had no rain at all for the past five months.

“In the past there have been other months where there has been no rain, but not like we have got at the moment, where we have had several months in a row of very little, and it really doesn’t do any good, so that is a new sort of event.”

Meanwhile, Milang Ag Bureau President Neil Harvey is likewise very much looking for those breaking rains.

“Obviously, the rain cut off early in 2024, and when it cuts off really early there and then you don’t have any summer rainfall at all, it is a lot more noticeable, and that is why it looks as bad as it does at the minute,” he said.

“(The water shortage) is not so much out on the plains, but... dams and the creeks haven’t run for a long time, and the pools have shrunk right down and water has become a major issue.

“For anyone who is relying on dam water, it is nearly non-existent and it is pretty tough out there if you have to start carting water for livestock.

“There are a lot of people that don’t have mains water as well, so they are having to source good quality water just for their houses.

“We are hearing a six to eight week wait for water now – it has really pushed out – so hopefully it is not this dry in six to eight weeks otherwise it is not going to look too good.”

Like Mr Landseer, Mr Harvey said the break of the season would prove critical.

“Us farmers, we like to see the break of the season around Anzac Day, but after the year we finished off last year and the long dry with no summer rainfall, ideally we would like an earlier break than that,” he said.

“Our paddocks are pretty bare, so obviously we are trying to rotate the stock around to try not to have them as bare.

“With the crops not as good as a normal year last year, the stubble residue wasn’t left behind, and we have had a couple of substantial wind events as well which doesn’t help, and obviously paddock feed is pretty low.

“Hand feeding livestock... everyone is right into that right now, and between the water issues and handfeeding livestock, it is probably a bit more than you do in a normal year, and it becomes pretty time consuming and mentally draining.

“We are still getting reasonable money for good livestock, so I suppose a lot of farmers have really looked at that in the last month, and if feed is going to become too big an issue... people have already offloaded some livestock and just kept their breeding stock.”

Mr Harvey remained philosophical about the situation.

“We don’t like seeing our paddocks this bare, and we are in a bit of unknown territory at the minute,” he said.

“A lot of younger farmers like myself have never seen it this dry before, and while we try to do as good as we can, we rely on that one thing and that is rain.”

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## 25 YEARS AGO

from the files of the Southern Argus

THURSDAY, MARCH 9TH, 2000

On February 29, on a warm evening, the Moran & Carpenter Cups were swum by the Strathalbyn Swimming Club. Close finishes were the order of the day with Emma Hoff winning the girls U16 Moran Cup in the 50 metres freestyle handicap, while Tom Mayfield won the boys U16 Moran Cup in the 50-metre freestyle event. The Carpenter Cup for 17 and over allcomers over 50 metres freestyle handicap was won by Tim Hoff with the trophies presented by Mrs. Nan Carpenter. In the teams challenge sponsored by Kym Thyer and Associates it was close, with 'The Smurfs' (Jessica Algate, Letitia Vowels, Emma Hoff and Rebecca Cowan) the winners from 'The Unbeatables' (Robin Howard, Tom & Maddie Mayfield & Alex Michelmore).

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Recently Jock Neumann from IAMA Strathalbyn donated \$1000 to the CFS of Strathalbyn and Langhorne Creek. Strathalbyn Captain Peter Simpson said the donation would help towards the purchase of a new Akron Turbo Set nozzle, while Langhorne Creek captain Brett Cleggett said the money would go to upgrading the equipment.

## 50 YEARS AGO

from the files of the Southern Argus

THURSDAY, MARCH 13TH, 1975

The strong southerly last Friday & Saturday saw several boats damaged at Goolwa. Mr. Phillips' 'Stranger' dragged her moorings and was driven on to Bill Appleby's 'Esther', carrying away the bowsprit and damaging bow planking, gun-whale etc. Jeff Byrnes, a strong swimmer, carrying a rope swam out to 'Esther' as the dinghy couldn't be rowed in the conditions, and then Mr. Appleby followed along the rope and moved 'Esther' to calm water. Mr. Ron Birbeck's 40ft 'Loiterer' had the starboard window smashed. Percy Newell's 'Miss Mystery' at Armfield's Slip was holed in the stern.

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Strathalbyn motor bike champion Ken Blake raced at Daytona in the USA last weekend. He got a good grid position just four seconds outside the fastest qualifier. Ken on his new Ducatti continued on even after losing second and third gears, the gap between top and bottom however proved too wide and impeded his performance in the race.

## 100 YEARS AGO

from the files of the Southern Argus

THURSDAY, MARCH 12TH, 1925

On Saturday last five country rifle teams from Gawler, Murray Bridge, Wasley's, Langhorne Creek and Burra met at Port Adelaide Rifle Range to fire for the championship arranged for country teams. Langhorne Creek won by 13 points and annexed the valuable trophy donated by Gen. G. H. Dean. A feature of the shooting was the fine performance of O. Wenzel making his initial attempt in match shooting. H. L. Potts secured top score for the Creek with 97, with Captain H. M. Natt receiving the trophy and thanked Mr. C. Castine for arranging the day.

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Mr. Frederick Laycock is the new manager of the Strathalbyn National Bank, coming here with an enviable reputation from Quorn and other places he has resided. The consensus of letters received and reports in the local paper is that Strathalbyn is gaining a progressive business man for the bank.

# Footpath problems along Old Bull Creek Road



By Deirdre Graham

A Strathalbyn couple has expressed concerns about the state of footpaths and adjoining infrastructure along Old Bull Creek Road, citing a litany of problems.

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"This will create build-up of silt and rubbish, causing water to lay in the drain and the mosquitoes to breed."

The couple's concerns for the footpath

also extend to the pram ramps.

"The pram ramps at West Terrace are dangerously situated at a point where it is impossible to see the traffic exiting North Parade," the letter continues.

"The facility to connect Archer Court footpath with this new footpath also place pedestrians in the dangerous situation of not being able to see approaching traffic.

"To exit from The Briars and get onto a footpath with a suitable pram ramp, a gopher must drive across the road at an angle and up a resident's driveway."

The couple wrote to council to express their concerns on March 1.

Chief Executive Officer Andrew MacDonald told *The Southern Argus* council was aware of these concerns.

"Council acknowledges the concerns raised by residents, and we appreciate their ongoing interest in ensuring local infrastructure meets community needs," he said.

"We are reviewing the matters raised and have identified some minor repairs that will be discussed with the residents and will be scheduled for completion.

"Overall, we can confirm that the new footpath and crossing points have been assessed and meet the relevant Australian standards."



Strathalbyn Old Bull Creek Road resident Peter Strawbridge has concerns regarding the road's footpath and adjoining infrastructure. Photo: Deirdre Graham

## Grassroots Grants program applications now open

The latest round of funding through the Hills and Fleurieu Landscape Board's Grassroots Grants program is now open for those going above and beyond to care for nature, land and water.

The Grassroots Grants program will be open from March 4 to April 15, making available \$260,000 to eligible projects across two funding tiers – less than \$4000 and up to \$20,000.

Getting involved in local action that makes a real difference – from replanting native vegetation in the community and activating sustainable land management – is what Grassroots Grants are all about.

Hills and Fleurieu Landscape Board Chair David Greenhough encouraged individuals and groups with suitable projects to apply.

"As a regional landscape board, one of our key responsibilities is to allocate vital

funding to support local environmental efforts," he said.

"These grants assist volunteers, community groups and land stewards in protecting biodiversity, enhancing soil health, and creating landscapes that are resilient to climate change.

"Over the past five rounds, we've seen habitat restoration, regenerative agriculture, and some fantastic education and capacity building events funded.

"These grants also support initiatives that deepen the understanding and connection to Country through the knowledge-sharing of First Nations people.

"We've seen some very inspiring and meaningful projects delivered."

For more details, including examples of past projects, FAQs, guidelines and how to apply, visit ([landscape.sa.gov.au/hf/grassrootsgrants](http://landscape.sa.gov.au/hf/grassrootsgrants)).



Langhorne Creek Grape and Wine running workshops to fill knowledge gap and increase confidence on soil testing and soil profiles.

## Medical hub gets green light



Artist renderings of the proposed Strathalbyn Medical Hub.

By Giorgina McKay

A proposed Strathalbyn Medical Hub, boasting a state-of-the-art, multi-tenanted facility is a step closer to reality after being granted planning consent.

As previously reported in *The Southern Argus*, Sempire Partners and Whitmore Property lodged an application to transform 54 and 56 High Street and 49 Murray Street into a medical centre comprising of consulting rooms and a pharmacy with an associated car park, signage, solar panels, earthworks, retaining walls, fencing and landscaping.

Created by Cheeseman Architects, the specialised medical centre will include radiology, physiotherapy, dental, and allied health services, alongside an already leased GP clinic and pathology clinic.

The application was granted planning consent by the Fleurieu Regional Assessment Manager in early February and now awaits building consent.

Conditions for planning consent include:

- Clearly visible and appropriately sized directional signage markings are installed to guide vehicles to car parking areas.

- The development is limited to no more than 21 consulting rooms, and the GP can only operate up to nine consulting rooms at any given time.

- Development can only operate Monday to Friday from 8am to 6pm.

- External and security lighting must not create unreasonable overspill into adjoining properties or roadways.

- Signage illumination must not cause excessive glare, or create a traffic hazard or nuisance.



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## Schools in Brief

### Eastern Fleurieu R-12 School

Eastern Fleurieu recently had four basketball teams travel to Reynella East College to participate in the year 7/8 zone basketball carnival.

The year 7/8 girls team were undefeated on the day and came home as zone champions, while the year 8 Boys team in Div 1 had four wins and one tie, also receiving the trophy as zone champions.

The two year 7 boys teams in Div 2 were very successful, competing against each other in the third place play-off, with the Navy team defeating the White team by two points.

### Goolwa Secondary College

Goolwa Secondary College is feathering its nest with some new additions.

Bri's Hatching Studio is captivating both staff and students as they explore egg candling to see what's happening beyond the shell and look after recently hatched chicks.

### Tyndale Christian School

Tyndale Christian School kicked off Shrove Tuesday with a delicious start, with staff members serving up freshly cooked pancakes last week, giving the community the perfect fuel for a day of learning.

Classes also dove into the significance of Shrove Tuesday and Lent last week.

Shrove Tuesday – the day before Lent begins – is a special occasion in the Christian calendar, and is a time to use up ingredients like flour, eggs, and milk before the 40-day period of fasting starts.

Lent honours the 40 days Jesus spent fasting in the wilderness.

Furry friends join EFS  
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# Water commitment made to SA

More than 100 times more additional environmental water is being delivered by the Federal Government in one term, marking a huge win for South Australia

New figures show water recovery in progress on the Murray-Darling Basin Plan's 450GL water target – which is absolutely critical for SA – has surged to 286GL of water – that's an extra 114,400 Olympic swimming pools of water every year to secure water supplies for the state and stop the mouth of the River Murray from drying.

The government has welcomed the strong community interest in voluntary water purchase, and the first round tender has closed and contracts are currently being evaluated for up to 70GL of water from parts of the southern connected Basin.

Further offers are still being considered, and another tender for up to 100GL of water from the southern connected Basin was opened late last month for portfolios greater than 20GL.

Under Labor's plan, any water recovered beyond the individual valley amounts now contributes towards the 450GL target,

meaning 78GL of water will be given certainty of use to keep rivers and wetlands healthy, while also reducing the remaining amount of water that needs to be recovered elsewhere.

"A healthy Murray-Darling Basin is vital to the communities, industry and environment that rely on it," Federal Minister for the Environment and Water, Tanya Plibersek, said.

"That's why we've worked together with Basin states and communities to rescue the plan and deliver much-needed water."

The Federal Government has also announced more than \$94 million of funding for South Australian Basin communities to deliver important infrastructure that can support higher flows in the River Murray, and provide assistance that will minimise the social and economic impacts of water recovery.

"This is tremendous news for South Australia and couldn't come at a better time, with drought starting to bite across the state," Deputy Premier, Susan Close, said.

"Without a healthy River Murray, there is no water for farmers, irrigators or the environment, so this is an unbelievable result."

## Letters to the Editor

### Potential budget blow-out

With the next council elections just 18 months away, the Alexandrina Residents & Ratepayers Action Group (ARRAG) publicly asks the question of its Strathalbyn councillors Sue Miller, Craig Maidment and Christie Thornton: how much money will you be voting for council to spend on the Lot 10 development?

Council has already spent over \$100k on consultants, and the cost of design and construction of Lot 10 infrastructure by council, before any spending by recreational & sporting clubs, could amount to millions.

This level of spending is the direct opposite of the much-needed, new approach by the CEO and CFO of major cuts to spending in the upcoming budget.

After all, it was Strath councillors Sue Miller, Craig Maidment, Christie Thornton, along with councillors Margaret Gardner, Milli Livingston, Lou Nicholson & Michael Scott who voted 'yes' to a compound average increases in residential rates of over 30 per cent in the past three budgets, ignoring the public response for them to do the contrary (ESCOSA report).

ARRAG applauds *The Southern Argus* for its articles on pages one and four of last week's edition about the unsustainability of Alexandrina Council's finances.

The Mayor is also elected and is the leader of council.

Mayor Keith Parkes has been our leader now for 10 years, so ARRAG publicly asks

him: do you support the new approach by the CEO and CFO of major cuts to spending in the upcoming budget?

What we have heard so far is that the Long-Term Financial Plan (LTFP) is undergoing a root and branch review of its cumulative rate increases of 30-plus per cent over the next four years.

This would have been devastating for many members of the community who are on fixed incomes and/or pensions, and are struggling to make ends meet right now.

Statistics show that approx. 10,000 of our population of 30,000 is over 65, and if rates increase continue, our senior citizens, minimum wage workers, youth workers, and working families will be forced to choose between food and rates, heating and rates, cooling and rates, petrol and rates or worse still, forced out of their homes in Alexandrina to who knows where?

The CEO and CFO are currently modeling a cumulative increase of 16 per cent.

The reduction from 30 per cent to 16 per cent is still an increase.

ARRAG therefore urges the CEO, CFO, Mayor and councillors to look more forensically into expenditure, including Lot 10, and adopt the 10 recommendations of ESCOSA in order to identify and implement more cuts to expenditure.

Peter Nichols,  
ARRAG Convenor

## Our View

Thursday, March 13, 2025

### Women and equality

On Friday, the all-girl journo team at *The Southern Argus* were able to attend three International Women's Day events, ahead of the actual day which was celebrated on Saturday.

For each of us the events were indeed inspiring, with a chance to learn more about the struggles women of many backgrounds have encountered, and how they have overcome them.

We live in a time in Australia where women's rights are not always left in the dark, but there is much to be improved on.

This was one of the main messages of the day – that more is still needed.

As journalists we are aware the industry was once one that was dominated by men, and we are happy to embrace that change.

The day was also a chance to look into how our sisters in other countries and communities fare.

Some of the worldwide statistics, which we found courtesy of UN Women, are sobering.

They include:

- Globally over 2.7 billion women are legally restricted from having the same choice of jobs as men.

- The gender wage gap worldwide is estimated to be 23 per cent, meaning women earn 77 per cent of what men earn.

- Globally women spend 2.8 more hours than men on unpaid care and domestic work per day.

- In emergencies, women and girls face a significantly increased risk for unwanted pregnancy, gender-based violence, STIs and maternal mortality.

- Women hold only one quarter of parliamentary seats worldwide.

- Just one of the 25 CEOs appointed to lead ASX 200 organisations in the past year has been female.

We know the global horror stories of the violence so many women face, how they are banned from schools and universities, unable to drive cars, unable to take a walk in public unless they have a man in their company.

It does go on, but it shouldn't.

Thank you to the women who shared their stories on Friday.

United, we can change the statistics.

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

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

## The know in the FLEURIEU ...

We asked women in the community: who is the most inspirational woman you have met in your life?

Toni Hanna,  
Strathalbyn



"Tanya Lyons. That is why I invited her (to Friday's event), as I wanted to share the day with her."

Wendi Avery,  
Adelaide Hills



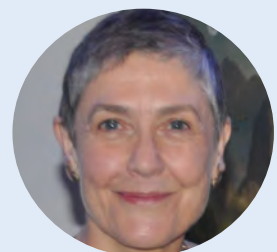
"Rachel Perkins. I saw her at Writers' Week."

Tanya Lyons,  
Macclesfield



"Toni Hanna."

