





Yorke Valley Basketball Association

# **IBERS FOR YVBA**

Yorke Valley Basketball Association has highlighted Yorke Peninsula's love for basketball again this season, hosting more than 117 teams and 900 players in consecutive years.

While the competition remains a similar size to last season, several grades have changed, including the senior women's competition.

Previously, there were A and B women's competitions; this season, all sides will play together in a collective senior women's grade, before they are split into two divisions after round 17.

YVBA secretary Karen White said the junior boys would also follow a similar process.

"In the juniors we've got quite a large number again, especially the boys, so what we're doing with some of the teams is they are going to play in a one division comp," White said.

"For example, the under 12 boys is only one division at the moment and then when we get to the Christmas break, they will be split into two divisions depending on their ladder positions."

White said a decision about the junior girls' competition splitting into separate divisions would be made a later date. Junior players will also enjoy an Adelaide Lightning training later this month, a junior carnival in February, Yorkers carnivals

in Port Augusta and Barossa in November, U18s junior championships in December and the Country Championships in March. White said they also anticipated having senior teams represent Yorke Valley at the Country Championships in January.





YVBA A MEN... Jack Mumford, Paskeville, leaps to shoot for goal as Jordan Taylor, Bute, defends.

Left: YVBA C WOMEN... Nellie Polkinghorne, Arthurton, shoots a free-throw against Wallaroo Red.

Southern Yorke Peninsula Basketball Association

### **CAN CURRAMULKA BEAT** STANSBURY'S SUPER SIDE?

Wilson McShane **JOURNALIST** 

Play began in Southern Yorke Peninsula Basketball Association's 2024-25 season earlier this month in exciting fashion, with several close games across both juniors and

SYPBA administrator Natasha Hurley said, while the competition would likely be even in the men's A grade - comprising four teams with the addition of Curramulka and Yorketown (Minlaton dropped out) — reigning premier Edithburgh was still looking strong.

Hurley said in the A women, Stansbury would be a formidable side, but Curramulka could potentially challenge it because Curry had recruited well.

She said Max Sanderson, Luke Hoare, Liam Hayes and Bodi

Warwick; Georgina, Jess and Bronwyn Farrow; Tegan Goldsworthy and Tasmyn Biddell would be some of the competition's best players.

We have a new umpire coordinator this year and we really want to see an increase not only in the number of umpires but an increase confidence and knowledge, focusing on our junior members and the Green Whistle BSA program," Hurley said.

She encouraged spectators to attend because of the improvement in the association.

'The standard of basketball on the SYP seems to have improved.

"The talent throughout all grades has gone up and it is great to watch some truly competitive games Friday nights."

The association will enter teams in the St Clair Christmas Carnival and Starplex Australia Day Carnival, as well as Country Champs.



SYPBA A MEN... Ethan Dortmundt, Minlaton, loses control of the ball as Geordie Cameron, Western United, stands like a statue with eyes closed to block his path to goal.





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**Lower Yorke Peninsula Cricket Association** 

## OSE SEASON AHEAD FOR LYP

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**JOURNALIST** 

Cricketers on the lower Yorke Peninsula can expect another successful season says LYPCA president Bradley Twartz.

While the association administered few changes in A grade, the senior colts welcomed a fifth side into the competition (Honiton Cricket Club).

Warooka Cricket Club did not enter a junior colts (under 12s) side this season, bringing the fixture to a fourteam competition.

Twartz said, despite the competition marginally changing in the lower grades, it was crucial to keep cricket

attractive to young people

"We would like to just keep cricket active in the community, through our Blast programs, and keep kids interested in cricket," he said, adding that there were several Woolworths Blast centres across the LYP, for which people could register through PlayHQ.

In the senior grade, teams will play 16 matches (18 rounds and two byes) and Twartz said he looked forward to the nine-team A grade competition because it would likely be an even contest.

"I think this year will be as fair and even as I've seen from the first round and how it's going to stack up.

'We were pretty even last year as well

so we just want to make sure people are out there enjoying their sport.

"It hasn't been the greatest year community wise with harvest and a few things, but I think people always look forward to cricket."

He indicated reigning premier Stansbury would be difficult to beat again, along with Minlaton and Curramulka.

After finishing seventh last season, Sunbury could also be one of the biggest risers with the return of Blake Gutsche from Woodville South.

A century to Troy Goldsworthy and 63 to James Moss last week suggested they too will be some of the premier cricketers in the LYPCA this season.



LYPCA A GRADE... Minlaton wicketkeeper Dane McPhail whips the bails from the stumps as Peter Kakoschke, Maitland, stretches to remain in the crease, last season.



**Yorke Peninsula Cricket Association** 

Wilson McShane JOURNALIST

Yorke Peninsula Cricket Association has welcomed another season in entertaining fashion with two close rounds to start 2024-25.

