



DUST + SALT = LIGHTS OUT

Powerless and disconnected, Daryl Clayson, from Repco Kadina, was one of hundreds of business operators hit by Friday's peninsula-wide blackout. The outage left 25,000 Yorke Peninsula residents without power for nearly 20 hours, cutting off phone and internet services as temperatures soared into the high 30s.

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PHOTO: Rod Penna

FINAL PUSH FOR HEALTH

Joanna Tucker
JOURNALIST

AFTER years of campaigning, Yorke Peninsula's healthcare system is now being investigated by parliament.

As part of the process, South Australia's Economic and Finance Committee will visit Yorke Peninsula to host two public hearings next week — one in Yorketown on Thursday, March 27 and another in Wallaroo on Friday, March 28.

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Money for maintenance

I WITNESSED a vessel belonging to a commonwealth agency tying up to the Port Vincent wharf on Wednesday, February 26.

Mooring any vessel to the wharf is banned by the Yorke Peninsula Council and subject to a fine.

The agency's officers were only performing their duty and the infringement warning signs face inland, meaning they are not visible from the ocean.

The 12 jetties and one wharf in the YPC area are leased by council from the South Australian Government until 2048, but there are no funds provided other than for routine maintenance.

The Port Vincent wharf and jetty are either closed or are severely restricted for use, due to safety concerns, under council guidance.

However, the above indicates the closure is unreasonable and, where necessary, both wharf and jetty may be required for public safety or emergency use.

Council can't afford major repairs, the SA Government could but won't, and the Commonwealth Government is blissfully unaware.

Someone needs to resolve this issue.

Peter Lehman
For Port Vincent Progress Association

Ratepayers meeting

COMMUNITY members and visitors are welcome to attend the Copper Coast Residents and Ratepayers Association public meeting at the Wallaroo Town Hall on Tuesday evening, March 18.

The association holds a public meeting in each of the main towns during the year to give the community the opportunity to raise issues regarding infrastructure and progress in their area.

Copper Coast Council chief executive Dylan Strong has agreed to attend and will give an update on council activities and, where possible, give answers to concerns of individuals and groups.

The committee will also have updates on the activities of the association.

Anyone one with queries can contact me on 0419 865 212.

Neil Windsor
Copper Coast Residents and Ratepayers Association president

Breakneck destruction Lack of power and communication

DENIALISM is at a peak.

The earth's breathable atmosphere averages 15 kilometres high, about the distance from Moonta to Wallaroo.

Given the Earth's circumference, this represents less than a glad wrap of covering, and we pollute it at our peril.

"Drill baby, drill", the shrill cry of America's incumbent president is a refutation of everything those caring for the planet stand for and an insult to future generations.

Such is the despairing cry of late-stage capitalism, a self-absorbed consortium ignoring the Earth's rapidly diminishing resources and health — uncreative in its outlook and prepared to go to war over what's left.

This is hardly reassuring.

Surely, future generations, if they exist, will look back at this orgy of greed, and shake their heads.

Two-thirds of the world's tropical rainforests have been decimated in the past 50 years and, of the third left, half is degraded.

Rainforests are the lungs of the planet.

If you think a covering of glad wrap is barely measurable, 50 years as a fraction of time is infinitesimal. The destruction is happening at breakneck speed.

To say we are being led by fools is an understatement — we are being led by duplicity, empowered by propaganda.

Can we resist, or are we locked into an irreversible cycle of destruction?

Chris Hunter, Moonta

I could do that

THE Kernewek Lowender (May 12 to 18) is just around the corner, and we could certainly use your help.

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Events requiring marshals in our area are few, with the average involvement being around eight to 10 hours maximum in any one year.

This is also a great opportunity for new residents in our wonderful community to give back to your adopted new home.

I can be contacted at any time on 0419 865 212.

Neil Windsor, Moonta Bay

Correction

THE article, SYP Sounds create note-worthy beginning on Yorke Peninsula, in last week's edition stated Yorgetown's Youth Week celebration was to be held on April 5.

However, the event is on Sunday, April 13, at the Yorgetown RSL and Sports Club.

OUR VIEW

Our dry future

YORKE Peninsula was thrown into chaos on Friday, with the loss of electricity and phone coverage on a day the thermostat approached 40 degrees.

Many may say events like this show our reliance on technology and that a day without it will not hurt.

However, our society does rely on power and communication to function, and this outage has revealed where we are most vulnerable.

SA Power Networks has partially blamed this event on the driest summer South Australia has had in 33 years, and said it was a one in 10-to-15-year event.

But how is climate change going to impact this moving forward when Australia's warmest year on record was 2019, and nearly 10 of our warmest years have been since 2013?

Climate change is causing South Australia's weather systems to change, with an increase of high-pressure systems that bring dry and clear weather — instead of the desperately needed rainfall.

It is easy to feel complacent when it comes to climate change, and even I feel like I am now numb to all the warnings experts are constantly alerting us to around food insecurity and rising sea levels.

But, after Friday, a new fear has been unlocked for me around our future.

The CSIRO says extreme heat causes more deaths in Australia than any other natural hazard and has major impacts on our ecosystems and infrastructure.

Questions need to be answered about why our infrastructure failed, and if it is being maintained correctly — but a more alarming question is what do we have in store for our future?

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WORK UNDERWAY... Copper Coast Council chief executive Dylan Strong and mayor Roslyn Talbot at stage 1 of Moonta Road, Moonta Bay's construction project, which is out for tender.



Dusty days numbered in Moonta Bay



COMMUNITY INPUT... In coming weeks, the Copper Coast Council will be releasing details about a community consultation period for stage 2 of Moonta Road, Moonta Bay; see council's website for more information.

Joanna Tucker
JOURNALIST

STAGE 1 of the upgrade to the unpaved Moonta Road, Moonta Bay, is now open for tender.
The first section to be sealed with bitumen will be between East Terrace and Haylock Road.

“**Council wants locals who live on Moonta Road and residents of the Copper Coast in general to be able to have their say...**”

- Tim Neumann, CCC director of infrastructure services

The project will be completed in two stages, with public consultation on the remaining works set to take place in the coming weeks.
The tender process brings the project one step closer to completion, with Copper Coast Council now seeking quotations for stormwater installation, kerbing and sealing of stage 1.
Tim Neumann, CCC director of infrastructure services, confirmed the procurement process is well underway.
“Council is hopeful to be reviewing tenders at the start of April and appointing contractors in the middle of that month,” Mr Neumann said.
“We’re delighted to be able to progress this project.”
Council has already completed the engineering survey and design for the area.
Mr Neumann said the process up until this point had been extremely

thorough and it was hoped stage 1 would be complete by the end of this year.
“Council looks forward to providing an update on timelines once the tender has been awarded, but a 2025 delivery date is expected,” he said.
With stage 2, council will be seeking community input from local residents on the unsealed roads between East Terrace and Carlisle Street.
Mr Neumann said residents of Moonta and the Copper Coast are encouraged to get involved in the consultation process.
“Council wants locals who live on Moonta Road and residents of the Copper Coast in general to be able to have their say on the design and road layout,” Mr Neumann said.
Council will release further details on delivery dates for stage 1, and information regarding consultation for stage 2, in coming weeks.



PROJECT SCOPE... The dirt road being upgraded is Moonta Road, Moonta Bay, located between East Terrace and Haylock Road.

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One step in a lengthy process

MEMBER for Narungga Fraser Ellis said he was thrilled the committee was coming to Yorke Peninsula to hear directly from the people who signed the 2022 health petition.

“This is the final push for our community to make a submission and, after that, we are in the hands of the committee,” Mr Ellis said.

“Once we put through incontrovertible evidence about our needs, the committee will have no choice but to make recommendations about improved services and facilities in our area.”

As part of the visit, the committee has invited organisations and individuals to share their experiences with Yorke Peninsula’s healthcare system at one of the public hearings.

Mr Ellis said the committee would benefit tremendously from hearing directly the community’s experiences and concerns about the region’s health services.

“It’s one thing to read words written on a page, but it’s another entirely to read the faces of people currently affected by our health system’s shortcomings,” he said.

“It will be great to fill up the

times available with speakers who want to passionately put forward their case for an improved health system.”

Mr Ellis encouraged anyone with first-hand experience to apply to make oral submissions, including anyone who wants to draw attention to a shortcoming or highlight a success story that needs to be promoted.

Health Minister Chris Picton said he was supportive of the YP healthcare inquiry.

“We are certainly supporting that — they (the committee) will be visiting the region,” Mr Picton said.

The public hearings are one step in what has been a lengthy process to investigate the peninsula’s healthcare system.

The SA Parliamentary Inquiry into the Delivery of Health Services on Yorke Peninsula was triggered when a petition, raised by Ellis and signed by almost 11,000 people, was tabled in the House of Assembly in November 2023.

The inquiry officially began in November 2024, two years after the petition was launched.




FINAL PUSH... Member for Narungga Fraser Ellis is thrilled the parliamentary Economic and Finance Committee is coming to Yorke Peninsula to hear community concerns about the health system.
PHOTO: Rachel Hagan

What the committee is investigating

THE SA Parliament Economic and Finance Committee is investigating:

- 1. The classification of the Wallaroo Hospital
- 2. The most appropriate Local Health Network coverage for the Port Pirie Hospital
- 3. Factors impacting the delivery of health services on Yorke Peninsula and especially in relation to access and equity; and
- 4. Any other matters relating to health services on YP

Anyone interested in making an oral submission at the Yorketown or Wallaroo public hearings should contact the committee via phone (08) 8237 9442, email EFC.Assembly@parliament.sa.gov.au or mail, GPO Box 572, ADELAIDE SA 5000.



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**INQUIRY ON THE DELIVERY OF HEALTH SERVICES
ON THE YORKE PENINSULA**

Public hearing
Thursday 27 March, 12pm to 3:30pm, Yorketown Town Hall

The Economic and Finance Committee’s Inquiry on the Delivery of Health Services on the Yorke Peninsula is holding a public hearing on Thursday 27 March 2025 from 12pm to 3.30pm at the Yorketown Town Hall in Yorketown.

The Committee is inquiring into and reporting on the delivery of health services on the Yorke Peninsula and specifically investigating:

- (1) The classification of the Wallaroo Hospital;
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The Committee is inviting organisations and individuals to present to the Committee and share your views.

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Public hearing
Friday 28 March, 9:30am to 12pm, Wallaroo Town Hall

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'Traumatic' wait for aged care

Sarah Herrmann
JOURNALIST

ELDERLY South Australians are waiting an average of 253 days to be placed in aged care — the longest in the country, and almost double the national average of 136 days.

For Barunga Village, Port Broughton, resident Margaret Thomas, who has Alzheimer's disease, it took more than a year.

Her husband Peter, who lives 45 minutes away from her in their Laura home, said it was "traumatic" not being able to access help sooner.

Mr Thomas, 82, cared for his wife at home for several years before deciding to make enquiries with Barunga Village.

"They were full up of course; we just could not get anywhere," he said.

"It got to the stage where I got sick with pneumonia and we got a bit lucky something came up just the same day and they took her on board in respite."

Mrs Thomas came in and out of respite for almost half a year before a permanent room finally came up.

"I'd gotten pretty run down, and losing patience with her," Mr Thomas said.

"She just loves people, my missus, and she'd shoot through.

"I'd go and clean my teeth, next thing she's gone, down the street.

"I'd have to go looking for her two, three times a day; tried locking her in the house but she'd kick the door down.

"It just all got impossible." Mrs Thomas, who was an antique shop owner for 30 years, has now been at Barunga Village permanently for around six months.

"You feel a bit of bastard kicking her out of her home but she's doing very well down there," her husband said.

"I go down two or three times a week and she likes walks up the jetty, we go for drives every time.

"She still knows me; she battles with our five kids — she knows there's a connection but she can't think of their names.

"She's happy and she's safe and she's well looked after."

Chief executive Elizabeth Carroll said Barunga Village was home to residents from as far away as Adelaide, Port Augusta and the Eyre Peninsula, but there were only 83 aged care beds.

"We usually have more people on our waitlist than beds available," she said.

"We are preparing to apply for grant funding to build an extension to increase our bed numbers."

Ms Carroll called on the government to reduce the eight-month waiting period for home care packages.

"It would enable us to provide more care in people's homes, which would delay them coming into residential aged care and, in turn, reduce pressure on aged care beds and free up space for those living with dementia and others who require 24/7 support," she said.



AGED CARE... Peter and Margaret Thomas are thrilled with the support provided by Barunga Village, but say it took some time to gain a place there.



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Power outage knocks

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Joanna Tucker
JOURNALIST

LAST week, about 25,000 Yorke Peninsula residents were without electricity for almost 20 hours.

The power went out in the early morning of Friday, March 14, due to faults in ElectraNet's transmission network and was restored in the late evening.

The outage was exacerbated by the hot weather, with temperatures across YP in the high 30s.

In a statement released around 4.30 pm on Friday, SA Power Networks said ElectraNet, South Australia's main transmission network service provider, advised them that insulator pollution had caused a fault at its Hummocks substation.

This pollution occurs during prolonged dry periods when dirt and salt build up on them and SAPN said the issue had worsened in recent weeks due to a lack of rainfall.

SAPN manager of external affairs Cecilia Schutz said the power outage was a one in 10 to 15 year event, caused by the driest summer in 33 years.

"With over 650,000 Stobie poles across the state, it is not feasible to clean every insulator," Ms Schutz said.

"The most effective resolution to this issue will come with significant rainfall, which will help clear the pollutants from the equipment-we need at least one millimetre of rain in a 24-hour period."

Ms Schutz said additional, smaller faults in SAPN's local distribution network may have become evident once ElectraNet had rectified the issue at the Hummocks substation.

An ElectraNet spokesperson said the company regretted the impact on families and businesses because of the unplanned power outage.

"Work to repair the damage began as soon as it was safe to do so and continued until transmission services were restored on Friday night," the spokesperson said.

The ElectraNet spokesperson confirmed the outages were due to extended dry conditions and the accumulation of dust and salt, along with fog.

"The network experienced multiple trips, which resulted in damage at the Hummocks substation," the spokesperson said.

"ElectraNet routinely monitors the network and proactively plans and undertakes maintenance activities to address identified risks such as the accumulation of dust and salt."

"While the immediate damage has now been repaired, the ongoing build-up of dust and salt on

transmission equipment will remain a challenge to reliable operation until good rain settles the dust and washes the equipment."

The spokesperson said ElectraNet would continue to deploy alternative targeted measures to mitigate the risk of further outages.

ElectraNet is responsible for carrying electricity long distances through its transmission network, while SAPN is responsible for connecting that electricity to customers.

Narungga MP Fraser Ellis said he planned to seek an exemption to the 20-hour compensation rule for businesses and individuals and find out more about ElectraNet's maintenance procedures.

"Plan A is to seek an exemption to the rule that compensation is only awarded for power outages of 20 hours or more — it is my understanding that we came just under that," he said.

"An inconvenience to an entire region has to outweigh a rule that is written on a piece of paper."

"The second part of my plan is to uncover whether there is proactive cleaning of insulators in our transmission network to ensure something like this does not happen again."

"I want to know whether there has been cleaning in the past and it has been discontinued, or if we have never cleaned and have always relied

on the rain.

"It seems an extraordinary situation that we rely on rain to clean our power infrastructure when we live in the driest state on the driest continent in the world-there must be a better system."

Minister for Energy Tom Koutsantonis said previous governments had privatised electricity, including in SA.

"Because of these legacy decisions, questions about the outage must now be directed to ElectraNet, and we are doing so," Mr Koutsantonis said.

"ElectraNet will need to account to the independent regulators governing its operations and obligations for its performance on March 14."

Mr Koutsantonis said the SA Government was made aware of the power outage on the morning of March 14 and was in constant communication with ElectraNet.

"We have sought assurances that the outage was unavoidable and that power was restored to YP homes and businesses at the earliest possible time," he said.

"The Yorke and Northern Local Health Network advised affected hospitals to operate on generators, with the YNLHN working with all sites to minimise impacts to patients and communities throughout the outage."



Meds spoiled in power outage

Joanna Tucker
JOURNALIST

MANY Yorke Peninsula residents were without cold food, drinks and air conditioning during last week's extended power outage.

However, some residents had other concerns on their minds, such as their refrigerated medicine.

Kadina locals Suzanne and Damien Olsen had to throw out around \$480 worth of medicine they had stored in their refrigerator for their diabetes.

"I had to throw out a few different

types of insulin, Ozempic — we are both on it — and the Trulicity injections, which my husband was on before Ozempic," Ms Olsen said.

"They told us to keep both as you cannot always get Ozempic because people are buying it for non-diabetic-related things, and we cannot always get it here — which is why we always have a bit of extra."

Mr Olsen works remotely, so the pair are always stocked up on their medication for emergencies.

The couple said that on the night before the March 14 blackout, they

heard flickers as the power went on and off in Kadina.

"I didn't really think about it in the beginning as they sent out a text while we still had phone service, and we were looking at getting it restored by 11.15 am," Ms Olsen said.

"For a few hours, we had at least some access to Facebook to see what was going on, but then phone service died, and you could not ring anyone."

"I think the panic settled in when my husband and daughter went out for a drive and saw a massive generator coming to the Kadina OTR, and

we thought, 'They wouldn't send a big generator unless it was going to be a long period of time.'"

Ms and Mr Olsen made the decision to throw out their medicine around 2pm.

"One day is not a big deal for a power outage, but the lack of communication was a big deal for me," Ms Olsen said.

"We are quite a predominantly older area, and they want people to come here, retire and grow old, but we do not have the infrastructure and facilities to accommodate that."

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EMPTY SHELVES... Customers in Woolworths, Kadina, on March 14 witnessed empty shelves in their refrigerated sections. Including in the meat section, as the store used their backup generator, only keeping on some of the overhead lights.
PHOTO: Saxon Raymond



The YP Country Times asked readers how they were keeping cool last Friday during the outage, and this is what they had to say:

Elizabeth Bowgen
No power at Ardrossan, had car running to charge phone, feet in doggies' pool and cold beer in esky.

Natesha Davey
Beach and limited phone service dropping in and out.

Emma Hickman
Sitting in the car with the air-conditioning on while charging my phone lol.

Bronwen Allen
We have coverage off and on today but now starting to worry what will happen to all food in fridges and freezers. Can't afford to lose it and replace it.

Sue Rice
We have solar battery so have power running two air conditioners, TV and have internet and also our charged car. No problems here 😊 Solar battery best move we made.

Sally Young
Our bakery in Wallaroo manage to trade from 8am until 2.30pm, when we completely sold out. We are lucky to have a diesel generator, which has been running since 5am. Otherwise we would have lost all our stock. We were inundated with customers today. We did our best under the circumstances but we're hoping the power is back tonight.

Health access available

YORKE Peninsula residents were sent a South Australian Emergency Services alert text during the power outage on March 14.

The text advised residents that if they had no service due to the outage, they should go to the nearest hospital if they required emergency services, where staff could assist them.

Minister for Health Chris Picton said he was being briefed by the Yorke and Northern Local Health Network on the state of YP's hospitals during the outages.

"Thankfully, our generators were working across the hospitals," Mr Picton said.

"Minister (for Energy) Koutsantonis has expressed the government's displeasure at ElectraNet's failure that led to this happening.

"Luckily, there have been no disruptions for people being able to access health services in the region."



BINNED... Kadina's Suzanne and Damien Olsen were forced to throw out almost \$500 worth of medicine after the power outage on March 14.

Alex Buchanan and her son Fletcher would have been in a similar predicament if they had not headed to Adelaide early on March 14.

Fletcher, who also has diabetes, must store his insulin in the fridge.

Ms Buchanan said their insulin would have lasted through the power outage, but they did not want to risk anything due to the hot weather.

"I contacted his endocrinologist at the Women's and Children's as it was too risky on a warm day to have power out for that long," Ms Buchanan said.

"We also had several on-and-off outages for weeks leading up, which could have changed the medication's temperature.

"Because we were in town (Adelaide), we were able to call into the hospital and get more to be refrigerated — in a power outage, this would have been difficult to arrange."

As Ms Buchanan and her family are new to the region, they have not yet set a plan on how to deal with power outages, but they will now.

"Fletcher's continuous blood sugar monitor, which is attached to his arm with a small needle under the skin,

reads his blood sugar levels every five minutes, and insulin is dosed accordingly through his pump," Ms Buchanan said.

"If Fletcher's phone was to go flat, we would not have been able to see his levels and would have to go back to finger pricks every hour, which isn't ideal.

"This has definitely taught me to always have power banks charged up in case of an emergency and have multiple diabetes supplies on standby.

"I would not have been able to get in contact with anybody who has spares."



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Minister for Health Chris Picton said he was being briefed by the Yorke and Northern Local Health Network on the state of YP's hospitals during the outages.

"Thankfully, our generators were working across the hospitals," Mr Picton said.

"Minister (for Energy) Koutsantonis has expressed the government's displeasure at ElectraNet's failure that led to this happening.

"Luckily, there have been no disruptions for people being able to access health services in the region."



BINNED... Kadina's Suzanne and Damien Olsen were forced to throw out almost \$500 worth of medicine after the power outage on March 14.

Alex Buchanan and her son Fletcher would have been in a similar predicament if they had not headed to Adelaide early on March 14.

Fletcher, who also has diabetes, must store his insulin in the fridge.

Ms Buchanan said their insulin would have lasted through the power outage, but they did not want to risk anything due to the hot weather.

"I contacted his endocrinologist at the Women's and Children's as it was too risky on a warm day to have power out for that long," Ms Buchanan said.

"We also had several on-and-off

outages for weeks leading up, which could have changed the medication's temperature.

"Because we were in town (Adelaide), we were able to call into the hospital and get more to be refrigerated — in a power outage, this would have been difficult to arrange."

As Ms Buchanan and her family are new to the region, they have not yet set a plan on how to deal with power outages, but they will now.

"Fletcher's continuous blood sugar monitor, which is attached to his arm with a small needle under the skin,

reads his blood sugar levels every five minutes, and insulin is dosed accordingly through his pump," Ms Buchanan said.

"If Fletcher's phone was to go flat, we would not have been able to see his levels and would have to go back to finger pricks every hour, which isn't ideal.

"This has definitely taught me to always have power banks charged up in case of an emergency and have multiple diabetes supplies on standby.

"I would not have been able to get in contact with anybody who has spares."

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POWER OUTAGE

Losses all over the

Rachel Hagan
JOURNALIST

BUSINESSES across Yorke Peninsula went dark and many closed their doors on Friday, March 14, after the peninsula was hit with a complete power and phone outage. However, some managed to stay open with the use of back-up generators and some out-of-the-box thinking.

One of the lucky businesses was Karimi's Kitchen Takeaway at Alford, which had a surge of customers who needed their breakfast.

Owner Karimi Manners said she had to choose between using her generator for the coffee machine or the fridges.

"We decided to take the fridge option because it is a very hot day, and then at least people can have cool drinks," Ms Manners said on Friday.

"But I haven't been able to do any baking today because the oven might need a lot more when it comes to using the generator."

Ms Manners said she probably had about six hours left with her current generator when the YP Country Times spoke to her midmorning, but she did have some back-up generators ready to go, if the outage persisted.

"I think the big thing is it's a very hot day, and tomorrow is another hot day, so it's going to be whether the generators want to cope with the heat too," she said.

"It's a bit of a challenge for a small business, but we've always had a generator."

Further down YP, the people of Stansbury still managed to have fantastic hairdos because of the kindness shown by Dalrymple Hotel licensees Rob and Georgie Rankine, who shared their generator with local hair salon, Hair at the Bay.