Jane Corin,  
Mount Barker



"My mother, Merawyn."

# Wellington blanketed in smoke due to fire

A fire burned through grass and reeds at a Wellington Road property last Wednesday, keeping Country Fire Service (CFS) volunteers busy for several hours due to the terrain.

At about 9am on March 5, five trucks with approximately 25 CFS firefighters were called to Karpany Road after a fire burnt approximately seven hectares of land.

Due to the hard to access terrain firefighters remained on scene for approximately six hours, but were able to successfully contain the blaze and prevent it from spreading further by undertaking a backburn then mop up.

A smoke warning was issued to residents, with Langhorne Creek Road one of the local roads to have visibility impacted.

The cause of the fire is not suspicious.



Smoke blanketing the area. INSET: Firefighters on scene. Photos: Tara Nash. ABOVE: A fire blazing through reeds and grass at Wellington last Wednesday. Photo: Murray Bridge CFS

## Strathalbyn driver clocked over the limit

A speeding drink driver was caught at Highland Valley on Friday.

At about 5.30pm, police were conducting speed detection duties on Wellington Road when they clocked a Mitsubishi Triton travelling at 112km/h in a 100km/h zone.

Police stopped the car and spoke to the driver, a 55-year-old Strathalbyn man, before submitting him to a breath test.

He allegedly returned a positive reading of 0.207, and was reported for speeding and drink driving.

He lost his licence on the spot for 12 months, and had his car impounded for 28 days.

The local man will be summonsed to appear in court at a later date.



SAPOL officers fishing with Murray Bridge High School students at Hindmarsh Island last month.

## SAPOL have a 'reel' good time with local students

Police and Murray Bridge High School students teamed up last month to take part in a fishing experience at Hindmarsh Island.

On Tuesday, February 25, SA Police and Murray Bridge High School students made their way to Sugars Beach to take part in a fishing experience with RecFish SA.

It was a great opportunity for police and students to interact while learning about sustainable fishing methods, the importance

of preserving local marine ecosystems, and the role that recreational fishing can play in environmental conservation.

The five police officers and 10 students tried their best to catch the biggest fish.

This activity provided the perfect platform to practice patience with enthusiasm while sharing some good yarns and laughs.

Although no fish were caught, a great day was had by all.



This woman who was pictured at a Murray Bridge business last week may be able to help police.

## Help needed to identify woman

Police are asking the public's assistance to identify a woman pictured at a Murray Bridge business last week.

The woman was seen at a Murray Bridge business on Tuesday, March 4, and may be able to assist police with investigations.

Police urge anyone who knows the identity of the person or their whereabouts to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or online at ([www.crimestopperssa.com.au](http://www.crimestopperssa.com.au)) and quote the quote reference number 25-022M.

## Drink driver caught

A local teenager was caught breaching his licence conditions at Belvidere on Sunday.

At about 6.15am, police were called to Langhorne Creek Road after a Mazda sedan travelling east lost control, and crashed into a fence and grape vines.

The driver, an 18-year-old local man, was breath tested and allegedly returned a positive reading of 0.067.


He was issued an expiation notice for drink driving and breach of provisional licence conditions, and his car was towed from the scene.

## Teen loses control

A Strathalbyn teenager was taken to hospital after losing control of his car at Highland Valley on Friday.

At about 9.50pm, police were called to Wellington Road after a silver Mitsubishi sedan lost control and rolled, ending up on its roof.

The driver, an 18-year-old Strathalbyn man, sustained minor injuries and was taken to hospital for assessment.

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## SES warns to be careful of trees

People are advised to remain vigilant to the potential impacts and dangers posed by trees suffering prolonged heat stress after the state endured its hottest summer on record.

During summer, highly trained South Australian State Emergency Service (SES) volunteers responded to 1277 requests for assistance regarding 'tree down' jobs - often falling on homes, cars and roads.

Heat-distressed trees indiscriminately drop large branches and limbs, potentially resulting in significant damage to vehicles, homes and properties and in tragic cases, people.

With the Bureau of Meteorology forecasting a hotter and drier start to autumn than previous years, the heat stress on trees across the state is expected to continue.

SA SES Chief Officer Chris Beattie said responding to trees falling or dropping limbs kept volunteers in the emergency response agency busy over summer.

"People with safety concerns regarding trees people should contact their local council in the first instance if the tree is on public land or an arborist if the tree is on private property," he said.

"We received 1277 requests for assistance in relation to tree downs in summer, and have seen firsthand the impact falling branches and trees can have on homes and vehicles.

"It can be quite difficult to identify a tree under distress until it starts dropping significant limbs and branches.

"With that in mind, the best advice is to remain mindful of the potential impacts of distressed trees and the ways people can help reduce their risk.

"When possible, we would advise people to avoid parking underneath trees on very hot days, and to be proactive about trimming back overhanging branches on their properties."

For autumn preparedness the SES advises to:

- Trim trees and branches that could fall on your home or property.
- Check your insurance policy is adequate and covers you for storm damage.
- Park vehicles under cover when possible and well away from trees.
- Repair any damage to your roof.

For more information on how to prepare your property for autumn, visit ([ses.sa.gov.au](http://ses.sa.gov.au)).



The friendship between Strathalbyn renowned artist David Dridan and beloved Aussie icon Barry Humphries is being celebrated in an art exhibition. Photos: Tara Nash

## Remembering two friends who painted the town red



By Tara Nash

When renowned landscape artist David Dridan reminisces on his more than 60-year friendship with the late Barry Humphries, a cheeky smile spreads from ear-to-ear.

The late beloved Aussie comedian, entertainer and artist would visit Dridan's Strathalbyn home about once a year, and they would often venture out for painting excursions around the country.

The friends were both often described as "larrikins" or "eccentric", and Dridan has a twinkle in his eye when he remembers the jokes and mischief shared between them.

"Unless you're mad – you never going to make good art," Dridan said.

"Even a singer or a pianist, they've all got to be a bit eccentric."

Humphries was an Australian icon, largely for playing the eccentric character Dame Edna Everage, known for her lilac-coloured hair and glittery glasses, with a catchphrase "hello, possums".

He was also well known for playing Sir Les Patterson.

Humphries sadly died at Sydney's St. Vincent's Hospital almost two years ago, aged 89, following health issues caused by a broken hip.

At the time, the Strathalbyn community poured tributes to the beloved comedian,



The late Barry Humphries (in a self-portrait) looking down on his best friend David Dridan.

many of whom were lucky enough to run into him on local streets during his visits to Dridan.

"He was a great, great mate – he was enjoyable to travel with because we did have lots of laughs... he's had such an interesting life," Dridan said.

"(My wife) Sarah loved him and he taught the kids how to speak perfectly.

"He meant a lot to our family and the kids and he was always charming to them."

The pair's friendship is being celebrated with an exhibition at Stationmaster's Art Gallery, following a four-month showing at the Festival Theatre.

Eleven pieces on show are from Dridan's personal collection – or, "what I stole from him", he said with a laugh – and include self-portraits, paintings from their trips away together, and of Dridan and Sarah.

The pair have distinctively different styles, with Dridan painting with incredible detail, while Humphries was an expressionist, meaning he'd paint quickly and only put the brush down once.

"I'd be still getting my paints out for similar landscapes, and he'd already be finished," Dridan said.

"He had a dreadful habit of having so much paint on his pallet and he never, ever cleaned it, and then he'd say to me: 'you clean my pallet'"

One painting in the exhibition has Dridan's intricate landscape at the bottom, and Humphries' sky along the top.

"Barry said: 'your sky is no good, I'm going to paint over it,'" Dridan remembered with a smile.

"I said: 'Barry, don't muck it up, I haven't finished it', and he painted over it and it was a shocking mess and he signed it up the top.

"He said: 'it's much better than it was' – and it wasn't."

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Sophie Pinkerton, Loughlan Murray and Ryan Vanderzon at the All Abilities Festival.

## Pool party welcomes all abilities

By Deirdre Graham

Murray Bridge's fourth regional festival for those with disabilities again received the tick of approval from participants.

The All Abilities Festival on February 26 attracted more than 150 people with disabilities, along with all their support staff to a day of fun at the Murray Bridge pool.

Community Living Australia (CLA) Chief Executive Mark Kulinski said the day was "fantastic".

"I think the beauty of a day like this is, from talking to people with disabilities who attended, is a mixture of getting together, and seeing friends that you haven't seen for a while who are now in different parts of South Australia," Mr Kulinski said.

"There was also some competitive elements (such as) people having swimming and walking races in the pool, which was really nice because if you have different abilities and you have varying mobility needs, the water makes it so much easier as it takes the weight off your legs."

Along with the pool activities participants were also able to compete for the fastest trip down the water slide, along with bocce and connect four.

"It was a party atmosphere," Mr Kulinski said.

"We had the music going, and some people got out there and had a big of a boogie.

"Everyone was in the water, as it was perfect weather for it."

Mr Kulinski said it was important to stage events for people with varying disabilities.

"People with disabilities want to be valued as community members, and it is good to be around your peers where you feel safe so you can let your hair down and not be judged by it," he said.

"I think that is what is really lovely about the All Abilities Festival, as you can celebrate and have fun together."

The day was made possible with the support of the Rural City of Murray Bridge, businesses such as Any Time Fitness Murray Bridge and the Murray Bridge pool.



Rikki Fiege and Corey White enjoying themselves.



Caleb Carter enjoying the sensory space by Genuine Support Services. Photos: Glenn Power



# BUZZ KILL: Insect decline worse than predicted



By Tara Nash

Many remember driving through local roads 50, 80 and more years ago, and having their windscreen covered in insects.

It doesn't happen anywhere near that extent these days, which is a common anecdote Macclesfield-based ecologist Darcy Whittaker hears.

"You hear those stories from people a lot older than me – you'd drive around and get bugs all over your windscreen and nowadays, it doesn't happen anywhere near as bad," he said.

"In Australia, we have much less data to go off but... the anecdotal evidence... certainly shows there were a lot more insects around our area (previously) than there are now."

Extensive long-term data has been recorded in the Northern Hemisphere, particularly Europe and North America, that show "huge declines" in invertebrates, but Australia has conducted far less research.

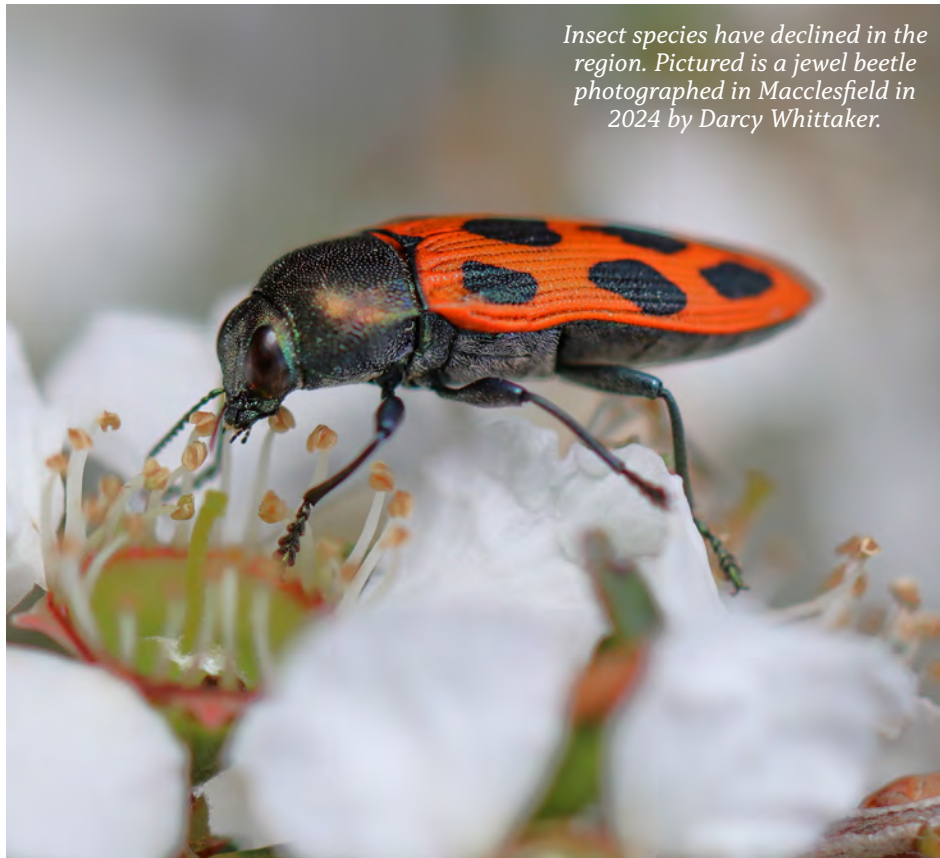
"The interesting thing is we're still at the base in Australia in working out what species we have, let alone how they survive and how they're doing," Mr Whittaker said.

"We're finding new species all the time, even in (the local) area."

A study released by the University of Adelaide last year found that Australia's extinction tally of insects and other invertebrates is worse than predicted.

Researchers estimated that more than 9000 species have become extinct in the country since European arrival, and an additional one to three become extinct every week.

Invertebrates include species such as worms, snails and spiders, which



*Insect species have declined in the region. Pictured is a jewel beetle photographed in Macclesfield in 2024 by Darcy Whittaker.*

Mr Whittaker said are part of a bigger ecosystem, being integral for other animals and humans.

"Insects are incredibly important for pollinating plants and crops," he said.

"They're also a food source for lots of reptiles and birds and are the base of the food chain.

"Without them, everything else struggles including humans, as we're realising."

Some of their biggest threats are pesticides and habitat clearance.

"Some of our native species have struggled because we've cleared a lot of

land for farming or housing, so the plants that they rely on have been removed from the environment," he explained.

"A lot of insects are amazing because they're so tied to one particular species of plant and without it, they can't survive."

Another example is the change of artificial lighting which can disrupt moths during travelling.

Mr Whittaker gave the example of bogong moths that breed in the Snowy Mountains whose migration is disrupted by light pollution.

## Upcoming carbon farming workshop

A workshop is scheduled for Ashbourne next month to teach local residents about carbon farming.

The concept can seem daunting at first, but when broken down, carbon farming is simply about adapting farming practices to reduce emissions and/or sequester or store carbon in the soil or vegetation.

Landscapes Hills and Fleurieu is offering farmers the chance to learn about carbon farming and how it can enhance sustainability and productivity, while meeting emerging market demands.

"Through a series of free workshops, we'll look at how carbon farming can improve farm sustainability and productivity, while also preparing farmers to meet future emission reporting required by banks, markets and insurers," Landscapes Hills and Fleurieu Carbon Farming Officer, Bonnie Armour, said.

"We'll also cover the carbon and nitrogen cycles that contribute to your emissions, how these can affect your production, and steps you can take to reduce them.

"These sessions create a supportive space, where farmers can build confidence in managing emissions and using emissions calculators, as well as improving farm sustainability."

"There are opportunities out there for farms to understand and reduce their carbon footprint, potentially diversify their income, all while improving the land for future generations."

The workshop will be held from 5pm to 8.30pm on April 3.

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# Local competition raises the 'steaks'



By Tara Nash

Breeders and present and past members of Mount Compass Jersey Cattle Club recently competed in a heifer competition.

Across two days, participants toured to different farms in the Barossa Valley and locally at Mount Compass for the annual tradition, which guest judge Brittany Wallis found "very welcoming and organised".

"The farmers who I met along the way were very inviting, it was good to learn about their farming history and the way they run their businesses," Ms Wallis said.

"The competition had a lot of very nice heifers – to be honest, you would've been extremely happy owning any of them, whether they won the class or placed elsewhere."

The event was rounded off with lunch and presentations at McHugh's farm, whose family also received an encouragement award.

"Chatting with all the farmers, it sounds like it's been a pretty tough season," Ms Wallis said.

"And, we all can't wait for the season break and to get some rain on the ground to get some grass growing."

While visiting the Mount Compass farm, people also viewed a relatively new robotic dairy, which automates much of the milking process.

After two weeks of training cows, they now voluntarily walk into the dairy to be milked themselves, with the machine allowing each to be milked up to six hours per day.

Dairy farms are increasingly moving towards robotic processes, with about six now on the Fleurieu.

About half of the McHugh's herd of 400 now use the robotic dairy.

"I think it's the way that the industry is moving – utilising the technology that is available to them," Farmer, Ben McHugh, said.

