



# Staying open in the dark

### Sarah Herrmann JOURNALIST

WHILE many businesses shut their doors during the recent mega power and telecommunications outage on Yorke Peninsula, others soldiered on

with inventive solutions, community spirit, and a service mindset at the ready. From makeshift barbecues to booming generator sales, some stores turned adversity into opportunity, finding new ways to support their communities.

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# Speak up about our health system

I WRITE to encourage participation and/ or attendance at this week's two local public hearings scheduled by SA Parliament as a result of our health petition signed by over 11,000 people calling for reform and improvements to the delivery of health services on Yorke Peninsula.

The first is at Yorketown Town Hall, noon to 3.30pm this Thursday, March 27, and the second is at Wallaroo Town Hall, 9.30am to noon on Friday, March 28.

The Parliamentary committee has already received, commendably, in the vicinity of 60 written submissions by concerned locals and stakeholders to the underway investigation. The above two public hearings provide additional vital opportunity for oral submissions to be presented directly to the committee members charged with making recommendations to the SA Government.

If you have already written a submission, please also consider making an oral presentation to ram home your call for improvements.

If you weren't confident in writing a submission and are better at speaking on a topic, please contact my office or the committee (8237 9442; email EFC.Assembly@parliament. sa.gov.au) to register your interest in giving an oral presentation at Yorketown or Wallaroo.

This is our time to speak up!

Anvone interested in attending at either the Yorketown Town Hall or the Wallaroo Town Hall to just listen to proceedings can do so.

There is no need to RSVP or register to do this; only individuals, organisations or community groups wishing to address the committee and present an oral submission are required to contact the committee prior to attendance.

This is an exciting opportunity for the Narungga electorate, and I hope many people can show their concern and support by speaking at, or attending, one or both hearings.

Thank you all who have contributed to the petition and subsequent inquiry so far - you are making a difference!

Fraser Ellis MP Member for Narungga

# **Age Pension and** the CPI

REGARDING the next CPI increase for the Age Pension.

The CPI is based on a "basket" of nominally typical everyday costs, but from what I can see, the contents of the "basket" do not even closely reflect the expenses of those in the lower income brackets.

Over the past 12 months, groceries have gone up significantly, power up 8 per cent, car registration up 3 per cent, rates up 4 per cent, deviously based on a raised property valuation, and so on.

Don't get me started on rent.

Postage for a standard letter is about to go up 15 per cent, household insurance up at least 6 per cent, courtesy of disasters elsewhere, and health insurance, if you can afford it, up by 9 per cent.

These numbers are courtesy of a review of

personal bills, and good-old Google searches. It is obvious that the "basket", managed by shiny seats in a well-paying government job,

has sadly missed the mark. The next age pension increase can buy an

extra two postage stamps a fortnight. Thank you, bean counters.

> Nick Clarke Moonta Bay

# **Waiting time**

AFTER recently waiting more than 90 minutes for a blood test in Minlaton — while others waited even longer — I urge a review of inadequate opening hours and staffing levels across Yorke Peninsula.

Many residents cannot afford to travel elsewhere for testing.

The service is great once you're in, but the hours are causing distress, stress and concern to community members, many of whom are fasting, stressed about pending results or unwell.

For a state-run service it's just not good

enough. Put two practitioners on, we deserve it. The current service model is making patients line up in capacity waiting rooms or outside in all weather.

Also, I and the other women in the packed waiting room were exposed to lewd comments from an older man.

Linda McCabe Port Vincent

# Independent candidate replies

I REFER to the recent letter to the editor from retiring Member for Grey Rowan Ramsay regarding my standing as an independent in the seat in the forthcoming federal election (YPCT 25-2-25).

I am proud to have been selected, following an open nomination process led by energised community members across the electorate who are fed up with the way the major parties take our region for granted.

The Independent for Grey campaign has been met with overwhelming support, not just locally, but from across the country. Being involved in an election campaign is an enormous undertaking, especially in an electorate as large and diverse as ours.

We are fortunate to have received assistance from grassroots movements like Climate 200 and the Regional Voices Fund.

These organisations provide communitybacked independent candidates with crowdsourced funding and expertise. I encourage readers to visit their websites to learn more: https://regionalvoicesfund.com.au/about and https://www.climate200.com.au/about-us.

While we appreciate the support from individuals and groups nationwide, I am particularly grateful for the incredible backing from within the electorate. What we keep hearing is that people in our region feel frustrated and ignored by the major parties and want to see change.