Hair at the Bay owner Michelle Varricchio said she got to work on Friday morning and could hear the generator across the road.

"Rob and Georgie are friends of mine, but they're also very good community-minded people, so I raced over and said 'would you mind if I set up in the

Shag Bar beer garden?' and he said 'go for it,'" Ms Varricchio said.

Hair at the Bay clients still had their hair washed in the comfort of the salon but were then taken for a scenic walk across the road for their blow dry.

"Customers were happy to do it, and they actually enjoyed sitting out there," she said.

"I even offered them a glass of wine, but there were no takers."

Though Ms Varricchio had a great morning, the heat took its toll, and she was unable to keep serving her clients out in the elements.

"My afternoon did shorten a bit by a few hours, but I was one of the lucky ones who could actually still work," she said.

Warooka's Lower Yorke Seafood and SALT Food and Events managed to keep all its crayfish alive with the use of generators, but the restaurant only made \$40.50 for the whole day.

Chef Christopher Morey said, because the EFTPOS machine ran out of battery and there was no ATM available, the restaurant also lost a \$100 sale.

"We had three customers, and we normally do between 50 to 80 on a Friday," Mr Morey said.

However, not everyone was so lucky and some businesses, such as Minlaton Bakery, had to stay closed even after the power came back on.

"We have nothing ready to bake, and if the power isn't on soon, we face losing thousands of dollars in product alone that we have in our cool rooms and freezers," the bakery's Friday afternoon Facebook post said.

"We do not even want to think about the potential loss — it's simply sickening. 'Most will say 'aren't you insured?'"

"Yes, we are, but it's a grey area when it comes to power failure — it's never anyone's fault."

The bakery said it now faced a mammoth task to get through the next few days, and was focusing on a baking schedule plan for the next few weeks.

"We thank everyone for supporting us today and giving our staff a laugh or two asking if they can have their bread sliced," the post said.



GHOST TOWN... Jarrad Wall from Enfield Furnishers said foot traffic was "non-existent" on Graves Street, Kadina, during the outage. The store was one of few to open before deciding it was "an absolute lost cause" around early afternoon and shutting up shop.



CRAYS SAFE... Young assistant Brodie from Lower Yorke Seafood and SALT Food and Events made sure all their crayfish were kept safe during the outage.



STYLISH... Rob Rankine from the Dalrymple Hotel helped his neighbour Hair at the Bay's Michelle Varricchio with a generator in his beer garden, so her clients could still get that perfect hairdo.



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COLD DRINKS... Karimi Manners from Karimi's Kitchen Takeaway, Alford, luckily had a bunch of generators ready to go for an emergency like this. Below: **CLOSED...** McDonald's Kadina was one of the first places to close on Friday morning, leaving many customers without their morning coffee.



'Hundreds of thousands of dollars': push for compensation

Sarah Herrmann
JOURNALIST

ONE Yorke Peninsula small business owner is considering creating a collective of likeminded traders to advocate for compensation after Friday's mega power outage.

Taste the Yorke, Moonta, owner Jo Gibbons said she had lost an estimated \$6000 to \$8000, having to throw away all stock in her fridges and freezers, as well as missing out on

revenue from the sale of that stock.

"There's some examples of people at home not losing stock in freezers if they haven't opened them, and of course that's their discretion, but as a food business the standard is (different)," she said.

"We have a large tourism industry here on Yorke Peninsula that entails a lot of hospitality businesses, and all of those businesses would be affected; that's hundreds of thousands of dollars.

"What is the government, whether it's state or local, prepared to do? Do they initiate any special payments for businesses affected?"

"If we don't get any sort of pleasure from our ministers or state government, then I think there needs to be some sort of collective push, so that all of the businesses can utilise an organisation that will be able to collate and support some sort of action that we can then present to state government."

POWER OUTAGE

Warning signs: Bakeries have been suffering for weeks

Sarah Herrmann
JOURNALIST

BEFORE the whole peninsula went dark on Friday, one industry had already been experiencing outages for weeks.

Early morning power flickers-turned-cuts since the beginning of the month had been putting a spanner in the works at Moonta's Toogood Bakery and Minlaton Bakery.

"We lose products, we lose customers, our staff lose wages and they (SAPN) knew what the cause was two weeks ago."

- Lisa Martin, owner Minlaton Bakery

"That's when the magic happens," Minlaton Bakery owner Lisa Martin said, speaking to the YP Country Times the day before the peninsula-wide outage.

"Friday morning (March 7, before the long weekend) our white bread dough was all ready to go, so 30kg of it was in the bin.

"But it's more the customer money loss, the good name."

She feared customers would turn to buying bread from the supermarket rather than the bakery "where they might've also bought a Kitchener bun and a coffee" if power continued to be unreliable.

"That Friday was the start of the stresses and frustration and then come the Tuesday morning

(March 11), when it was time to bake at 3am, all my bakers had got up, arrived to work and the power just goes out," she said.

"We just knew that it would be off for an extended amount of time so we had no choice but to send them home.

"We lose products, we lose customers, our staff lose wages and they (SA Power Networks) knew what the cause was two weeks ago.

"We can't make it rain ... if you know you've got an issue and it needs to be fixed, fix it rather than just hoping it doesn't spark again."

Toogood Bakery co-owner and baker Ashley Schmidt said he was "absolutely amazed" at the poor power supply in the growing region.

"Where I live in Adelaide there's all underground powerlines," he said.

"I feel sorry for the people if this is the reliability of power they're getting.

"I know it's unforeseen circumstances but, wow, in this day and age you wouldn't think you'd be having these problems."

The bakery opened just 12 weeks ago, and Mr Schmidt said the outages caused anxiety and inconvenience.

"One of the things we're concerned about is what potential damage it does to your equipment going out so often and I assume there's power surges when the power comes back on," he said.

"The biggest concern would be loss of stock if it goes out for an extended period; especially on the really hot days you've only got a limited time frame before you have to throw baked goods and raw ingredients like meat and creams."

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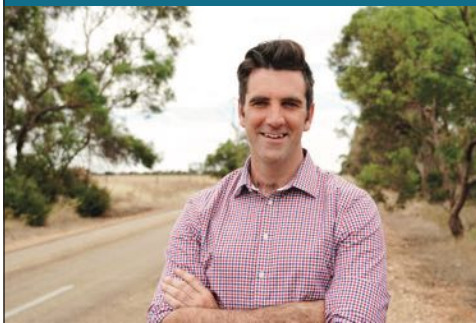
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Wallaroo and Yorketown public hearings set for Health Services Inquiry

I am pleased to advise that two public hearings have been scheduled as part of the current Parliamentary Inquiry into the delivery of health services on Yorke Peninsula — one to be held at Yorketown Town Hall on Thursday, March 27 (noon-3.30pm) and another at Wallaroo Town Hall on Friday, March 28 (9.30am-noon).

Organisations and individuals wishing to appear before the Economic and Finance Committee (which is undertaking the investigation) are invited to contact the committee by phoning (08) 8237 9442 or email EFC.Assembly@parliament.sa.gov.au

This is our opportunity to have our say on the delivery of health services on Yorke Peninsula; for more information, please contact my office or refer to the advertisement in this edition of the YP Country Times.

Power outage

The extended power outages over the weekend were very concerning, frustrating and dangerous for many in such heat.

Throughout Friday and the weekend, I was in regular contact with Minister for Energy Tom Koutsantonis, raising the issue of past, current and future cleaning maintenance for insulators to prevent “pollution” build up (the reported cause of the blackout on Friday), and more questions will be posed this week in State Parliament.

The other issue is the formal criteria for compensation from SA Power Networks and/or retailers for the loss of food in fridges and freezers. I am advised that people are only eligible to claim financial losses if the power is out for over 20 hours.

Reportedly, Friday’s outages lasted for 19 hours and 30 minutes.

I am pursuing an exception to this rule.

Thrington-Mines roads survey

Thank you to all who have responded to our survey calling for near-miss stories at the intersection of Thrington and Mines roads at North Yelta, on the approach to Moonta.

It is clear many locals and tourists believe this intersection is a dangerous one requiring urgent improvements (different signage, merge lane or both).

Please keep phoning or emailing in your experiences; I plan to re-contact the Minister on this topic by the end of March.



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POWER OUTAGE



FULLY CHARGED... SYP Community Hub Community resilience officer Kate Martin is thankful for the hub's battery, installed by AGL in 2021.

Ready for one disaster, but not two

Rachel Hagan
JOURNALIST

THOUGH preparedness and resilience have been two key focuses for the SYP Community Hub since the SYP fires in 2019, hub staff say Friday’s phone and power outage caught them off guard.

Since the fires, the hub has worked hard to ensure the community is ready for the next disaster, implementing multiple measures such as workshops and the installation of a Tesla battery.

Community resilience officer Kate Martin said the hub was prepared for a power outage but had not anticipated communications going down at the same time.

“Whilst when we think of disaster planning, we think fire, flood, storm — a power outage, in a way, has just as many implications,” Ms Martin said.

Now that power and phone coverage have mostly been restored, Ms Martin said the community needed to come together to identify and address gaps for when a disaster like this

happens again.

“It’s not only that you couldn’t physically make phone calls people also couldn’t get medication, and a lot of our older population around here have medical alert pendants that weren’t going to work,” she said.

“The communication side, I think, was the biggest issue for me both professionally and personally.”

Ms Martin said that while information on Friday was given with the best intent, the SA Emergency Services alert telling the Marion Bay community to

travel to Yorketown Hospital in an emergency was not a practical option.

One of the other major barriers identified during the outage was access to petrol, with many residents unaware of where fuel could be sourced without being able to search online to find out.

“As a community, we can’t control what’s going on or whether it should be (going on) — that is beyond us,” she said.

“All we can do is try to come up with our best solutions for being resilient and getting through it when it does happen.”

Fears for the elderly and vulnerable

Sarah Herrmann
JOURNALIST

FOR the elderly and vulnerable, Friday’s power and telecommunications outages were isolating and dangerous.

Stansbury’s Cheryl Waldron, 68, was recovering from a knee replacement she had three weeks ago, which limits her mobility.

“It was so hot, my leg’s quite swollen still and I couldn’t use my phone, I couldn’t even make an emergency call if I had needed to,” Mrs Waldron said.

“I do have other medical problems as well.

“I lost my husband two years ago so I’m here on my own.

“It was all a bit scary.”

Many of Mrs Waldon’s neighbours do not live in the town per-

manently, but fortunately some of her friends stopped by to check in on her.

“They couldn’t contact me (via phone) either and that scared them,” she said.

“And my daughter, who lives in Gawler, was frantic because she couldn’t get through to me.”

Mrs Waldron had cooked and frozen meals before her surgery but heating them up wasn’t possible.

“I had a camp cooker in my car but I couldn’t get to my car,” she said.

“Whatever I had I just ate cold.”

A 77-year-old Yorketown resident, who wished to remain anonymous, said she found the telecommunications outage worse than the power blackout.

“With the power out, if your car’s in the garage with roller doors you can’t get them out, or

your gophers,” the resident said.

“We did get a message to go to the hospital (if you need help) but you’ve got to be able to get up there.

“I’ve got a vital call (medical alarm) and because (the power) was out so long that went flat too.”

She said she thought many older and vulnerable people would share the same concerns.

“My niece has got Parkinson’s, her bed and all that’s electric for the air to flow through when she’s sleeping; when the power goes off her bed goes flat,” she said.

“She’s got a carer with her 24/7... but she’s pump-fed and it affects all that sort of thing.”

Stansbury’s Rob Tonkin, 83, said he woke up multiple times during the night “a bit like someone (had) a pillow in (his) face.”

“I had a camp cooker in my car but I couldn’t get to my car. Whatever I had I just ate cold.”

– Cheryl Waldron, Stansbury resident

“My wife and I both use sleep apnoea machines, so that was causing us a bit of grief,” Mr Tonkin said.

“But we overcame that because we have an inverter in the vehicle that we use on the caravan, so we just plugged it into that and away we went, but not everybody’s got that.”

POWER OUTAGE

Trapped and disconnected

Joanna Tucker
JOURNALIST

MEG from Wallaroo Mines narrowly avoided being hemmed in at home during last week's power outage, thanks to her friendly neighbours.

With her electric roller door stuck and no phone service, their help was the only way she could get out.

Since moving into her home, Meg has taken steps to prepare for power outages in hot weather.

She has installed additional insulation in her ceilings, walls and floors and uses heavy curtains on the outside of her windows to keep the heat out.

However, this could not have prepared her for losing power and phone service at the same time on a hot, dry day.

Meg's day on March 14 started with her daughter, Bec, texting from Alford — where there was still service in the morning — asking her to make and drop off lunch for Meg's grandson, as the school could no longer operate its canteen without power.

"I made his lunch — a good old Vegemite sandwich — hopped in the car, pressed the button, and realised my roller door wouldn't go up," Meg said.

"I pulled the (manual) cord, and the flipping handle came right off.

"So then, I had to get the step ladder and I had a crack at manually pulling the cord, but it would not go — it was jammed."

Meg said she had not used the manual cord in around six years and, with no phone service, she could not call for

help or Google how to fix her roller door.

This predicament was not the end of Meg's day, as she also needed to go to the chemist to pick up an injection that required refrigeration.

She asked her neighbour for help, and they agreed to drive her to the school and then to the chemist.

"The poor chemist on Port Road, Kadina — they had to have their door jammed open because it was electric," Meg said.

Despite working in the dark, the chemist allowed Meg to purchase and take home her injections, even though the injections needed refrigeration.

"I keep milk flagons in my freezer, so I used them in the top of my fridge with a tea towel and laid my injections on them," Meg said.



TRAPPED... The manual handle of Meg's electric roller door broke during the March 14 power outage, leaving her stuck at home until her neighbours came to her aid.

What the telcos say

TELSTRA regional general manager for South Australia Michael Patterson said several Telstra mobile sites on Yorke Peninsula were impacted by the power outage as they need power to run.

"Our teams on the ground worked closely with authorities and, where possible, deployed temporary generators to our sites until mains power was restored," Mr Patterson said.

Most sites were back online by late Friday or early Saturday, either due to mains power being restored or after temporary generators were connected.

However, those using the network around Ardrossan had only a brief period of relief before experiencing more coverage disruption on Monday and Tuesday, March 17 and 18.

Telstra said the mobile infrastructure was required to be switched off for 24 hours to allow for third-party works and was expected to be switched back on at 7pm today (Tuesday, March 18).

This time, landline and NBN services would not be affected, and the community could still make calls and send texts by switching on wi-fi calling, which re-

quired users to be connected to wi-fi.

Telstra also recommended business owners in the area connect their EFTPOS terminals to their NBN or wi-fi to prevent delays in processing transactions.

Telstra was not the only company that had issues.

A spokesperson for Optus said YP customers experienced issues with mobile and internet services following power outages.

"We worked with the energy company and restored services in the early hours of the next morning," the spokesperson said.

'Extremely damaging and potentially unsafe': school

Joanna Tucker
Sarah Herrmann
JOURNALIST

WITHOUT functioning air conditioning, toilets or phones, public schools on Yorke Peninsula, including kindergartens, were forced to close on Friday.

A Department for Education spokesperson said the closures were in "the interests of wellbeing of students".

"Schools and OSHC services were already open in the morning, with a vast majority of families choosing to keep their children at home," they said.

"As the day progressed, and the power was still not returned, the decision was made to close a number of sites."

The spokesperson said schools communicated directly with families via social media and mobile phones; however, the YP Country Times notes telecommunications were also patchy during the outage.

"The department was working with the sites, particularly in relation to transport arrangements for students, to ensure their safety," they said.

"Sites continued to provide supervision for children where necessary until they were collected."

“While the absence of power posed challenges to modern classroom instruction, our staff are adept at adapting their teaching methods”

—Miriam Honner assistant principal, St Columba's Memorial School

"We appreciate the support of families, given this was a challenging and evolving situation across the day."

In the private sector, St Columba's Memorial School, Yorketown, assistant principal Miriam Honner said the outages placed significant strain on families and staff.

"Despite the loss of power early that morning, we made the decision to remain open, anticipating that, given the recent series of brief power outages, service would be restored relatively quickly," she said.

"While the absence of power posed challenges to modern classroom instruction, our staff are adept at adapting their teaching methods to continue lessons effectively without reliance on technology.

"However, with our landlines also requiring power to function, communication with parents and caregivers became increasingly difficult; we were reliant on alternative means, such as Facebook, email and SeeSaw, to relay important information."

As the morning wore on and both Telstra and Optus networks were impacted by the outage, communication became even more challenging, Ms Honner said.

"Staff and leadership were under increased pressure to reach families, using mobile phones when sporadic reception allowed for brief text messages or social media updates," she said.

"On top of this, the day was getting hotter with no air conditioning and lots of little bodies in the rooms made the classrooms increasingly uncomfortable and stuffy.

The school eventually decided to request that parents collect their children if possible.

"We found ourselves in an extremely challenging and potentially unsafe situation, with limited communication channels and no ability to seek assistance in the event of an emergency," she said.

"Messages were only being received intermittently, as phones had very limited reception, which led to a slow process for student pick-up."

"By the end of the day, only a few students remained at school, with others being picked up by parents or catching buses home."

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2015 SHOW... At the 2015 Maitland Show are Maitland Auto Preservation Society members Jenny Penhall, Dick Penhall, Grant Harvey and Sandra Harvey. (YP Country Times 17-3-15.)

50 YEARS AGO
MARCH 1975

- Southern Farmers held a clearing sale for Ron and Ruth Crosby at their property three miles (five kilometres) west of Alford
- Sheree Moyes and David O’Leary won the under 14 athletics cups at the Kadina Memorial High School sports day
- Yorke Valley basketball best and fairest winners: A women, J. Pearce (Ardrossan); A men, G. Croser (Maitland)

40 YEARS AGO
MARCH 1985

- The old wooden pilot boat at Wallaroo, the “Nabilla” was to be replaced by a new vessel
- Rebekah Sibley, Sam Ross, Matthew Dawes and Daniel Harris started school at St Columba’s Memorial School, Yorketown
- LYP Cricket Association 1984-85 trophy winners included B. Gutsche, most runs (674), and B. Tripp, most wickets (33)

30 YEARS AGO
MARCH 1995

- Wendy and Greg Smith, Moonta Bay, talked about life with their twin daughters Adele and Breanna during Multiple Birth Awareness Week
- Five generations — Sarah Smith, daughter Thelma Tobin, grandson Malcolm Dohnt, great-granddaughter Michelle Ferguson and great-great-granddaughter Amy Ferguson — all attended Wallaroo Primary School
- SAPOL Senior Constable Peter Wilkin, Kadina, won sailboarding gold at the World Police and Fire Games

20 YEARS AGO
MARCH 2005

- Ardrossan Community Hospital faced an uncertain future after an application for additional aged care beds was unsuccessful
- Desmond’s Meat Service butcher shop, Kadina, celebrated 20 years of business
- Pine Point couple Thomas and Alex Clift met former British racing driver Derek Warwick, who won the 1992 Le Mans 24 Hours and 1992 World Sportscar Championship

10 YEARS AGO
MARCH 2015

- The loved ones of 7-year-old Yarren Graham, who had drowned at Port Hughes jetty a fortnight before, released balloons in his memory at Moonta Oval
- SYP bowls men’s singles champion of champions was Rob Natt, Stansbury; women’s winner was Audry May, Warooka
- Kadina Memorial School Aboriginal education teacher Leah Thornton developed a dedicated Narungga language subject as part of the school’s assessed curriculum

Suspicious house fire

POLICE are treating a Wallaroo house fire as suspicious, and investigations are continuing to determine its cause.

Just before 2pm on Sunday March 16, police and fire crews were called to a house on Daly Street after the occupant reported smoke coming from the roof of the home.

SAPOL said, when patrols arrived, they found a vacant adjoining property also engulfed in flames.

No one was injured, but first home was destroyed, and the adjoining house sustained damage to the roof.

Police are currently treating the fire as suspicious.

Anyone with information on the fire or saw any suspicious activity is asked to contact Crime Stoppers at www.crimestopperssa.com.au or on 1800 333 000. You can remain anonymous.

Illicit tobacco and vapes

A northern suburbs retail store caught selling illicit tobacco and vapes has been hit with the state’s first long-term closure, after a raid that seized more than 40,000 cigarettes, 1000 vapes and almost four kilograms of loose tobacco.

Any business that violates a long-term closure order can be faced with a fine up to \$1.1 million, as well as an individual penalty up to \$700,000.

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HOUSE FIRE... Police are investigating the cause of a house fire in Wallaroo.

Business Affairs Andrea Michaels said the government will not tolerate the threat from illicit tobacco and vapes, and anyone who is caught selling these items will be put out of business.

“This is just the first of many closure orders to come,” Ms Michaels said.

“The government will continue to raid these businesses, shut them down and get these products off our streets.”

Since the closure, Ms Michaels

has signed off on the short-term closure of two additional retail stores in Semaphore.

New head for Office for Public Integrity

The body responsible for referring complaints made against government agencies, statutory authorities and public servants has hired a new director, prosecutor Vanessa Burrows.

Ms Burrows has 15 years’ experience within the Office of the

Director of Public Prosecutions, and has been working as assistant director at the OPI since 2022.

Attorney-General Kyam Maher said Ms Burrows has proven herself to be an exceptional prosecutor, and clearly has extensive experience in the OPI.

“I am sure she will continue her strong track record as leader of the OPI and look forward to her contribution in the years to come,” Mr Maher said.

SA Government works on Yorke Peninsula roads

WORKS have begun on the Spencer Highway between Wallaroo and Moonta, with the South Australian Government sealing road shoulders, installing audio tactile line marking and rectifying pavement issues.

Each day, more than 1500 vehicles, including 150 heavy vehicles, travel along this section of highway, where there were three injury crashes between 2019 and 2023, according to the government.

As works progress, the highway will remain open with speed and lane restrictions in place; the project is expected to be completed midyear.

Announced in September, the project is valued at \$3.4 million and is part of a wider key safety

upgrades package.

“We want our truck drivers and farmers to feel safe on this highway, especially during peak harvest season, and by improving safety measures and addressing key concerns, we’re helping them get to their destination safely,” transport minister Tom Koutsantonis said.

“Wallaroo and Moonta are two very popular holiday destination spots, attracting hundreds of thousands of tourists each year and we need to make sure our roads are of the best quality to sustain the amount of traffic they receive.”

Copper Coast Council mayor Roslyn Talbot said the council was pleased the SA Government was investing in regional road upgrades.

“Council has long advocated for improvements to the roads in our region; it’s hoped this release of funding is a pathway towards further critical improvements on the Copper Coast,” she said.

“We welcome a fully collaborative approach with council, where together we identify the areas that most need attention and funding.”

Narungga MP Fraser Ellis has called for the SA Government to take note of local knowledge to prioritise road upgrades, naming roadways between Minlaton and Yorketown, Bute and Snowtown, and Minlaton to Port Vincent, as more worthy of upgrades than the Spencer Highway.

Mr Ellis also tabled a 500-per-

son, community-led petition in SA Parliament on March 5 for the widening of the St Vincent Highway between Yorketown and Edithburgh.

The government has said upgrades on Upper Yorke Road from Port Broughton to Bute and from Kulpara to Arthursport were set to be completed this year.

Maintenance works were recently completed on 2.6 kilometres of the Copper Coast Highway between Kulpara and Federation Corner as part of the annual road maintenance budget.

The works waterproofed the pavement to increase the life of the road, and line marking will be completed in the coming weeks.