YPCA president Nathan Wright encouraged spectators to view cricket in the area because of the season's exciting start.

'We have some outstanding young cricketers, some who are playing representative cricket in Adelaide and, (in round 1 on October 12) for example, we had over 800 runs and 37 wickets taken across three games in the A grade. It's also very cheap entertainment, whether for the sport or the socialising," Wright said.

Wright said, although the competition would host the same number of sides as last season in the senior grades, it had been made permissible to play with a minimum of nine players in the B grade.

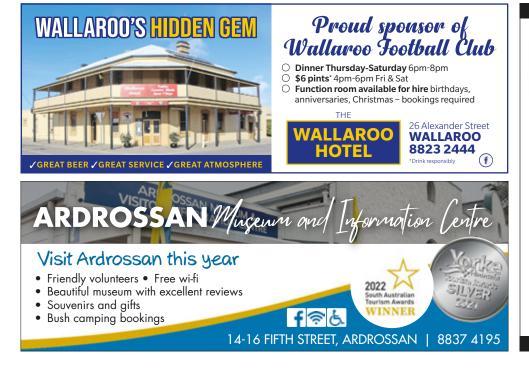
In the junior grades, Ardrossan has entered an under 16s side but Kadina and Arthurton have not, despite playing last season

The under 13s has also reduced from seven teams to five (only one Wallaroo team and Kadina and Paskeville have merged).

"We have an issue with getting young people to play cricket so we are working together to formulate a plan for next season. [We will] implement some ideas, possibly move to coloured clothes, white ball (games), to match what you see in Adelaide."

Wright said, while it was too early to tell, it appeared Moonta and Paskeville would be two of the strongest sides in the A grade while "the improvers could be Kadina".

He also noted Shane Moss (Moonta), Dylan Branford (Paskeville), Jamie Newton (Wallaroo), Nick Dayman (Arthurton) and Harry Rennie (Paskeville) would be some of the competition's players to watch.



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After winning a national award for the best centre in Australia at the start of the year, the Little Athletics SA Northern Yorke Peninsula Club aims to recreate its successful 2023-24 season.

NYPLA president Adonica Lee said, while it was too early to tell, the club's participation appeared to be on a similar trajectory to last year.

"Numbers are looking great," Lee said.

"They're almost up to what we had at the end of last season so we're looking good to either stay consistent to last year or increase past that.

"And I do think we're getting some athletes from further afield (from clubs) that no longer exist."

Lee said the club planned to continue meetings it established last season including collective training days with surrounding clubs.

"There's nothing new introduced this season we hadn't already started last season.

"I think we will probably try to continue what we have already introduced and see if we can't continue to improve and grow what we have previously put in place.

"I'm pretty sure it's us hosting the country champs, and I am in talks to see if we can have another Yorkes training day, so all of that we are endeavouring to bring back or continue on with."

The 2024-25 season began on Friday (October 18) LITTLE ATHLETICS... Mackensie Oliver, and will finish at the end of term 1, 2025.

LITTLE ATHLETICS... Tyson Wapper, NYP, straddles the bar as he competes in the high jump at the Little Athletics Yorke Peninsula Country Championships.



NYP, about to land during her triple jump.

**Southern Yorke Peninsula Tennis Association** 

## HY COMPETIT DR SOUTHE

Wilson McShane JOURNALIST

The Southern Yorke Peninsula Tennis Association will play with one less team in the senior competition this season, while tennis will not change drastically in the junior competition, SYPTA secretary Rebecca Brown says.

Brown said, although Yorketown had removed its second side from the seniors, making a five-team competition (each team comprising eight players), the rivalry was still strong.

"In terms of some of the best

Proud

teams, Minlaton will be strong," Brown said.

'They've have got some really strong players all the way down so my pick would be for them into the grand final again."

She said SYPTA would continue with its junior program, where all matches are played at Yorketown and teams are decided on the day to align players with suitable opponents according to their ability.

She said the participation rate for the junior competition was promising.

"There are lots of young ones coming through, which will be

"We've had some of the old ones move up to seniors so it's just sort of a fresh look of the juniors and lots of good numbers and lots of kids who are keen."

Brown said Hamish Coombe, Maggie Walsh, Layla Walsh, Craig Fitzgerald, Angus Slade, Max Hamilton, Rylan Goodes, Amilie Hickman and Mia Goodes would be some of the players to watch at both junior and senior levels.

An inter-association match between SYP and NYP is scheduled for February (juniors), as well as a doubles tournament in



SYPTA... Minlaton White's Michael Preedy concentrates on the ball as he prepares to hit a high forehand.



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**Northen Yorke Peninsula Tennis Association** 

# RULE CHANGES FOR NYP TENNIS

NYPTA... Moonta's Kym Phillips, making a return to the court after five years, stays focused on a backhand return.