As a community independent, my accountability is to the people of Grey, not to Climate 200, nor to political party bosses. Anita Kuss Port Pirie

# **Well done**

CONGRATULATIONS to the organisers and all who participated in the Maitland Agricultural Show on Saturday, March 15. In extreme weather and after a major power outage, the event was well organised with

industrial cooling systems. Even in adversity, it gave a sense of having much to celebrate about country life.

Phil and Tanya Whittaker Ardrossan



# **Cold comfort**

SINCE Yorke Peninsula's mega power and telecommunications outages just over a week ago, we at the YP Country Times have been bombarded with countless stories of how our community was affected.

One thing is clear: these outages were genuinely debilitating and isolating for so many who are vulnerable.

This includes our local small businesses.

The exact economic impact is still to be confirmed, but many insist this is no blip. They are fed up with our region being

left behind and will not stand for this event being swept under the rug.

Premier Peter Malinauskas has previously called SA's small businesses "the lifeblood of our economy and our community" that contribute \$49 billion a year and employ 40 per cent of the state's workforce.

But when the outages that battered so many of those businesses were discussed in the South Australian Parliament last Tuesday (March 18), the premier looked as if he was nodding off to sleep.

Energy Minister Tom Koutsantonis was telling Narungga MP Fraser Ellis that ElectraNet and SA Power Networks were not required to provide any compensation to their YP customers - and Mr Malinauskas sat nearby with his head resting on his hand and his eyes trained on the floor.

However, Mr Koutsantonis, Mr Ellis and ElectraNet chief executive Simon Ebbs have all committed to investigating what went down on the fateful Friday, March 14.

One thing you can do to help is fill out Regional Development Australia Yorke and Mid North's survey, which is an attempt to compile losses and could be used to argue for recompense (details pages 4 and 5).

Aside from the money, if ElectraNet doesn't have to face consequences from this, what's to stop it happening again? I think everyone agrees this is far from

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\*DISCLAIMER: Fraser Ellis is the Member for Narungga. Fraser is the son of the owner and publisher of the YP Country Times, Michael Ellis.

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# Funding secured for Copper Triangle Aerodrome upgrades

Joanna Tucker

COPPER Triangle Aerodrome will receive \$242,180 in upgrades, funded by Copper Coast Council and the Regional Airports Program grant.

Council secured a \$121,400 grant and will contribute the remaining funds to meet the total cost.

The project will upgrade the aerodrome's lighting system to meet Civil Aviation Safety Authority requirements, ensuring safe access for essential services such as the Royal Flying Doctor Service during adverse weather.

Copper Coast Flight Group's Dean Rodda, a former pilot and aerodrome volunteer, said RFDS flights were often turned back due to fog or poor weather, particularly in winter.

"It happens seven to nine times a year, which is a lot especially in emergencies," Mr Rodda said.

RFDS landings are currently restricted because the aerodrome's lights are not CASAcertified, despite meeting the same standards as those at Port Pirie, Whyalla and other regional aerodromes. "They were installed around 20 years ago by a local electrician but, because there's no paperwork confirming certification, CASA says they need replacing," Mr Rodda said.

Copper Coast Council CEO Dylan Strong said the aerodrome was a vital regional asset, and lighting upgrades would be key to CASA certification.

"This funding is a significant investment in the safety and accessibility of the Copper Triangle Aerodrome," he said.

"Certification will also allow GPS arrival procedures, enabling all-weather access and improving safety for all users."

The RFDS has conducted 571 flights to Kadina in the past year, airlifting 645 patients.

RFDS SA/NT executive general manager of aviation Mike Galvin said the RFDS landed at Kadina daily, often in challenging conditions.

"As a provider of aeromedical services to rural, remote and regional Australia, we applaud all initiatives that improve aerodromes in the communities we serve," Mr Galvin said.



FUNDING SECURED... Dean Rodda from the Copper Coast Flight Group, who regularly volunteers to maintain Kadina's Aerodrome, is excited to see the airport upgrade, with the support of grant funding and Copper Coast Council. Mr Rodda is pictured with one of the many lights to be replaced through the project.

# Building consent received for mystery Kadina development

BUILDING consent has been given for the vacant block opposite Aldi in Kadina, marking the next step towards its development.

Building consultancy Tecon Australia granted stage 1 building consent for Lots 32, 34 and 35 Frances Terrace on March 20, as listed on the Plan SA website.