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Preparations for Wallaroo entrance works underway



UNDERWAY... Wallaroo stormwater works were completed between March 4 and 18, in preparation for entrance works within the Wallaroo Township.
PHOTO: Michelle Daw

DELAYS were experienced on roads leading into Wallaroo by residents from March 8 to 18 as the Copper Coast Council completed stormwater works.

The works come ahead of the Wallaroo Entrance Road project, which is slated for completion by June 30, 2026, according to a February 2024 statement from the Copper Coast Council.

“Works to be completed on the Copper Coast Highway (from Beare Road to East Terrace) include asphalt sealing, stormwater improvements and a kerb replacement, while upgrades planned for Irwine Street, Hughes Street and Victoria Street sections include asphalt sealing and kerb replacement where required,” the statement read.

These roads are owned by the Department for Infrastructure and Transport but the project involves an agreement between DIT and council.

Groundwater contamination of ‘no immediate concern’

GROUNDWATER has been found to be contaminated at a Kadina service station, but poses “no immediate concern”, according to the Environment Protection Authority.

The EPA placed a public notice in the YP Country Times on March 4 saying it had received notification of actual or potential groundwater contamination at 19 Frances Terrace, Kadina.

The EPA has confirmed to the YP Country Times that this type of contamination is typically found at many current and former service station sites.

“In June 2024, the EPA was notified in accordance with section 83A of the

Environment Protection Act 1993 of site contamination affecting groundwater at 19 Frances Terrace, Kadina,” a spokesperson said.

“A Baseline Environmental Assessment report supporting this notification was also provided to the EPA.

“The report provides details of soil, groundwater and soil vapour investigations conducted by an environmental consultant Fyfe Pty Ltd as commissioned by the site owner Peregrine Corporation.”

The investigation was done as part of VIVA’s acquisition of the OTR portfolio of service stations.

“Site contamination was de-

termined to exist in groundwater with respect to criteria considered relevant to the site,” they said.

“The report identifies low concentrations of petroleum hydrocarbons and lead marginally above the criteria in one groundwater well at the site.

“The identified contamination appears to be limited to the immediate vicinity of the site and there are no registered groundwater bores on the adjacent properties.

“Based on the information held by the EPA, there is no immediate concern for local people, businesses or the environment, and further assessment is being considered.”

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Marion Bay's past set in stone

Rachel Hagan
JOURNALIST

MARION Bay has completed the first big step in its plans for a brand-new community and heritage space, with a new memorial made by its community.

A group of dedicated residents has spent the past two years planning and constructing the memorial wall, to serve as a permanent reminder of the people who have made Marion Bay the town it is today.

Project organiser Sue Lloyd said plans became serious about two years ago, but the idea for some sort of memorial to honour past residents had been in the works for about a decade.

“A few of our ladies have always said we needed something here because we have a

“I thought I would give it a go because I had just moved down here and retired, but it soon became bigger than Ben-Hur.”

- Sue Lloyd
Project organiser

lot of people who have had their ashes sent out to sea,” Ms Lloyd said.

“I thought I would give it a go because I had just moved down here and retired, but it soon became bigger than Ben-Hur.”

A big part of this escalation came from the heavy Stenhouse Bay Jetty pylons and sleepers that had to be transported to the site to be incorporated into the wall.

Ms Lloyd may have been

leading the charge, but she said the project was a joint effort and would not have been possible if it was not for the help of the whole community, with a special shout out to the Hart brothers and Cliff Lawrence.

“Cliff Lawrence has done something amazing, he said he would draw up a plan — well, he hasn’t stopped,” she said.

“I told him ‘we’re done, we’re done Cliff’, but he said we might be able to do this and we might be able to do that — he’s just been so amazing.”

The next step Mr Lawrence is planning is to add a QR code that can keep visitors up to date, as well as ANZAC benches to honour those who have fought for Australia during conflict.

Though the wall has only just been completed, the new heritage area had already seen great success with 150 people attending the 2024 ANZAC Day service, which raised \$1000 for the Legacy charity.

“And Cliff has designed it, so it can all grow, if it needed to,” she said.

Yorke Peninsula Council mayor Darren Braund helped officially open the memorial wall, on Saturday, March 15, and congratulated the community for getting the project off the ground.

“I thought it would be apt to mention that Sue was nominated for this year’s council Citizen of the Year,” Mayor Braund said in his opening speech.

“There were some great nominations, and I think she narrowly missed out on first place for her tireless work in this community.”

Mayor Braund said it was important for communities to have places like this where they can commemorate their loved ones, and he thanked all who invested in their local community.



BAKING IDEAS AND TREATS... Val Lloyd, Jutta Rigoni and Wendy Marshall made sure there was a sweet treat for everyone after the opening. However, that is not all these ladies contributed because they are also responsible for the original idea of the memorial wall.



COMMUNITY WORKING TOGETHER... Gary Hart, Anthony Hart, Member for Narungga Fraser Ellis, YPC mayor Darren Braund, Cliff Lawrence and Sue Lloyd at the new memorial wall's official opening.

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GRAND OPENING... Mayor Darren Braund and Gary Hart unveil the plaque and welcome everyone to Marion Bay's new memorial.

Last chance: have your say on coastal plan

Sarah Herrmann
JOURNALIST

"I REALISED certain things we have in life are worth keeping, worth looking after."

These are the words of environmental volunteer Alan Anderson, of Minlaton, who is calling for other Yorke Peninsula locals to have their say about coastal protection before it's too late.

Just two days remain to complete the survey on the Draft Guuranda/Yorke Peninsula Coastal Access Strategy 2025-2035, before community consultation closes at 5pm on Thursday, March 20.

The strategy aims to balance responsible and sustainable access to the coast with the protection of the natural environment and cultural heritage by providing direction to responsible bodies.

Mr Anderson is part of an informal bushland conservation group which puts up structures to prevent vehicles and motorbikes driving through dunes and private property at Wauraltee Beach, Port Rickaby and Parsons Beachs.

"There's a recent huge increase in people camping on the beaches and the destruction of the coastline — walk-

ing up and down the dunes, leaving rubbish everywhere, toileting everywhere like crazy," he said.

"Most campers are fine, but it's just the number of campers now.

"It seems like everybody in Adelaide's got a four-wheel drive and a camper trailer or a caravan, and they want to use it, which is fair enough, but the coastline just can't handle it."

Mr Anderson said being part of Friends of Walk the Yorke also reinforced to him that current habits were unsustainable.

"We walk around all the coastline and you just don't realise how beautiful this place is," he said.

"But then you get to places on the east coast where the gully's got ridges in it, tracks everywhere through the cliff faces, or if you go to Cape Elizabeth it's just like a moonscape, it's really been hammered up there.

"One other thing I have noticed is I've been involved in fox baiting lately, and the number of foxes and feral cats along the beaches really is a marked increase and it's only caused by the rubbish left behind by campers.

"That obviously has a detri-

mental effect on the native wildlife that live along the dunes."

The strategy was just common sense, according to Mr Anderson.

"Someone's got to take control; it's been talked about for many years and finally a government department is doing something about it," he said.

"I think we should applaud that and help them."

He said he had ridden through dunes himself as a young person but gained respect for the land as he grew older.

"A lot of people try revegetation but you can never revegetate it back to what it was originally," he said.

"So, if you do have pristine patches of coast, it's really important to look after it.

"Our kids and grandkids aren't going to be able to see what Yorke Peninsula was in its natural environment in years to come."

To complete the survey, visit landscape.sa.gov.au/ny/get-involved/have-your-say/draft-guuranda-yorke-peninsula-coastal-access-strategy.

TRACKS... Environmental volunteer Alan Anderson, of Minlaton, took this photo of dune erosion at

“ It seems like everybody in Adelaide's got a four-wheel drive and a camper trailer or a caravan, and they want to use it, which is fair enough, but the coastline just can't handle it. ”

– Alan Anderson, Minlaton resident and environmental volunteer

PRESERVATION... Michelle Hobbs, of Point Turton, is educating the next generation about coastal protection.

The next generation

MICHELLE Hobbs, Point Turton resident and environmental educator, encourages locals to share their thoughts in the coastal access strategy survey.

"They would see the impacts firsthand across the whole year, the change in the busy season," she said.

"And if they're not happy about it, it's a very non-intrusive way to have a say.

"It's private, it's easy to access, it talks you through each section really easily, and it doesn't take too long.

"The more people that do respond to the survey the higher the chance is of getting the outcomes they want to see implemented."

Ms Hobbs works at Prince Alfred College's Wambana Campus at Point Turton where she teaches year 9 boys

about hooded plover research and dune revegetation.

"It's kind of that sense of place and identity and stewardship that we're promoting," she said.

"Just seeing the increase in visitation and living where we do, right on the four-wheel drive access to Flaherty's Beach, during those peak times, it's very heavily trafficked.

"It's changing the beach environment, for the animals and their life at the beach, but also for us and the way we enjoy it — you can't go for a run on the beach when it's been ripped up by the four-wheel drives.

"And the four-wheel drive access track has been heavily used and got worse, so cars that shouldn't be on the track are getting stuck."

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Promised \$8.5bn Medicare boost

Joanna Tucker
JOURNALIST

IN FEBRUARY, Federal Labor announced that, if re-elected, it will make the single largest investment into Medicare since its creation 40 years ago.

The opposition initially criticised the policy but has since pledged a similar commitment, indicating bipartisan support for the

improved funding.

An \$8.5 billion investment in Medicare would provide an additional 18 million bulk-billed GP visits annually, with the expansion of the bulk-billing incentive to all Medicare cardholders starting November 1.

GP clinics would receive a 12.5 per cent loading on Medicare rebates if they bulk billed every patient.

The plan would also introduce more than 400 nursing scholarships and train 2000 new GPs annually by 2028.

These measures would be expected to save Australians up to \$859 million in out-of-pocket health costs each year.

Australian Medical Association president Dr Danielle McMullen, welcomed the promised \$8.5bn Medicare investment, saying it was

the result of years of relentless campaigning by the AMA to address the neglect of Medicare.

“Through our Modernise Medicare campaign, we highlighted the damage caused by years of frozen and inadequate indexation under successive governments,” Dr McMullen said.

“In 2023, our analysis revealed that nearly \$4bn had been stripped from general practice due to the

funding freeze and inadequate indexation.”

However, Dr McMullen warned that many GPs would still need to charge private fees, as the government’s triple bulk billing incentive wouldn’t cover operating costs for all practices.

“However, we will keep pushing for reforms to the rebate structure to better support GPs and patients,” she said.

The YP Country Times asked each candidate nominated for the seat of Grey in the upcoming election for their thoughts on the Medicare package, which aims to boost bulk-billed GP visits. The YP Country Times also reached out to Liberal candidate Tom Venning, but did not receive a response before the deadline.

Candidates' thoughts...

Brandon Turton

ONE Nation candidate Brandon Turton says he doesn’t trust the major parties’ pledges to lift bulk-billing rates — or any of their promises.

“I don’t accept Labor’s ridiculous claims that any part wants to abolish bulk billing — it is blatant false election scaremongering that does not fit with the facts at all,” Mr Turton said.

“I don’t accept Labor’s promises to lift bulk-billing rates to 90 per cent at a date beyond the forward estimates.”

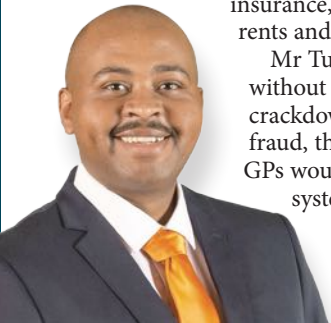
Mr Turton said, in the 2023-24 Budget, Labor announced an additional \$3.5 billion for Medicare to lift bulk-billing rates but they instead dropped from 51.7 per cent to 47.7 per cent, according to the 2025 Report on Government Services.

“This is why Labor can’t be trusted on anything they say about Medicare and why I can’t even guess if this new announcement will help people in rural and regional areas like Grey,” he said.

“One Nation plans to lift bulk-billing rates by reviewing the Medicare rebate system to ensure it can better remunerate GPs.

“Many GPs are bricks and mortar small businesses with increasing costs such as insurance, rates, electricity, rents and wages.”

Mr Turton said that, without reform and a crackdown on Medicare fraud, there was a risk GPs would leave the system altogether.



Anita Kuss

INDEPENDENT candidate Anita Kuss says Medicare needs to be modernised to meet the needs of the region.

“While we need to protect the core intent of Medicare, it was designed 40 years ago and hasn’t changed much in that time,” Ms Kuss said.

“It really does need to be modernised to meet the changes in health care.

“Importantly, we need to make sure Medicare actually meets the needs of our region and delivers better health outcomes for our communities.”

However, Ms Kuss said the announcement only applied to practices that already bulk billed, which was a very small number for the Grey electorate.

“We all know that many places in Grey don’t have a GP at all, let alone one who bulk bills and many specialist services covered by Medicare just aren’t available in our region,” she said.

“In some towns it is the local council picking up the tab to make sure their community has access to medical care — that’s not fair and unfortunately won’t change with this announcement.”



Ms Kuss also said the increase in GP training was welcomed and hoped it would increase the number of GPs in the region but longer consults would also need to be supported for those with complex health problems.

Peter Borda

NATIONALS candidate Peter Borda says he is sceptical about Labor’s promise to effectively address the unique healthcare challenges faced by Grey — including access to specialists, long waiting times and difficulty attracting and retaining medical professionals.

“More GPs is great, but they are needed most urgently in the regions,” Mr Borda said.

“Of critical importance is the need for medical practitioners to be attracted to and incentivised to stay in the region and make their life here for the long term, not just until their traineeship ends.

“I will be advocating for a more targeted approach that prioritises these unique needs by focusing on the integration of GPs and specialists into the communities they are serving.”

Mr Borda said he believed that, in addition to the 25 per cent increase in GP trainee places proposed between 2025 and 2028, the Federal Government should allocate a proportion exclusively to the Grey region.

“I am also concerned that, by tripling the bulk-billing incentive for all Australians, there would no longer be any additional benefit for pensioners and young families,” he said.

Mr Borda said the Nationals in government would match Labor’s increased Medicare funding with an addition \$500m for bulk-billed mental health services, returning the services cut in half by Labor.

“If elected for Grey, I’ll be fighting to make sure that the additional funding has a real effect on the ground in our regions.”



2025 FEDERAL ELECTION

And the nominees are...

Candidates for the federal seat of Grey in the upcoming election, listed in order of nomination, are:

- Tom Venning, Bute (Liberals)
- Brandon Turton, Port Pirie (One Nation)
- Anita Kuss, Crystal Brook (independent)
- Peter Borda, Whyalla (Nationals)

Labor and the Greens are yet to announce candidates. The federal election must be held on or before May 17 but has not been called at this point.

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MOONTA Town Hall was the venue for 70 women from across the region to share a high tea on Friday, March 7, to celebrate International Women's Day. The event began with a Welcome to Country in language by Narungga Elder Tania Wanganeen.

Gulsara Kaplan, who facilitated the morning, provided guests with a brief history of International Women's Day and recited Bread and Roses, James Oppenheim's poem that became an anthem for women's suffrage and the fight for equality. As guests enjoyed a sumptuous morning tea prepared by Jo Gibbons and her Taste the Yorke team, Lisa Brock, Local Jobs and Skills Taskforce employment facilitator and regional advocate, captivated the audience with her personal story. She spoke about the privilege



LUCKY DRAW... Elisa D'Amico and Kayla Perry with raffle prizes.

of supporting people, particularly women, who had found the courage to share their experiences of adversity so they could be heard and helped. Sharing her personal experiences for the first time in public, Lisa spoke of the fragility of life and the deep impact of suicide and loss. Her words resonated deeply with the audience. The event fostered strong connections and friendships,

inspiring organisers Dianah Walter, Cathy Vluggen, Courtney Westbrook, Mariette Rups-Donnelly and Gulsara Kaplan to begin planning next year's gathering. More than \$600 was raised for the Wallaroo Hospital Auxiliary; thank you to the businesses and individuals who donated raffle prizes (see personal thanks notice for details). *Contributed*



ORGANISERS... Moonta International Women's Day event organisers, back: Mariette Rups-Donnelly, Gulsara Kaplun, Dianah Walter; front: Cathy Vluggen. (Absent: Courtney Westbrook.)



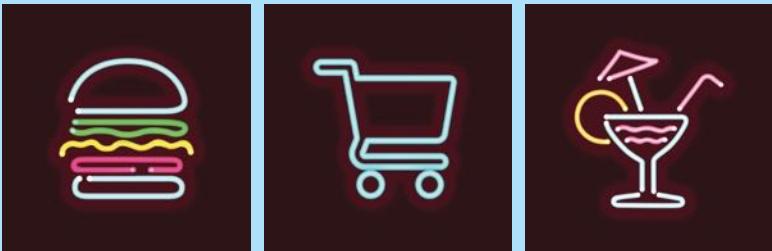
TIES THAT BIND... Dianah Walter and daughter Esther Hibbard, with Elisa D'Amico and daughter Vittoria.



RECITATION... Gulsara Kaplun reads aloud Bread and Roses.



GUEST SPEAKER... Lisa Brock addresses the gathering.



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Works of art from the heart

Sarah Herrmann
JOURNALIST

A QUARTET of Kadina Memorial School art students will have their work exhibited as part of the 2025 SACE Art Show.

Shayla Boyce, Tyler March, Latisha Vainui-Yeates and Skye Kaeding are four of 136 students across the state chosen for the exhibition.

Art teacher Karen George said KMS had been the top public school in terms of selections for the past three years; each school can nominate five students for consideration.

Ms George said she was glad the school gave each student an equitable chance to be involved.

“The school pays for the courier to pick up the art and take it to Adelaide, so all students have an opportunity to participate in the art show.

“Art piece drop-off and pick-up times are very limited so some kids might otherwise not be able to participate.

“A lot of the time in the arts world (people are) not always the best or most clever, they just have the financial means.”

The SACE Board has even asked to loan Skye’s painting, Views of Wallaroo, to display in their office for a year.

Skye completed Stage 2 Art while in year 11, while Shayla, Tyler and Latisha are all now graduates.

Shayla’s painting of her bedroom, Window to the Soul, is somewhat of a tribute to her sister Ally, who died after a long battle with cancer while

Shayla was crafting the piece.

“I’ve always found art to be a really good escape — so it was hard but also therapeutic to work through the painting, because I think she would’ve been really proud if I was able to finish it,” Shayla said.

“I would go to school, paint it there, bring it home, paint it more.

“It looks almost photorealistic, which I’m very proud of.”

Shayla is now building an online profile of her digital art and accepting commissions.

Tyler March’s painting, Grandma Brenda, also has family ties, with his subject requesting Tyler “make her look like Princess Diana.”

“I just love my grandma so much and I think a lot of people around the town know her,” he said.

“She’s one of my favourite people in the world.

“I like that I captured her essence.”

After the art show, the painting will likely take pride of place in Grandma Brenda’s piano or living room, Tyler said.

“My dad and mum were very surprised because they didn’t know I could paint at all,” he said.

“I’m not a painter or anything so it was good to see that I can try new things and they can work out.”

The 2025 SACE Art Show is open to the public from today (Tuesday, March 18) until April 10 at Light Square Gallery, Adelaide; admission is free.

For more information, visit events.humanitix.com/2025-sace-art-show.



ARTISTIC... Shayla Boyce with A Window to the Soul, Tyler March with Grandma Brenda, Skye Kaeding with Views of Wallaroo and Latisha Vainui-Yeates with Yellow Matilda. The paintings will be part of the 2025 SACE Art Show.

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Community

Blights go pink for 'Pingo'

Joanna Tucker
JOURNALIST

THE Blights Real Estate team will be dressing to impress in pink attire at the Kadina Football and Netball Clubrooms on Friday evening, March 28.

Their aim is to raise funds to support people with breast cancer — and they're asking you to join them.

Partnering with the McGrath Foundation, the team is hoping to raise as much as possible while also having a good time.

Property consultant Jade Greenslade says one of Blights Real Estate's core values is community, which has inspired this fundraiser.

"We pride ourselves on being involved within our community and felt we were in a position to further support those around us," Jade says.

"We discovered the McGrath Foundation and what they do for families within our community who are, unfortunately, navigating breast cancer as well as other types of cancer diagnoses and treatment.

"We realised this foundation had likely helped some of those closest to us, as well as others we are acquainted with within the community, so it was decided the McGrath Foundation deserved

our support and so we became corporate sponsors."

The McGrath Foundation provides people experiencing cancer diagnoses and their families a McGrath Cancer Care Nurse free and without a referral.

These nurses provide expert clinical, psychological and emotional support to people experiencing cancer, and their families.

Jade says working and living in a regional area has made her aware of how much support people with cancer need when they don't live in a metropolitan area.

"The current cancer care nurses do an amazing job, however, we have learned that, being a regional area, more breast/cancer nurses are desperately needed," Jade says.

"The money we raise goes directly to the McGrath Foundation, with funds raised by us to help pay for more nurses to be able to service our community."

Jade says, if you like to play bingo, have a couple of drinks and a laugh with your mates, Pingo will be a fun night.

"Make sure to bring a plate of supper and plenty of gold coins to play some of the games," she says.

"We're just hoping that everyone has fun — we'd love to see the whole room flooded in pink!"



Event details

- **When:** 7pm, Friday, March 28
- **Where:** Kadina Football and Netball Clubrooms
- **Cost:** \$20 per person
- **Dress code:** Pink! With a prize awarded for the best-dressed pink outfit

Rounds of Pingo (pink bingo) will be played, with prizes awarded to the winners, as well as many other games in between. There will be a door prize, a raffle and an auction, plus the bar will be open to purchase drinks throughout the night.

PINGO... Blights Real Estate's team of Luke Rothnagel, Judy Weckert, Jade Greenslade, Brett Bennett, Alison Mannix and Neville Hibbard are dressed in pink in preparation for their Pingo event on Friday, March 28, to raise money for the McGrath Foundation. (Absent: Claire Saunders.)

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Local author donates childhood memoir

COPPER Coast identity Lilian James OAM has donated a copy of her book, *Golden Embers: A Childhood Memoir of East Moonta*, to the Kadina Memorial School library.

Published in 2019, the book provides a nostalgic glimpse into life in East Moonta through the eyes of a child. When Mrs James was growing up, East Moonta had no operating mines, just houses and three churches.

A treasure trove of historical anecdotes, *Golden Embers* features traditional Cornish games, recipes, songs and home remedies that were once part of everyday life in the region.

Through her stories, Mrs James preserves the rich cultural heritage of the area, bringing the past to life for readers.

With this donation, Kadina Memorial School students can now explore the book for leisure or research.

Golden Embers serves as a valuable resource for understanding local history and connecting with the past.

For the public, *Golden Embers* is available at Kadina Community Library.

Kadina Memorial School also has two history books available for purchase, about its founding schools, Kadina Primary and Kadina Memorial High.

For more information or to purchase a copy of either, contact the school at (08) 8821 0100.

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HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE... Lilian James OAM presents a copy of her book *Golden Embers: A Childhood Memoir of East Moonta* to Kadina Memorial School librarian Kerry Rover.

Care in Motion powers up solar

COMMUNITY Care and Transport Care in Motion has taken a step toward sustainability.

The organisation recently installed solar panels on the roof of its 18 Fourth Street property in Minlaton.

Chief executive David McDonald said the organisation had been working towards the solar panels project for several years, raising funds to make the initiative possible.

“The addition of these solar panels will result in power savings of approximately \$4000 per year,” Mr McDonald said. “This will help reduce operating costs, which we can reinvest back into our community to support those who are transport disadvantaged, prevent social isolation, and encourage greater social engagement.”

The project received a \$5000 grant from SA Power Networks, which Mr McDonald said was a welcome contribution.