"The cows are presented to be milked when they want to – they're not being herded, they're not off feed for long periods of time.

"So, from animal health perspective, there are a lot of benefits."



Farmers Kym and Ben McHugh showing guests their robotic dairy. Photos: Tara Nash

## RESULTS

### Best Group, Class 1:

1. McCaul 1618
2. Walker – Campbell 1610
3. Bond 1610
4. Koch 1580
5. McHugh 1575
6. Wohlstadt 1445
7. Schutz 1375

### Best Heifer, Class 1:

1. Koch (B) 560
2. Wohlstadt (B) 555
3. McCaul (A) 553
4. Brokenshire (B) 550
5. McHugh (C) 547
6. Koch (A) 545
7. Davies (B) 544
8. Walker Campbell (C) 543

### Best Group, Class 2:

1. Brokenshire 1721
2. Koch 1705
3. Walker Campbell 1635
4. Bond 1590
5. McHugh 1587

### Best Heifer, Class 2

1. Koch (C) 590
2. Brokenshire (A) 585
3. Davies (A) 580
4. Brokenshire (C) 578
5. Walker Campbell (C) 575
6. Walker Campbell (A) 565
7. Koch (A) 560
8. Brokenshire (B) 558



Dan and Rebekah McCaul, of Alexandrina Cheese in Mount Jagged, accepting an award during Mount Compass Jersey Cattle Club's recent competition.

# Plea for people to learn more about wildlife care

By Deirdre Graham

A Goolwa-based wildlife expert is urging people to consider the welfare of native wildlife ahead of any more searing temperatures, and take steps to help.

Deanne Smith, who runs Alexandrina Wildlife Support Group, said there is a need for education around helping wild animals and birds.

"We get quite concerned because we know how the heat affects us and we understand how it is going to affect the animals, and they don't have the resources to cool down like we can," she said.

"Lizards and that would go under hollow tree stumps or under bush to try and keep cool, and birds usually aerate themselves – flap their wings to try and cool down – and rest in the shade, either in the tree or underneath the tree.

"Those (worst affected) would be like us. The older animals and the young would be the ones worst affected."

Miss Smith encouraged people to put out a couple of large circle saucers with a depth of less than an inch, but check the temperature of the water frequently.

"If you know you have a family of lizards or have visitors that come in I have (in the past) put out the two fruits in syrup, and then that not only gives them some



Goolwa wildlife expert Deanne Smith is urging people to learn how to help wildlife. Photo: Deirdre Graham

nutrients, it gives them some moisture as well," she said.

"Don't chase them around because they are stressed as they are... so if you see any animal that looks like it is struggling, basically call a wildlife carer."

Much of the work Miss Smith does is

with short neck turtles – some that have been surrendered and others that have been found dumped.

She said often new owners are not educated about the care needed for turtles.

"When people buy turtles, pet shops often don't give the right advice on how

long they will live or how big they get, and they end up thinking 'Oh that looks like a nice source of water for them,'" Miss Smith said.

"Like Mount Barker's wetland, I know there are short neck turtles in there that have been released, and unfortunately, some have been run over because that is not where they want to be.

"If you have a native animal that has been hand reared or bred in captivity, like your lizards, birds and turtles, you should never release them out in the wild because nine times out of 10 they are not going to survive due to having no instinct to go feed.

"When you rescue an animal and it can go back, it has to go back to within 100m of where it came from because that is their average home range for an animal."

Miss Smith said an added problem with returning animals and birds to the wild was that they could be a biohazard.

"We could be introducing diseases – (birds) can go into a flock and carry something into them," she said.

"It might be a community-based animal and their species might not accept them back, and they might end up being killed off or just isolated and having to fend for themselves, which as I said, they don't fare too well after that."



## Three new friends arrive at Eastern Fleurieu

One-year-old Smithfield Sheepdog Errol is already making himself at home at Eastern Fleurieu's Strathalbyn R-6 campus. Photo: Giorgina McKay. INSETS: Barkley and Nala



By Giorgina McKay

Three new four-legged friends have joined Eastern Fleurieu's Strathalbyn campuses.

The school has partnered with Dogs Connect this year to introduce three wellbeing dogs – Nala, Barkley and Errol – to its R-6 and 7-12 campuses, who will help foster a calm, connected and supportive environment, reduce anxiety, and improve emotional regulation among both staff and students.

The new program was made possible with the help of prize money received as part of a teaching award bestowed to Principal Ian Kent last year by Commonwealth Bank.

Assistant Principal, and R-12 Inclusion and Wellbeing Leader, Merryn Gomez, said it has been an initiative the school has been wanting to implement.

"Hannah (Jenkins) and I are both really passionate about dogs in education, and as a whole leadership team we know we need to be looking at innovative ways to engage students," she said.

"Through that research we've been doing over the past few years, we know there is a lot of research to support that bringing dogs into a school community in a really planned and supportive way can improve the wellbeing of the students and the staff.

"We were looking at all of the different steps you need to take and coming up with that ourselves when we stumbled across (Dogs Connect).

"We realised this was such a great opportunity because... what they do is they work with you to personalise (the program) for the context of your school, so we can make sure it is very Eastern Fleurieu focused and exactly what our community needs.



Senior Leader for Wellbeing and Inclusion at the R-6 campuses Hannah Jenkins (left), and Assistant Principal, and R-12 Inclusion and Wellbeing Leader, Merryn Gomez (right), with Errol. Photo: Giorgina McKay

"Once we stumbled across them, we knew that was going to be the right fit for us."

Errol and Barkley are both based at the R-6 campus, while Nala will be at the 7-12.

Once all three have completed training, they will be working at the campuses a maximum of three days a week and on their own terms.

When they're not on campus, all three have a staff member who is responsible for their health and wellbeing, and training.

Senior Leader for Wellbeing and Inclusion at the R-6 campuses, Hannah Jenkins, is Errol's primary caregiver, while Mrs Gomez takes care of Nala and another staff member takes care of Barkley.

"Outside of school, they're just dogs, and they roll in poop, run around, and bark," Mrs Gomez said.

"Errol has already started doing little bits

of familiarisation with the setting and being introduced to some students, then Nala and Barkley – who are about 16 weeks old and from the same litter – are in the very early stages of training.

"Nala came first in early January and we saw really quickly that her nature, intelligence in picking up training, and just the way she was was exactly what was going to be the right for the role.

"The breeder still had some puppies left in the litter, so we were really fortunate enough that Ian said 'we're a big school and we're going to need this support, so let's bring another puppy into it to be trained for R-6 as well'."

It's still in its early stages, but both staff members agreed the program has been welcomed by the school community.

Mrs Jenkins said the enthusiasm from staff and students has been "incredible."

"One year 6 student in particular has taken the lead and, using the Dogs Connect PowerPoint as a base and adding to that and creating his own, gone around to every class at our campus presenting about the dogs and the program, and teaching students the rules and expectations around the dogs," she explained.

"Then we've got three classes who are making posters through their social enterprise lessons to go around the school and high school.

"We've also started getting a list of names of students that want to be extra involved for a lunchtime club – the energy for it is quite incredible."

For now, the dogs are learning to relax and feel safe at school, but once they start working, they will have their own timetable and be directed to where they're needed most, whether that is in a classroom, the wellbeing hub or supporting reading intervention in the library.



Mount Barker Family House and Murray Bridge Community Centre are among the groups receiving funding to help thousands improve their digital literacy skills.

## Funding put towards improving digital literacy

Digital access will be boosted for people in Mount Barker and Murray Bridge with the help of hundreds of thousands in grants.

As part of the State Government's commitment to ensuring all South Australians can participate in an increasingly digital world, it has offered more than \$325,000 in Grants SA funding for community groups to implement initiatives such as literacy workshops and improving accessibility for vulnerable groups.

Among the recipients are Mount Barker Family House which received \$18,582 to increase digital skills in the township, and Murray Bridge Community Centre which received \$19,880 for its 'Let's Get Digital' program.

"These grants are about breaking down barriers and ensuring every South Australian can connect, learn and thrive in an increasingly digital world," Human Services Minister, Nat Cook, said.

"Access to digital technology is not a luxury, it's essential for work, education, connection and everyday life.

"These grants are helping communities to gain the skills and tools they need to confidently engage in the digital world, access essential services and stay connected.

"The grants will have a meaningful impact on people who experience barriers to digital participation.

"From digital literacy workshops to improved access for people with disabilities and support for regional communities, these projects will ensure that no one is left behind in South Australia's digital future."

## New year but demand still high at Pantry Club

By Deirdre Graham

It is a new year, but the volunteers at Country Life Compassion Pantry Club in Strathalbyn are still seeing a high demand for food as the cost of living continues to bite.

Co-ordinator Paquita Wise said the number of people seeking help was similar to the same time last year when the volunteers noticed a "huge increase" of people in need.

"Last year was full on for us," she said. "It was the first year in 11 years that I

had noticed such an increase in demand, not necessarily for Pantry, but the week in between when people came in to get bread and fruit and veg.

"The numbers increased significantly for us, (and) it is about the same there now."

While the cost of food was the "biggest hit" for people, Mrs Wise said other bills were also having an impact.

"A lot of people that we see, the majority of them need the health care system for different reasons, whether it is long-term sickness or short-term sickness," she said.

"The cost of going to see a doctor hurts,

(along with) electricity and just affording the basics of going to a shop that five years ago didn't cost as much.

"All community members are feeling the rise of costs since COVID...and because the Newstart Allowance or Disability Pension has had very little increase, it makes it hard for them to spread a dollar further."

Mrs Wise said Country Life Compassion Pantry Club had been lucky to have great community support, from Woolworths down to individuals.

The Pantry Club is open to the community once a fortnight on Tuesday mornings at 27 Callington Road.

A small fee of \$8 for a single person allows people to grab eight items out of the pantry, which includes frozen goods, non-perishables and fresh food, \$10 for a couple for 10 items, and \$12 a family for 16 items.

A yearly fee of \$6 also applies.

On the weeks in-between Pantry Club, bread from Bakers Delight and fruit and veg are also available.

Community members who would like to donate items can do so on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday mornings at the Callington Road address or at the church bookshop on 11 Dawson Street.



## Local women recognised for their efforts



By Tara Nash

A real estate professional who works across Goolwa and Victor Harbor received the 2025 Inspirational Business Woman award in the Fleurieu Women's Community Awards last week.

Kathleen Fry was recognised for "embodying leadership, entrepreneurship and social responsibility".

She has worked more than 23 years in real estate and mentored countless women, as well as volunteering with Victor Harbor Primary School, Operation Flinders, the Salvation Army and the Goolwa Football Club.

"I absolutely love this community more than I can tell you," she said in her acceptance speech.

"I think we have the best backyard in the world to bring up our children and I would love every child in our community to have the same opportunity as each other, no matter where they come from.

"Congratulations to all the other women who were nominated – without you, we wouldn't be here today and our beautiful community wouldn't be what it is today."

The merit award winner was Helen Sampson, from Jagged Crow Creative, who also runs an agricultural enterprise with her husband, and the nominees included Dana King, a Mount Compass artist who fosters a place of creativity and creation.

The award recipient of the 2025 Female Community Ambassador was Judy Parsons for volunteering hours of time to maintain the tidiness of the Victor Harbor community.

The Young Female Ambassador was Lilah Wharton, an enthusiastic 13-year-old volunteer for Riding for the Disabled.

Fleurieu Women's Community Awards is presented by Victor Harbor VIEW Club in conjunction with Member for Finnis David Basham and has been running for 13 years.

During the breakfast, Goolwa-based author Darry Fraser spoke about her empowering female-centric historical fiction novels filled with adventure, mystery and mayhem.



Fleurieu Women's Community Awards recipients Kathleen Fry, Lilah Wharton and Judy Parsons with their trophies. Photos: Tara Nash



Victor Harbor family members Sarah and Kate Hill at the awards.



Victor Harbor's Dee Elferink and Morag Craig sharing a laugh at the International Women's Day event.



Member for Finnis David Basham and 2025 Inspirational Business Woman Kathleen Fry, with Goolwa's Thai Days' Ticcanum Jumpee who received the accolade last year.



Goolwa author Darry Fraser shared some of her work on the morning.



Goolwa friends Heather England and Wendy Norris enjoying the breakfast on March 7.



Victor Harbor's Le Talbot and Robyn Branson at the International Women's Day awards.



Zonta Club of Mount Barker Vice-President Robyn Page with guest speakers Mount Barker District councillor Jessica Szilassy and Deputy Mayor Samantha Jones. INSET: One of the day's guest speakers Member for Mayo Rebekha Sharkie with one of the organisers from the Mt Barker Community Centre Community Development Manager Nicki Van Hooff. Photos: Giorgina McKay

## Inspiring stories shared at afternoon tea



By Giorgina McKay

Determination, leadership, and resilience were the key themes discussed and championed at Mount Barker's International Women's Day afternoon tea on Friday.

Presented by the Zonta Club of Mount Barker and Mount Barker Community Centre, the afternoon tea invited women from the community to come together and hear from inspiring guest speakers Mount Barker District councillor Jessica Szilassy, Deputy Mayor Samantha Jones, and Member

for Mayo Rebekha Sharkie, who shared their stories of success and challenges in local and federal politics.

The room was then invited to ask questions of the guest speakers in an open Q&A forum.

The guest speakers demonstrated some of the ways the world has progressed for women, but as noted by Zonta Club of Mount Barker Vice-President Robyn Page, there is a long way to go.

"The statistics have come a long way in improving women's gender equity, but they still say we have another 100 years before we reach what we would like to actually happen," she said.

"So, we still have a lot of work to do."



Elizabeth Cottrell, Margaret Rainey and Claire Woolley were eager to hear from the speakers at Friday's afternoon tea.

Zoe McClellan with Mount Barker District councillor Rowan Voogt at Friday's afternoon tea.



Louise Byrne and Rowena Jones get chatting.



Kimberley Franklin and Clare Dorey grabbing some afternoon tea on Friday.

## Livestream success for International Women's Day

By Deirdre Graham

About 42 people took the opportunity to watch this year's Adelaide International Women's Day Breakfast event via a livestream at Mount Barker's Wallis Cinema on Friday.

The livestream part of the event was made possible by the Friends of Reconciliation - Adelaide Hills.

Those who attended were able to hear and see Minister for Foreign Affairs Penny Wong, and Indigenous advocate Rachel Perkins, who both

spoke about the important role their mothers had in their lives.

Spokesperson Bet Burford said it was wonderful to be able to enjoy the livestream so that local people could take advantage of the event.

"We are really thrilled, as this is the first time we have done this," she said.

"We will be doing it again next year, but maybe find a middle-of-the-day type interview for us, as that would be really great.

"I thought the main message for me was the influence that our mothers had on our progression through life and

how important that was.

"I know for me it was incredibly moving because my mother had a very difficult early life, and she inspired me with her strength and purpose to protect and move us forward into adulthood, so that underlying quiet strength also came through from the speeches by Penny and Rachel."

Friday's breakfast event was supported by the Mount Barker District Council, Beyond Bank, and Wallis Cinema.

Funds raised will go towards UN Women and the Ruby Hunter Foundation.



Toni Hanna, Tanya Lyons and Wendi Avery at Friday's event at Wallis Cinemas in Mount Barker.

# Faces & Places



Mother and son Raymond and Vera Moyle with Vera's uncle's 1954 FJ Holden at Strathalbyn's recent car club event. Photos: Deirdre Graham



Garry Milligan and Leonie Phillips at a racing event in Strathalbyn last month. Photos: Tara Nash

Syd Litchfield and Oliver Kirsten were proud to support their respective teams as they faced off in a pre-season showdown at Mount Barker. Photos: Rowan Sims



USA social art group's Lynette Sander, Ann Johnson, and Rosemary Simpson having a pleasure ride with Shay on last Thursday around Strathalbyn, with coffee and cake at Jack's Cafe afterwards.



Russell Graham, of Mount Barker, enjoying the Early Bird Specials Race Day last month.



Graham Brook, of Strathalbyn, with his 1956 Vauxhall Velox six cylinder at last month's coffee and chrome.



Charlotte Heritage and Goldie Laird cheering on the Crows at last month's simulation pre-season match at Mount Barker.



Garry Sedman, Patrick Lamanna and Ann Hubbard at the Strathalbyn Racecourse last month.



Greg Spooner with this seven-year project, a 1970 VF Valiant Hard Top, at a recent coffee and chrome event.