This follows Copper Coast Council's planning consent, granted to Development Holdings on January 7.

The commercial development will in-

clude one shop (restaurant), two bulky goods outlets (shops) and verandah advertising signage, along with site works,

carparking, and landscaping. Currently, "Development approval — planning, building: stage 1" is under

assessment, while "Building consent stage 2" is still required, according to Plan SA.

The application was lodged in June 2023, and the project remains a confidential item in Copper Coast Council meetings.

# Spencer Gulf TV sold

SOUTHERN Cross Austereo has sold its television assets, including its Spencer Gulf channels, to Australian Digital Holdings.

The sale of TV assets in Spencer Gulf, Broken Hill, Mount Isa, Tasmania, Darwin and remote, central and eastern Australia was announced on Thursday, February 27.

ADH was founded in 2021 and has launched the Australian arm of American media company Newsmax.

SCA axed the 7 Spencer Gulf Nightly News bulletin, which featured stories produced by journalists based in Port Pirie, Whyalla, Port Augusta, Port Lincoln and Broken Hill, in April 2023.

It was the last locally produced commercial television news program in regional SA and had been operating since 1968.

# **Jetty works**

FLINDERS Port Holdings have begun preparations for major jetty remediation works in Wallaroo

Activity by the company is expected to commence on March 27 but will continue into October, 2025.

Copper Coast Council has said to be aware that the works are expected to impact jetty and road users.

These works are not undertaken by council, so any questions can be directed to Flinders Port Holdings on +61 (0)8 8447 0611 or wallarooprojects@fphgroup.com.au.



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# **POWER OUTAGE**

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# **Businesses seek compensation**

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A FIGHT for justice has begun after revelations that neither ElectraNet nor SA Power Networks are required to compensate customers for the up to 20-hour power and telecommunications outages that hit Yorke Peninsula on Friday, March 14.

Energy Minister Tom Koutsantonis told the South Australian Parliament on Tuesday, March 18 there is no regulated compensation scheme for transmission network failures, which are the responsibility of private company ElectraNet.

The blackout was "not a fault of SA Power Networks", which only managed the distribution network, and therefore it was also not liable.

"Some people may be aware of the Guaranteed Service Level payments, which are payable to customers for distribution-related power outages of more than 20 hours," Mr Koutsantonis said. "In this instance that payment does not apply."

He said individuals or businesses who suffered loss or damage may be covered through their personal insurance, but not through any regulated scheme.

The minister's comments were a result of questioning by Narungga MP Fraser Ellis who advocated for his constituents throughout the sitting period.

Mr Ellis told parliament he would be working towards finding a way to provide compensation, instituting proactive and routine cleaning of network insulators, and reviewing the adverse community outcomes that occurred, including the lack of phone service and refrigeration, "to ensure that those things never happen again and that we have contingencies in place".

In terms of compensation, he said Regional Development Australia Yorke and Mid North was preparing a survey to gauge losses.

"I'm investigating whether we can afford a Private Member's Bill to expand compensation from just distribution issues to transmission issues," Mr Ellis said.

"It doesn't matter why the power's out, what matters is people lost stock and lost trade.

"I'm hearing from businesses that it's unlikely to be paid out by their insurance company.

"If you're getting unfairly rejected by your insurance company, by all means report them to the authority, but the reality is I don't think it should be on businesses to file these things and drive their premiums up through no fault of their own."

Regarding cleaning, Mr Ellis said ElectraNet chief executive Simon Emms "called me and committed to a thorough review of how the power outage occurred".

"ElectraNet said ... they've had two crews working cleaning manually for the past two months statewide," Mr Ellis said.



FRUSTRATED... Moonta business owners Rhys O'Donohue, Jo Gibbons and Belle Schonfeldt with Narungga MP Fraser Ellis are some of many seeking recompense after Yorke Peninsula was hit by a day-long power and telecommunications outage on March 14.

"Whether that's enough or not is up for debate; I reckon it's not.

"But they've said it's been so hot and dry without enough rain that, by the end of the day's work for the crew, more work had been undone than what the crew could do."

Mr Ellis said locals had told him of a row of nine fires along a line of Stobie poles on southern Yorke Peninsula, and many stories of powerlines arcing and glowing, that they witnessed ahead of the mega outage; power had also been going off in the weeks beforehand.