“We thank SA Power Networks for their support, which has been invaluable in helping us achieve this important milestone,” he said.

Local business, Mildwaters Electrical, completed the installation.

“We are grateful to Darren Mildwaters and his team for their professional and efficient work throughout the project,” Mr McDonald said.

The solar installation aligned with Care in Motion’s Environmental Strategy and marked a significant achievement for the organisation, Mr McDonald said.

Community Care and Transport provides support throughout Yorke Peninsula and the Mid North through its Community Transport Service, Aged Care Volunteer Visitors Scheme and Services Australia Centrelink agency.

As a volunteer-supported organisation, it depends on time given by others to help the community and welcomes new members.

NYP Rotary Club supports Timor Leste recovery efforts

NORTHERN Yorke Peninsula Rotary Club members hosted Port Pirie and Maitland clubs for a dinner in Port Broughton recently, to hear about an international Rotary project in Timor Leste.

Around 40 people heard from John Wotherspoon of the Adelaide Light Rotary Club, who shared details of the club’s work with Rotary District 9560 to support villages near Suai in the Covalima region of Timor Leste, devastated during the war with Indonesia.

“The work being done by our club, in partnership with Rotary clubs in Timor Leste, is helping these villages get back on their feet,” Mr Wotherspoon said.

Through collaboration with local tradespeople, stage 1 of the project has provided two wells, now delivering clean drinking water to the villages.

With this stage almost complete, stage 2 — which involves constructing communal toilet blocks with tropical composting toilets — will begin once funding from a Rotary Global Grant and local club support is secured.

Other successful projects led by Adelaide Light Rotary Club and the Rotary Club of Dili LaFaek include installing a small water supply system at a birthing centre and creating a multi-sport court for a local school.

NYP Rotary Club president Sue Liebelt said the club was eager to support the project.

“Timor Leste is one of Australia’s closest neighbours, and we’re proud to contribute to the rebuilding of this beautiful country and support its warm and hospitable people,” Mrs Liebelt said.

“It was interesting to hear that it is now a young demographic, as many of the elderly people have died during the conflict.”

For more information or to get involved in local and international projects, contact NYP Rotary Club membership director Lynne-Marie Power on 0407 658 157.



CAPTION... Rotarians Hugh Wearing (Maitland), Greg Hudson (Port Pirie Club president), John Wotherspoon (Adelaide Light club international director) and Sue Liebelt (NYP club president).

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The show must go on

Michelle Daw
JOURNALIST

THE Maitland community and many others pulled together to ensure the town's annual show went ahead on Saturday, March 15, despite sweltering heat, hot winds, and an extensive power outage across Yorke Peninsula the previous day.

Maitland AH&F Society president Nicholas Rodda said the committee had been on the verge of cancelling the event on Friday due to difficulties securing an industrial-sized generator to power the showgrounds.

The last available generator in Adelaide was secured, and Kadina electrician Baden Napier collected and installed it.

He had to rewire the entire facility and disconnect it from mains power to ensure the show could proceed.

Mr Rodda said the community rallied to overcome the challenges, with one volunteer driving to Gawler to pick up food supplies to replace what was lost in the outage.

The committee also purchased five industrial-sized fans for indoor cooling, set up extra shaded areas and provided sunscreen at various points

for showgoers.

Guest speaker Wendy Perry, who presented on entrepreneurship and workforce planning, said she was impressed by the local community's innovation and ability to adapt to last-minute changes.

Show publicity officer Heather Drysdale said, in most years, about 1100 adults and 300 children attended, but she estimated only half that number came this year.

The power outage and extreme weather led to the cancellation of many planned events and stalls.

School groups were unable to perform due to hot weather policies, and Animals Anonymous, a wildlife demonstration group, also withdrew.

Only about 25 per cent of booked food vans attended, as many vendors source supplies the day before, and around half of the trade sites were affected.

A local men's group found enough supplies to put on a sausage sizzle to help fill the catering gap.

Mrs Drysdale said credit was due to everyone who braved the heat or volunteered.

"We all pulled together as a team and got the job done," she said.



DISPLAY... Royal Flying Doctor Service Southern Yorke Peninsula Support Group president Joan Bannon and RFDS volunteer Alan Dean, of Flagstaff Hill, in the cabin of the PC 12 simulator.



ON THE UP... Alexander tries out rock climbing.



IN REVERSE... Douglas Stock checks the time recorded by Perry, one of the competitors in the inaugural lawn mower reversing competition.



AT THE CONTROLS... Latoya Humes and Elijah Mitchell in the cockpit of the Royal Flying Doctor Service PC 12 simulator.



COOL FUN... Oliver and Lincoln cool off on the slip 'n' slide.



NEW RESIDENTS... Steve Clarkson, Tammy Wood and Tingles the Lorikeet attended the Maitland Show, a day after moving to the town from Queensland.



AT THE WHEEL... Ryder tries out the Rev it Up Racing experience.



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SWAN LAKE... Pot plant competition conveners Jan and Adrian Stott with a display they created, dedicated to the garden clubs of Yorke Peninsula.



REVVED UP... Watching the Trackskill V8 utes race are Chelsi Harris and Josh Fuller with Harry and Edward.



BEST IN SHOW.... Children's floral art judge Marcelle Applebee with some of the first prize entries.



ON SHOW... Mark Harte (Maitland SES and CFS), and Stan Lowcock (Maitland SES and Port Victoria CFS) with Maitland SES deputy unit manager Scott Schulz.



SLIP 'N' SLIDE... Nikki Casey and her son Hunter on the water slide.



TOP SITE... Melissa Shenton, of Mana Dreams, won best presented trade site. She is with Maitland Show Society committee member Tim Drysdale.

Best sausage rolls on YP

DESPITE the power outage the previous day and extreme temperatures surpassing 40 degrees, Arthurtown Women's Agricultural Bureau was thrilled to have 17 keen local cooks arrive with their sausage roll competition entries at the Maitland Show on Saturday, March 15.

One determined competitor had even resorted to cooking their rolls on a barbecue when the power went out.

The children's section had six entries, with boys claiming all three top spots.

"We are incredibly grateful for the sponsorship and judges coming from across YP, Triple B Cafe, Ardrossan Bakery and Toogood Bakery at Moonta," bureau president Heather Oster said.

Results

Adults: winner Jemma Adams, second Anthea Evans, third Rosita Scragg.

Children: winner Fletcher Correll, second Malachi Schulz, third Joel Adams.



ADULTS... Runner-up Anthea Evans and winner Jemma Adams. (Absent: Rosita Scragg, third prize.) Below: **FIRST PRIZE...** Junior champion Fletcher Correll, is presented with his first prize by Arthurtown Women Ag Bureau member Lily Morgan. Joel Adams received third place and Malachi Schulz, second place.



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COPPER Coast Garden Club's February meeting was led by vice-president Meg Snodgrass.

Guest speaker was Peter Heidenreich from Adelaide Worm Firm.

Peter explained the art of running worm farms for home gardeners' needs.

He demonstrated how to set up a worm farm and explained how green and brown 'forest floor' materials help feed the worms.

Peter also had worm fertilisers, plants and farming buckets, along with buckets of worms to start worm farms, for sale.

Everyone had a chance to ask questions.

The club's next meeting is at the Wallaroo Town Hall at 2pm on Wednesday, March 26; see Action Ads page for information.

Anyone interested in joining the club can contact president Denise Poole on 0439 071 072.

Leaders for local walking

THE Heart Foundation is seeking volunteer walk organisers to lead free walking groups across Yorke Peninsula.

No experience or qualifications are needed, just a passion for walking and community health.

Volunteers receive training, support, a free Heart Foundation T-shirt and rewards for reaching milestones.

For more information, visit walking.heartfoundation.org.au/start-a-group or contact SA Walking Program Officer Rachel on (08) 8224 2850 or email rachel.nelson@heartfoundation.org.au.

Feeding Giant Pandas' appetites

BAMBOO grown at SA Water's Bolivar Wastewater Treatment Plant and irrigated using recycled water from the plant is continuing to provide an important food source for Adelaide Zoo's pandas, with hundreds of tonnes grown and delivered to the zoo since 2009.

The eight-hectare plantation at the SA Water site supports a healthy and varied diet for the zoo's four panda residents, starting with Wang Wang and Fu Ni and now new pair Xing Qiu and Yi Lan.

SA Water's senior manager of water expertise Dr Lionel Ho said the partnership with Adelaide Zoo highlighted the importance of water management in promoting ecological sustainability, contributing to global conservation efforts supporting the Giant Panda population.

A long weekend highlight

CAR enthusiasts gathered at the Moonta Oval for the Moonta Show 'n' Shine on Sunday, March 9, despite the hot weather.

Held over the long weekend, the annual event showcased a stunning collection of classic cars, street machines, hot rods and motorcycles, attracting a strong turnout from locals and visitors.

The weekend kicked off with the Show 'n' Shine Cruise on Saturday, when proud owners took their vehicles on a scenic drive from Moonta to Kadina and Wallaroo before returning to Moonta.

The cruise had excellent participation, setting the stage for the main event the following day.

As well as featuring a wide range of vehicles, from the 1920s to the 2020s, the main event was supported by the Moonta Lions Club, which served up tasty bacon and sausage sandwiches, and local food vans.



WINNERS... Moonta Show 'n' Shine winners and runners-up, in no particular order: Haydn Andrews, Sandy and Olly Olsen, Barry Nottle, Bear Jeffrey, Steve Arnold, Peter Hampton, Wayne Weidemann, Ricky Depledge, Joel Applebee, Craig Farrow, Nick Clarke, Jamie Nightingale, Kelly and Michelle Mitchell, Danny Anderson, Peter Schneider, Trevor Feltus.

National Trust SA Moonta branch provided transport between the oval and the Queen Square Markets.

Show 'n' Shine trophy winners were:

- *Pre-1930: winner Haydn Andrews (1924 Dodge 4 buckboard), runner-up Sandy and Olly Olsen (1923 Loriane Dietrich)
- *1930-1949: Barry Nottle (1947 Buick), r-up Bear Jeffrey (1941 Ford pickup)
- *1950-1969: Steve Arnold (1967 Holden HR Premier), r-up Peter Hampton (1953 Holden FJ)
- *1970-1989: Wayne Weidemann (1971 Holden HG), r-up Ricky Depledge (1988 Holden Commodore)
- *1990-present: Joel Applebee

(2004 Holden Commodore VY SS), r-up Craig Farrow (2024 Ford Mustang)

- *Motorcycle: Nick Clarke (1975 Yamaha XS 650), r-up Jamie Nightingale (2023 Harley Davidson)
- *Hot rod/street machine: Kelly and Michelle Mitchell (1928 Ford Model A), r-up Danny Anderson (Ford bucket Entrprz)
- *Commercial: Bear Jeffrey (1941 Ford pickup Jailbar), r-up Peter Schneider (1964 EH Holden ute)
- *People's Choice: Wayne Weidemann (1971 HG Holden), r-up Trevor Feltus (1958 Chev Biscayne)



WINNERS... Harriet, Georgette and Eleanor Warnecke, Adelaide, enjoy the rustic display on the back of their grandpa Haydn Andrews' award-winning 1924 Dodge buckboard.



HOT RODS... Kelly and Michelle Mitchell's 1928 Ford Model A hot rod (front), winner in the hot rod class. PHOTO: Ian Archibald



CLASSIC... Winner of the people's choice award, and the 1970-1980 category, Wayne Weidemann's colour changing 1971 Holden HG ute. PHOTO: Ian Archibald



COMMERCIAL VEHICLE... Bear Jeffery's 1941 Ford pickup, Jailbar, winner in commercial section and runner-up in 1930-1940 category. PHOTO: Ian Archibald

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TWILIGHT RHYTHM AND BLUES... Local stallholders were a hit with the crowds, showing off what Edithburgh and Yorke Peninsula have to offer.

ORGANISERS say the fourth consecutive year of the Twilight Rhythm and Blues in Edithburgh was a massive success, with about 1000 people in attendance on Sunday, March 9. The Edithburgh Progress Association, AGL and other fundraising events throughout the year sponsored the major event, and the CFS, Sea Rescue, Southern Eagles and

Yorke Peninsula Council all supported the event on the day. Crowds had a great time dancing to Bad Habits, Don't Tell Joe, Cruzin Blues, Generator, Urban Covers and Swamp Donkeys. Organisers thanked everyone for their support, and said the event just keeps getting better every year.



TWILIGHT RHYTHM AND BLUES... Crowds danced into the evening.

Ardrossan SACWA active in community and international events

MEMBERS of the Ardrossan SACWA branch have been busy attending events and supporting both local and international causes. Several members attended the recent International Women's Day of Prayer service at the local Catholic Church. The service had been written by the women of Cook Islands. Next year's service will be hosted by the Church of England, Ardrossan. The branch will celebrate its own annual International Day at the Ardrossan SACWA Hall on Tuesday morning, November 12. This year's focus country is Slovenia, and SACWA International Committee chair Dianne Dietman will be the guest speaker. The event is open to women of all ages; attendees are asked to bring a small plate of food to share and a \$5 donation, which will go towards supporting women and children in need. At their March meeting, members hosted a special lunch to thank Rex Minerals, Ardrossan Pharmacy and Ardrossan Home Hardware for their support, which has helped fund the installation of an air conditioner in the clubroom. Members are reminded to bring a packed lunch to the Tuesday, April 9, meeting which starts at 10.30am. The branch also congratulates Rebecca Maund, who



CAPTION... Pat Kent and Karen Baker from Rex Minerals take advantage of the new air conditioner in the Ardrossan SACWA rooms, donated by Rex.

has been elected as the new SACWA state president. The SACWA Emergency Aid Fund continues to assist women and families in need. Free baby parcels are avail-

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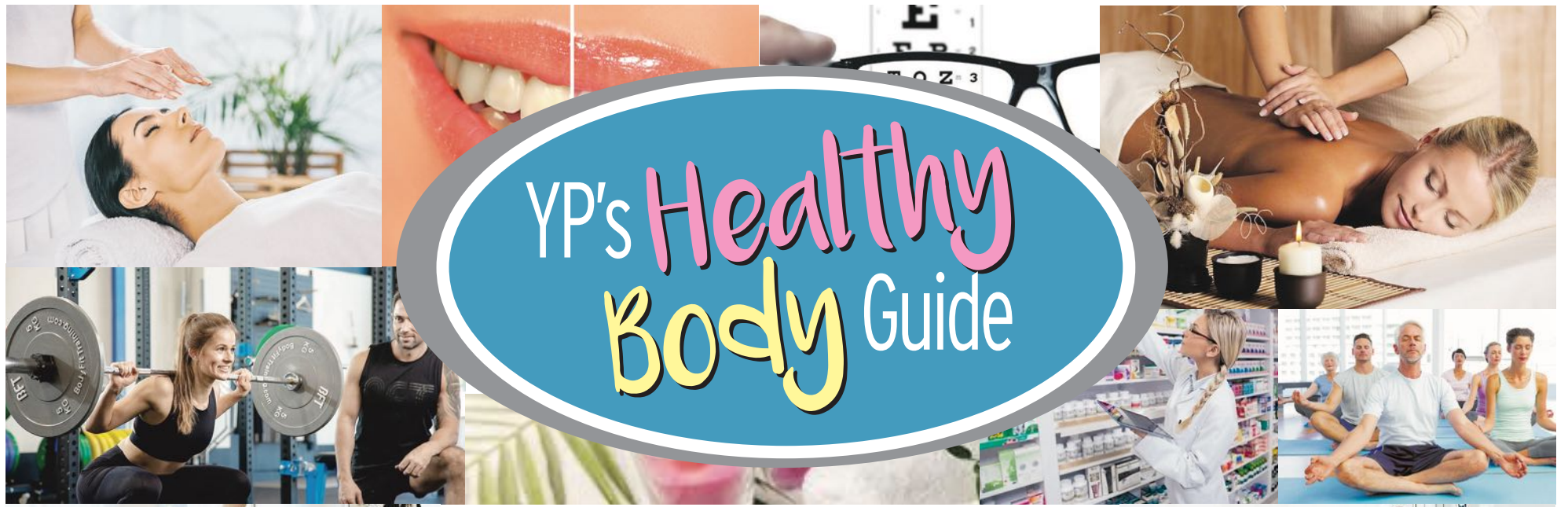
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Physiotherapy marked its first anniversary on February 5. Based at the Ardrossan Health Centre, the practice has enjoyed a rewarding year providing quality care to the Yorke Peninsula community. Patients have travelled from as far as Corny Point, Edithburgh, Wallaroo and Kadina, while holidaymakers from Adelaide, interstate and even overseas have also sought treatment. Kimberley Langley, practice owner and physiotherapist, provides treatment for a wide range of needs, from musculoskeletal injuries and post-surgery rehabilitation to cancer rehabilitation, vertigo and balance problems, osteoporosis and osteoarthritis treatment, mobility assessments, home visits, school visits, worksite visits, and individual gym and telehealth sessions. A highlight has been running supervised exercise classes, where patients receive tailored programs following a fitness assessment and goal-setting session to develop their individualised exercise plans. Classes are held three times a week at Studio 71 Ardrossan gym and once a week in a local private heated pool for hydrotherapy. As a certified GLA:D Program provider, and PINC and STEEL cancer rehabilitation physiotherapist, Kimberley has supported many clients in managing knee and hip osteoarthritis and building strength at any stage of the cancer journey.



ANNIVERSARY... Kimberley Langley is celebrating one year of operating her practice, Yorke Peninsula Physiotherapy, in Ardrossan.

HCF private health members may even qualify for full reimbursement for the GLA:D Program — a great opportunity for effective hip and knee osteoarthritis management. Yorke Peninsula Physiotherapy is proud to sponsor local sporting clubs and keep players active and injury-free. From April, Kimberley is excited to expand services to five days a week, with April 3 marking the practice's first Thursday of operation. To book an appointment, call 0472 598 505 or visit www.yorkepeninsulaphysiotherapy.com.au.



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Goldsworthy claims third flag with mate in Darwin



NTFL RESERVES... Yorke Peninsula exports Matt Goldsworthy and Brad Taheny after Banks Bulldogs' NTFL Men Premier League Reserves 2024-25 premiership win on Saturday. Below: **NTFL RESERVES...** Matthew Goldsworthy, Banks Bulldogs, takes the ball to the boundary in a tackle. **PHOTOS:** Peter Argent

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Goldsworthy, who played 260 SANFL games and won flags with the WWT Eagles in 2011 and 2020, was invited to join the Bulldogs by long-time mate and former Edithburgh local Brad Taheny, now the club's football manager.

The Bulldogs were in control from the outset, leading PINT by 38 points at halftime and cruising to a 55-point win, 11.12 (78) to 3.5 (23).

Goldsworthy played a steady role across halfback, while South Gawler's Steve Burton was named best on ground.

Small forward Brayden Rioli, from

the famous NT footy family, claimed the Clark Medal as best afield.

"Goldy just did his job across half-back and played a nice lockdown role," Taheny said.

"It was great to have him up here and for him to experience success."

Taheny, a four-time NTFL premiership player and 2019-20 Mitchell-Lee Medallist (NTFL Men's Premier League Reserves best and fairest), has been a key figure at Banks for over a decade.

He captained the Bulldogs' 2018-19 flag side and won two Clark Medals as best afield in grand finals.

Tyler Bigg (Blyth-Snowtown) and Doug Proud (Sacred Heart) featured among the best for the runner-up PINT.





Bernie Vince

From country kid to AFL career

Peter Argent
REPORT BY

Stansbury's Bernie Vince built a career in both football and cricket, becoming a well-known sporting figure on Yorke Peninsula and beyond.

Not only is Vince the longest serving AFL footballer from YP — ahead of Sam Jacobs (Ardrossan), Richard Champion (Kadina) and George Hewett (Broughton-Mundoora) — with 229 games (129 for Adelaide, 100 for Melbourne), he was also on an elite pathway as a cricketer in his formative years.

A third-generation local, he won best and fairest honours at both Adelaide and Melbourne, claiming the Malcolm Blight Medal with the Crows in 2009 and the Bluey Truscott Medal with the Demons in 2015. He is one of only seven players in VFL/AFL history to achieve 100 games for two clubs, along with best and fairest wins at both.

Before being chosen by Adelaide at pick 32 (and the club's second selection) in the 2005 AFL draft, Vince pursued a cricket pathway.

He played A grade cricket for Woodville District Cricket Club and, after strong performances in the SACA Country Championships, represented South Australia at the Australian Country Cricket Championships in 2004. There, he averaged 37.2 with the bat and took best bowling figures of 3/35.

His football career began with the CMS Crows before joining Woodville-West Torrens in 2005. After four SANFL league games, he was drafted by the Crows.

He made his AFL debut in round 1 of the 2006 season against Collingwood at the Docklands (now called Marvel Stadium).

The preseason of 2008 was important in his development as an AFL footballer and he secured his first 30-possession (and three-goal) game against Richmond in round 11.

Vince's achievements include winning the 2008 Showdown Medal, being selected to represent the AFL in an international rules competition against Ireland in 2011, and receiving the Michael Tuck Medal as best on ground in the Crows' 2012 Preseason Cup grand final win against West Coast.

Vince accumulated 624 disposals and 90 clearances across the 24-game 2009 season — the year he claimed Adelaide's best and fairest — averaging 26 touches and 3.6 clearances per game.

He was then traded to the Melbourne Demons during the 2013 trade period, going on to play a century of games for the navy and red, before retiring at the end of 2018.

Between AFL commitments, Vince also played in eight Lower Yorke Peninsula Cricket Association premierships with the Stansbury Cricket Club.

He moved seamlessly into the media after retirement.



STAR SPORTSMAN... Bernie Vince (formerly Stansbury) turns one onto the leg side during an invitational twenty20 game. Left: AFL... Bernie Vince, during his playing days with Adelaide Crows, chases after the ball against Essendon at Football Park.



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Virgin signs with Moonta

Peter Argent
REPORT BY

Premiership-winning defender Michael Virgin will pull on the red and blue in 2025, signing with the Moonta Demons for the upcoming Yorke Peninsula Football League season.

After a year on the sidelines, Virgin said the move was inspired by his family's holiday property at Wallaroo.

"We've got a place at Wallaroo, so after a year off, I thought I'd come back and have a kick," Virgin.

His football journey began with PHOS Camden in the Adelaide Football League before joining North Adelaide's under 18s in 2011.

He made his SANFL league debut for the Roosters against Port Adelaide in 2014 and played 35 games for the club before making the switch to Glenelg in 2018.

In 2019, Virgin was elevated to the Bays' league side with nine games remaining and played a key role in Glenelg's first premiership in 33 years.

He played 46 league games and 26 reserves for the Tigers before returning to PHOS Camden in 2023.

Virgin took the 2024 season off to travel and will now make his first appearance in country footy with Moonta.

Football runs in Virgin's blood — his grandfather, Norman, played 13 games for North Adelaide before enlisting in WWII, while his late father Lee was a long-time club supporter, board member and president.



SANFL WINNER... Glenelg premiership player Michael Virgin is headed to Yorke Peninsula for the 2025 football season.

On an elevated stage

Peter Argent
REPORT BY

AFL

It was nothing less than a horrible start to the season for the Carlton and Port Adelaide Football Clubs.

The Blues were heavy favourites to defeat a young Richmond outfit but squandered a huge 41-point second-quarter lead, going down to the young and rebuilding Tigers by 13 points.

George Hewett (Broughton-Mundoorra), as per his modus operandi, was unobtrusive but still productive in the Blues' midfield.

In front of an impressive crowd of 80,009 at the MCG last Thursday, March 13, Hewett recorded 25 possessions (12 kicks and 13 handballs), along with two marks, eight tackles and three clearances. He was also credited with 333 metres gained.