Wilson McShane JOURNALIST

To help clubs from having to forfeit during finals, the Northern Yorke Peninsula Tennis Association has adjusted two rules for the 2024-25 season.

Previously, to be eligible for finals, a player would have had to play three matches throughout the minor rounds. However, this season the NYPTA has added that this does not apply to regular club juniors.

In the past, teams in the association could also play with six or seven players and forfeit the bottom rubber/s in up to three matches per season; the exemption could not be used during finals.

NYPTA president Paris Schilling said the association had removed the exemption because teams had been forced to forfeit during finals due to not having enough available players.

Schilling said, aside from the rule changes, the association would host the same number of sides in seniors (11) and juniors (six A grade, eight B grade, 11 C grade) as in 2023-24.

'There are no new teams or locations in the senior competition this season, but last season Alford submitted a team for the first time in a while," Schilling said.

"I think the association can continue to improve by putting a big focus on developing and promoting our junior competition (and) really trying to push for more teams in the A and B grades so the pathway is there for kids wanting to continue tennis into seniors.

"Another important focus should be continuing to have discussions around our by-laws and continuing to adjust them to suit our current needs as we did in the lead-up to this season."

She said, in the seniors, Paskeville would be one of the more dominant sides, while Angus Bussenschutt would be the player to watch as he plays junior A grade and has filled in for both Bute and Paskeville in seniors.

Mid Yorke Peninsula Tennis Association

# **MYP TO FOCUS ON**



MYPJTA... James Roenfeldt, Lions, makes contact with a forehand against Cougars.

Wilson McShane JOURNALIST

Mid Yorke Peninsula Tennis Association aims to improve its junior program this season and attract more young players to the competition, according Sandilands Tennis Club secretary Nicole Mattschoss.

Mattschoss said this would be aided by the establishment of the Red Ball Rumble, a new Tennis South Australia initiative to promote tennis to kids up to the age of

"It's a six-week program and is just energetic, quick and enthusiastic to encourage participation and get kids interested in tennis who perhaps may not have previously been involved," Mattschoss said.

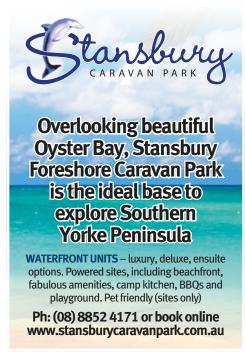
She said more than 40 children attended the first session in Maitland last fortnight and encouraged others to participate.

While the MYPTA had bolstered its junior program, Mattschoss said the senior competition was currently in recess.

However, a social tournament for seniors was held last week and another one was being planned for February, she said.

In the junior competition, six sides will play (three from Maitland, two from Sandilands and one from Arthurton).

Mattschoss said Maitland would likely be the side to beat again this season as it had had recent success, while Arthurton and Sandilands could also challenge as they have a strong, talented young contingency.





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Sailing on Yorke Peninsula

# PORT VINCENT'S NEW BOATS FOR EXCITING SAILING SEASON

Wilson McShane
JOURNALIST

Port Vincent Sailing Club's fleet has grown this season after the club added two trailer sailers to its collection.

PVSC commodore Alan Rushbrook said, with the addition of these new boats, he was excited for the season.

"Numbers are looking pretty steady, but we've got two new boats joining the fleet so we're pretty excited," Rushbrook said.

He said the fleet now consisted of about 15 boats.

"We're all looking forward to getting out on the water again and it should be fun. "We've got a whole program of different events and different series races.

"At least a quarter of our membership is social members, so not everyone is a sailor — you can join us for a chat and a drink, and watch the sun set on a Sunday afternoon."

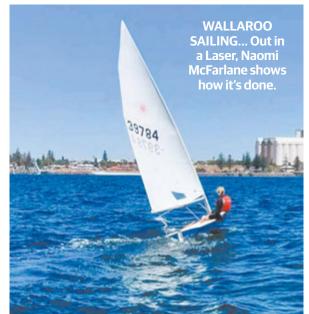
The sailing club will also run its learn-tosail program (targeted at all ages) throughout its six-month season, October to April.

Rushbrook said this learn-to-sail program would complement the other events in the season ahead including the Vincent Open Classic during the January long weekend.

Further details about learn to sail and the Vincent Open Classic can be found on PVSC's Facebook page.



### **WALLAROO TO HOST STATE HEATS**



Wilson McShane

JOURNALIST

Wallaroo Sailing Club will continue with its learn-to-sail program, following its season opening earlier this month.

The club will sail on Sundays and host learn to sail (for people of all ages) as well as Sunday racing along with the club's recent cruising program.

Colin Bridgeman is the club's commodore this year.

Colin Bridgeman is the club's commodore this year. Former WSC commodore Margaret Pope said the sailing fixture was jam-packed.