# Ladies' Probus Club hears from transplant recipient

The Ladies' Probus Club of Strathalbyn met on February 10 when Penny Geue, accompanied by her husband Greg, was welcomed as guest speaker.

Mrs Geue was born with a chronic kidney condition and was told she would eventually need to either become dependent on dialysis or have kidney transplant surgery.

As Mrs Geue chose to undergo a transplant, six prospective donors were blood tested, with a cousin of her husband being the most compatible donor.

The transplant – which is more painful for the donor than the recipient – took place in November 2018, and as was the practice at that time, both of Mrs Geue's own kidneys were retained and, amazingly, they weigh five kilograms each.

As the exceedingly, large and weighty kidneys cause physical problems for Mrs Geue, she is hoping to be able to have at least one of her own kidneys removed.

She also spoke about the 17th Transplant Games which she and Greg attended in Canberra from October 1–6 last year.

A variety of sports and other games were part of the program, as well as some sightseeing, and included the Kidney Games' Opening Ceremony taking place at Canberra's Floriade.

The couple competed in their respective sections at the Kidney Games and were recipients of some gold and bronze medals.

Mrs Geue is particularly proud she achieved a gold medal for her golfing expertise.

A vote of thanks along with a gift was conveyed to Penny Geue by Monica Bormann in appreciation of her informative talk.

Meanwhile, 23 members and two visitors –

namely Karen Warren and Corrine Snoswell – heard Storyteller of the Day Yvonne Dawson read two humorous tales entitled *A Skiing Trip* and *Two Old Men*.

Jeanette Leonard delivered the Member's Chat and spoke about her trip with Rufus Bus & Coach to celebrate the 2024 New Year on the Eyre Peninsula.

Outgoing Committee of Management members who will not be standing for re-election in March – namely Yvonne Dawson and Margaret Smith – having been valuable contributors to the running of the Ladies' Probus Club were acknowledged and thanked for their efforts over a number of years.

About to turn 90 years of age on February 25 will be Margaret McKenzie, who is looking forward to folk coming out from the United Kingdom to help her celebrate the milestone occasion.

The Happy Birthday Song was sung and Margaret was presented with the traditional birthday gift of a covered coat hanger.

Monthly Competition winners were Margie Rowe, Jeanette Leonard, and Yvonne Tischer.

The next Ladies' Probus Club of Strathalbyn gathering will be the Annual and the General meetings, which will be held on Monday, March 17 in Strathalbyn's Lutheran Hall, commencing at 9.45am.

Guest Speaker on the day will be Jess Hattam from the Australian Lions' Hearing Dog Centre, who will talk about the work of the centre, and bring a trainer and a dog for demonstration purposes, as well as some merchandise to assist with fundraising efforts.

Interested visitors will be made most welcome.



Collectable Classics and Bikes Managing Director Ben Finnis handing over the \$750 cheque to Gilbert's Motor Museum volunteer Paul McLoughlin. Photo: Giorgina McKay

## Donation helps Gilbert's digital presence

By Giorgina McKay

A local donation will enable a Strathalbyn tourism attraction to upgrade its technology.

Collectable Classics and Bikes Managing Director Ben Finnis donated \$750 towards the Gilbert's Motor Museum last Wednesday, which will be used to upgrade the attraction's computer systems to meet its growing social media needs.

This is not the first time Mr Finnis has contributed financially to the Museum.

He has been an advocate since its inception and regularly makes donations towards its operations.

"The Museum cannot operate without the support of their volunteers, as well as a number of local businesses who direct visitors their way," Museum volunteer,

Grant Chandler, said.

"Ben and Collectable Classics have been a valuable advocate for the Museum since its inception, and this year, they again supported the Museum with a generous financial donation.

"The two businesses complement each other and attribute to the attraction of the many classic car enthusiasts to Strathalbyn each week."

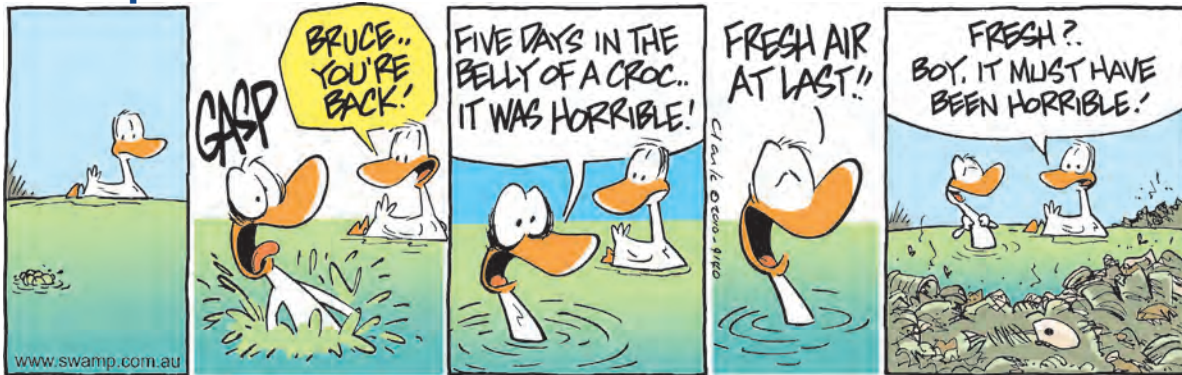
The latest donation follows the museum's five-year anniversary.

Since opening in January 2020, the Museum has had 29,209 visitors, and accumulated 70 volunteers.

The Museum is expected to reach its 30,000th visitor in the coming weeks, with the lucky person to receive an assortment of museum memorabilia and a free 12-month membership.

## Entertainment

### Swamp



### Pic Puzzle

**ALL THINGS PIGGY**  
Use the clues to fill in the Blanks.

- Miss **P** (a Muppet's star)
- B** (An Australian movie)
- S** **Fever** (a song title)
- S** **Pig** (from The Simpson's Movie)
- W** (Charlotte's Web)
- P** (The Lion King)
- P** Warner Bros. character

### Sudoku

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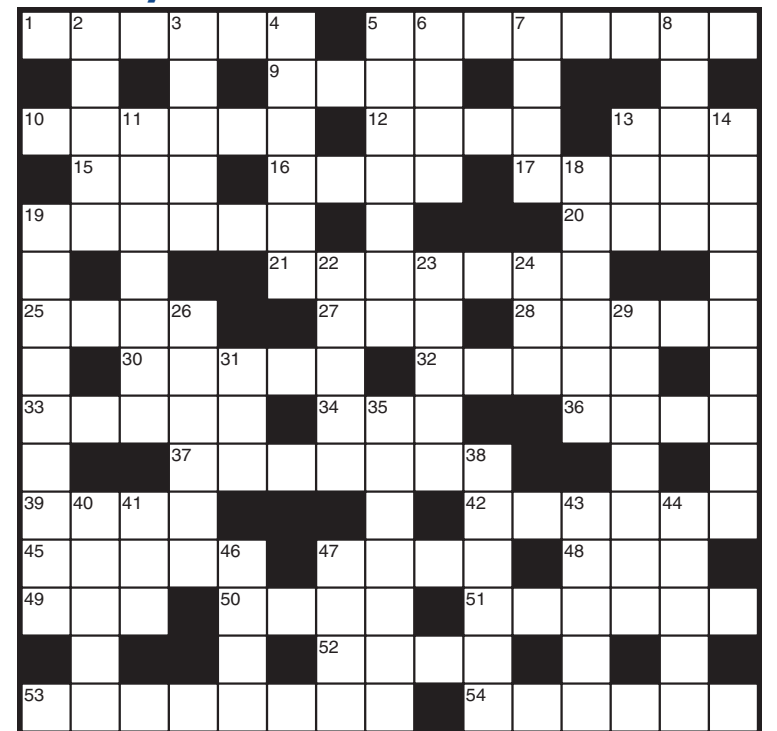
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PIC PUZZLE: 1 Miss Piggy, 2 Babe, 3 Swine Fever, 4 Spider Pig

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WEEKLY CROSSWORD

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### Weekly Crossword



- ACROSS**
- 1 Gain
  - 5 Joined firmly
  - 9 Gem
  - 10 Vegetable
  - 12 Skin eruption
  - 13 Concealed
  - 15 Horseplay
  - 16 Paradise
  - 17 Abnormally fat
  - 19 High regard
  - 20 Insects
  - 21 Speech defect
  - 25 Tree
  - 27 Drink
  - 28 Raised platform
  - 30 Small hard seed
  - 32 Garden tools
  - 33 Comforted
  - 34 Fuel
  - 36 Latvian capital
  - 37 Army rank
  - 39 Cult
  - 42 Widespreading dominion
  - 45 Rub out
  - 47 Repose
  - 48 United
  - 49 Small spot
  - 50 Disguise
  - 51 Symbols
  - 52 Remedy
  - 53 Arbitrators
  - 54 Steal livestock
  - 13 Female bird
  - 14 Reckless from despair
  - 18 Trade by exchange
  - 19 Set forth an opinion
  - 22 Dance
  - 23 Concise
  - 24 Queensland town
  - 26 Builds
  - 29 Silly
  - 31 Fuss
  - 35 Devotional exercise
  - 38 Missive
  - 40 Wear away
  - 41 Domestic animal
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  - 46 At all times
  - 47 Starchy food
- DOWN**
- 2 Bellows
  - 3 Smith's forge
  - 4 Tribal symbols
  - 5 Solicitously mindful
  - 6 Dash
  - 7 Reflected sound
  - 8 Have being
  - 11 Sailors



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## A timeless treasure: the charm of an 1890 home

**Address:** 8 Queen Street, Strathalbyn  
**Price:** Best offers by Wednesday, March 19  
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 RLA320683  
**Contact:** Joshua Bagley 0487 823 645

3 beds 1 bath 2 cars 1380m2

Ray White Strathalbyn | Murray Bridge is proud to present this three-bedroom solid stone home, rich in history and character.

Originally built in the 1890's, this residence on 8 Queen Street, Strathalbyn, sits on a generous 1380sqm allotment, offering a perfect blend of character with future potential in creating your own dream living space.

Ideally located just across the road from the oval, this remarkable property is a rare find.

The moment you step inside, you're welcomed by the high ceilings that enhance

the sense of space and openness.

With a touch of polish, the timber floors will shine with natural beauty while remaining effortlessly easy to maintain.

The three generously sized bedrooms provide a peaceful retreat, each thoughtfully designed with built-in robes for seamless storage.

At the heart of this home is a separate lounge, where an open fireplace takes centre stage - a focal point and a source of warmth on chilly nights.

Picture yourself curled up with a good book, the soft crackling of the fire creating a soothing ambiance that melts away the stresses of the day.

The kitchen and open meals area offer their own cosy comforts, featuring a slow combustion heater and a split system air-conditioner to keep you comfortable year-round.

Abundant cupboard and bench space provide functionality, making meal preparation a breeze.

Relax and indulge in the simple pleasure of savouring a warm cup of coffee, as you settle into the cosy ambiance of the sunroom.

The soft, golden rays of sunlight pour

through the windows, filling the space with a gentle, soothing warmth.

Step outside and embrace the expansive allotment, offering endless possibilities to create your own private oasis.

A separate retreat offers a peaceful sanctuary - ideal for work, creativity or can be transformed into a cosy guest room.

The generous shedding provides ample storage or the perfect workshop for your projects and passions.

Owning a home from the 1890s is not just about having a place to live - it's about embracing a piece of history.

With its classic charm, this home is ready for the right buyer to bring their vision to life and create something truly special.

**Internal features:**

- 1890 built
- Three spacious bedrooms
- Built-in robes
- Open fireplace
- Slow combustion heater
- Split system air-conditioning

**External Features:**

- 1380sqm allotment

- Rainwater tanks
- Shade houses
- 3.0m x 4.2m retreat
- 12.5m x 6.00m shed
- 3.6m x 11.8m carport

**Nearby features:**

- One-minute walk to Strathalbyn Football Club
- Two-minute drive to Strathalbyn Medical Clinic
- Two-minute drive to local shopping district
- Two-minute drive to Strathalbyn outdoor pool
- Three-minute drive to historic Strathalbyn High Street
- Four-minute drive to Strathalbyn 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.



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## Your perfect country escape awaits

**Address:** 308A Archer Hill Road, Highland Valley  
**Price Guide:** \$985,000 - \$1,060,000  
**Agent:** Ray White Strathalbyn Murray Bridge  
 Phone 08 8549 1700  
 RLA320683  
**Contact:** Joshua Bagley 0487 823 645

4 beds 2 baths 2 cars 3.9ac

Ray White Strathalbyn proudly presents an immaculate four-bedroom, two-bathroom home situated on four acres of land at 308A Archer Hill Road, Highland Valley.

As you step into the expansive, hexagonal open-plan living area, natural light floods the space, creating an inviting and warm atmosphere.

The living room offers stunning views of your picturesque parcel of land.

Above the lounge, a retreat space awaits, ideal for a home office or a teenager's game

room.

The kitchen is a chef's dream.

Featuring ample cabinetry, a dishwasher for easy clean-up, and a spacious breakfast bar, it is a soothing environment to ignite your culinary creativity.

This home features four spacious bedrooms, including a large master suite with direct access to a large balcony which offers an ideal space to entertain family and friends, with breathtaking views of the lush, rolling hills as your backdrop.

To ensure year-round comfort for you and your guests, the home is equipped with both split system and ducted air conditioning, and ceiling fans.

The dual slow-combustion heaters, one in the main living area and the other in the family room provide warmth during the colder months, while the air conditioning and ceiling fans keep you cool during the summer.

Additionally, the property features a 5.85m x 4.4m studio, complete with a slow-combustion heater for the winter months and a split system for cooling in summer.

This versatile space can be transformed into a home office, a teenager's retreat, or a guest bedroom.

The possibilities are endless.

Outside the studio, you will find a 3.25m x 6.9m covered entertainment area with a built-in pizza oven perfect for weekend gatherings, where you can play chef in your own backyard.

For the weekend enthusiast, the 8m x 6.1m shed offers ample space to store your weekend tools, or, for the handy person, it is the ideal workshop to bring your projects to life.

Finally, for those warm summer days, the property features an in-ground swimming pool, offering endless entertainment for the kids during school holidays.

The property includes five fenced pens and two fenced paddocks, offering ample and secure space for animals - horses, donkeys, cows, sheep, or goats - to roam freely, all while delivering the idyllic hills lifestyle you've been searching for.

**Internal features:**

- 1986 built
- Four spacious bedrooms
- Two-way bathroom from the master bedroom
- Three living areas
- Split system and ducted air conditioning
- Slow combustion heating
- Ceiling fans

**External features:**

- 1.62 Hectare | 3.9 Acre allotment
- Built-in pizza oven
- Swimming pool
- 5.85m x 4.4m studio
- 8m x 6.1m workshop
- 6m x 6.1m double garage

**Nearby features:**

- 10-minute drive to Woolworths
- 13-minute drive to local schools
- 14-minute drive to Laratinga walking trails
- 16-minute drive to local cinemas and cafes
- 30-minute drive to Adelaide CBD

# Open inspections

**Saturday, March 15**

9.30am – 10.15am.....254 Nine Mile Road, Strathalbyn.....Raine and Horne



## Stylish country charm meets modern convenience

**Address:** 15 Jacob Road, Strathalbyn

**Price Guide:** \$925,000 - \$975,000

**Agent:** Ray White Strathalbyn  
Murray Bridge  
Phone 08 8549 1700  
RLA320683

**Contact:** Joshua Bagley 0487 823 645

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Ray White Strathalbyn | Murray Bridge is proud to present this four-bedroom, two-bathroom home situated on a spacious 5090sqm | 1.25-acre allotment at 15 Jacob Road, Strathalbyn.

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

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

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

At the heart of the home, the well-

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

The inviting living area overlooks the tranquil front garden and features a new, cosy slow-combustion heater, perfect for winter nights, or for those warmer days, there is also a split-system reverse-cycle air conditioner.

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

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

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

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

Beyond the main home, a versatile retreat

room awaits - ideal as a games room, teenage getaway, or home office.

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

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

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# The Southern ARGUS Sport

## Racers set sail for milestone event



Boat SA 03 among other sailing boats last weekend at Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club.

By Tara Nash

Nearly 100 boats raced about 40km between Goolwa and Milang over the weekend for the region's biggest annual sailing event – the March Classic – which brought “challenging but rewarding” conditions.