On Saturday night at the same venue, Port Adelaide was ambushed by a polished Collingwood, with the Magpies winning by more than 15 goals, Collingwood 21.10 (136) to Port Adelaide 6.9 (45).

Bute talent Lachie Jones finished with four disposals, a mark and a tackle, playing just over half the match.

SANFL Women

Woodville-West Torrens started its SANFLW campaign with an impressive victory at Eastern Parade, defeating Sturt by 35 points, 8.7 (55) to 3.5 (23), despite the sweltering conditions on Saturday.

Bute export and state under 18s player Imogen Trengove was a strong contributor with 14 disposals, including 11 kicks and five tackles.

In the final match of the opening round on Sunday, West Adelaide secured a thrilling five-point win in a high-class encounter against the North Adelaide Roosters at Hisense Stadium, Richmond.

The scoreboard read Bloods 5.7 (37) to Roosters 4.8 (32).

Former SANFLW best and fairest Hannah Button (SYP) was in sparkling form to start the season, finishing with 24 possessions, three tackles and three marks, along with kicking 1.1. She also won five clearances.

SANFL Boys Under 18

Starting their season at Summit Sports Park

in Mount Barker, in a game rescheduled for the late afternoon 5.15pm timeslot, Shane Reardon's Woodville-West Torrens Eagles played a heart-breaking thriller against Sturt, conceding the last two goals of the contest to lose by one straight kick.

"Our kicking wasn't too good, especially as our general play kicked into gear after halftime," Reardon said.

"Sturt played pretty well and slotted through the final two goals of the game to win it.

"Of the YP lads, the athletic Freddie Wilson (CMS Crows) battled hard in the ruck all night and did a solid job against a taller opponent; he finished with nine disposals, eight of them handballs and 13 hit-outs.

"Jack Mumford (Wallaroo) was productive, taking a couple of very strong marks and competing well all game. He finished with five marks and 14 possessions.

"Mitch Harris (Kadina) was a reliable defender all game, and a feature of his performance was his strong spoils.

"Brodie Harris (Kadina) played on the wing and in defence and was solid at the contest wherever he played.

"Mitch had 10 touches, and Brodie finished with 11."

Jim Kelly (Bute) played for Norwood in the game that was moved to a 9.30am timeslot at The Parade.

In the Redlegs' 25-point win over South Adelaide, Kelly was a key component in a mid-forward role, finishing with 19 possessions and three goals.

SACA Men

In SACA Men's 1st Grade Division One's final game of the minor rounds, West Torrens gave Sturt a 272-run shellacking.

Batting first, the Eagles batted 100 overs and declared at 6/380.

In reply, Sturt was bundled out for 108 and finished at 1/37 in its second innings.

Corey Kelly (Bute connections) took 1/35 from 14 overs, including a couple of maidens while, in a rare bowling stint, brother Thomas Kelly claimed 1/7 from four overs.

Thomas made 13 runs from 83 balls in his first trip to the batting crease and was six not out in the second innings, while Corey contributed 27 in the middle order.

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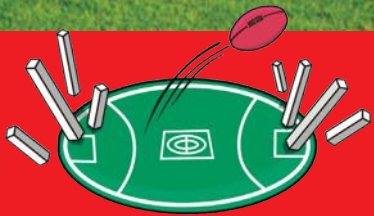
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Last week: 6 TOTAL: 6



MD Mystery Tipster

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Last week: 8 TOTAL: 9



Mark Ravenscroft

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Last week: 6 TOTAL: 6



Miriam Errington

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Last week: 8 TOTAL: 9



Sue Barke

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Last week: 5 TOTAL: 5



Ashley Schmidt

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Last week: 7 TOTAL: 8



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CELEBRITY BUSINESS TIPSTERS



Significant curveball to hurdle

“Yorker Talker”
REPORT BY

The Yorke Valley basketball season was thrown a significant curveball when the power went out for 18 or so hours on Friday, March 14, leaving the last week of the season jam-packed with action.

The senior preliminary finals will be played tonight (Tuesday, March 18) and the grand finals will be on Friday (March 21), making it tricky to forecast grand final winners without knowing which teams are in them.

Will the messy week affect performance or availability? Quite a few players travel, and a Tuesday may not be as accessible as a Friday. Time will tell.

A WOMEN

In the A Women, Arthurlton finished third, had a week off, and will play Kadina in the prelim tonight; the last time they played, Kadina secured a comfortable 24-point win.

Kadina finished five wins above Arthurlton on the ladder, Arthurlton is the reigning premier but has quite a few different players this season.

Kadina isn't the tallest team, but its guards are great in transition, and Arthurlton will need to be at its best defensively to have a chance.

Bears await tonight's winner in Friday's grand final.

After an off-season recruiting spree, Bears have gone from having no team to being premiership favourites.

They beat Kadina by seven points last week. Kadina led for the first half before Bears slipped into top gear and took control in the second half.

Kadina is a bit shorter than Bears, but if it can shoot well, it has a chance to cause an upset.

A MEN

Tonight, in the A men, Wallaroo plays Arthurlton, featuring a match-up of Wallaroo's size against Arthurlton's speed and skill.

Wallaroo led the early part of its semifinal against Kadina through solid defence and disciplined shooting on offence.

The Arthurlton guards combined to contribute most of the scoring in their

first final, against Paskeville.

If Arthurlton shoots the ball well, can Wallaroo score enough points to beat them?

Already having a place in the grand final, Kadina has been the team to beat for most of the season.

It has two of the league's top four scorers, and the team has allowed the fewest points against it all season.

Kadina has only lost two games all year — one against Arthurlton and one against Wallaroo.

B WOMEN

Moonta plays Bute in the prelim, with Wallaroo waiting in the grand final; both preliminary final teams have a good mix of youth and experience.

Finals are typically low-scoring games, so every point will be valuable. Moonta will need to score in transition to post a competitive total.

Bute has some strong scorers who will be a handful to defend. Bute has the slight advantage in this one.

Wallaroo only just edged past Moonta and will need to be at its best to win the grand final. It will need to find some easy baskets, either through fast breaks or open shots, but will go in as favourite against either of the two remaining teams.

B MEN

In the B Men, the two Wallaroo teams face each other for a chance to play Arthurlton in the big dance. Wallaroo Blue finished on top of the ladder and beat Arthurlton in round 16. This seems the most likely grand final. Arthurlton has more experience, which will be handy in a tight, tense grand final. That gives them the advantage.

C WOMEN

Wallaroo went straight through to the grand final after sneaking through with a five-point over Moonta.

Tonight, a young Moonta side faces a young Arthurlton side that had a convincing win in their previous meeting.

It will be a hectic match but, based on Arthurlton's ability to put up big scores, it would have to fancy its chances.

Wallaroo has a good mix of experience and youth; its solid defence will



YVBA A MEN... Kye McDonald, Kadina, leaps to attempt a dunk as Wallaroo's Luke Russel attempts to block the shot during their clash on February 14.

be hard to beat in the grand final.

C MEN

Kadina went through to the grand final with a 15-point win against Wallaroo in their semifinal.

Bears Black defeated their clubmates for a chance to play for a berth in the grand final; the team isn't particularly tall but posted a high score.

Wallaroo doesn't appear to have as many scoring options but could get on top in the paint with their height.

U18 MEN

Kadina Black will play Moonta Red for the opportunity to face Moonta

Blue in the season finale.

The 'younger' Moonta Red side hit its straps at the perfect time, defeating Wallaroo in the first final after losing to the same team the week before.

Kadina lost by a slim margin but has good scoring options and height.

Moonta will like its chances if it can play high-quality defence, but Kadina has had its measure throughout the season.

Moonta Red is essentially Moonta's A grade team, and it will take a lot to knock it off in a grand final.

It will be a big week of basketball!

Yorke Valley finals scores

Juniors

- Semifinals results 12-3-25**
- U16 GIRLS DIV I
Paskeville 39 d Moonta 30.
Arthurlton Black 37 d Arthurlton Orange 28.
- U16 GIRLS DIV II
Kadina 50 d Bute 28.
- U16 BOYS DIV I
Moonta Red 64 d Bears Yellow 22.
Paskeville Black 34 d Moonta Blue 25.
- U16 BOYS DIV II
Wallaroo Blue 41 d Wallaroo Red 27.
Kadina 39 d Bears Black 27.
- U14 GIRLS DIV I
Bute Red 43 d Kadina Black 21.
Moonta Red 27 d Arthurlton 12.
- U14 GIRLS DIV II
Moonta Blue 28 d Paskeville 26.
Wallaroo 27 d Bute White 22.
- U14 BOYS DIV I
Moonta 98 d Arthurlton Black 16.
Wallaroo Red 43 d Paskeville Black 25.
- U14 BOYS DIV II
Moonta Red 30 d Wallaroo Blue 17.
Bute 48 d Arthurlton Orange 27.
- U12 GIRLS DIV I
Moonta Red 32 d Paskeville White 10.
Paskeville Black 30 d Arthurlton 25.
- U12 GIRLS DIV II
Wallaroo 18 d Kadina Black 16.
Kadina Red 14 d Moonta Blue 0.
- U12 BOYS DIV I
Arthurlton Black 48 d Wallaroo Red 30.
Paskeville 31 d Kadina Black 19.
- U12 BOYS DIV II
Arthurlton Orange 24 d Moonta 23.
Kadina Red 18 d Wallaroo Blue 17.

Seniors

- Preliminary finals 18-3-25**
- A women: Kadina v Arthurlton.
A men: Wallaroo v Arthurlton.
B women: Moonta v Bute.
B men: Wallaroo Blue v Wallaroo Red.
C women: Moonta v Arthurlton.
C men: Wallaroo v Bears Black.
U18 men: Kadina Black v Moonta Red.

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2.	David Williams, Kadina	9
3.	Annie Chirgwin, Edithburgh	9
4.	Daniel Shiell, Kadina	9
5.	Joe Hancock, Wallaroo	9
6.	Brian Cooper, Moonta Bay	9
7.	Mark Northcott, Kadina	9
8.	Xander Read, Wallaroo	9
9.	Craig Wissell, Ardrossan	9
10.	Mark Schroeder, Wallaroo	9
11.	Hanna Turner, Kadina	9
12.	Greg Clogg, Paskeville	9
13.	Zara Wissell, Ardrossan	9
14.	Barrie Heard, Ardrossan	8
15.	Valda Southam, Kadina	8

*Excluding any bye rounds.

ROUND 2

Please circle your selections

Thursday, March 20
Carlton v Hawthorn (MCG) (N)

Friday, March 21
Western Bulldogs v Collingwood (MCG) (N)

Saturday, March 22
Essendon v Adelaide (MCG)

Port Adelaide v Richmond (AO)
Winning margin.....

St Kilda v Geelong (MRVL) (N)

Sunday, March 23
Brisbane v West Coast (G)
North Melbourne v Melbourne (MRVL)
Fremantle v Sydney (OS) (N)
Byes: Gold Coast, GWS

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Entries must be received by 3pm Thursday, March 20v, to be eligible for this round.

Yorkers at junior country championships

The Basketball SA Junior Country Championships were held across the greater Adelaide area, Saturday to Monday, March 8 to 10.

YVBA entered seven teams in the carnival, and the following are reports supplied by the local teams' managers.

U14 boys div IV

Championship runner-up

The under 14 boys division 5 team tipped off their campaign with a strong start against Kangaroo Island. Our defensive pressure was too much for the KI boys, and with the mercy rule implemented, we maintained our dominance to secure a 53-30 victory.

In game 2, we faced the Great Southern Slammers White, a team we'd had tough battles with before. We gained an early lead, but a strong third-quarter comeback from the Slammers made for a tight final term. A few passing errors and missed shots saw us fall short by four points.

In game 3, we took on the taller Eastern Hills team. The boys had to work hard to break through their defence, but with strong teamwork, we secured a five-point win to finish the day.

We faced a tough ask on day 2, knowing we had to play well to keep our finals hopes alive.

First up was Northern Bullants, who had a few tall left-handers who were difficult to defend. Despite a hard-fought effort, we went down by five points.

Next, we faced Great Southern Slammers Blue in a game that was tight from start to finish. Holding our nerve, we managed to clinch a thrilling one-point victory.

With this win, we secured a spot in the 2v3 final against Great Southern Slammers White. Fired up and hungry for the win, the boys played brilliantly, taking a 38-31 victory and punching their ticket to the grand final!

In the grand final, we faced Northern Bullants again. The lead changed several times, and although we made a few passing errors and struggled to finish shots, we never gave up. The Bullants capitalised on our mistakes, but to the boys' credit, they fought until the final whistle.

In a nail-biting finish, we went down 42-45, finishing as runner-up in an incredible season.

A fantastic effort from the entire team, led by Greg Garrad and assisted by Georgie Garrad. The boys should be extremely proud of their performance and their remarkable season!

Janelle Phillips

U12 girls div II

The final carnival of the season was an exciting and action-packed experience for the under 12 girls team. Full of energy and enthusiasm, the girls were ready to showcase their skills and teamwork throughout the weekend.

The girls began the carnival on Saturday afternoon with a fantastic performance against Adelaide Plains. They came out firing, playing a strong and cohesive game. Their efforts were rewarded with a well-deserved 29-10 victory.

In their second game on Sunday morning, the team faced a challenging opponent in Port Lincoln. Despite putting in great effort, they were unable to hold on in the final stages. Port Lincoln finished strong, handing us a narrow 13-8 defeat.

For their final minor round game, the girls took on the strong Riverland side. Aware of the tough challenge ahead, they persevered and gave it their all. Although the match ended in a 9-28 loss, the girls played with determination and pride.

On the last day of the carnival, the girls faced Millicent in the quarterfinals. Displaying incredible teamwork, they played as a cohesive unit. Despite their best efforts, Millicent emerged victorious with a 22-13 win.

While the final results weren't in our favour, the teamwork, energy, and enthusiasm shown by our U12 girls throughout the carnival and the entire season

were truly remarkable. Their commitment to each other and to the game was a fantastic representation of the Yorkers association.

Debbie Venning

U12 boys div II

The team had an action-packed weekend, showing skill, resilience, and teamwork across six thrilling games.

The tournament kicked off with a dominant 44-16 victory over Port Lincoln. Tate Boundy (11 points) and Seb Ziersch (10 points) were standout contributors, while the team's fast-paced offence and swarming defence secured an impressive win.

Game 2 against Light was a nail-biter, but despite their best efforts under pressure, the boys fell just short, losing by four points.

In game 3 against Strathalbyn, on Sunday, the boys delivered a perfect team performance, securing a 50-26 win. Flynn Harris (15 points) led the charge, while Taj Davey, Max Bagshaw and Logan Bennett put in outstanding defensive efforts to shut down the opposition.

Game 4 against Mildura was the match of the weekend. The boys came out firing, but Mildura matched them basket for basket, with the lead changing every few possessions. Ollie Britton (14 points) was dominant down the stretch, with Jay Green (13 points) providing crucial support. In a thrilling finish, the team held on for a 50-47 win.

The quarterfinal against Riverland was another close battle, with the boys showing poise in the final quarter to secure a 40-32 victory. All eight players scored, and Harris delivered yet another brilliant all-round performance.

The semifinal against Whyalla marked the end of the tournament, with a 34-49 loss. Whyalla, who went on to win the grand final, proved too strong, but the boys fought hard and should be incredibly proud of their efforts.

It was a fantastic tournament from a great group of lads, wishing them all the best for next season — bring on more success!

Mick Britton

U14 girls div II

The Yorkers U14 girls showcased determination, teamwork and resilience throughout the tournament, delivering strong performances in every game.

The girls started strong, with tight defence disrupting Port Lincoln's rhythm. A dominant 12-4 first quarter marked our best start of the tournament. However, Port Lincoln gradually chipped away at the lead, and by the third quarter, the game was tied. Despite our best efforts, we couldn't regain momentum and fell 35-42.

We knew Whyalla would be a tough challenge in game 2, and they came out firing. Although our defensive pressure was strong, we struggled offensively, trailing 3-10 at the first break. The girls fought back, forcing turnovers and narrowing the gap to just two points by the final break. The last quarter was a hard-fought battle, but we fell just two points short in a 22-24 loss.

The game against Keith started scrapily, prompting coach Jorja Rogers to call an early timeout. A reminder about defensive pressure led to a dominant response, with the team building a 28-9 halftime lead. The girls maintained relentless defence, forcing turnovers and controlling the game to secure a 58-18 victory.

A low-scoring first quarter against Mount Gambier saw both teams exchanging possessions, but we edged ahead 8-2. Improving ball movement in the second quarter helped us extend the lead to 19-7 at halftime. The team continued to apply pressure, forcing Mount Gambier into mistakes and sealing a 34-19 win.

We came up against Great Southern in our quarterfinal. The girls were focused and ready, starting with a 7-3 lead after

the first quarter. Great Southern fought hard, but by the third quarter, we extended our advantage to 22-11. The team maintained pressure, securing a 32-19 victory and a semifinal berth.

Whyalla came out strong in the semifinal, scoring seven unanswered points before we got on the board. Struggling to penetrate their defence, we relied on free throws in the first quarter, trailing 8-2. The girls fought back in the third quarter, closing the gap to just four points heading into the final break. The last quarter was intense, but despite their best efforts, the girls fell short 16-20, ending their tournament run.

The girls have demonstrated passion, resilience and sportsmanship.

After a season for the team players to be proud of, a huge thank you to coach Jorja for her dedication and leadership throughout the tournament.

Joelene Anderson

U14 boys div I

The boys had a challenging and rewarding tournament, displaying strong defence, resilience, and teamwork across six games.

Both teams started strong, with the first half against Bordertown remaining tight. Yorkers held a 17-15 lead at half-time and continued to apply defensive pressure, creating more scoring opportunities. Maintaining their edge in the second half, they secured a 53-42 victory.

Game 2 was against Mount Gambier. After an even start, Yorkers dominated the second quarter, taking a 17-8 half-time lead. Their defence remained strong in the third quarter, limiting Mount Gambier's scoring. Despite a fourth-quarter surge from Mount Gambier, Yorkers held firm to take a 53-43 win.

Facing a very tall Mildura team, Yorkers started brilliantly, leading 10-7 at quarter time. However, Mildura found their rhythm in the second quarter, taking a 23-14 halftime lead. Their height and defensive pressure made it difficult for Yorkers to regain momentum, and Mildura secured a convincing 57-29 victory.

Yorkers had the edge over Whyalla in recent matchups, and this game was another close and physical battle. After leading 19-17 at halftime, Yorkers continued to fight hard, restricting Whyalla to just six points in the final quarter to claim a 46-34 victory.

Finishing second in their pool, Yorkers faced Broken Hill in a Sunday night cross-pool game. A strong defensive effort gave them a 26-18 halftime lead. A dominant third quarter saw them extend their lead to 47-26, and despite Broken Hill's efforts in the last, Yorkers proved too strong, securing a 59-38 win and a semifinal spot.

Yorkers faced a skilled Eastern Hills team, who had the edge in previous encounters. Both teams started well, but Eastern Hills held a three-point lead at quarter time. In the second quarter, Eastern Hills increased defensive pressure, limiting Yorkers to just four points, and took a 10-point halftime lead. They continued to push hard in the second half, ultimately taking a 54-30 win.

A huge thank you to Grant Keleher for his dedication and coaching throughout the carnival season. The boys can be proud of their hard work determination, and teamwork.

Kelly Galley

U16 girls div I

The U16 girls had a strong tournament campaign, displaying determination, adaptability and teamwork across six challenging games.

Mildura came out strong in game 1, leading 7-4 at quarter time. Yorkers then found their rhythm, dominating the next three quarters to secure a convincing 43-23 victory.

Facing a tall Mount Gambier side, Yorkers started slowly, trailing 4-8 after the first quarter. Coach Nathan Humphries adjusted defensive strategies,



YORKERS... Under 12 girls, back: coach Claire Venning, Macy Venning, Zara Mildren, Scarlett Russell, Madison Stevens, team manager Debbie Venning; front: Isabelle Stevens, Eliza Ackland, Delilah Tutthill, Everly Hewett.

turning the game around. A highlight was a long three-pointer on the halftime siren, giving Yorkers a 27-15 lead at the break.

Yorkers maintained control but allowed Mount Gambier to close the gap in the final two minutes. However, they held on for a 42-35 win.

Game 3 against Strathalbyn was set to be a tight contest, as both teams were fighting for top spot in the pool and the chance to avoid tournament favourites, Barossa. Yorkers trailed by one at the first break, with scores tied at 22-22 at halftime.

Defensive pressure remained high, making scoring difficult. A two-minute lapse in concentration allowed Strathalbyn to pull ahead by five points in the third quarter. Yorkers won the final term but couldn't close the gap, falling 31-35 and finishing second in pool B.

Yorkers faced third-placed Millicent from pool A, known for their sharp shooters, in their quarterfinal. Coach Humphries set up defensive tactics to restrict their long-range shots. The girls executed a strong team game, securing a 44-34 victory.

Eva Harris dominated under the post, scoring 19 points in an outstanding performance.

With a grand final spot on the line, Yorkers took on older, taller opponents in Barossa in the semifinal. The team entered with a positive mindset, but Barossa dominated the first half, leading 23-8.

Yorkers improved in the second half, showing strong defensive efforts, but Barossa was too strong, taking a 46-21 win. The girls finished the tournament in third place.

A huge congratulations to the girls for an incredible season, and a big thank you to coach Humphries for his time, dedication, and leadership.

Narelle Koch

U16 boys div I

The boys started a little slow against Mildura, which hit early three-pointers to set the pace. Yorkers battled back, cutting a six-point deficit at quarter time to just one point by halftime.

A strong third quarter from Mildura pushed the lead out to five points, and despite unlucky shooting from Yorkers, everything Mildura put up seemed to drop. The boys fought until the end but went down 57-53 in a tough opening match.

Facing a tough Eastern Hills side, Yorkers needed to play at their best for the full match. The boys came out firing, but Eastern Hills edged ahead, leading 25-18 at halftime.

A slow start to the third quarter al-

lowed Eastern Hills to capitalise and extend their lead. With the game slipping away, coach Grant Keleher used the opportunity to test different player combinations. Final scores 35-67.

Determined to bounce back, the boys took the opportunity against Strathalbyn to try new combinations and came away with a well-earned victory.

Yorkers had previously dominated quarterfinal opponent Barossa throughout the season.

The game started with high intensity, and despite Yorkers having more of the play, some late Barossa three-pointers kept the match tight at 12-11 after the first quarter.

The offensive combination of Nate Mercer and Liam Weatherley worked brilliantly, helping Yorkers build a six-point lead at halftime. Defensive pressure intensified in the third, but Barossa's long-range shooting kept them in touch.

Holding a seven-point lead heading into the final term, the boys knew it wasn't enough. Barossa threw everything at them, landing two more three-pointers to apply pressure. However, the ever-reliable Mercer stepped up, making crucial defensive steals and putting points on the board. The boys held on for a 52-46 victory, booking their semi-final spot.

With Jordan Taylor stepping in as coach due to a game clash, the boys went into the semifinal against Eastern Hills with high energy and nothing to lose.

Eastern Hills came out strong, using their size advantage to dominate inside the key. Yorkers struggled to contain them, trailing 29-16 at halftime.

After a rev-up speech and a tactical shift by Taylor, the boys stormed into the third quarter, starting with a long three-pointer from Weatherley. This ignited the team, with Ryder Dunlop, Reef Mackereth, and another from Weatherley landing crucial three-pointers. Strong defensive pressure from Jack Christian rattled Eastern Hills, cutting the deficit to just nine points.