"We're hosting the state heats at Wallaroo over the long weekend in January (25 to 27), which is eight races over those days and people will be racing Tasars," Pope said.

"The club have learn-to-sail classes and anyone can come along. We supply boats, we've got some wetsuits there and we've got lifejackets.

"The other group we've got which has grown very big is the cruising group. They're the ones who aren't flexible enough to be in a little boat and race so they go into the bigger boats, which is more relaxed.

"Even though these sailors may be older and there's more room to move around, it will still end up a race."

The club will also have several club championship races throughout the season.

#### Netball

### SUMMER NIGHT NETBALL A SUCCESS

Wilson McShane

JOURNALIST

Summer social netball is also among the myriad of summer sports to begin on Yorke Peninsula during October.

The competition, played at the Copper Coast Sport and Leisure Centre in Kadina, is divided into two grades: social mixed netball and an entirely female competition.

CCSLC manager Giles Ellis said, since the competition's inception more than 15 years ago, the popularity has grown with eight mixed social sides and six female teams competing this season.

"The numbers are up on last year,

which is great," Ellis said.

"It was a bit flat for a while, but we feel like we've got some new teams and new interest so it should be a bit of fun this year.

"Since the redevelopment, it (summer night netball) has certainly been popular.

"While a few of our other social sports have dropped a little bit, summer night netball seems to still be going strong."

Ellis attributed this to the social nature of the competition and said there were several teams that came back every year.

The season started on Tuesday, October 15, finals begin on February 18 and the grand finals are on March 4.









Northern Yorke Peninsula Bowling Association

# BOWLING'S BACK ON NYP

Wilson McShane

JOURNALIST

The Northern Yorke Peninsula Bowling Association will be joined by the Port Hughes Sharks in their debut season this year.

Paskeville will also re-enter the women's Thursday competition in division II, as will Alford in the open Saturday competition div III.

While NYPBA scribe Geoff Male said these sides had entered their respective competitions, it was always a challenge to retain bowling numbers.

"The NYPBA, as with many associations, is experiencing a somewhat difficult time with many bowlers reaching a retirement stage.

"It is unfortunate but when people

retire from sports like tennis and cricket, they seem to have had enough of the regimentation that team sports require."

He said Kadina, Moonta and Wallaroo sides would once again be challenging to defeat, while Arthurton and the Port Hughes Sharks could provide upset victories.

Male said the association might consider further rule changes in upcoming seasons.

"As mentioned, our bowlers are all getting older and I think the NYPBA must give consideration to reducing the number of ends from 25 to 21.

"Not too far into the future they may have to consider reducing the Saturday open competition to three (instead of four) teams a side."



NYPBA SATURDAY DIV I... Scott Gunning, Arthurton, bowls under the watchful gaze of Wallaroo's Richard Kent and Greg McPharlin and teammates Jill Bagshaw and Bruce Schmidt.



SYPBA SATURDAY DIV 1... Dione Langford, Port Victoria, studies the head as Port Vincent's Roger Underwood signals how far away a teammate's bowl finished from the kitty.

Southern Yorke Peninsula Bowling Association

## SYP'S SENSIBLE RULE CHANCES

Wilson McShane
JOURNALIST

The Southern Yorke Peninsula Bowling Association implemented a series of new rules for its opening round last week.

To provide incentives to the lower-ranked teams and allow for team selection to be more balanced in the open gender and men's pennants, the top six sides on the premiership table will split from the bottom sides after 11 rounds and play the remaining matches in those groups.

The Saturday competition has also been reduced to 21 ends (previously 25) and will have no break at 3pm.

SYPBA committee member and publicity officer Kim Rickard said the reasoning behind

this move was to give players a reasonable finishing time and allowing them to have their Saturday nights free for other activities.

Rickard said, while the association numbers were steady, because of SYP's location it could be challenging to retain and recruit players.

"It is very difficult for those clubs not located in areas where people are moving to, such as seaside towns," Rickard said.

"However, the SYPBA has a number of young players being identified and supported. "All of the SYPBA clubs work hard to pro-

vide social bowling activities, come and try days, and other social events in order to draw attention (to the sport)."

In Saturday div I, Rickard suggested Minlaton, Yorketown, Stansbury and Port Vincent would be challenging to defeat, and labelled Port Victoria a dark horse.

Rickard also said, to continue to attract players, the association aimed to change the perception of bowling.

"The current objectives of the association are to continue to stabilise the conditions of play and by-laws and have them reflect the mores of our society, changing the way lawn bowls is perceived by the wider community.

"This is a game inclusive to all, can be played at all levels by all ages and abilities; it is exciting, socially binding and one of the very few sports where strength, stamina or physique of competitors, based on gender, is irrelevant."

Major events in the fixture include the Men's and Women's Country Carnivals, Country Round Robin and Prestige Medley, as well as supporting Pink Round on November 7 and 9.









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