"There was a helicopter crash in 2019 when they (ElectraNet) were doing the Carrapateena Mine, which discouraged them from using helicopters to clean the transmission lines as frequently, in addition to the cost," he said.

"My understanding is a helicopter went up again yesterday (Thursday, March 20) and will be more frequently used going forward in times of extreme dry because that's the most efficient way to clean instead of cherry pickers."

Telstra and Optus were on his list of things to follow up in reviewing community assets, Mr Ellis said.

"We need phone towers that last for a whole blackout, and we need some sort of refuge centre that's temperature controlled so people can congregate if they can't get to the beach, at the bare minimum," he said.

The RDAYMN survey is available at forms.office.com/r/gkjDJtmsnv and is open until April 30.

# **BUSINESSES SAY NETWORKS 'LET US DOWN'**

LOCAL businesses have expressed their fury at the announcement that ElectraNet and SA Power Networks are not required to compensate them for their losses.

Taste the Yorke, Moonta, owner Jo Gibbons said she lost around \$7500 in stock, let alone repurchase costs and wages.

"For business interruption insurance, my broker has said it's highly unlikely that I'll be successful on a claim," she said.

"And the only thing I could claim is the loss of stock, not loss of trade and the repurchase of stock.

"My clause, like most clauses, is between one day to three days (without power) before you can claim."

Ms Gibbons said she believed there should be a compensation scheme for loss of stock at least. "The economic impact on the region will be significant, and once that the (Regional Development Australia Yorke and Mid North) survey's done and we can start to analyse the data from that, it'll really start to show.

"It doesn't just affect hospitality, it ripples through accommodation, tourism, health, trades."

Minlaton Bakery owner Lisa

Martin said it was "not good enough" there would be no compensation and her business was "not backing down".

"Both SA Power Networks and ElectraNet let us down," she said. "They knew their equipment

needed servicing.

"It was too little, too late and we're now paying the consequences of thousands of dollars lost and

the stress."

Ms Martin said the companies needed to pay for what was "their doing, not ours".

"I'm not going to be shushed when we worked so hard in order to keep a bakery open on the peninsula," she said.

"If you're not going to look after us (businesses), we're going to turn around and go what's the point?"







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# **POWER OUTAGE**



# **Turning outage into opportunity**

Sarah Herrmann

WALLAROO restaurant Fat G's had a lunchtime epiphany to cook meals on a barbecue in their courtyard.

"My 2IC manager came to me and said we could use her boyfriend's camp stove to boil some water for coffee and that's when the lightbulb turned on and I just went 'I've got the big six burner barbecue, we could be doing yiros out in the courtyard right now!," owner Corey Gutteridge said.

"We do not lay down and roll over, we get up and we fight.

"People were loving the atmosphere of it and it's given us the broader idea of hey let's do this more often, let's get the barbecue out, what else can we do and where can we take this?

"The heat didn't bother me because we're used to the heat in the kitchen, but what was good for me was coming out from behind the scenes and being out front and interacting with people and them seeing me cook."

Co-owner Lidia Gutteridge said they cooked yiros, burgers, steaks and hotdogs, as well as selling cold drinks.

"We just decided to get rid of our stock rather than take the chance that insurance was going to do something," she said.

"It was like a mini street party because we had music going and everyone was chatting; it was really cool.

"It helps the community out and it helps us out."

At SYP Motors in Minlaton, Ian and Anne Dreckow also had a huge day selling generators.

"I sold five new ones and a second-hand one; that was all we had, we ran out," Mrs

s Dreckow said.

"We have a workshop as well, so people brought in generators (to be fixed) and I've had a million generators come in since — all the ones people had that (they realised) didn't work (during the outage).

"I sold whipper snippers and a lawnmower and all sorts of things.

"It was exhausting; I think when I went home my fitbit had done 7700 steps."

### Help with roller doors

COPPER Coast Garage Doors is offering free visits to demonstrate how to use the emergency release mechanism to manually open and close roller doors.

Director Anthony Galley says many people struggled with this during the power outage.

"I found that they were able to get out okay, but re-engaging the door after the power came back was a problem, and still is a week after," he said.

"We're getting two or three callouts a day since the black-out."

Mr Galley said people should refer to the instruction manual, or the card attached to the release cord; not force anything; and be careful climbing ladders.

"Every opener has its own unique little quirks that need to be done to get it back into gear, so there's not one set rule," he said.