However, Eastern Hills responded in the fourth, opening with a 7-0 run that took the wind out of Yorkers' comeback. Eastern Hills went on to claim victory and eventually won the championship.

It was a hard-fought tournament by the boys, who showed determination, passion and sportsmanship.

Despite the tough championship run, the team completed a remarkable season, winning three carnivals, a fantastic achievement.

A huge thank you to Taylor for stepping in and assisting and a special shout-out to coach Keleher — your knowledge, leadership and dedication have been greatly appreciated.

Tamika Mackereth



YORKERS... Under 12 boys, back: team manager Mick Britton, Taj Davey, Oliver Britton, Sebastian Ziersch, Tate Boundy, coach Monica Britton; front: Jay Green, Logan Bennett, Max Bagshaw, Flynn Harris.



YORKERS... Under 14 boys division 5, back: coach Greg Garrard, Cody Thompson, Oliver Garrard, Max Mildren, assistant coach Georgie Garrard, team manager Janelle Phillips; front: Bede Mackereth, Emmet Hendry, Cameron Tape, Rory Phillips.



YORKERS... Under 14 boys division I, back: team manager Kelly Galley, Silas Carty, Eddie Browning, Swade Murphy, Aidan Galley, coach Grant Keleher; front: Chayce Manners, Austyn Paxton, Albert Cock, Jack Keleher.



YORKERS... Under 14 girls, back: Elsie Stringer, Chloe Hewett, Aurora Wilden, Evie Price, coach Jorja Rogers; front: Na'delle Matz, Armani Summerton, Kiara Barnes, Olivia Hann.



YORKERS... Under 16 girls, back: Summer Koch, Eva Harris, Emma Jones, Eva Richardson, coach Nathan Humphries; front: Jayme Koch, Madisan Nelson, Caitlyn Wheare.



YORKERS... Under 16 boys, back: assistant coach Jordan Taylor, Ryder Dunlop, Nate Mercer, Zachary Budd, Liam Weatherley, Jack Christian, team manager Tamika Mackereth; front: Jake Mildren, Leo Ziersch, Brody Hosking, Grayson Hann, Reef Mackereth. (Absent: coach Grant Keleher.)

NYP Tennis Association grand finals

Results 15-3-25

Seniors

DIVISION I

Paskeville 8 rubbers, 11 sets, 83 games defeated Moonta 4, 6, 66.

Doubles: B Crosby, M Rundle d A Galley, H Olive 6-3, 5-7, 6-4; A Bussenschutt, J Rundle lost to L Brennan, K Phillips 2-6, 3-6; C Read, M Mulders d R Chapman, G Johnstone 6-3, 6-3; A Price, B Crosby d I Phillips, M Hatcher 6-3, 6-2.

Singles: Brett Crosby d Anthony Galley 6-2, Mark Rundle d Harry Olive 6-3, Angus Bussenschutt lost to Len Brennan 2-6, Josh Rundle lost to Kym Phillips 2-6, Carol Read lost to Richard Chapman 3-6,

Melissa Mulders d Immy Phillips 6-2, Amie Price d Gary Johnstone 6-2, Beck Crosby d Michelle Hatcher 6-2.

DIVISION II

Cunliffe Blue 7, 10, 67 d Thomas Plains 5, 8, 76.

Doubles: P Keane, H Correll d L Wait, B Bowey 6-0, 6-2; M Correll, D Bussenschutt d J Harris, A McKay 2-6, 6-4, 7-5; H Price, J Allen d A Faulkner, A Williams 6-4, 3-6, 7-6; C Homan, C Larwood lost to T Bussenschutt, C Bussenschutt 0-6, 0-6.

Singles: Patrick Keane d Leanne Wait 6-1, Harry Correll d Brett Bowey 6-1, Matt Correll d Jack Harris 6-3, Duncan Bussenschutt lost to Ash McKay 1-6, Hamish

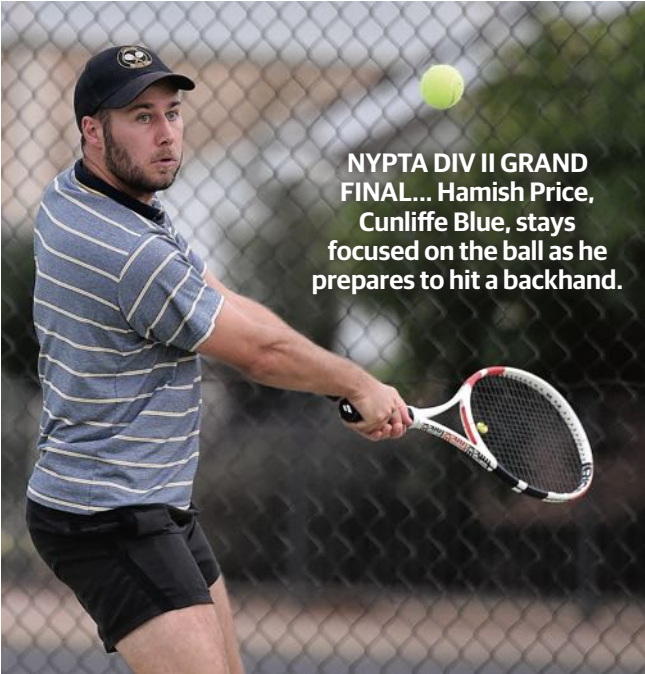
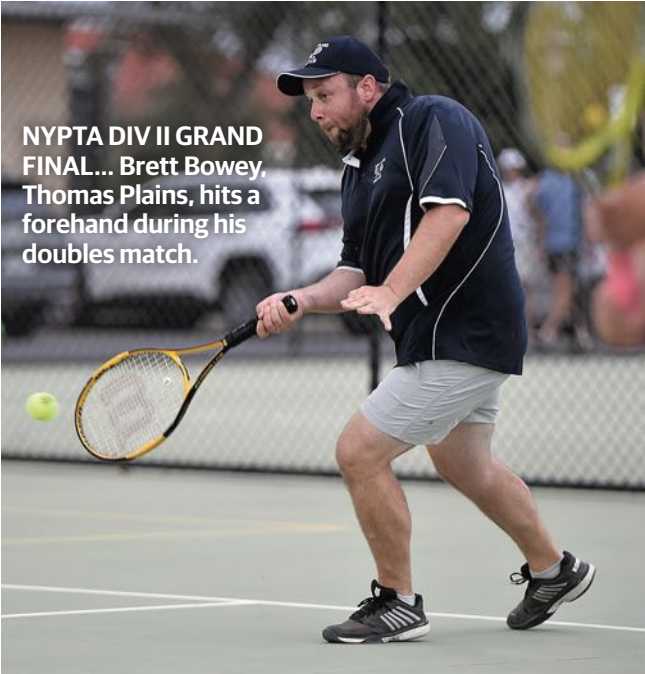
Price d Angus Faulkner 6-2, Josh Allen lost to Al Williams 1-6, Chelsea Homan lost to Tom Bussenschutt 1-6, Courtney Larwood lost to Corrine Bussenschutt 0-6.

Juniors

A grade: Moonta 4 sets, 35 games d Port Broughton Blue 2, 27.

B grade: Paskeville White 3, 31 d Wallaroo 3, 31; a super tiebreaker was played, which Paskeville won 15-7.

C grade: Premiers Alford Yellow, runners-up Alford Green (determined by premiership ladder positions after minor rounds).





NYPTA DIV I... Paskeville's premiership team, back: Brett Crosby, Josh Rundle, Ryan Crosby, Amie Price, Mark Rundle, Angus Bussenschutt; front: Beck Crosby, Simone James, Richard James, Melissa Mulders, Carol Read, Anita Rundle.



NYPTA DIV II GRAND FINAL... Patrick Keane, Cunliffe Blue, on his toes as he returns serve against Thomas Plains.



NYPTA DIV II... Division II premiers, Cunliffe Blue: Chelsea Homan, Hamish Price, Josh Allen, Harry Correll, Matt Correll, Patrick Keane, Duncan Bussenschutt, Courtney Larwood.



NYPTA DIV I GRAND FINAL... Harry Olive, Moonta, hits a forehand.





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NYPJTA A GRADE GRAND FINAL... Premiers, Moonta: Rory Phillips, Aidan Galley, Luke Trenwith, Scarlett Skinner, Imogen Phillips.



NYPJTA A GRADE GRAND FINAL... Luke Trenwith, Moonta, tosses the ball up to serve.



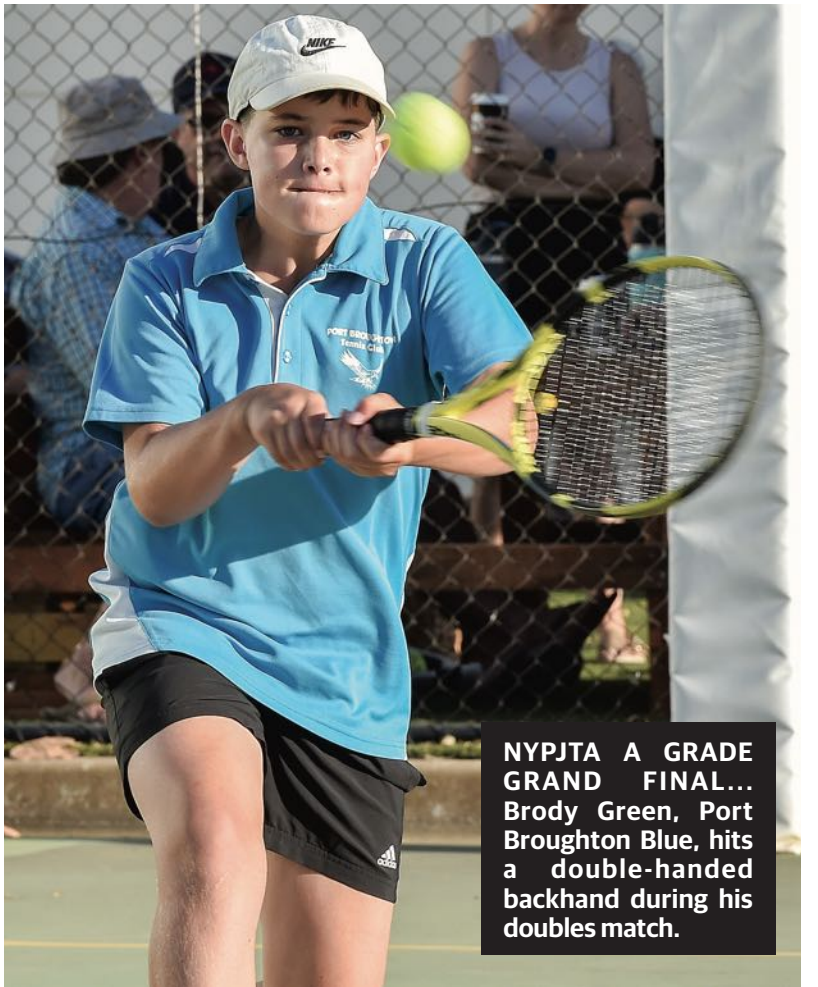
NYPJTA B GRADE GRAND FINAL... Premiers, Paskeville White: Elijah Weismann, Mitchell Smith, Emily Hank, Charlie Crosby, Maverick Crosby.



NYPJTA B GRADE GRAND FINAL... Emily Hank, Paskeville White, makes contact with a high forehand return of serve.



NYPJTA C GRADE... Premiers, Alford, back: Lara Philbey, Will Higgins, Eloise Johns, Sophie Richardson, Summer Morris, Lexi March; front: Jack Rowan, Liam Rowan, Bill March, Jakobi Price.



NYPJTA A GRADE GRAND FINAL... Brody Green, Port Broughton Blue, hits a double-handed backhand during his doubles match.



NYPJTA A GRADE GRAND FINAL... Scarlett Skinner, Moonta, returns serve during her doubles match.



NYPJTA B GRADE GRAND FINAL... Lachlan Donnell, Wallaroo, about to hit a top-spin forehand.



NYPJTA B GRADE GRAND FINAL... Mitchell Smith, Paskeville White, stretches on the run to hit a forehand shot.



NYPJTA A GRADE GRAND FINAL... Zaine Palmer, Port Broughton Blue, winds up to hit a forehand during his doubles match.



NYPJTA A GRADE GRAND FINAL... Moonta's Aidan Galley hits a high forehand against Port Broughton Blue.

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Northern Yorke Peninsula...

Pennants progress to ultimate round

“MM”
REPORT BY

The temperature is rising — and it's not just due to Saturday's mini heatwave. The Northern Yorke Peninsula Bowling Association's 2024-25 grand finals are set to heat things up this week.

We've seen some encouraging signs from several sides across the grades, including those which haven't played finals for some time.

However, their brave efforts have fallen short. Is it the challenge of playing on neutral greens (or blues)? Or is it simply the finals experience of the more established sides that makes the difference on the day?

Saturday competition

DIVISION I

The first division preliminary final kicked off early at the Wallaroo shed, with Moonta ending Arthurton's brave finals campaign, winning 96-80.

Rink scores: Steve Jolly 14 lost to Simon Geater-Johnson 29, Peter Rost 24 d Chris Wenan 13, Donald Bennett 20 lost to Wes Crawford 24, Daryl

Steinwedel 38 d Martyn Moloney 14.

Congratulations to Moonta on its win, and well done to Arthurton on a strong effort throughout the season.

Moonta has hit top form at the right time of the season, setting up an exciting clash against Wallaroo in the grand final. This one should be worth watching!

DIVISION II SANDERCOCK

In the div II Sandercock final, played on Sunday afternoon due to Saturday's heat, Kadina scraped past Wallaroo in a nail-biting finish, 95 to 94.

Rink scores: Wendy Venning 18 lost to Terry Hudson 31, Phil Gray 29 d Allan Weber 16, Colin March 25 lost to Jo Smith 27, Brenton March 23 d Alan Gribble 20.

What a finish! This is what finals are all about — one brilliant bowl or one poor bowl can make all the difference.

This week, Kadina will take on Moonta for the title. While Moonta has been the side to beat all season, anything can happen in a grand final!

DIVISION II BROWN

In this week's preliminary final, Moonta easily accounted for Alford, 111 to 69, despite both sides leading the field

in this division for most of the season.

Rink scores: Ina Coates 23 d Rob Balman 21, June Wilson 31 d Brenton Davies 16, Greg Jones 26 d Russell Gibb 21, Jenny Emerton 21 d Geoff Pearce 11.

Moonta will now face Wallaroo in the grand final. With Moonta building momentum at the right time, this clash could spell danger for Wallaroo.

DIVISION III

Moonta Blue secured a 41-31 win over Wallaroo in somewhat windy weather at Port Broughton on Sunday.

Rink scores: Beryl Williams 13 lost to Geoff Male 23, Roger Dall 28 d Don Cracker 8.

This week, the two Moonta sides go head-to-head.

While the Blues would love to knock off the Reds, they'll go in as underdogs, with the Reds almost unbeaten this season.

Here's hoping for a great contest.

Thursday competition

DIVISION I

Port Broughton and Wallaroo battled it out at Bute in what turned out to be a one-sided affair, with Wallaroo dominat-

ing 102 shots to 57.

Wallaroo's skippers had a day to remember, with Di Milner defeating Ros Aitchison 36-10, Ann Robinson delivered a match-high score, overcoming Jo-Anne Balestrin 37-7, while Jo Smith also provided solid support with a narrow 19-17 win over Heather Griffin.

Port Broughton's Deb Dennis was the standout for her side, winning 23-10 against Julie Symonds.

The grand final will have the top two sides from the minor rounds go head-to-head. While Moonta will start as favourite, an upset isn't out of the question.

DIVISION II

Paskeville held off a determined Moonta Green, claiming a narrow 56-53 victory in a thrilling preliminary final.

Lyn Bensen set the tone for Paskeville with a commanding 22-10 win over Margaret Miller. Sue Hancock kept Moonta in the hunt with a solid 26-17 victory against Jackie Harrop. With the game on the line, Sheryl Millard and Anne Waters fought out a tense 17-all draw.

If you'd told me a month ago that Paskeville could miss out on a pennant, I'd have wagered a pint on that being

impossible. But, after scraping through the semifinal by one shot and this preliminary final by three, anything could happen.

On minor round form, Paskeville should take the title — but with its finals form shaky, an upset win to Wallaroo wouldn't shock anyone.

Wednesday competition

In a somewhat surprising result, minor premier Wallaroo lost to Moonta in the preliminary final. The match was closely contested in two sections.

In the fours, Kevin Coates narrowly edged out Phil Spiers 20-19, while Brian Smith's triples team levelled the scores with a 19-18 win over Deane Geier's team. The final was decided in the pairs, with Daryl Steinwedel and his partner proving too strong for Mike Wildash and co, winning 19-11.

The grand final promises to be a cracker, with the new kids on the block, Port Hughes, taking on its more experienced neighbour, Moonta.

I'm not game to make a prediction, but securing a flag in their first season would be a dream start for Port Hughes.



NYPBA SATURDAY DIV I PRELIMINARY FINAL... Arthurton skipper Wes Crawford on one leg as a bowl comes into the head against Moonta.

Left: NYPBA SATURDAY DIV I PRELIMINARY FINAL... Keenly watching a bowl come into the head are Corey Wildash and Geoff Bagshaw, Arthurton, and Moonta's Michael Collins, Ian Hatcher and Andrew Pearson (front).



NYPBA SATURDAY DIV I PRELIMINARY FINAL... Anthony Ferguson, Arthurton, lets a bowl go against Moonta.



NYPBA SATURDAY DIV II BROWN PRELIMINARY FINAL... Ray Wallis and Russ Gibb, Alford, discuss the head against Moonta.



NYPBA SATURDAY DIV I PRELIMINARY FINAL... Sharon Cavanagh, Moonta, lets her skipper know where she wants the next bowl.



NYPBA SATURDAY DIV I PRELIMINARY FINAL... Moonta's Bob Cavanagh about to release a bowl as teammate David Williams concentrates on the kitty against Arthurton.



NYPBA SATURDAY DIV II BROWN PRELIMINARY FINAL... Moonta's John Neville bowls, watched by Alford players Malcolm Davies, Andrew Nelson and Gavin Branford.



NYPBA SATURDAY DIV I PRELIMINARY FINAL... Moonta skipper Daryl Steinwedel and his rink had a 38-14 win against Martyn Moloney, Arthurton.



NYPBA SATURDAY DIV II BROWN PRELIMINARY FINAL... Kath Amos, Moonta, releases a bowl against Alford.



NYPBA SATURDAY DIV I PRELIMINARY FINAL... Arthurton's Gavin Adams in action against Moonta.

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Southern Yorke Peninsula...

Scorched: Saturday games called off

“Unbiased”
REPORT BY

It's preliminary finals week for the Southern Yorke Peninsula Bowling Association, meaning the competition is heating up — both on and off the green!

The extreme heat on Saturday, March 15, led to the cancellation of all games.

As a result, the open competition pennants preliminary finals will now take place at Edithburgh on Saturday, March 22.

Due to this scheduling change, and to avoid clashing with the Prestige Medley tournament on March 29, the grand finals have been rescheduled for Saturday, April 5, at Minlaton.

Thursday competition

Both women's competition preliminary finals were played at Edithburgh last Thursday, March 13.

The greens were near perfect. Yorketown entered the division I match after a disappointing loss to Port Vincent, while Port

Victoria was riding high after its semifinal win against Stansbury.

Throughout the game, three rinks traded the lead in a tight contest.

However, Colleen Duncan and her team made a dominant start and never looked back, securing a commanding 36-9 win. This offset losses on two other rinks and helped Yorketown to an

86-69 victory, securing its third consecutive grand final berth.

Rink scores: C Duncan 36 d D Davey 9, S Redding 13 lost to N Porrovecchio 26, M Przibilla 15 lost to K Baker 23, B Loechel 22 d C Gill 11.

The grand final showdown is Port Vincent v Yorketown at Minlaton on Thursday.

Edithburgh's Green (L Stevens

sk) and Gold (S Sieber sk) teams didn't have to travel far for their preliminary final on home turf.

With strong local support, the match was always set to be a friendly yet competitive contest.

The Green team delivered a convincing 27-12 victory, securing its place in the grand final against Stansbury on Thursday.



SYPBA THURSDAY DIV I... Port Victoria's Julie Rex prepares to bowl in her Thursday match against Yorketown.



SYPBA THURSDAY DIV I... Brenda Clarke, Yorketown, contributes to her team's 11-shot win.



SYPBA THURSDAY DIV I... Bev Loechel, Yorketown, sends one down in her side's victory against Port Victoria.



SYPBA THURSDAY DIV I... Port Victoria skipper Carole Gill rolls a bowl.



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Maitland's final club competition



SYPBA WOMEN'S PAIRS... Women's champion of champions pairs winners Deb Funnell and Janet Tucker, and runners-up Carol Gill and Denise Davey.



SYPBA MEN'S PAIRS... Champion of champions men's pairs runners-up Tom Bilney and Allan Gregory, and winners Malcolm Jennings and Des Riley.

SYP champion of champions pairs

The Southern Yorke Peninsula Bowling Association champion of champions men's pairs competition was played in very warm weather on Monday, March 10.

Sectional play rules applied. The winners from each section — Des Riley and Malcolm Jennings (Stansbury) and Tom Bilney and Allan Gregory (Warooka) — met in a thrilling final.

After 10 ends, the match was drawn. A single extra end determined the champions, with Des and Malcolm from Stansbury emerging victori-

ous. Congratulations to them both! The women's pairs event followed on Tuesday, March 11. Sectional winners Janet Tucker and Debra Funnell (Edithburgh) and Carol Gill and Denise Davey (Port Victoria) faced off in the final. The Edithburgh team secured back-to-back wins with a close 9-7 result. A big congratulations to all players and well done to Curramulka Bowling Club for successfully hosting the events.

"Unbiased"



MAITLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS... Maitland Bowling Club 2024-25 Hundred Up runner-up Judy Prosser and winner Megan Falco.



MAITLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS... Men's handicap singles runner-up Gary Downs with winner Tim Poole.



MAITLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS... Women's drawn pairs runners-up Mavis Saunders and Gill Jarrett, and winners Cathy Hibbard and Denise Hallion.



MAITLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS... Men's drawn pairs winners Colin Gloyn and Terry Wuttke, and runners-up Greg Treloar and Kevin Cross, celebrate their podium finish.

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NYP champion of champions

The Northern Yorke Peninsula Bowling Association champion of champions singles events were held at Moonta Bowling Club on Sunday, March 16.

In the women's final, Jill Bagshaw, of Arthurton, defeated Raelene Taylor, Bute.

In the men's final, Bob Scott, Bute, defeated Bruce Hines, Kadina.



NYPBA CHAMPIONS... Arthurton's Jill Bagshaw, who won the champion of champions women's singles, and runner-up Raelene Taylor, of Bute.



NYPBA CHAMPIONS... Champion of Champions men's singles winner Bob Scott, Bute, and runner-up Bruce Hines, Kadina.

Moonta social bowls



SOCIAL BOWLS... The final day of Moonta Bowling Club's summer social bowls season was held last Wednesday, March 12. With Tom Nolan from competition sponsor Wardle Co Real Estate – NYP (middle) and organiser Pauline Jowett (second right) are overall placegetters, third Graeme Dunstan, runner-up Roger Dall and winner Gordon Davis. The club thanks Wardles, Pauline and her assistant Gordon.

BMW Broughton section scores

Thursday competition

Preliminary final 20-3-25
Clare Gold v Clare Blue, at Clare, 9.30am start.

Saturday competition

Results 15-3-25
All games were called off due to the heat rule.