Hosted by Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club, the March Classic – which has grown from 64 to almost 100 entrants in recent years – had a jam-packed weekend of races and fun, kicking off on Friday night with the Dash for Cash race.

Boaters then set sail for the Goolwa to Milang Lake Alexandrina Classic on Saturday, before a party with music and a barbecue hosted by the Milang Regatta Club.

The club also catered a breakfast on Sunday morning before sailors then completed the

same route in reverse for the Milang to Goolwa Freshwater Classic.

One of the organisers Louise Edwards described the weekend as “good fun” with “challenging but rewarding” sailing conditions of light breezes, and a few “holes” of no wind and “glassy water”.

However, sailors who left early had more luck by staying in some breeze.

For the first time, the event introduced a division which raced to and from the Clayton Bay Boat Club, which attracted 23 entrants, including junior dinghy sailors in Optimists and windsurfers.

“It’s an opportunity for people who don’t want to sail as far as Milang, or are new to sailing or have very slow boats,” Edwards explained.

“They can still be part of the event and do a shorter race, and maybe build up confidence for the longer race.”

By the end of the weekend, an overall winner victoriously took home the Alexandrina Cup, with Alex Blacker on The Kraken claiming the trailable division, and Craig Pearsons on Pure and Cynical winning for off the beach catamarans.

Volunteers are being thanked “profusely” for their efforts in pulling off a successful weekend.

While organised by Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club, the annual March long weekend event is pulled off by sailors and volunteers from clubs across the region.

“It relies on a huge number of volunteers... it’s not possible without them,” Edwards said.

“There are people at Milang for 7am sign-

ons, and others driving water taxis at 9pm to get people back to their boats because they’re tied up in the reeds.

“They get up early, they stay up late, and they work long hours – they’re absolutely amazing.”

### RESULTS

#### Alexandrina Cup

Trailables: Skipper Alex Blacker on The Kraken; Off the beach catamarans: Skipper Craig Pearsons on Pure and Cynical

#### Optimists

Opti Cup: Sam Watters on Watt’s Up; First girl: Lucy Norris on Mystery Machine

#### Windsurfers

Simon Lee on Dolphin

# Argus Bowls

## Milang Bowls

### Milang progress in finals

Milang had a busy weekend, beginning with Friday Night tea, serving 80 meals.

On Saturday, the finals were held at Milang for the top four Div. 3 sides.

Milang's top-ranked team was defeated by three shots by Aldinga Bay.

Glen's rink scored 22-19 and Jacky's were 23-13, but unfortunately, Lee's rink trailed with 11-27.

However, all is not lost yet, with the Preliminary Final this Saturday at Goolwa – go Milang.

Div. 5, who were third, had a close win against Encounter Bay Blue and also progress to the Preliminary Final at Goolwa on Saturday.

Heather's rink won 20-17, Kym's 20-15, and Pam's struggled with heat exhaustion and had to be substituted after 10 ends.

Thank you to Peter H who was promoted to Skipper, and Bev S for playing third.

They combined well and finished with 15-21 after being behind all through the game.

Good bowling to all this Saturday's players.

On Sunday, the Association Triples Championships were at

Milang, with both greens being used. Milang's ladies team of Irene, Jenny and Bev M played very well, but lost their game to Clarendon.

The men's team of Arnold, Bill and Kevin won the first round on forfeit, then defeated Clarendon.

In the Semi-Final, Victor Harbor were too good and will go on to the final.

It was a good day for the club for bar takings and catering, including seafood, chips, hamburgers and cakes.

Luckily the temperature remained below 35, while Strathalbyn was 39. Association Mixed Pairs was held at Langhorne Creek on Monday.

Clarendon players were too accurate and outdid Milang's good bowls.

It was a good atmosphere, with 12 Milang supporters cheering.

The second round began, but was suspended until next Sunday because the temperature was too high.

Clubs are awaiting Saturday's forecast in anticipation for an early start for pennant finals.

Hoping for a favourable report next week.

## Local bowls



Jacky Jacobs.



Bill Butlin.



Barry Webb.



Kevin Newton.



Brett Sharrad.

Photos: Mark Andrews and Rowan Sims

## A Grade Cricket

### Langhorne Creek clinch top spot

The last minor round game had some drama as Langhorne Creek secured their fourth minor premierships in five years, with the Tigers defeating Lobethal by 11 runs at home on Saturday in a closely fought game of A Grade cricket.

The game had some big ramifications for the loser, with Hahndorf jumping into second spot, and the loser down to the third spot and the Elimination Final.

Lobethal were all but certain to finish top a month ago, but have lost three of their past four games to slide outside of the double chance, and will now face archrival Woodside at home.

Adam Clements won the toss and batted, with the Tigers starting without Brad Clements and Brodie O'Dea, and Lobethal back to full strength after their wedding last week against Strathalbyn.

Dan Kropp and Shannon Jones opened up, and it was Kropp who went first to Dave Huxter LBW for two.

Ben Warren was back in after two games off and he fell to Matt Martin for six to see the Tigers in trouble at 2/22.

Skipper Clements joined Jones, and the two knuckled down on a pitch that had something for the bowlers, with both able to find the boundary when needed.

Lobethal skipper Weeks had the breakthrough when he bowled Shannon Jones for a game-high 32 runs to break the 51-run stand at 3/73.

Adam Clements fell not long after just before the drinks break to part time slow bowler Sam Martin, slashing a wide one to point out for 30, and the Tigers were in a spot of bother at 4/73 at 23 overs.

Things did not get much better from there for the home side as wickets fell regularly, as all of the Lobethal attack picked up a wicket.

Shane Bown played an important role late as he bumped the score up to 129 before he was out for 21 LBW to the slow bowling of Graeber.

With plenty on the line, skipper Mitch Weeks and Sam Martin started aggressively, as they picked up 24 runs from the first four overs before Langhorne Creek Captain Adam Clements had Weeks caught at point to a nice catch from Kropp.

Sam Martin went not long after LBW

to Clements, and when Langhorne Creek Hawk footballer Lachy Bates was caught behind hooking for three, Langhorne Creek had a pulse.

Sam Graeber and Tanner King looked in control of the game as they knocked singles and the odd boundary, as the Tigers bowling started to wilt.

Clements introduced slow bowlers Ben Warren and Dan Cleggett to the attack which gave the Tigers some hope.

Warren removed the dangerous Tanner King, bowled for 22, and when he had Hackett caught and bowled for a duck second ball, the Tigers were back in the game.

Dan Cleggett rolled through his nine overs in quick time for just nine runs as Lobethal allowed the off spinner to get on top.

Cleggett removed Steve Huxter with a full toss before Graeber and Norsworthy dropped the anchor to get through a tough period for Lobethal, with both players missing some opportunities to put away the odd bad ball.

Lobethal moved within striking distance of 129 at 6-100 before the Creek's spearhead Troy Blackwell rolled Norsworthy for four from 36 balls.

When he had Matt Martin caught behind for a second ball duck, the home team were buoyant.

Riley Harten hit Jagga Kotz for a two and a four to relieve the pressure, but it was skipper Clements who had Graeber LBW for a well-compiled 42 from 102 balls, and it was 9-116, with the reigning premiers still 14 runs shy of a win and top spot.

Blackwell started his last over with a loud caught behind appeal which appeared to come from the glove of Huxter, before two balls later removing the tailender with a sharp bouncer.

Langhorne Creek have now jumped from third three weeks ago to top spot to host Hahndorf next week at home, sending Lobethal to an Elimination Final at home against Woodside.

Langhorne Creek's bowling cartel did the job again, with Clements claiming four wickets, Blackwell three and Ben Warren two, along with Dan Cleggett nine overs, 1/9.

### Around the grounds

The Tigers are happy to report that three of its four senior sides qualified for the finals, along with the Under 14s, who finished fourth.

The B Grade had a horror day with the bat, all out 42, with the game at Wistow finished by 2.50pm.

Despite all the doom and gloom, it has been great to see the Under 16s get a game of cricket in the afternoon, with Toby Phillips finishing third in the bowling, taking 22 wickets for the year.

The C Grade just went down to ladder-leaders Nairne in a close battle, with Jacko Dalitz taking five wickets with his Brendan Julian-type action.

The D Grade were up and about when they bowled Bremer/Callington out for 76, as were Macclesfield.

But it all turned pear shaped pretty quickly, as the boys were bowled out for 41 in quick time.

Captain Filsell will have the boys in the nets on Wednesday night to rectify some technical issues.

The Under 16s, who were without Toby Phillips who pulled on the Sturt football jumper at Mt Barker, went down in their last game of the year.

The boys made big inroads from two years ago in the Under 14s

when they only won two games and finished second-to-bottom.

The Under 14s had a win at Lobethal, with Lachy Fullerton pulling off a hat-trick.

A great effort from Lachy and a sharp catch from skipper Ollie Bray got it done!

The A Grade pulled off a fine victory in a tense game of cricket at Murray Road to finish minor premiers.

It is their fourth minor premierships in five years, with skipper Adam Clements keen to take home some silverware in his first year as A Grade Captain.

The A Grade will take on Hahndorf next week at home, so make sure you get along to support the boys.

The C Grade will play at Milang against Lobethal, with the D Grade playing Mt Barker at their choice of venue.

The presentation night has been locked in for April 5 at the LCFC, with both senior and junior presentations combined.

It will be after the LCFC first game at Mount Compass, so make sure you get back to the club and enjoy a beer or two with everyone who has contributed this year at the LCCC!

## Strathalbyn and Langhorne Creek Cricket Seniors



Adam Clements.



Brayden Frost.



Tyson Roberts.

Photos: Rowan Sims

# Eastern Falcons close out minor rounds with thrilling win

On Sunday at Hope Valley Oval the Eastern Falcons played against Hope Valley in round 17 of the ATCA Women's Second Grade competition.

The Falcons won the toss and chose to bat first, making the most of their opportunity, despite the extreme heat.

The team displayed remarkable control over the game, keeping it firmly in their hands from the start.

Openers Lisa Mackenzie and Emily Roberts provided a strong foundation, with Mackenzie leading the scoring for the team with an impressive 25 runs, followed by Skye Warburton, who contributed with 11.

The Falcons finished their batting score on 87.

As the game progressed into the second innings, the team switched to bowling, with Minka Macauley and Lucy Schreiber opening the bowling.

Holly Peach delivered a stand-out performance, taking three crucial wickets in just 3.4 overs.

Roberts and Warburton combined for a brilliant run-out, further tightening the pressure on

the opposition.

In the field, the team showcased exceptional skill and determination, successfully containing Hope Valley with sharp fielding and spectacular catches.

Schreiber took a crucial catch on the boundary at square leg, and shortly after, Dani Brown pulled off an absolute screamer, adding to the team's dominance.

Overall, it was a well-rounded performance by the Falcons, demonstrating resilience, teamwork, and skill in challenging conditions.

The Falcons emerged victorious in a heart-stopping win, which the team secured by seven runs with only two balls left.

Their all-round performance of steady batting to good fielding and tight bowling served them well in keeping their cool at the dying minute of the game to notch up a well-deserved win.

Lisa Mackenzie was named the Falcons' Player of the Day.

The Falcons will play their Semi-Final against Reynella at Flinders University Oval on Sunday, March 16 at 1pm.



Lisa Mackenzie.

## Strathalbyn Cricket Club - Stable Snippets

With many of the junior grades concluding last week and the U16s having the bye in the final round it is a shorter report this week.

The B Grade team are the only side that will progress onto finals action this week so we all need to get behind them when they host Macclesfield in a semi-final this Saturday.

A win would see the lads play a home grand final on the March 23.

Both the U14s and U16s finished fifth in their respective competitions, just outside the top four in a case of what could have been, having both mixed it with the top teams at times throughout the season.

A successful Ladies Day was held last Saturday afternoon with some live music and a nearest the pin competition enjoyed by the those in attendance.

### A Grade

After a disappointing season it was good to finish on a high last Saturday with a comprehensive win over Nairne at home.

After being asked to bowl first the Stallions made the perfect start with Matt Harris picking up two wickets in his first over, including the danger man Kenney.

The Razors were soon in further strife at 4/14 before 47 was added for the fifth wicket to steady things.

The innings was eventually concluded on 99 in the 31st over in a great effort by the Stallions attack.

Harris finished with three scalps with the new ball, a returning Kane Gaiter with two and Tyler Smith will take some good form into the B Grade finals next week finishing with 2/10.

The run chase was largely without drama, albeit Abbott became the sixth run out victim in the past 11 A Grade dismissals, before the target was reached in the 16th over for the loss of two wickets.

Good to close the season out on a positive note but knowing we were capable of a much better return.

Skipper Gaiter celebrated his 100th A Grade appearance and by losing his locks post-game to raised funds for Neuroblastoma Australia.

### B Grade

After a few nervous moments the B Grade maintained their winning form accounting for Maccy by 28 runs in a rare Sunday afternoon fixture at Strathalbyn.

Batting first the Stallions slumped to 4/33 before Hourigan, and a promoted McMurtrie added 57 in quick time to steady the innings, McMurtrie with a nice cameo on his B Grade debut with 32 from 22 balls.

At 8/132 an under-par score looked on the cards before Beerenfels and the Greaves brothers assisted to push the total up to a competitive 164.

With the ball skipper Hillam made the early breakthrough followed by wickets to Austin and then Ben Greaves to have Maccy in trouble at 3/26.

When Hider struck with his first delivery it was 4/37 before a handy partnership followed which was broken by Wyatt in partnership with keeper Hillam.

Schofield was introduced into the attack with great effect, grabbing four wickets in his spell which left the Redbacks teetering at 9/95.

Some lower order hitting from Hart adding 41 runs for the final wicket before Austin Greaves rattled the pegs to end the innings on 136.

The two teams will face off again next Saturday at Strath in a semi-final clash. Strath 164 (L Hourigan 42, E McMurtrie 32, J Beerenfels 23) def. Macclesfield 136 (S Schofield 4/29, A Greaves 2/18).

### C Grade

The C Grade group headed to Echunga #2 to tackle Hahndorf bolstered by the inclusion of Riley Brook and Jack Wheaton.

Skipper Harvey called incorrectly, and the lads were asked to bowl with Stevenson making a great start nicking off to keeper Nick Brook on the fourth ball of the innings.

Stutley rocked back middle to take the next with the Stallions able to continue taking wickets which kept the runs largely in check.

Higgins picked up two, both pouched by 'Buckets' Wheaton before the Magpies closed at 8/148 from their 35 overs.

Nick Brook opened with Stutley and made his intentions clear with two

maximums in the first over.

Stutley would go cheaply, however the Brook boys kept things ticking along and despite losing three wickets the Stallions ran down the total in the 17th over.

Congrats to Nick Brook on his 100th club game and it was great that he got to celebrate the milestone playing with son Riley, the pair adding 41 for the second wicket and Nick top scoring.

It was another year where the side struggled to maintain a settled XI with inconsistent outputs as a result.

Thanks to Ryan Harvey and Nick Brook (in Ryan's absence) for captaining the team across the season.

Hahndorf 8/148 (S Stevenson 2/21, R Stutley 2/21, S Higgins 2/23) def. by Strath 3/150 (N Brook 44, R Brook 37\*, M Cutting 35\*, R Harvey 19).

### U16

The U16s had the bye in the final minor round and hence were reliant on other results, and unfortunately that didn't go their way so ultimately missed finals action narrowly.

Thanks to first year coach Bradley Wyatt for his efforts with the boys across the season.

A huge congratulations to Ben Greaves who took out the association bowling trophy with 18 wickets at 8.56.

This is a huge achievement for a first-year player and just reward for the work that Ben puts in to improving his game. Well done Ben!

### U14

The U14s have finished their season on a high with a solid win over second placed Echunga/Wistow at home yesterday.

After posting 7/184 on day one the lads struggled for control early on with a slippery ball with the heavy morning dew.

The first wicket didn't fall until 54 was on the board and the visitors went to drinks well placed at 3/104.

In the post drinks session, the young Stallions came out firing and reduced Echunga/Wistow to 9/139.

With two retired batters able to return the game was still on the line however, before the final wicket was taken with the score on 145 - a great win to finish

the season.

The final five wickets all clean bowled which was pleasing to see.

Elisha Thiele and Tyrian Cousins picked up two wickets each which also secures them the winner (Elisha) and runner up (Tyrian) in the association bowling honours.

Both remarkably finished with the identical bowling average of 11.07.