"That's why I've offered the complimentary service to show each person the specific instructions for their specific door.

"Knowing how to operate your door in an emergency is essential for your safety and convenience.

"Feel free to reach out, and I'd be glad to assist you."

# **Measly millimetres**

YORKE Peninsula last week experienced some of its most significant rainfall this year, but still not enough to keep the possibility of more power outages at bay.

According to tentative Bureau of Meteorology statistics, Paskeville won the day with 4.6 millimetres on Thursday, March 20, while Kadina and Stenhouse Bay received around 2mm.

On Friday, March 21, Bute received 2.8mm, Moonta 1.8, Maitland 1, Price 2.4, Stansbury 1 and Yorketown 0.4.

ElectraNet and SA Power Networks attributed Yorke Peninsula's recent power outages to dust and salt buildup on powerlines, stating that rainfall would help alleviate the issue.

An ElectraNet spokesperson said last week's rain helped but they would still be conducting a thorough washing program in the region.

An SAPN spokesperson said the rainfall wasn't significant enough to overcome the issue of insulator pollution.

"We need a rainfall of approximately 10mm in a 24-hour period," they said.

# Your thoughts on no compensation

### Joanne Miller

Why doesn't the minister put some pressure on private companies to do the right thing?

**Chris and Lorena Hunter** 

Class action. Put it before the court.

### Ashley Camp

We didn't lose much but someone needs to pay for those who did.

### Neil Armstrong

Nice cop out Tom. Congratulations on your third-world electricity supply to Yorke Peninsula. Time for the state to take back all public utilities.

### Natesha Davey

This is absolutely disgusting, 18-plus hours in over 35 degree weather! Families and businesses are already struggling and this has been a massive hit on top of all of that.

### Mo Lehmann

All this privatisation of our essential services has done nothing but line the pockets of these overseas companies and our politicians.

These comments, made on YPCT's Facebook page, have been edited for length and clarity.

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# POLICE/NEWS | 6

# High chlorophyll levels in gulfs

NASA maps published by the ABC show higher-than-usual chlorophyll levels for this time of year in Spencer Gulf, St Vincent Gulf and off the Fleurieu Peninsula.

A suspected microalgae bloom has likely caused the deaths of dozens of fish and marine life on several FP beaches.

Some beachgoers have also reported sore eyes, coughing and blurry vision after visiting the area.

Primary Industries and Regions SA told the YP Country Times it had not received any reports of fish kill events on Yorke Peninsula.

"Chlorophyll is the green pigment in plants and algae, so relatively high chlorophyll levels are an indicator of a greater presence of these organisms," a spokesperson said.

"It does not necessarily mean that a fish kill will occur.

"In regard to the fish kill event on the Fleurieu Peninsula, early indications suggest it has been caused by environmental factors, possibly due to an increased presence of microalgae.

Water test results confirm that Karenia mikimotoi is the cause of the microalgae bloom on FP, according to the Environment Protection Authority.

"Karenia mikimotoi is toxic to fish and invertebrates and

can cause general allergic-type responses in humans," a state government media release said.

"Human exposure, including through breathing in algae particles, can cause respiratory and eye irritation or skin rashes in some people, while ingestion could cause stomach upsets or flu-like symptoms.

"The EPA expects the microalgae will dissipate naturally over time, depending on wind, swell and tidal conditions and they will continue to monitor the bloom.

"The event has been driven by an ongoing marine heatwave, with marine water temperatures currently 2.5 degrees Celsius warmer than usual, as well as relatively calm marine conditions with little wind and small swell."

Environment Minister Susan Close and SA Health Principal Water Adviser Dr David Cunliffe advise beachgoers to avoid the water and shoreline, especially any discoloured or murky areas of water along the affected beaches.

Ms Close added that anyone who comes into contact with the microalgae should rinse it off with fresh water

To report suspected microalgae sites, contact Fishwatch on 1800 065 522 or report to the EPA on 1800 623 445 or via yourepa@sa.gov.au.

# **Fire destroys Port Hughes home**

A FIRE at a home on Snell Avenue, Port Hughes, caused \$600,000 in damage on Friday, March 21.

The blaze caused the roof to collapse and was battled by three Metropolitan Fire Service appliances and 12 firefighters, with support from Country Fire Service crews.

Flames were visible from the roof when MFS crews arrived, but the occupant had already evacuated and was assisted by SA Ambulance Service.