Semifinals 22-3-25
DIVISION I

Venue: Yacka.
Koolunga v Redhill.
Snowtown v Brinkworth.

DIVISION II
Venue: Brinkworth.
Mundoorra v Brinkworth.
Koolunga v Redhill.

The preliminary finals will be played at Koolunga the next day, Sunday, March 23.

Warooka Bowling Club season 2024-25 champions



WAROOKA CHAMPIONS... Fiona Bilney and Marian Rutherford, Warooka Bowling Club season 2024-25 women's pairs champions.



WAROOKA CHAMPIONS... Matt Redman, Warooka Bowling Club season 2024-25 men's singles champion.



WAROOKA CHAMPIONS... Tom Bilney and Alan Gregory, Warooka Bowling Club season 2024-25 men's doubles champions.



WAROOKA CHAMPIONS... Fiona Bilney, Warooka Bowling Club season 2024-25 women's singles champion.

BOWLS

Moonta Saturday: Results 15/16-3-25 — Our three sides playing this weekend had wins and now advance to the grand final. Division I: Moonta 96 defeated Arthurton 80; best rink M Chandler, L Stam, S Cavanagh, D Steinwedel. Div II Brown: Moonta 80 d Bute 62; best rink: J Pearson, T Emmerton, P Jowett, J Emmerton. Div III: Moonta Blue 41 d Wallaroo 31; best rink M Sorrell, R Moulds, M Catlow, R Dall. *Alfie.*

Paskeville Thursday: Results 13-3-25 — Paskeville has made the grand final! What a preliminary final. Scores were all tied up at the end of the game and we had to play extra ends until a winner was decided. At the completion of the first end Lyn Bensen and Jackie Harrop's rinks were both up by two shots each, which gave Paskeville the overall game 56-53. Wow! Lyn Bensen, Judy Bussenschutt, Jodie Ward, Paul Smith won 22-10. Sheryl Millard, Joan Hill, Jane Hill, Geoff Hill drew 17-17. Sheryl Millard and Judy Bussenschutt play off in the women's singles today (Tuesday, March 18). Wednesday we will practice for the grand final to be held the following day. Thank you to everyone who came and watched, it was wonderful see you there. We would love to see you all again this Thursday. We need your support. Best of luck Paskeville. *"One-eyed Magpie"*

Wallaaroo Wednesday: Preliminary final 12-3-25 — Wallaroo White played Moonta Red at Maitland and couldn't quite get there, going down 49-57. In the fours Darrell Carter, Terry Nash, Peter Rankin and skipper Phil Spiers only went down by one shot, 19-20. Triples, Neville Hards, Fred Schenck and skipper Brian Smith got up by one shot, 19-18. Pairs, Craig Oborn and Mike Wildash fought hard but went down 11-19. Overall, the games were tight right to the end, good luck in the frand final Moonta Red! *DJ*

Wallaaroo Saturday: Preliminary finals 16-3-25 — The open competition finals were played on Sunday, due to the heat rule. Division II Sandercock played at Port Broughton against Kadina. They fought hard but went down by only one shot, 94-95. Brian Hosking, Terry Nash, Rod Kneivitt and skipper Terry Hudson had a great win 31-18. Kevin Taylor, Lynda Wildash, Gary Martin and skipper Allan Weber lost 16-29. Russell Williams, Julie Symons, Graham Harper and skipper Joanne Smith up 27-25. David Harris, Heather Kneivitt, Terry Schultz and skipper Allan Gribble lost

20-23. It was "game on" right to the end. Congratulations to Kadina Well done Wallaroo for putting up such a great fight. Div III also played at Port Broughton against Moonta Blue but lost 31-41. Greg Mackrill, John Batrenchenko, Trevor Reid and skipper Geoff Male dominated with 23-13. Sadly Michael Harris, Roy O'Connell, Barry Taylor and skipper Donald Craker couldn't match their opposition and went down 8-28. Well done to all teams, and good luck to all competing in the grand finals. *DJ*

CROQUET

NYP croquet: Results 12-3-25 — Moonta Navy 14 d Wallaroo 12: M Algje 7, R Sparrow 3 (10) d J Wearn 3, J Marshall 6 (9); S Pedler 3, M Brennan 1 (4) d J Riley 1, D Paull 2 (3). Crystal Brook 34 d Kadina 26: E Young 9, R McBride 9 (18) d M Kinch 13, L Kinch 1 (14); S McBride 13, W Hendry 3 (16) d J Lydeamore 3, N Hibbard 9 (12). Moonta reported it was a lovely cool morning at Wallaroo, but not a hoop fest. June Marshall and Malcolm Algje performed best with six and seven, respectively. The scoring at Kadina was higher with Malcolm and Linda Kinch scoring 14 hoops, and Shirlene McBride and Wilma Hendry 16. Good to see Di Paull back playing! There are only two weeks to go, with Crystal Brook now in the box seat. *NH*

CUSH BOWLS

Cross Roads Indoor Sports Club has entered its 68th year of playing indoor cush bowls. The rescheduled annual general meeting was held, successfully, at the Moonta Uniting Church hall on Friday night, March 14; thank you to everyone who attended.

Positions holders are: chairperson Kaylene Osborn, vice-chairperson Phillip Shields, secretary Christine Nicholas, treasurer Arthur Langley, games coordinator/publicity Bev Shields. Committee members: John Osborn, Ursula Langley, Michelle Sletten and Liz Kemp.

Last season, 12-end games were trialled; it was unanimously decided to revert to 15 ends.

Games will continue on Friday nights at the church hall in Robert Street but will start at 6.30pm sharp.

In a new initiative, the club is inviting expressions of interest from those keen to submit teams of three players, as well as the usual individual nominations. The club has maintained 12 teams since 2016, but numbers have declined due to ageing

and health issues. To encourage new participation, the club will host three come and try nights, starting at 6.30pm this Friday, March 21. Experienced players will be available to coach anyone interested in giving it a go. All current members and new players are encouraged to attend.

Teams will be finalised on April 4, with the competition commencing on April 11. Games will be played in three time slots, each lasting about an hour.

A minimal season fee applies. Tea and coffee will be provided.

For more information or to register your interest, contact Bev Shields 0447 253 103, Kaylene Osborn 0413 181 634 or Christine Nicholas 0429 947 272. *Bev Shields, games coordinator*

GOLF

Ardrossan Tuesday: Results 11-3-25 — Sixteen women played a stroke competition. Winners: division I, Sue Wall 75 net; div II, Audrey Cook 70. Ball winners: Audrey Cook 70; Cheryl Carmichael 74; Sue Wall 75; Tracy Watson, Karen Minks 76. NTP: 8 (Ardrossan Post Office), Henny Van Pelt; 12 (SIMEC), Carolyn Clift; 16 (Moonta Crash Repairs), Tracy Watson. *"LCD"*

Copperclub: Results 10-3-25 — Adelaide Cup Stableford: J Arthur 35, P Schultz 34, N Blake, P Drew, J Pearson (Highercombe GCC) 33, W Schultz 32, A Brown 31, P Pearson (Highercombe) 27, G Clarke 25, P Keane 24. **Results 11-3-25** — Stableford: D Bennett 40, J Threlfall, K Ryan 37, D Emmerton, R Dayman, R Wegener, P Smith 36, L Fogden, J Harvey 35, A Piper, D Yearbury 34. NTP: 4, B Markovic; 7, D Bennett; 13, K Ryan; 16, D Emmerton. **Results 12-3-25** — net: C Ryan 72, L Markovic 76, E Kemp 78, P Nitschke 80, K Fogden 82, L Sorensen 83. **Results 13-3-25** — Thursday Shotgun Stableford: S Saffell 40, G Bussenschutt, P Stewart 37, C Cunningham, G Guy, L Pridham, M Daly 36, E Kemp, D Rook, G Leue, B Markovic 35. Eagle: R Chadbourne. NTP: 4, P Sharp; 7, H Wehleit; 13, J Harvey; 16, G Smith.

Stansbury Thursday: Results 13-3-25 — Twelve players participated in the 12-hole social competition. Winner, Richard Wheeler 59/42, r-up Ron Hillier 57/43 c/b Sue Wall 62/43. Least putts: Richard Wheeler 16. NTP: 16, Richard Wheeler. Chipping Challenge: Luke Hillier. *"Trinny"*

Wallaaroo Sunday: Results 16-3-25 — Golfers enjoyed the summer closing day

for the Coppers Alehouse Ambrose held in cool, windy weather. Thank you to the 27 players who came to make it a fun day and to see off the driest summer ever. This also means a big thank you to the people who installed the greens and the grounds crew since, who have managed and improved the course since installation of the greens. Can't say enough about your commitment to the club and the community in keeping everything as wonderful as it is. Mixed teams: winners, Joan Cushion, John Vorsty, Greg Frost, Kym Rankin 73 off-stick/61.125 net; equal runners-up, John Harris, Deb Harris, Helen Parker, Lynton Parker 73/61.875 net, and Grant Donovan, Viv Baker, Marg Gross, John Gross 73/61.875. Well done teams. Men: winners, Shaun Jamieson, Brad Jamieson, Copper Jamieson, Michael Cope 69/59.75; runners-up, Brenton Jamieson, Ian Shaw, Michael Barker, Tom Nolan 66/61.25. Long drive: women, Deb Harris; men, Josh Finn. NTP: 3, Lynton Parker. Long putt: 5, Ian Shaw; 18, John Halse. Encouragement award: John Halse, Jan Halse, Nicola Fin and Josh Fin. Thanks to everyone who supports the Wallaroo Golf Club, including sponsors, members, visitors and any helpers I have missed. *JG and "Oscar Bravo"*

Yorketown Saturday: Results 15-3-25 — We had our final hit-out for the summer season in very warm weather. A nine-hole Ambrose was played due to the conditions. Winners: Wayne Krieg, Brian Watters, Shane Bishop, Luke Thompson 27; runners-up Brenton Robinson, Lil Schulz, Clint Loechel 27.5. After the round we enjoyed a barbecue lunch and cool refreshments in the air-conditioned clubhouse. The summer golfer of the season was presented to Henry Kielpinski, while Scott Jansons was runner-up, congratulations to both. The Yorketown club thanks all the players who attended our summer season, especially members from our neighbouring clubs. We look forward to seeing you at your home clubs throughout the winter season. Special thanks to the Yorketown crew for your hard work to make this all happen in trying conditions this year. This week, winter vets starts at Yorketown 9.30am for 10am tee-off. On Saturday we head to Clare for the Brenton Cup, 9.30am for 10am tee-off. No competition at Yorketown. The following week, on Saturday, March 29, we will play a Stableford, 9.30am for 10am tee-off. All welcome for an enjoyable round. *TFM*

SHOOTING

Maitland Rifle Club: Results 16-3-25 — Eleven members and a visitor gathered to contest the first stage of the Semmler Trophy and another stage of the Bradshaw trophy from 600 yards. After a two-week break it was decided to have a barbecue lunch after setting up the range in the morning for the afternoon competition. With a very brisk wind coming over our right shoulders, nearly straight down the range, there were patches of relative consistency interspersed with moments of "where did that come from?" Consequently, scores were all over the place; some shot similar scores in each round while others had wildly varying rounds. Handicap scorecard: Andrew Dayman, TR, 43.01, 42.01, 85.02, 14, 99.02; Michael Dayman, TR, 47.02, 47.02, 94.04, 4, 98.04; Bill Gillis, FSA, 55.03, 58.04, 113.07, 4, 117.07; Chris Tucker, FSB, 51.02, 51.01, 102.03, 13, 115.03; Roger Francis, FO, 53.05, 58.05, 111.10, 2, 113.10; Lynton Wakefield, FO, 53.03, 58.04, 111.07, 1, 112.07; Barry Tucker, FSB, 47.01, 49.01, 96.02, 15, 111.02; Greg Benticke, FO, 55.01, 50.02, 105.03, 5, 110.03; John Shobbrook, FO, 55.03, 51.00, 106.03, 3, 109.03; David Hindmarsh, FSA, 54.02, 46.01, 100.03, 6, 106.03; Brad Renfrey, FTR / FO, 44.01, 51.01, 95.02, 11, 106.02; Chris Bavistock, FO, 46.00, 46.00, 92.00, 11, 103.00. Handicap points: Andrew Dayman 99.02, 3; Michael Dayman 98.04, 2; Bill Gillis 97.07, 1. Top off-rifle: TR Michael Dayman, FSA Bill Gillis, FSB Chris Tucker, FO Roger Francis. This week we shoot the inaugural Klopp One-dayer, 300, 500 and 600 yards, starting at 10am, setting up the range beforehand. Lunch will be a My Butcher meat tray barbecue, \$10/head; or bring a packed lunch. *"Dodgy"*

Wallaaroo Pistol and Shooting Club: Results 11-3-25 — Air pistol/600, women: Michelle Sieben 511, Colleen Angel 404. Live action mover plates/480, rimfire production: Stephen Penney 469, Michelle Sieben 404, Gregory Chittleborough 382, Phillip Knight 310, Lenny Heinis 300. **Results 16-3-25** — Air pistol/600, women: Michelle Sieben 519. Live action mover plates/480, rimfire production: Stephen Penney 474, Scott Gibbs 470, Breaden Gough 459, Roy Winther 433, Michelle Sieben 430, Aether P (Vvisitor) 383, Dakota Videon 368, Greg King 361, Mary Staunton 348; centrefire production: Stephen Penney 390, Breaden Gough 378. The club thanks sponsor Cornucopia Hotel, Wallaroo. *MS*

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Maitland Pistol and Shooting Club 26th annual open shoot

Not a breath of wind — amazing weather — for the Maitland Pistol and Shooting Club's 26th annual open shoot held on the recent long weekend, Friday to Sunday, March 7 to 9.

With around 50 competitors, the club was alive with activity from the onsite campers and visitors from across the state and interstate.

The warm weather was already on board, but the air pistol range was abuzz on Friday night for the first detail.

Competitors enjoyed the pleasant conditions for this indoor shooting event, while more competitions on this range took place on Saturday and Sunday mornings in air-conditioned comfort.

Breakfast barbecue cooks Dean and Howard were out and about early on Saturday morning, cooking eggs and bacon for the campers and other early arrivals. Meanwhile, the canteen crew was busy making sandwiches, loading the pie warmer and the freezer — all in anticipation of a busy day ahead.

The ranges ran smoothly under the guidance of highly organised range officers and crew. Help was abundant, not only from Maitland club members but also from many competitors from other clubs.

This spirit of teamwork is what makes these weekend competitions so successful, as everyone pitches in to help at the clubs they attend for open events. There is always great camaraderie between shooters and supporters.

Thanks to Maitland president David Porter, who organised the squadding (program) of events, there was plenty of time for shooters to compete, rest, socialise, have lunch, help on a range and then compete in their next event.

After Saturday's competitions, including 50 metre pistol, centrefire and rapidfire wrapped up in the afternoon, the barbecues were lit and the evening meal was underway. The meat was complemented by a brilliant array of salads provided by the locals, followed by dessert.

It was a perfect evening to eat outside under the gazebos, grab a drink and reflect on the day's competitions.

Sunday morning, breakfast again set the scene, and everyone was ready to go on the ranges.

Standard pistol, more centrefire and rapidfire, and the completion of air pistol all ran

smoothly. At the conclusion of shooting, the bar was open, and visitors and competitors relaxed while everything was finalised for presentations.

While this was happening, the raffles were drawn, and the raffle table was laden with 'choose your own' prizes.

There was also a special separate raffle for a spotting scope donated by Darren from Classic Firearms, a local business whose support we greatly appreciate; congratulations to Tony Carter from Noarlunga City Pistol Club, the lucky winner of this prize.

The many campers still on site for the remainder of the long weekend joined the locals for a meal, completing another successful weekend.

Some results

Junior shooters Skye May and Jackson Burton, both from Penfield club, were successful in air pistol, with Lachlan Bickle from Balaklava club a close second.

Sharlene Ismail (Noarlunga) won the women's air pistol, and local Maitland member David Porter took out the men's air pistol event.

In 25m pistol women, Ismail was again successful, while Cristobel Nunez (Penfield) won the 25m pistol men.

In 25m centrefire, Porter was once again the top scorer, while

David Chapman from Balaklava club took out the 25m standard pistol and 25m rapidfire events.

In 50m pistol, Porter claimed another win.

Maitland members David Edinburgh and Craig Brennan won their share of trophies, while Tammy and Klaus Becker also had some victories.

SYP competitors Andrew Slater and Stuart Cook enjoyed a personal rivalry, both going home with prizes.

The aggregate prizes were won by Kristie Peterson (Noarlunga) for the women's events and Chapman for the men's events.

At the presentations, club president Porter made special mention of secretary Gary Thomson for his tireless work behind the scenes in preparing paperwork and notifications for competitors, an enormous job that is truly appreciated.

A big thank you also went to the judges for their dedicated assistance, the range officers and range staff, Lorraine Linke in the scoring room, and Ruth Lomblad in the canteen, who is now hanging up her apron after 15 years of service.

We hope to continue this event, which remains one of the most popular on the target shooting calendar for the shooting fraternity.

Contributed



MAITLAND OPEN SHOOT... Maitland member Craig Brennan accepts a prize from club president David Porter.



Above: MAITLAND OPEN SHOOT... President David Porter (right) congratulates aggregate trophy winner David Chapman, of Balaklava.

Left: MAITLAND OPEN SHOOT... David Edinburgh, from the Maitland club, accepts his prize from David Porter.



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Big crowd at Hart's Getting the Crop In

DESPITE drought in many areas of the state, there was a full house with a thirst for knowledge at the annual Hart Field-Site Group's Getting the Crop In seminar in Clare last Wednesday, March 12.

About 130 farmers and consultants attended the event, and Hart chair and Snowtown farmer Glen Wilkinson said the program reflected the group's consistent drive to provide topical and practical information to growers.

"It really came across that the topics were relevant to what we're facing this season," he said.

"For example, dry sowing couldn't be more relevant, because the way we're looking, it's going to be a dry start again.

"And the issue of chemical carry-overs (residual chemicals) are going to have a big impact on what we sow and when from here on in."

Speakers covered global and domestic commodity markets, research updates on fusarium root rot in lentils and the impact of dry conditions on crop emergence, highlighting how much moisture is required to germinate seed.

The hot topic of paraquat chemical, its future and possible alternatives generated plenty of interest.

Keynote farmer speaker Jack Owen from Mount Emu, Victoria, provided insight into his entry into farming and transition into a key decision-making role in his farm business.

Mr Owen also spoke of the supports he has in place and some of the lessons learned, which he wrote about in his book *You Are Not Your Farm* — What the top 5% of farmers are doing that the average farmer is not.

Finishing the event, an 'on the couch' session was hosted by Hart executive officer Sandy Kimber, alongside a panel of three finance experts, Hood Sweeney accountant Bec Court, National Australia Bank banker Ben Pitt, and Purvis AgriFinance broker Deb Purvis.

The interactive session busted myths around finance and provided strategies, tools and tips to help farmers thrive through tough times.

Mr Wilkinson said the program fitted together seamlessly, and he was impressed by attendees' willingness to learn, despite coming off a poor season.



ON THE COUCH... Hart executive officer Sandy Kimber leads panellists Bec Court, Ben Pitt and Deb Purvis.




TOPICAL... Ashley and Katrina Nankivell, of Arthurton, at the Getting the Crop In seminar. PHOTOS: Gabrielle Hall




NEXT GENERATION... Baden Johnson, Edithburgh, and Andrew Daniell, Coobowie, travelled to Clare for the seminar.



CATCH-UP... Stewart McIntosh, Alford, chats with Clare farmer Cowan Jaeschke.



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CARBON FARMING... Northern and Yorke Landscape Board sustainable agriculture facilitator Molly O'Dea delivering a carbon farming workshop in Jamestown last year.

Carbon farming workshops

FREE carbon farming workshops are being held at Port Broughton and Maitland this week.

Northern and Yorke Landscape Board will provide the latest local information about carbon farming, and explain emissions reduction and how to calculate your carbon footprint.

Attendees will learn about its benefits for on-farm productivity, such as efficiency and output, how to generate

carbon credits and why reducing your carbon footprint is critical.

Port Broughton's workshops are on Thursday, March 20, and Maitland's on Friday, March 28, with the Beginner's Guide to Carbon Farming session running from 9.30am to noon, and Carbon Calculator Deeper Dive from 1pm to 3.30pm.

Both will have a cropping and livestock focus, and lunch is provided from noon

to 1pm.

Attendees are welcome to participate in just one workshop or both; the carbon calculator workshop participants must have previously attended a beginner's guide workshop or already have a good understanding of carbon farming.

Workshops are also being held at Angaston (March 19), Hart (March 26) and Robertstown (March 31).

These events are supported

by the Australian Government through funding from the Natural Heritage Trust under the Climate-Smart Agriculture Program and delivered by the NYLB, a member of the Commonwealth Regional Delivery Partners panel.

Places are limited; register at eventbrite.com/cc/carbon-farming-workshops-4101853.

For more information, contact Elly Pratt, NYLB, on 0429 626 778.

Farm deaths double in 2024

AUSTRALIA'S peak body for farm safety, Farmsafe Australia, is calling for urgent action following a sharp rise in on-farm fatalities and injuries.

Data from AgriFutures Australia and AgHealth Australia shows that 72 lives were lost and 133 serious injuries occurred on farms in 2024 — more than double the figures from 2023.

AgHealth Australia farm safety research manager Kerri-Lynn Peachey, who monitors and collates the incidents each year, called the latest statistics a stark reminder to prioritise farm safety.

"With deaths and injuries more than doubling since 2023, we can't ignore the warning," she said.

"While some fluctuation is expected, 72 fatalities far exceed the five-year average of 53."

Farmsafe chair Felicity Richards said the alarming statistics were not just a wake-up call, they were an emergency said.

"We cannot continue to accept these deaths and injuries as part of life on the land," she said.

"We need to change the culture around farm safety, and we need to do it now."

The leading causes of fatalities were side-by-sides (14 deaths), quad bikes (10), and tractors (eight), with Queensland recording a significant jump in serious injuries from 11 to 61.

AgriFutures senior manager Ulicia Raufers stressed the importance of using data to address emerging safety risks.

"Every person who lives, works, or visits a farm has a role to play in reversing these troubling figures," she said.

Farmsafe Australia is urging government and industry leaders to work together to implement long-term safety initiatives, including training programs and awareness campaigns.

"We have the knowledge and the tools; now, we need the commitment," Ms Richards said.

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The home boasts three generously sized, carpeted bedrooms, each with built-in robes and double-hung cedar windows, allowing natural light to flood the rooms.

The stylish bathroom is a

standout for Jade, featuring a beautiful claw-foot bath and floor-to-ceiling tiles. A second toilet is conveniently located in the laundry.