While missing finals action is a disappointing result after last season's premiership success there were a few moments across the season where we didn't quite execute, which ultimately proved costly.

Having said that we are a very young side, and the group will all be better for the experience.

A huge thank you to Max Filsell, Bailey Horsnell and 'little' Rory Hart from the Macclesfield Redbacks Cricket Club for joining us this season.

Three very talented lads that we loved having with us.

Finally, thanks to Alby Cousins who was on the scorebook most weeks and to the parents that helped with umpiring across the season.

Strath 7/184 def. Echunga/Wistow 145 (T Cousins 2/14, E Thiele 2/21).

### U12 FILLIES

Fillies Round 15 and 17:

Last week our Fillies played two matches to catch up a cancelled match from round 15.

On Monday we played Hahndorf at Strathalbyn in a R15 catch up match where Erica and Mia captained the side.

We batted first after winning the flip and played extremely well.

Our aggressive running and loud calls allowed us to compile 73 from our 16 overs with even scores across the lineup.

Maddelyn topped the scores with 8. Hahndorf replied strongly getting off to a flying start putting pressure on our girls in the field.

In a pleasing effort we were able to tighten up our bowling and fielding and get back into the game.

Mia's amazing direct hit runout swung the momentum.

With three overs remaining Hahndorf were in the box seat, wickets to Izabella,

Maddelyn and a run out by Mackenzie crucial in the result.

Hahndorf innings closed at 6/78, five runs ahead of us but with extra wickets we got up in a close one.

Final scores Strathalbyn 4/73 (97) def. Hahndorf 6/78 (94) by 3 runs.

On Wednesday night we travelled to Woodside with Mackenzie and Mia captaining and batting again after winning the flip.

With good form in recent games, we continued on and struck the ball nicely and ran aggressively.

Izabella, Mackenzie and Maddelyn struck the ball very cleanly, all posting double figures.

Matilda played her best innings for the season making 5 supported by Erica and Mia with 8 each. We finished making 3/94 in a brilliant effort.

A younger Woodside team showed great resilience against our bowlers who all started very well with minimal sundries.

Woodside, through some good batting, were able to get some late runs on the total with a few late boundaries.

We bowled a few wides at the end, but set the game up well for most part.

Charlotte, Izabella and Chloe all took a wicket each with Mackenzie adding a run out.

Final scores Woodside 4/72 (84) def. by Strathalbyn 3/94 (110) by 26 runs.

That's a close on the girls' season and they should all be very proud of their efforts.

To finish the season with three consecutive wins shows the girls have improved dramatically, especially after the Christmas Break.

Thank you to Melissa for running the canteen on home games, supported by Natasha, Samantha and Karen and also to Karen who scored most of our games.

The club would also like to acknowledge the huge amount of time and effort that Dave and Mel Vanderzon have dedicated to the Fillies program over the past two seasons.

Growing participation in female cricket is a really important focus for our club so it's fantastic to see the Fillies program going strong, a trend we hope to see continue in coming seasons.

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## ROUND 1

### Thursday, March 13

Richmond vs. Carlton (MCG)

### Friday, March 14

Hawthorn vs. Essendon (MCG)

### Saturday, March 15

Geelong Cats vs. Fremantle (GMHBA)

Sydney Swans vs. Brisbane Lions (SCG)

Western Bulldogs vs. North Melbourne (MRVL)

Collingwood vs. Port Adelaide (MCG)

### Sunday, March 16

Adelaide Crows vs. St Kilda (AO)

Melbourne vs. GWS Giants (MCG)

West Coast Eagles vs. Gold Coast SUNS (OS)

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## Great Southern Cricket Association - A Grade - Round 13

Port Elliot 2/78 def Myponga Selicks 10/75		at Victor Harbor Oval.					
Myponga-Selicks won the toss and elected to bat.							
<b>Port Elliot 1st Innings:</b>							
	R	B	4S	6S	SR		
Ethan Spriggs	not out	21*	65	2	0	32.30	
Tyson Levy	c: Kobe Dooley	b: Vince Nizzola	9	12	2	0	75.00
Jaspa Tonkin	lbw: Vince Nizzola		0	2	0	0	0.00
Joel Harris (c)	not out	31*	53	6	0	58.49	
DNB: Ryan Boyce, Luke Collett, Patrick Dodd, Simon Donaldson, Ben Griffiths, Scott Hannam, Liam Harris, Benjamin Martin, Levi Stringer.							
<b>Extras</b> 17 5WD 1NB 2LB 9B 0P <b>Total</b> 2 / 78 (22 Overs) <b>Fall of Wickets</b> 1-22 Tyson Levy, 2-22 Jaspa Tonkin							
<b>Bowling (O M R W E WD NB)</b> Simon Donaldson 9.1 4 18 3 1.96 0 0 Ben Griffiths 11 4 26 3 2.36 0 0 Benjamin Martin 6 1 13 0 2.16 0 0 Liam Harris 8 3 12 3 1.50 1 0 Luke Collett 3 1 3 0 1.00 0 0							
<b>Myponga Selicks 1st Innings:</b>							
	R	B	4S	6S	SR		
Michael Tomlinson	lbw: Liam Harris		14	53	1	0	26.41
Sam Tregenza	c: Jaspa Tonkin	b: Simon Donaldson	12	41	2	0	29.26
Kobe Dooley	c: Jaspa Tonkin	b: Simon Donaldson	1	7	0	0	14.28
Sean Haverty (c)	c: Jaspa Tonkin	b: Liam Harris	18	41	0	0	43.90
Ryan Haverty	c: Joel Harris	b: Liam Harris	2	14	0	0	14.28
Cam Turner	b: Ben Griffiths		0	5	0	0	0.00
Mathew Crawford	b: Ben Griffiths		0	2	0	0	0.00
Lachlan Quilliam	st: Jaspa Tonkin	b: Ben Griffiths	9	23	0	0	39.13
Joshua Badenhorst	b: Simon Donaldson		8	27	0	0	29.62
Scott McMahon	run out: Joel Harris		0	0	0	0	0.00
Vince Nizzola	not out	7*	10	1	0	70.00	
<b>Extras</b> 4 1WD 0NB 0LB 3B 0P <b>Total</b> 10 / 75 (37.1 Overs) <b>Fall of Wickets</b> 1-21 Sam Tregenza, 2-23 Kobe Dooley, 3-30 Michael Tomlinson, 4-39 Ryan Haverty, 5-42 Cam Turner, 6-44 Mathew Crawford, 7-50 Sean Haverty, 8-63 Lachlan Quilliam, 9-63 Scott McMahon, 10-75 Joshua Badenhorst <b>Bowling (O M R W E WD NB)</b> Vince Nizzola 11 4 29 2 2.63 0 0 Joshua Badenhorst 7 0 28 0 4.00 5 0 Mathew Crawford 4 0 10 0 2.50 0 1.							
<b>Port Elliot 2nd Innings:</b>							
	R	B	4S	6S	SR		
Tyson Levy	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Ethan Spriggs	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Jaspa Tonkin	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Joel Harris (c)	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Ben Griffiths	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Patrick Dodd	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Luke Collett	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Scott Hannam	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Liam Harris	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Benjamin Martin	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Simon Donaldson	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Levi Stringer	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Ryan Boyce	-	-	-	-	-	-	
<b>Extras</b> 0WD 0NB 0LB 0B 0P <b>Total</b> 0 / - (0 Overs) <b>Bowling (O M R W E WD NB)</b> No Bowlers Selected.							
<b>Myponga Selicks 2nd Innings:</b>							
	R	B	4S	6S	SR		
Kobe Dooley	not out	0*	0	0	0	0.00	
Vince Nizzola	not out	0*	0	0	0	0.00	
DNB: Joshua Badenhorst, Mathew Crawford, Ryan Haverty, Sean Haverty (c), Scott McMahon, Lachlan Quilliam, Michael Tomlinson, Sam Tregenza, Cam Turner.							
<b>Extras</b> 0 0WD 0NB 0LB 0B 0P <b>Total</b> 0 / - (0 Overs) <b>Bowling (O M R W E WD NB)</b> No Bowlers Selected.							

Encounter Bay 2/118 def Yankalilla 9/115		at Encounter Bay Oval.					
Encounter Bay won the toss and elected to bowl.							
<b>Encounter Bay 1st Innings:</b>							
	R	B	4S	6S	SR		
David Schulze	c: Chris Clark	b: Aaron Smith	35	88	5	1	39.77
Chris Butler	b: Chris Clark		43	63	4	0	68.25
Sam Hoffmann (vc)	not out		27*	18	4	1	150.00
Paul Fantasia	not out		11*	9	2	0	122.2
DNB: Blake Bailey (c) Luke Crichton, Kieran Garrett, Zane Garrett, Arlo Kempster-Barry, Finn Magor, Jonah Magor, Andrew Pacitti, Reilly Weidenhofer.							
<b>Extras</b> 2 1WD 0NB 1LB 0B 0P <b>Total</b> 2 / 118 (29.4 Overs) <b>Fall of Wickets:</b> 1-75 Chris Butler, 2-106 David Schulze <b>Bowling (O M R W E WD NB)</b> Chris Butler 14 7 15 3 1.07 0 0 Luke Crichton 9 4 9 3 1.00 0 0 Kieran Garrett 16 3 7 32 2 1.93 0 0 Sam Hoffmann (vc) 10 4 23 0 2.30 0 0 Arlo Kempster-Barry 6 2 14 1 2.33 0 0 Zane Garrett 4 1 11 0 2.75 0 0.							
<b>Yankalilla 1st Innings:</b>							
	R	B	4S	6S	SR		
Lachlan Whittlesea	c: Paul Fantasia	b: Chris Butler	0	6	0	0	0.00
Aaron Smith	b: Luke Crichton		3	10	0	0	30.00
Luke Bartlett (c)	b: Kieran Garrett		65	175	5	0	37.14
Douglas Jones	c: Kieran Garrett	b: Luke Crichton	0	2	0	0	0.00
Joel Kay	lbw: Kieran Garrett		14	60	1	0	23.33
Geoffrey Rosser	c: Paul Fantasia	b: Chris Butler	4	26	0	0	15.38
Chris Clark	c: Paul Fantasia	b: Chris Butler	3	4	0	0	75.00
James Kerin	c: Jonah Magor	b: Luke Crichton	1	20	0	0	5.00
Trent Starke	c: Luke Crichton	b: Arlo Kempster-Barry	10	51	1	0	19.60
Patrick O'leary	not out		4*	3	1	0	133.33
DNB: Jack Fitzgerald.							
<b>Extras</b> 11 0WD 0NB 2LB 9B 0P <b>Total</b> 9 / 115 (59.3 Overs) <b>Fall of wickets:</b> 1-4 Lachlan Whittlesea, 2-8 Aaron Smith, 3-8 Douglas Jones, 4-56 Joel Kay, 5-70 Geoffrey Rosser, 6-76 Chris Clark, 7-79 James Kerin, 8-111 Trent Starke, 9-115 Luke Bartlett <b>Bowling (O M R W E WD NB)</b> Trent Starke 8 0 33 0 4.12 0 0 Chris Clark 9 2 32 1 3.55 1 0 James Kerin 5 1 15 0 3.00 0 0 Luke Bartlett (c) 4 1 22 0 5.50 0 0 Aaron Smith 3 4 0 15 1 4.09 0 0							

### GSCA B Grade - Round 15

<b>Noarlunga 2/237 def Goolwa 6/235 at Goolwa Oval.</b>	<b>Encounter Bay 10/165 def by Rapid Bay 3/167 at Nexphase Electrical Oval.</b>
<b>Noarlunga</b> , Batting: Anthony Tucker, 92*. Bowling: David Scarff (c), 3/43.	<b>Encounter Bay</b> , Batting: Max Longhurst, 53. Bowling: Luke Duffill, 2/16.
<b>Goolwa</b> , Bowling: Kingsley Vincent, 2/52. Batting: Shaun Burger, 69.	<b>Rapid Bay</b> , Bowling: Jarod Swain, 5/26. Batting: Dylan hai Tan, 55.

### GSCA C1 Grade - Round 15

<b>Myponga Selicks 9/140 def Noarlunga 10/93 at Aldinga Oval.</b>	<b>Yankalilla 10/134 def Willunga 10/128 at Rapid Bay Oval.</b>
<b>Myponga Selicks</b> , Batting: Andrew Rosman, 32. Bowling: Kym Dooley (c), 4/25.	<b>Yankalilla</b> , Batting: Kym Hosking (c), 38. Bowling: Kohen Major, 5/14.
<b>Noarlunga</b> , Bowling: Ben Chesser, 3/14. Batting: Riley Smitheman, 31.	<b>Willunga</b> , Bowling: None Selected. Batting: Jamie Graham, 55.

### GSCA C2 Grade - Round 15

<b>Noarlunga White 10/163 def Mt Compass 10/45 at McLaren Vale Sporting Complex.</b>	<b>Aldinga 10/99 def by Yankalilla 10/100 at Myponga Oval.</b>
<b>Noarlunga White</b> , Batting: Ryan Shaw, 70. Bowling: Troy Johnson, 5/8.	<b>Aldinga</b> , Batting: David Barnes, 35. Bowling: Troy Smedley, 5/11.
<b>Mt Compass</b> , Bowling: Reece Muter, 4/12. Batting: Trent McMahon, 22.	<b>Yankalilla</b> , Bowling: timothy bichard, 3/7. Batting: Jonathan Piggins, 39.

## Goolwa Cricket Club



Photos: Rowan Sims

## Robran lands state cricket award

By Deirdre Graham

Langhorne Creek Cricket Club's Robran Cock was acknowledged for his work as Treasurer and umpire for both the club and Alexandra and Eastern Hills Cricket Association with this year's SACA SA Community Match Official of the Year award.

He said the award came as a surprise.

"I just heard that I had got the nomination and went along to the breakfast on Monday, and found out then," Cock said.

"I think it is good to receive recognition like that.

"I think in general umpiring is a

bit of a thankless task and to get something like that is a nice thing.

"With admin... I think it helps small volunteer organisations to be run well, and competently and professionally to enable them to grow."

Cock arrived at Langhorne Creek Cricket Club about 12 years ago and has been its Treasurer for five years.

He has also been Treasurer of the association for the past three to four years, which he performs alongside his umpiring duties.

"I think cricket is a great sport to keep the community engaged, particularly getting kids and families engaged in community sport," Cock said.

"Those things need to be run by someone.

"(For myself) I think I got to a point where my playing days were kind of diminishing, and I still wanted to contribute to the cricket community, so I took up umpiring."

Club President Jarrod Cock congratulated Robran on his award.

"For many years Robran has done a power of work, not just for our cricket club but also the association," he said.

"He is great in his role as Treasurer – you just don't have to worry about stuff – and it is not just as Treasurer, he does a whole lot of behind the scene stuff for our cricket club as well."



Robran Cock with his award.

## Mannum win MTCA A Grade flag

Mannum have upset Mypolonga in the Murray Towns Cricket Association Grand Final, reversing the last two years' results by winning by six wickets at Mannum Oval.

Mannum, despite defeating Mypolonga two weeks ago in the second Semi-Final, went in as underdogs but came through victors, with Nick Lindner scoring 40 to set up victory after bowling Mypolonga out for 100.

Mypolonga, who only lost one game during the minor round, were unable to combat veteran Dwayne Krollig's slow bowling, as he took 4/19 from nine overs, including three maidens.

Former Goolwa A Grade cricketer Jesse Consalvo took two wickets along with Jayden Krollig. Mannum last won the premiership in 2021/22 when they defeated Mypolonga by four wickets.

## Yankalilla and Myponga exit finals

Encounter Bay and Port Elliot have progressed through to the Semi-Finals in the Great Southern Cricket Association with easy victories over Yankalilla and Myponga – both margins by eight wickets.

Chris Butler and Luke Crichton both took three wickets each for Encounter Bay, while Port Elliot veteran Simon Donaldson also took three wickets, along with Ben Griffith and Liam Harris.

Encounter Bay will meet

Noarlunga at Victor Harbor oval, while Port Elliot will take on Goolwa at Encounter Bay oval, with all finals played at the Great Southern turf venues.

The winner of both matches will meet in the Grand Final that will be played on March 22 and 23.

Scores: Enc Bay 2/118 (29.4); Yankalilla 115 (59.3).

Port Elliot 2/78 (22); Myponga 75 (37.1).