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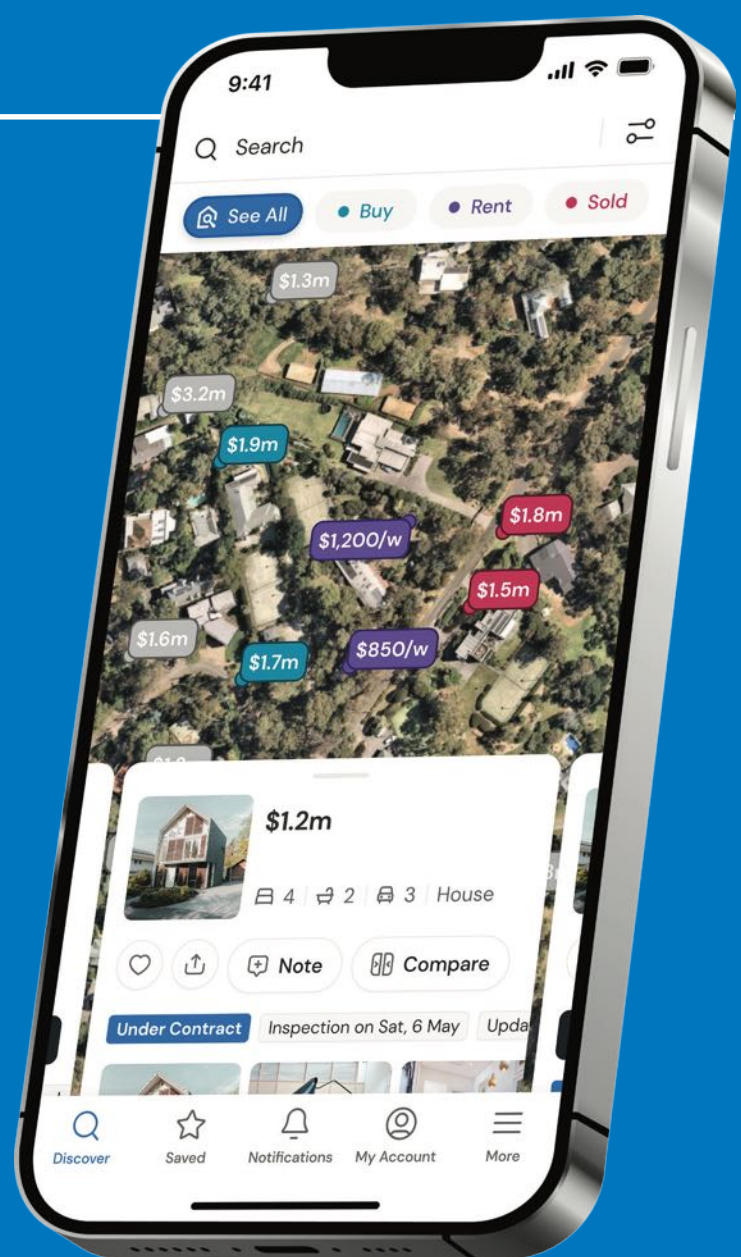


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Public Notice



COPPER COAST COUNCIL

Exclusion from Classification of Community Land

The Copper Coast Council at its ordinary meeting held on 6th November 2024 resolved to exclude, prior to the acquisition by Council, Proposed Allotment 1, 18 Olive Parade, New Town, Certificate of Title Volume 5968 Folio 760, comprised within Deposited Plan 67701, from the classification of Community land, pursuant to Section 193(4) of the Local Government Act 1999.

The Gazettal Notice is available via Council's website www.coppercoast.sa.gov.au

Information Session

The Copper Coast Council will be holding an Information Session on Wednesday, 26th March 2025, in the Council Chambers, 51 Taylor Street, Kadina, commencing at 6pm.


Items for discussion are:

- Long Term Financial Plan and Annual Business Plan 2025-2026 – presented by the Director Corporate and Community Services and Manager Financial Services – Open Session

Members of the public are encouraged to attend the open session.

Dylan Strong
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Public Notice



Barunga West Council

Declaration of a Separate Rate

Fisherman Bay Plumbing Connections

NOTICE is hereby given that in accordance with Section 154(2)(b) of the Local Government Act 1999, Council, at its meeting held on 11 March 2025, resolved to declare a separate rate on a proportional basis calculated with reference to the works required to be undertaken on owners land at Fisherman Bay to connect their property to the Community Wastewater Management System. Ratepayers will repay Council the full cost of works, including associated costs and interest, over 4 years (16 instalments) commencing in Rate Instalment 4 due 4 June 2025


List of Properties to which the Separate Rate applies:

Assess No	Quarterly Separate Rate	Total Separate Rate
A14037	\$256.54	\$4,104.66
A12687	\$269.29	\$4,308.61
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Public Consultation

Public Consultation

Draft Long Term Financial Plan 2026-2035

Council invites feedback on its Draft Long Term Financial Plan 2026-2035 (LTFP). The LTFP makes projections about the funding of Council's plans based on a set of assumptions and helps Council to assess the impact of its proposed plans on the future financial sustainability of the Council including the potential impact on ratepayers.

A full copy of the LTFP is available on Council's website at: <https://yorke.sa.gov.au/community-services/public-consultation/draft-long-term-financial-plan-2026-2035/>

Please refer all enquiries to: Daniel Griffin, Manager Financial Services, phone 8832 0000, email admin@yorke.sa.gov.au

Written submissions should be addressed to: admin@yorke.sa.gov.au OR Yorke Peninsula Council, PO Box 57, Maitland SA 5573. The opportunity to address Council regarding the LTFP is available at the April 2025 Council Meeting. Please contact Council if you wish to do so.

Written submissions close 5pm, Thursday, 3 April 2025.

Andrew Cameron
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Community Engagement

Community Engagement

Dog and Cat Management Plan

In line with Council's commitment to engaging the community, Council is seeking written comments from the public in relation to the draft Dog and Cat Management Plan which specifically relates to the management of dogs and cats.

The draft Dog and Cat Management Plan is available at the Maitland, Minlaton and Yorketown Council offices and on Council's website at www.yorke.sa.gov.au

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Entertainment

What's been Trending

TARIFFS: US president Donald Trump has rejected Australia's bid for an exemption from steel and aluminium import tariffs. No countries were granted an exemption from the 25 per cent tariffs.

ELECTION: Prime minister Anthony Albanese scored his highest approval rating in almost 18 months, at 46 per cent. However, on a two-party preferred basis, the Coalition leads on 51 per cent.

WOMBAT: A US influencer who picked up a baby wombat and took it away from its mother has apologised after extreme criticism. She said she was trying to move the animal from the roadside to prevent it being hit by a vehicle.

Starscopes

♈ ARIES — March 21-April 20

You have more fun being a spectator than a participant in your week's varied activities. You could be working overtime to solve a family problem, but it pays off by Friday.

♉ TAURUS — April 21-May 22

A money making opportunity could open up this week and travel is mixed with romance. Prepare for many types of delays on the weekend and watch out for rivals at the workplace after the weekend.

♊ GEMINI — May 23-June 21

Spend more time listening to and encouraging children. There is a financial theme to the week, so it could be a great time to launch a business venture. Make the weekend an athletic time.

♋ CANCER — June 22-July 22

This is a favourable week for buying, selling and investing. Tensions in a relationship ease, with the prospect of a contract signing by Thursday. The job situation improves.

♌ LEO — July 23-August 22

News is buzzing all about you, but don't take it too seriously. The light touch is stressed all week despite new hassles at work. An older relative supports your ideas.

♍ VIRGO — August 23-September 22

Your ego receives a boost by Friday, thanks to gestures by friends and superiors. Inspiration strikes at the oddest moments, so keep pad and pencil at hand wherever you may be.

♎ LIBRA — September 23-October 22

If planning to relocate, you could run into a temporary snag. Use the week to chase up debts. A domestic stalemate ends by the weekend.

♏ SCORPIO — October 23-November 21

This week finds you sharing the limelight with a surprise personality. Be prepared to update some of your favourite ideas. Resist do-it-yourself projects, especially mechanical ones on the weekend.

♐ SAGITTARIUS — November 22-December 22

A companion surprises you with his/hers wide range of talents while you benefit from narrowing your range of interests. Loyalties are proven and you can sleep a little easier now.

♑ CAPRICORN — December 23-January 20

A conservative approach is favoured in relationships and at the workplace. A neighbourhood project is more exciting than you might think. A conflict with a relative ends by the weekend.

♒ AQUARIUS — January 21-February 19

You can count on loved ones to be supportive, though in a quiet way. A home improvement project could grind to a halt on the weekend. It may appear that work efforts may not be appreciated but don't jump to conclusions.

♓ PISCES — February 20-March 20

Communications improve and while you and a loved one may not see eye to eye, you do understand and respect the other viewpoint. Avoid informal transactions and be alert to investments involving land.

BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK

You have a great capacity for love - of all humanity, yet sometimes you worry too much about your personal security. The creative approach can be the profitable one especially in your career. A long range goal comes into view.

Sudoku

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Entertain Us

by Sarah Herrmann

Slam dunk

ANYONE who knows me knows I'm no fan of sports — so why do I always find myself drawn to fictionalised versions of them?

New Netflix series Running Point is no exception to my confusing fascination.

Well described as the lovechild of Ted Lasso and Succession, the Mindy Kaling-produced and Kate Hudson-led sports comedy follows Isla Gordon (Hudson) as she is thrust into the presidency of her family's basketball empire, the Los Angeles Waves.

There are strong traces of the pathos of Lasso and the sibling rivalry of the Murdoch satire, and the trauma embedded in both — but Running Point is significantly fluffier than its precursors.

Because of that, it won't get anywhere near the hype, and yes, it's less compelling and a bit cheesy, but maybe I just want to have fun and not have my heart broken for once.

This is the comedy genre after all. Running Point has great cast chemistry between Isla and her brothers Cam (the drug addict), Ness (the weirdo), Sandy (the gay) and Jackie (well, no spoilers), as well as coach Jay and chief of staff Ali.



The family — both blood and chosen — provides genuine laugh-out-loud moments and I binged it very easily.

Left on a cliffhanger, I'm chuffed this show has been renewed for season 2.

It's perhaps even the catalyst for the recently announced season 4 of Ted Lasso, which could be feeling a little threatened by its lighter and more relaxed younger sibling.

Safe to say I am enamoured with them both. I've no idea what's happening on the court but, fortunately, that doesn't seem to matter.

#Throwback This day in history

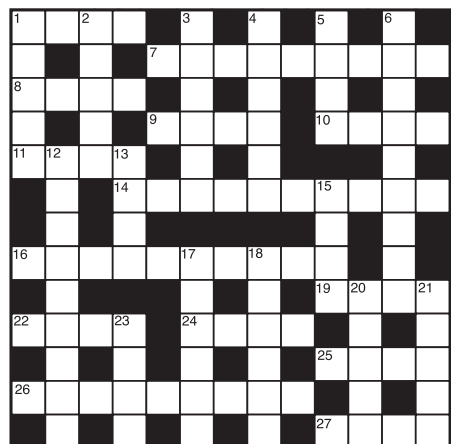
March 18, 1985: Iconic Australian soap opera Neighbours premiered on the Seven Network. It was axed six months later before being picked up by Network Ten which successfully aired the series for almost 40 years. The soap's final episode is set to air in December 2025.

March 18, 1990: In what was considered the world's biggest art heist, two men pretending to be police officers stole 13 prized works, including paintings by Rembrandt, from the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum in Boston, USA. The stolen art was never recovered.

March 18, 2017: American singer-songwriter and guitarist Chuck Berry, who was a leading and influential performer in rhythm-and-blues and rock-and-roll music, died aged 90.



Crossword



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- Endow (5)
- Quiet (4)

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Diamond Wedding Anniversary



HATCHER, Ian and Helen (nee James).
Married 20th March, 1965, at Moonta Methodist Church.

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Deaths

BAILEY, Peter David.
Loved and loving partner and friend of Shirley, Raymond and Kate, Kerrie and Nathan, Trent and their families.

Father of Nicole, Daniel and Adam.

Loving grandfather of Tabitha, Austin, Chelsea, Lillian, Imogen and Chloe. Great-grandfather of Amelia and Mikayla.

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Deaths

Continued...
BAILEY, Peter David.

Precious brother, brother-in-law and uncle of Keith and Bub, Brenton and Heather, Trevor and Julie, Lisa and Jason, Bin (deceased), Patsy and Bill, Mark and Teresa, Paul and Michelle, Brianne and Jason, Daryl (deceased) and Martin, and his great-nieces and nephews.

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DOLPHIN, Charles Thomas.
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Forever in our hearts.

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MAYCOCK, Rosie (nee Fraser).
Passed away peacefully at Mary Potter Hospice on 9th March, 2025.
Much-loved sister of Graham, Janet, Bill, Arnold and Collin.

NASH, Shirley Kathleen.

Passed away peacefully in The Village, Maitland, on Tuesday, 11th March, 2025, aged 95 years.

Beloved wife of Dennis (deceased).

Much-loved mother of Denise, David and Jacqui, and Paul.

Adored nanna of Jenna, Ben, Renee, Melissa, James and Sarah.

Great-nanna to 11 great-grandchildren.

Reunited with Dad.

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Deaths

SEYMOUR, Ross Lindsay (Rosco).

Passed away suddenly at Minlaton on Tuesday, 11th March, 2025, aged 79 years.

Cherished husband of Kathy (deceased).

Father of Danielle, Linda, David and Matthew, and a beloved Poppa.

Forever in our hearts.

SEYMOUR, Ross Lindsay (Rosco).
16-7-1945 – 11-3-2025

Treasured father and father-in-law of Danielle and David.

A much-loved Poppa of Lauren and Bradley.

Loved a good yarn and to have a laugh.

Reunited with his beloved Kathy.

Sadly missed always.

SEYMOUR, Ross.
Brother of Andrew and Judith.

Uncle to Jody, Tracey and Scott.

Great-uncle to Amber, Megan and Teddy.

A great brother and friend who will be sadly missed.

Rest in peace.

In Memoriam

KOWALSKI, Peter.
Passed away 20th March, 2024, aged 77 years.
You were my world.
Love and miss you, your wife always, Pat.

NICHOLS, Robert (Rob).
Twelve months have passed.
My mind still talks to you.
My heart still looks for you.
But my soul knows you are at peace.
I miss you every day.
Love Glenyse.
Loved and fondly remembered by all the family.



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Thanks to the doctors, nursing team and domestic staff for the care offered to Kaye preceding her passing at the Wallaroo Hospital.

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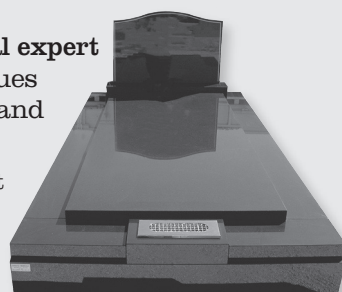
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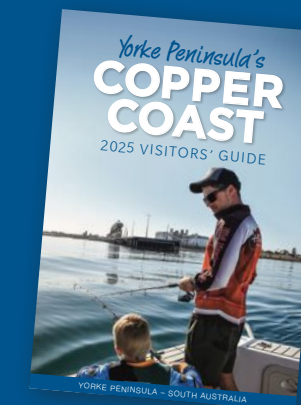
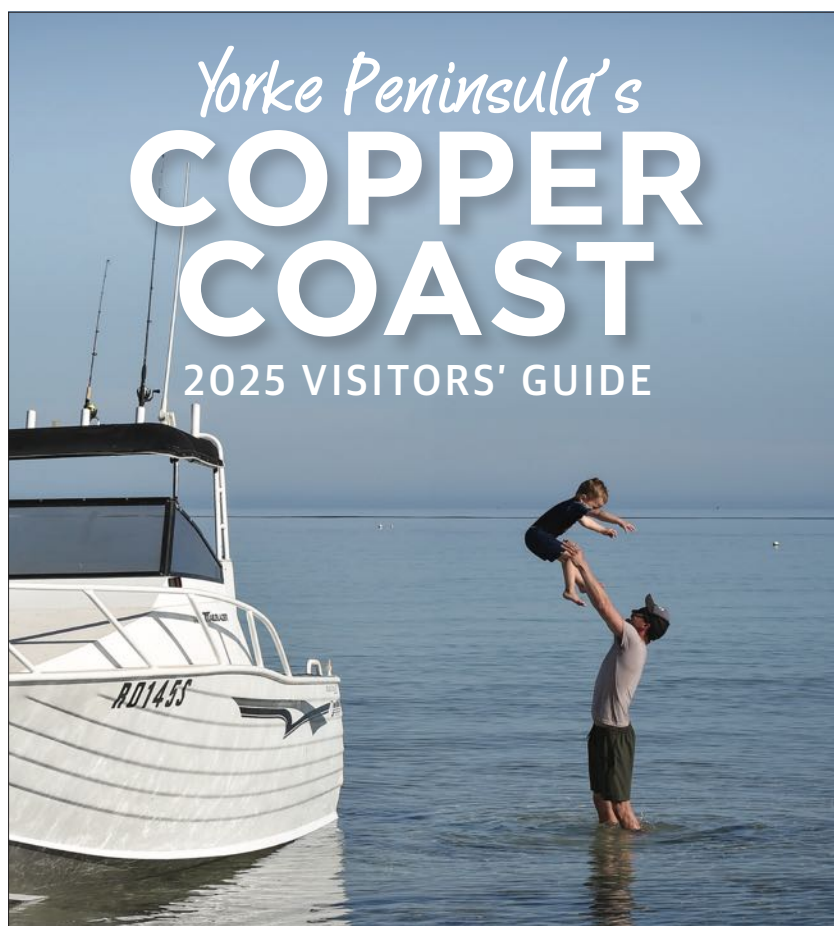
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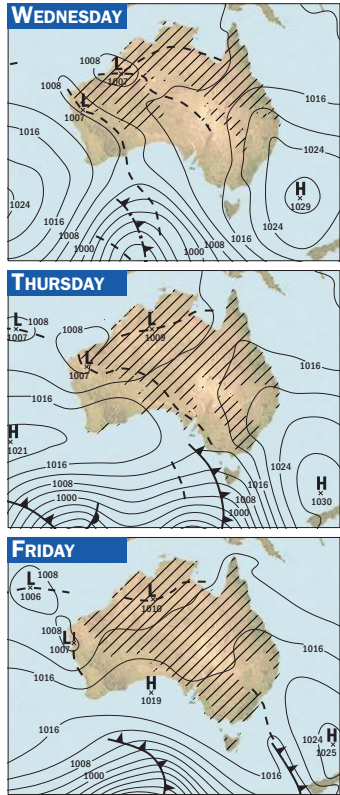
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Weather forecast issued at noon, March 18, 2025

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STATE
Wednesday: Isolated showers and storms about the far west and north. Maximum temperatures average to above average. North to northeasterly winds, with afternoon sea breezes. **Thursday:** Isolated showers about the west, extending across to the east and north during the day. Possible storms about the north. Maximum temperatures average to above average. Northeast to northwesterly winds, ahead of a south to southeasterly change moving across from the west during the day. **Friday:** Isolated showers contracting to the northern agricultural area during the day. Possible storms about the north. Maximum temperatures average to above average. Southeast to northeasterly winds.

YORKE PENINSULA DISTRICT
Wednesday: Sunny. Light winds becoming north to northwesterly 20 to 30 km/h in the morning then turning east to northeasterly 15 to 20 km/h in the late afternoon. **Thursday:** Partly cloudy. High chance of showers, most likely in the morning. Winds north to northeasterly 15 to 25 km/h shifting south to southeasterly during the afternoon. **Friday:** Cloud clearing. Winds southeasterly 15 to 25 km/h turning southerly during the day.

SPENCER GULF
Wednesday: Winds: Northeast to southeasterly 10 to 15 knots tending north to northeasterly early in the morning then tending east to northeasterly in the early afternoon. Seas: Below 1 metre. Swell: South to southwesterly around 1 metre, increasing to 1 to 1.5 metres south of Cowell to Wallaroo. Weather: Sunny. **Thursday:** Winds: Northwest to northeasterly 15 to 20 knots tending southeast to southwesterly during the morning then tending southeasterly during the evening. Seas: Around 1 metre, increasing to 1 to 1.5 metres south of Port Neill to Port Victoria during the evening. Swell: South to southwesterly below 1 metre, increasing to 1 to 1.5 metres south of Cowell to Wallaroo. Weather: Partly cloudy. 60% chance of showers. The chance of a storm.

GULF ST VINCENT
Wednesday: Winds: East to northeasterly about 10 knots tending north to northeasterly 10 to 15 knots before dawn then becoming variable about 10 knots in the middle of the day. Seas: Below 1 metre. Swell: West to southwesterly below 0.5 metres. Weather: Sunny. **Thursday:** Winds: North to northeasterly 10 to 15 knots shifting south to southwesterly during the morning then tending south to southeasterly during the day. Seas: Around 1 metre. Swell: West to southwesterly below 0.5 metres. Weather: Partly cloudy. 60% chance of showers.

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SUNDAY ▼15° ▲30° Mostly sunny
MONDAY ▼15° ▲31° Late shower

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WEDNESDAY ▼15° ▲33° Sunny
THURSDAY ▼21° ▲29° Showers
FRIDAY ▼17° ▲28° Mostly sunny
SATURDAY ▼15° ▲28° Mostly sunny
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WEDNESDAY ▼16° ▲28° Sunny
THURSDAY ▼22° ▲24° Rain
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Arthurton	0.0	0.0	2.0	21.5	475.5
Bute	0.0	0.0	1.4	16.7	393.2
Curramulka	0.0	0.0	0.0	17.7	423.6
Edithburgh	0.0	0.0	5.8	16.2	383.2
Kadina	0.0	0.0	1.4	25.0	319.2
Maitland	0.4	0.6	3.2	20.6	502.3
Minlaton	1.5	1.5	10.5	17.9	427.1
Moonta	0.4	0.4	1.0	19.1	369.2
Paskeville	0.0	0.0	0.0	17.3	386.6
Pine Point	0.0	0.0	6.0	18.0	373.1
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Port Victoria	2.0	2.0	2.0	16.1	379.1
Port Vincent	1.2	1.2	8.3	14.5	359.4
Price	0.3	0.3	1.7	17.3	325.2
Snowtown	0.0	0.0	1.0	15.9	367.2
Stansbury	0.8	0.8	9.4	16.0	403.0
Stenhouse Bay	0.8	0.8	6.8	18.1	451.0
Wallaroo	0.0	0.0	2.0	19.3	356.8
Warooka	0.0	0.0	5.6	16.2	442.5
Yorke town	0.2	0.2	5.8	16.5	416.6

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Time	m	Time	m	Time	m
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Wallaroo

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HOT FISHING TIPS

with Greg James www.gregjamesfishing.com.au

Welcome to the column with all the hot tips for fishing around Yorke Peninsula; contact Greg by email at greg@gregjamesfishing.com.au.

Wallaroo: Due to Friday’s long power and internet outage, boat crews were unable to pay their ramp fees as they launched for garfish, snook, a few blue crabs and salmon trout. Jetty fishers enjoyed warm weather for much of the week as they tried for salmon trout, blueys and squid in the late afternoons.

Moonta Bay/Port Hughes: The weather was a hot early in the week, followed by strong southerlies on Sunday. Boat crews ran out for garfish, blue crabs, snook and the odd King George whiting. The jetties have squid and a few blueys.

Point Turton: Squid and salmon trout were caught around Levens Beach, Point Souttar and off Gleasons Landing. The Pines and Corny Point have gar, whiting and squid

while the jetty has squid and garfish in the early mornings.

Stenhouse Bay/Marion Bay: Big-boat fishers off Spencers and the Althorpes are catching tuna, red nannygai and kingfish. Closer to shore there are flathead, whiting and big squid. The jetties are worth a try for squid, tommy ruff (Australian herring) and mullet.

Edithburgh/Stansbury: The jetties have tommies and blue crabs at night while boat crews are reporting gar and KG whiting from Sultana Passage, Rocky Gully and the Orontes Bank. A few blueys and squid are out from The Hut just south of Port Vincent.

Ardrossan: Just legal KG whiting have been caught at Long Spit and Gus Shoal but after daylight the trumpeters take over. The jetty has squid and mullet while locals raking the shallows at Macs Beach and James Well are finding blue crabs on the incoming tides.

Tight lines and see you next week!



Match Point

NYPTA DIV I GRAND FINAL...
Anthony Galley, Moonta, at
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