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## Victor advance to final in thriller

Victor Harbor Division 1 advanced to the Grand Final with a thrilling two game win over Back Valley last Saturday to complete the weekend of Great Southern tennis preliminary finals.

After both teams split the doubles down gender lines, leaving Victor ahead by one game, their women, the Millard sisters, were too strong in their singles.

Back Valley's Craig Littlely won his singles convincingly, leaving the equation of Victor's Jeremy Bell requiring seven or more games against Back Valley's Matt Crittenden in their single to secure the team.

In an epic, Crittenden, hampered by a back injury secured the win but not before Bell had secured eight games to seal the team win for a very joyous Victor team.

In the other preliminary finals, Pt Elliot A doubles advanced 5-1 over Inman Valley with Elliot's James Sherrah and Kat Witcombe playing standout matches while Darren Lush and Erica Nicholls were Inman's best.

Pt Elliot Division 2 overcame a stubborn Myponga-Selicks Green 5-3 with a fast start ensuring they got the points.

Pt Elliot's best were Riley Davis and Jordan Pope while the Green

team's best were Friedrich Hillen and Steve Marriott.

Victor White B Doubles denied Pt Elliot Black the all-Elliot Grand Final, winning convincingly 5-1.

Victor's young tyros were too strong with Corey Millard and Finlay Sweetman playing well while Elliot Black's best were Kurt Kube and Darren Brown.

Looking to this Saturday's Grand Finals, all being held at Victor Harbor, and the B Doubles and Division 2 have their top two teams of the season playing while the A Doubles and Division 1 have teams coming from the elimination final for a chance of the premiership.

Four clubs are competing in the afternoon with Back Valley (one team), Inman Valley and Victor Harbor (two) and Pt Elliot (three) being represented.

In Division 1 Inman Valley and Victor Harbor will do battle with Inman returning to the grand final for the fourth consecutive season while for Victor, it's their first time since season 2020-21.

Inman has been the top team all season but Victor was the only team to inflict Inman's only loss back in round nine, at the same venue as the Grand Final.

The singles of Inman's Bree

Leibhardt and Victor's Danika Millard and Inman's Dave Giltinan and Victor's last week hero, Jeremy Bell, will be highlight viewing.

Victor may feel they've got nothing to lose, coming from third spot while Inman will want to claim their first premiership since 2010-11 season.

Being a Grand Final, it will be the players that handle the pressure of the day best, and factoring the forecasted hot conditions I'd say this result is genuinely too close to call.

A Doubles Back Valley and Pt Elliot do battle after top side Inman were bounced out in 'straight sets'.

These two sides have been neck and neck all season, regularly swapping between second and third spot on the ladder.

Elliot leads the head-to-head tally 3-2 but Back Valley won in their most recent encounter.

Back Valley's consistency is their strength, making very few errors while Pt Elliot have the depth of squad and quality stroke makers that will make for a great match up of different styles.

It will be, but there's too many factors that says Pt Elliot will claim the premiership.

Division 2 Inman Valley will be aiming for back-to-back premierships when they face Pt Elliot, who finished

second on the ladder.

Pt Elliot have hit great form at the right time of the season and in both meetings the results have been decided on games so every game won is crucial.

Inman's Locky Threadgold and Ollie Martin will be tough to beat while Pt Elliot's Riley Davis and Kim Pope will be determined to win.

Like Division 1 it will be the team that wins the crucial points the most that will succeed but like Division 1 this is a genuine toss of the coin matchup that's too close to call.

B Doubles Pt Elliot Red tackle Victor Harbor White with top team Pt Elliot Red favourites to win.

They've won all four encounters with the closest margin being two games in round 14 but that was at Victor where they're playing this Saturday, so the home court advantage could tighten the score line up again.

Pt Elliot Red have been the top team and with several members from last season's runner up team included they'll be determined to be premiers, and they will.

### In the juniors

Division 1 Victor Harbor are aiming for the perfect season when they take on Mt Compass who got as close as losing by three games early in

the season but Victor should win comfortably.

Division 2 Victor Harbor play Willunga with these teams being the best all season.

Victor's only loss came at the hands of Willunga in round 9 with Victor winning on games in their finals encounter two weeks ago, but Victor, playing on their home courts, should take out the premiership.

Division 3 Strathalbyn tackle their co-town club John Wesley Green for bragging rights.

The Green team have come from third spot but will find it tough going against the undefeated top team Strathalbyn who should win strongly.

Division 4 Back Valley play Pt Elliot Black who have stormed into the grand final from fourth spot to take on the top side, but Back Valley will be determined to stop that run and they'll win the flag.

Division 5 Green ball Normanville play Goolwa with both teams being the top two sides all season.

This match will have parents and grandparents alike chewing on their fingernails as nothing separates these teams and don't be surprised if it is a draw and goes to repeat doubles matches to decide it.

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Fraser Eatts - Ian Pickering Most Consistent Junior.



Amelie Hotker - Most Improved Female; Mackenzie Diepgrond - Best Sportperson Div 3 Green; Jack Combe - Most improved; Fraser Eatts - Ian Pickering Most Consistent Junior; Ben Cottle - Best Sportperson Div 4 Green; Kody Crouch - Best Sportperson Div 4 Gold; Taylor Binder - Best Sportperson Div 3 Gold.

# Oh buoy, what a weekend



Lord Flash Hart : D Hart.



Second finisher.



Element Sails : P Dunk.



Waffle Stomp : M Irvine.



Indecent Obsession : M and K Briton Jones.



First finisher.

## Eastern Fleurieu Sports Day

# Sturt take home Sports Day shield

Sturt came home victorious in this year's Eastern Fleurieu 7-12 Sports Day.

The morning started in cool conditions with the house parades, before each team nominated a mascot to compete in the 100-metre sprint, which was a tough feat for those in an inflatable dinosaur costume.

The slow walk event quickly followed before the school launched its main events.

Students competed events such as long jump, shot put, discus, triple jump, javelin, high jump, sprints, corner spry, and football relay.

But at the end of the day, it was Sturt who claimed the 2025 Championship Shield with 894 points, followed behind by Stirling with 762

Flinders finished third with 629 points, then Angas came fourth with 593.



Addison Broadbent leads the pack in the mascot race.



Jett West takes a big leap in the long jump.



Jaide Trethowan pulls off the triple jump.



Tayla Pavy skims the high jump bar.



Mckenzie Hausser, Addyson Bertholini, and Molly Whittam pull off a star-studded ensemble.



Savanna Morabito, Felicia Golovca, and Hayley King at Eastern Fleurieu's 7-12 Sports Day last Thursday.

Photos: Giorgina McKay

## Horse trials were 'best event to date'

Organisers behind the recent Milang Horse Trials are deeming it the best event to date thanks to the support, which had 120 entrants, exceeding the state's 100 registered eventing horses.

The competition had three phases – dressage, show jumping and cross country – and introduced a long format competition which is rare in South Australia and requires increased endurance.

"We had great support from riders and some Victorian riders came over for it,

so that's really nice," Event Organiser, Ashley Copping, said.

"The level of competition we had was also brilliant."

The new equestrian competition started in November 2022, with two planned each year.

"We're very lucky to have the support of our patron Richard Shoemith, who owns the property," Copping said.

"He continues to help make it grow."

The next Milang Horse Trials event is planned for November.



Amelie Morelli riding Beans.



Nikki Jones riding Occident.



Jayden Coates on Vienna.



Tanya Tilivi on Big Acheeva.



Lauren Roberts riding Kilmallee Murphy.



Duncan Shaw on Cosmo Rock.

Photos: PYT Equine Media

## Strathalbyn Golf

# Summer Cup a first for Haberfield

By Perry Jones

The Strathalbyn Golf Club held the final of the Summer Cup last Saturday and Alan Haberfield gained his first major title of note in the club winning the Cup from former A grade champion Andrew Hentschke.

Alan, not that long since entering A grade, in the match play situation for the final had the benefit of Andrew having to give him five shots on the handicap system.

But he needed them all, particularly when Andrew won the first two holes, as the winner wasn't resolved until the final hole.

Andrew was still two up after six before Alan missed a chance to win the seventh but made up for that in winning the eighth, he then getting another win on the 11th to square the day before Andrew, despite lipping the cup on the 12th, was one clear again.

Andrew off the 13th tee found himself in the left-hand side hazard of the 14th, needing his second shot just to get the ball back onto the 14th fairway.

Alan in the meantime found his second shot landing on the green to then see Andrew, in his usual style, hit himself out of trouble to see his third shot go over the trees and land on the green to then sink a long putt to par the hole, while Alan had two putts for a four as well but won the hole on handicap.

On the 14th Alan got his second shot on the green and Andrew was just off as the hole was squared.

The par three 15th was the highlight of the round for Alan after his tee shot was short of the green so, as he had done numerous times to good effect, got his putter out and hit the ball strongly to get up the rise and onto the green.

However, the strength of the hit

would have seen the ball finish near the boundary fence at the back of the green until it hit the pin and stopped a couple of inches from the hole.

Andrew with his tee shot going over the back of the green couldn't match Alan's effort to go one down.

On the 16th Andrew had a very long drive but then mistimed his second shot to the green to fall short and go into the dam, while Alan was just off the green with is third shot.

Not to be denied Andrew, having a drop, landed the ball not far from the pin for a five, Alan just missing his fourth shot putt to still leave him one up.

On the 17th Andrew found himself hitting his second shot from under the last tree on the right before the green, then still getting on the green despite Kangaroo droppings impeding his shot.

Alan, in the trees on the left, found his second shot just short of the green as both had to settle for a bogie four.

On the last and Andrew fired off his normal tee shot onto the neighbouring fairway, while Alan was down the middle of the correct fairway before getting on the green about four feet from the hole with his third shot.

Andrew was showing his talent again with his second shot going over the trees and finishing on the back of the green.

However, Andrew had to give Alan a shot on this hole so needed to sink a long downhill putt which just missed, as Alan putted his fourth shot in to win the day in front of the noisy 'Liv Golf' crew on the clubhouse balcony.

Alan was presented the Cooper's Cup by that firm's representative and quiz show contestant, soon to be on 'Tipping Point' Jason Ridge.

Jason has had a long association with the club and Derek Kean, on behalf of the club, thanked him for his continued and valuable support.

### Josh Roberts wins Stableford

While the Cup competition was on the go the other 36 players on the day were involved in a Stableford competition, with Josh Roberts winning the day with 39 points on a count back from Derek Kean.

Josh had 18 points on the front nine and 21 on the back, the same as Derek, picking up lots of pars but he did have two holes of seven being on the ninth and then on the 16th when in getting over the dam found his ball next to the green pump shed.

Josh, who gained a nearest the pin on the fifteenth and won the longest drive (19+), also was a bit inconvenienced when he left his pitching wedge near the sixth green, not getting it back until after he had finished.

Derek, in one of his best rounds for a while, after a late start in having left the money till at home, was rueing the fact that on the day he only picked up one point on three of the four par three holes.

Derek did sink a long putt for par on the 15th and almost sunk another long one on the 16th as the ball jumped over the hole.

Playing with Derek was Russell Kimm who thought he should have stayed home as his tee shot went at right angles on the last, crossing the 12th fairway and onto the edge of the 11th.

He then proceeded to hit the pine tree in front of him on his way to 21 points, while other member of the group Michael Clarke only had 29 points, he on the last seeing his third shot finish under Russell's cart, and then when putting hitting the pin for the ball to stay out of the hole.

Gavin Perryman, going around with Kevin Shepley and Tyson Furniss, almost got a birdie on the 10th but at least it was his only par for the day.

Tyson with a long putt on the 13th salvaged a bogie, and he then missed

a birdie chance on the 17th, with his third shot landing on the green.

Kevin Shepley was a bit down on form even though he only fluffed one drive on the 14th, as the rest were always on the fairway, however putting was the problem, 10 times missing par putts.

There were a lot of pick ups on the day, but at least Nobby was picked up this time from home, as he had 32 points.

He was not happy about going into the creek on the sixth with his club finishing near the ball, nor the fact that his drive off the tee on the 14th was beaten by Ben Clark whose tee shot was almost up to Hobbit's hollow, he then just missing an eagle.

Nobby did have birdies on the second and 14th, along with scrubs on the 16th and last to go with two other scrubs.

Dave Bell, finishing with 34 points, was burning up the course on the front nine with 19 points, as his partners Don Bell, Peter Drury and Damon Mayse were thinking of going home after those nine holes seeing Dave out class them.

Well, they might just have well gone home, Peter having 27 points, Don 24 and Damon beating both of them with just 15 points to finish last.

Damon scratched the first four holes and had another five scrubs on the back, but he did have a birdie on the sixth.

Paul Coombe was another off to a great start with 16 points after six holes but he scored only another 16 for the round.

While Christine Beasley was doing her best to get her handicap to go out with just 25 points, as her tee shot on the first went out of bounds, Terry Merritt was doing his best for his handicap not to go in with his drive on the fourth not making the ladies tee.

He then needed to have a backhand shot on the ninth for an 'airy' and on the 11th almost did a somersault after his tee

shot that went about 50 metres.

At least Terry was consistent with 11 on both nines.

John Owen was pleased that he reached the par five green on the third in three but then having putted for a birdie found he had hit the wrong ball to have a bogie on his way to 35 points for the round.

Kym Nelson, despite five scrubs for the round and picking up only one point on two holes, still had 30 points for the round but unlike son Ben, with only 25 points, didn't get a prize for the day, as Ben was nearest the pin on the sixth.

Nearest the pins was a feature on the day by Ken Lester who gained two of these prizes on the eighth and seventeenth in his round of 35, 19 on the front and 18 on the back.

Ken had the knack of picking up four points on at least four holes to build his final tally on the day.

The putting jackpot is now up to \$200 as it failed to go off again, Amanda Vardon missing as did Kirk Richardson when his putt ran around the hole and out.

### Results Stableford Saturday, March 8

J.Roberts, D.Kean 39, B.Clark 37, T.Williams, K.Lester, A.Vardon 36, J.Owen 35, G.Robson, Dave Bell 34, G.Bertholini, M.Condon 33, G.Noble. R.Lyon, P.Coombe 32, M.Young, K.Richardson 31, K.Nelson, M.Beasley, J.Pickhaver 30, T.Furniss, K.Shepley, D.Wright 29, M.Clarke 28, K.Wittwer 28, H.Kelly, P.Drury 27, K.Edwards, C.Beasley, G.Perryman, M.Gniel, B.Nelson 25, S.Walsh, Don Bell 24, T.Merritt 22, R.Kimm 21, D.Mayes 15.

NTP 6th B.Nelson, 8th K.Lester, 15th J.Roberts, 17th K.Lester.

Longest Drive (0-18) 14th B.Clark, (19+) 5th J.Roberts.

## Strathalbyn Ladies Golf

# Pennants start for Strath ladies

The Strathalbyn club can field two teams for this year's Pennant season for the ladies.

They are in Division 2 and Division 3 of the Southern Zone.

The first round of matches was played at Oakbank Golf Course with Div. 2 playing Aston Hills and Div. 3 playing Echunga.

Div.2 had some interesting battles but eventually went down to their opponents three games to two.

Meanwhile, the ladies in Div. 3 played steadily and squared their match with Echunga.

All the best for the rest of the season.

On Wednesday, March 5, the ladies played a Stableford round in very pleasant weather and on a golf course with a lot of run due to the lack of rain.

Stay on the fairways, as there are fewer problems there than among the trees!

Cara Eastwood found the conditions suited her the best, finishing with 37 points.

Not too far behind were Carol Pelle and Jo Pickhaver with 36, and Kerrie Edwards with 33.

Mandi Vardon and Pauline Walkom followed with 32, and Di Krutli came in next with 30.

Ann Semple and Gill Keane both had 28, Jo Cullen 27 and Tonya Merritt had 26.

Sue Pryor and Christine Ciavatta played nine holes, with both having steady rounds.

NTP on the ninth hole was won by Kerrie, while Pauline had a real highlight on the 14th hole.

This is a long Par 5, and she scored five for five points.

Not only did Pauline do this, but she also had a gobble on the sixth hole and Cara had one on the 10th hole.



### McLaren Vale Golf Club

#### Saturday, March 8, 2025 Mens Stableford 1st Rnd H.R.Meyer Trophy 2025 Final competition results

Field size, 32; Members, 32; Visitors, None; GA, Blue, Men (Par 66).

#### Mens A Grade

Winner Simon Jackson 42; Runner-up Terry Payne 36; 3rd Place Peter Schmerl 35; 4th Place Rhys Blackwell 34.

#### Mens B Grade

Winner Peter McMahon 42; Runner-up Rory Kappler 39; 3rd Place Anthony Critchley 38; 4th Place Dennis Knowles 36.

#### Mens C Grade

Winner Gavin Low 36; Runner-up Andrew Lewis 34; 3rd Place Robert Meyers 34; 4th Place Marco Baraiolo 32.

#### Mens Overall

Winner Peter McMahon 42.

#### Nearest the Pin

NTP 3 & 12 C grade & Ladies Gavin Low; NTP 6&15 Anthony Critchley; NTP 8&17 Marco Baraiolo; NTP 9&18 Lance Kotz.

#### Birdies Par 3

Lex Triffitt; Peter Schmerl; Anthony Critchley; Marco Baraiolo; William Rosser; Rory Kappler.

#### Ladies Comp

NTP ladies Margaret Rowley 20.

#### Nearest the Pin

NTP ladies Claire Methven.

### Alexandrina Contract Bridge Club

Ranking March 5:

Pos	Pair	Players	Score	%
<b>North-South</b>				
1	=	4..... Val Hay / Beryl Liebelt .....	111.50 .....	55.75%
1	=	6..... Craig Mader / Garry Skuse .....	111.50 .....	55.75%
1	=	3..... Leonie Vale / Denise Muhlhan ..	111.46 .....	55.73%
4	.....	2..... Sandra Baker / Pat Elliott .....	95.25 .....	47.62%
5	.....	1 ..... Marie Pike / Norman Bullen .....	87.00 .....	43.50%
6	.....	5..... Rhonda Perriam / Peter Mitchell ..	83.75 .....	41.88%

#### East-West

1	.....	6..... Sue Caddy / Helen Conolly .....	137.50 .....	68.75%
2	.....	1..... Valmai Phillips / Mary Rowley .....	101.00 .....	50.50%
3	.....	4..... Raelene Lines / Graeme Crase .....	95.25 .....	47.62%
4	.....	3..... Sue Perkins / Glenys Chapman .....	92.75 .....	46.38%
5	.....	2..... Erica Schmidt / Malcolm Twartz .....	91.50 .....	45.75%
6	.....	5..... Erica Schmidt / Malcolm Twartz .....	81.25 .....	40.62%

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# Weather

## FORECAST

### Warnings

See [www.bom.gov.au/australia/warnings](http://www.bom.gov.au/australia/warnings)

### Mount Barker:

Cloud clearing. Light winds becoming southerly 15 to 20 km/h in the late afternoon then becoming light in the evening.

Friday. Sunny.

### Strathalbyn:

Partly cloudy.

Friday. Sunny.

### Murray Bridge:

Mostly sunny.

Friday. Sunny.

### Mount Lofty Ranges District:

Cloud clearing. Winds southeasterly 15 to 20 km/h.

### Murraylands District:

Sunny. Winds southerly 15 to 20 km/h becoming light in the morning then becoming south to southwesterly 15 to 20 km/h in the late afternoon.

### Upper South East District:

Cloud clearing. Light winds becoming southerly 15 to 25 km/h in the early afternoon then becoming light in the late evening.

### Mid North District:

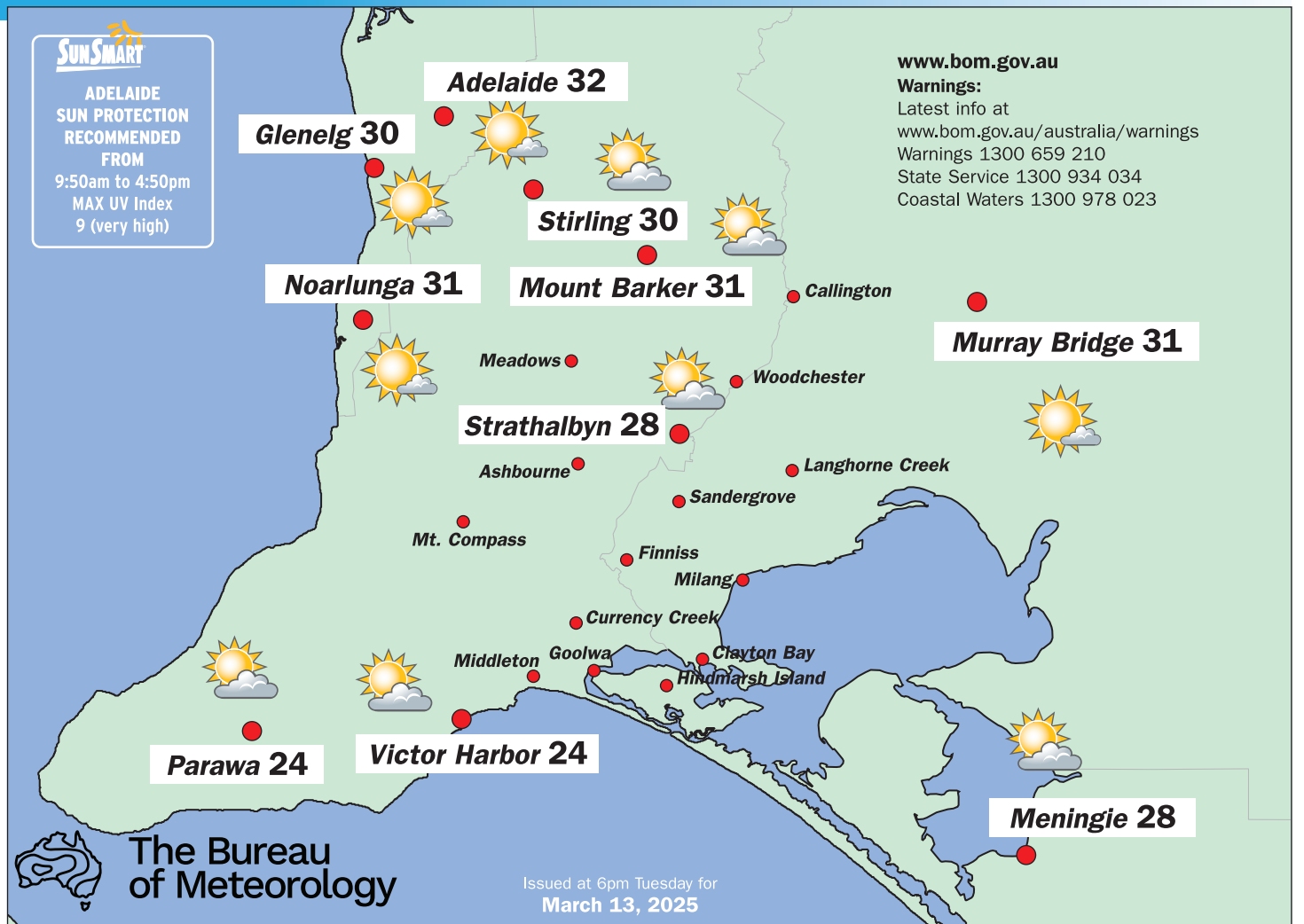
Sunny. Winds south to southeasterly 15 to 20 km/h tending northeast to southeasterly in the morning then tending southeast to southwesterly 15 to 25 km/h in the early afternoon.

### South Australia:

Dry apart from possible isolated afternoon showers and storms about the far northeast and isolated light showers near southern coasts. Maximum temperatures above to well above average. Southeast to northeasterly winds. Locally fresh afternoon coastal sea breezes.



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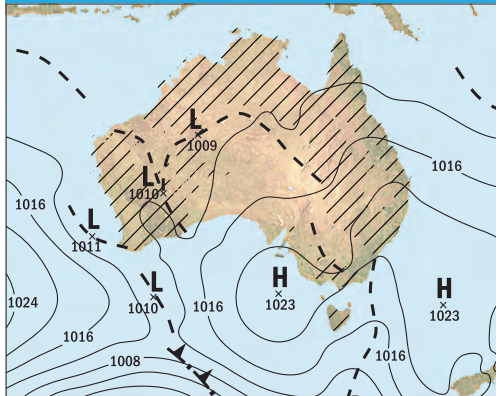


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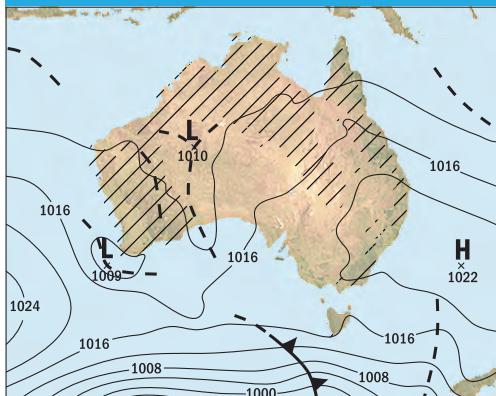
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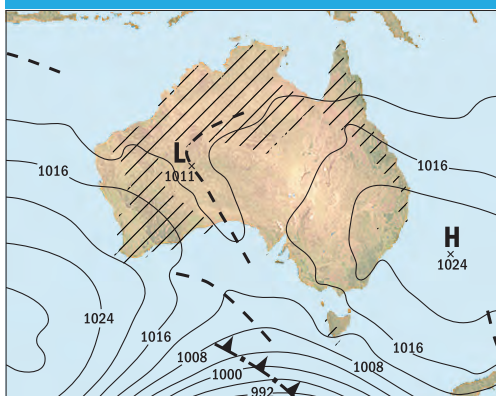
## THURSDAY 10AM



## FRIDAY 10AM



## SATURDAY 10AM



Forecast Rain 24 hrs to 9am  
1024 hectoPascal (hPa)  
trough  
cold front  
warm front



## RECENT RAINFALL

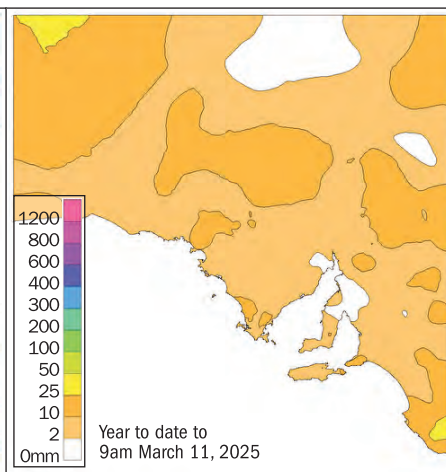
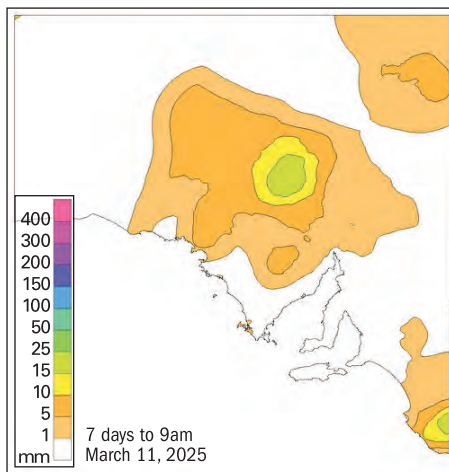
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Adelaide	0	0	0.0	6.6	Lenswood	0	0	0.0	4.0
Adelaide Aero	Tce	Tce	0.0	5.2	Meningie	0	0	0.0	8.4
Ashton	0	0	0.2	4.4	Milang				9.8
Balhannah	0	0	0.0	5.8	Millbrook Resv	0	0	0.0	3.8
Belair				5.2	Monarto				8.6
Birdwood	0	0	0.0	3.4	Mt Barker	0	0	0.0	6.6
Callington				5.6	Mt Lofty	0	0	0.0	8.2
Cape Willoughby	0	0	0.6	14.8	Murray Bridge	0	0	0.0	11.2
Clarendon				4.2	Nairne				
Claypans	3	3.0	4.8		Noarlunga	0	0	0.0	5.8
Cooke Plains			4.2		Nuriootpa	0	0	0.2	14.2
Crafers West	0	0	0.0	8.4	Palmer				3.5
Finniss			7.3		Parawa	0	0.2	1.6	12.2
Greenhill	0	0	0.0	4.8	Parawa West	0	0.2	1.6	12.2
Gumeracha	0	0	0.0	3.2	Parndana	0	0.2	0.8	5.2
Hahndorf	0	0	0.0	9.3	Peake				
Happy Valley			2.8		Roseworthy	0	0	0.2	3.0
Hindmarsh Island	0	0	0.0	8.4	Strathalbyn	0	0	0.0	4.8
Inman Valley		0.4	0.8	13.0	Tailem Bend				7.2
Inverbrackie	0	0	0.2	5.0	Tintinara		2	1.5	5.5
Karoonda		0/8	0.0	4.6	Uraidla				4.8
Kersbrook	0	0	0.2	2.0	Victor Harbor	0	0	0.0	9.0
Kingscote Aero	0	0	0.0	0.8	Williamstown			0.0	2.8
Kuitpo	0	0	0.2	6.6	Willunga				7.8
Lameroo	0	0	0.0	5.8	Woodhouse		0	0.4	9.6
					Yankalilla			0.2	8.0

## SUN & MOON

	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
<b>Thursday</b>	7:13am	7:37pm	7:12pm	5:55am
<b>Friday</b>	7:14am	7:36pm	7:36pm	6:53am
<b>Saturday</b>	7:15am	7:34pm	7:58pm	7:50am
<b>Sunday</b>	7:15am	7:33pm	8:21pm	8:47am
<b>Monday</b>	7:16am	7:32pm	8:46pm	9:44am
<b>Tuesday</b>	7:17am	7:30pm	9:13pm	10:42am
<b>Wednesday</b>	7:18am	7:29pm	9:44pm	11:41am

TIDES				
<b>Outer Harbor</b>				
<b>Thursday:</b>				
5:52am	2.3m	12:15pm	0.3m	
6:20pm	2.1m			
<b>Friday:</b>				
12:06am	0.6m	6:07am	2.4m	
12:22pm	0.3m	6:25pm	2.3m	
<b>Saturday:</b>				
12:20am	0.4m	6:20am	2.4m	
12:29pm	0.3m	6:34pm	2.4m	
<b>Sunday:</b>				
12:36am	0.4m	6:35am	2.4m	
12:39pm	0.3m	6:49pm	2.5m	
<b>Monday:</b>				
12:58am	0.3m	6:53am	2.3m	
12:52pm	0.3m	7:08pm	2.6m	
<b>Victor Harbor</b>				
<b>Thursday:</b>				
1:37am	1.2m	8:56am	0.4m	
1:50pm	0.8m	6:37pm	0.5m	
<b>Friday:</b>				
1:59am	1.2m	8:45am	0.4m	
2:13pm	1.0m	7:09pm	0.4m	
<b>Saturday:</b>				
2:21am	1.2m	8:22am	0.4m	
2:37pm	1.1m	7:43pm	0.4m	
<b>Sunday:</b>				
2:41am	1.1m	8:12am	0.4m	
3:01pm	1.2m	8:15pm	0.5m	
<b>Monday:</b>				
2:59am	1.1m	8:16am	0.3m	
3:24pm	1.2m	8:47pm	0.5m	



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Government of South Australia  
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### Mining Act 1971

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Notice is hereby given that administrative variations to the application have been made and a re-circulation period is now commenced.

**Applicant:** Adbri Concrete and Quarries SA Pty Ltd (ACN 007 726 909)

**Location:** CT 6244/136 – Sellicks Hill area, approximately 48 km south of Adelaide

**Area:** 1.11 hectares approximately

**Purpose:** Stockpiling of overburden. Extension of an existing bund along the western boundary of the tenements to improve visual screening of the quarry from external receptors using Main South Road. No infrastructure is proposed to be located within the MPL area during construction or upon the completion of these works.

**Reference:** 2023/000341

To arrange an inspection of the proposal at the Department for Energy and Mining, please call the Department on 08 8463 3103.

An electronic copy of the proposal can be found on the Department for Energy and Mining website: <https://www.energymining.sa.gov.au/industry/minerals-and-mining/mining/community-engagement-opportunities>

Written submissions in relation to this application are invited to be received at the Department for Energy and Mining, Mining Regulation, Attn: Business Support Officer, GPO Box 618 ADELAIDE SA 5001 or [dem.miningregrehab@sa.gov.au](mailto:dem.miningregrehab@sa.gov.au) by no later than **27 March 2025**.

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Mining Registrar as delegate for the Minister for Energy and Mining  
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