A smoke advice warning was issued for nearby residents, and the fire was contained within 45 minutes.

Fire investigators have been unable to determine the cause.

### Maitland break-ins

Police are investigating two breakins and a property damage incident in Maitland.

Overnight on Friday, March 14, a business on Elizabeth Street and another on Rogers Terrace were broken into, though no items appeared to be stolen.

Nearby, police found a Ford station wagon with damaged tyres.

Investigators are determining whether the incidents are linked and urge anyone with information who has not yet come forward to contact Crime Stoppers at www.crimestopperssa. com.au or call 1800 333 000.

Reports can be made anonymously. **Pine Point drink driver** 

A man was reported for drink driving after being stopped at Pine Point on Saturday, March 22.

Police received a report at 4.30pm of a Mitsubishi sedan being driven errati-



cally on Pine Point Road.

Patrols soon located the vehicle and breath-tested the driver, who allegedly returned a reading of 0.260 — more than five times the legal limit.

The 68-year-old Wool Bay man was reported for drink driving, lost his licence on the spot for 12 months, and had his car clamped for 28 days.

He will be summoned to appear at Maitland Magistrates Court at a later date.

### Speedster jailed

A man was arrested on Monday, March 24, after being caught driving at 177km/h on the Augusta Highway, near Port Wakefield.

Just after 9am, State Operations Support Branch police spotted a silver Toyota heading south.

The vehicle was detected travelling 67km/h over the speed limit.

The driver, a 47-year-old Western Australian man, was arrested and charged with excessive speeding.

He was bailed to appear in the Port Pirie Magistrates Court on May 5, had his licence disqualified on the spot for six months, and his vehicle was impounded for 28 days.

## Supplementary Election – Close of Nominations



Yorke Peninsula Council

#### Nominations Received

At the close of nominations at 12 noon on Thursday 13 March 2025, the following people have been accepted as candidates and are listed below in the order in which they will appear on the ballot paper.

Kalkabury Ward Councillor - 1 Vacancy DINHAM Phil

GUNNING, Richard LE FEUVRE, Danny HONNER, Meg

### Campaign disclosure returns

Candidates must lodge the following returns with the Electoral Commissioner:

Campaign donation return

- Return no. 1 lodgement from Thursday 20 March 2025 to Thursday 27 March 2025
- Return no. 2 within 30 days of the conclusion of the election
- Large gift return
- Return lodgement within 5 days after receipt, only required for gifts in excess of \$2,500

Detailed information about candidate disclosure return requirements can be found at www.ecsa.sa.gov.au

### Voting conducted by post

The election is conducted entirely by post and no polling booths will be open for voting. Ballot papers and reply-paid envelopes are mailed out between Wednesday 2 April and Tuesday 8 April 2025 to every person, body corporate and group listed on the voters roll at the close of rolls on Friday 31 January 2025. Voting is voluntary.

A person who has not received voting material by Friday 11 April 2025, and believes they are entitled to vote, should contact the deputy returning officer on 1300 655 232 before 5pm, Tuesday 22 April 2025.

Completed voting material must be sent to reach the returning officer no later than 12 noon on polling day, Tuesday 29 April 2025.

# **First flu vaccines available**

SOUTH Australians are urged to plan ahead for their flu vaccination before winter, as flu cases continue to rise.

Health and Wellbeing Minister Chris Picton said SA had recorded 556 more flu cases than this time last year, with numbers expected to increase.

"We're urging South Australians to plan ahead and book in for their flu shot to protect themselves and their families," he said.

The first supplies of free flu vaccines for people aged 65 and over have been delivered to GP clinics, pharmacies, and immunisation providers. Last year, more than 67 per cent of people aged 65 and over got their vaccine.

Free vaccines for other eligible groups, including children and those at higher risk of severe flu complications, will be available from late March.

An SA Health spokesperson said around 600,000 South Australians qualified for a free vaccine under the National Immunisation Program.

This includes people aged 65 and over, pregnant women, Aboriginal people from 6 months of age, children under 5, and those with certain medical conditions.

"Flu can cause severe illness, hospitalisation, or even death," they said.

"We want vulnerable groups vaccinated early before flu season peaks between June and September."

SA also offers free flu vaccines to adults and children experiencing homelessness who are not eligible under the National Immunisation Program.

Chief Public Health Officer Professor Nicola Spurrier encouraged people to book their vaccination.

"Prevention is always better than cure, especially for influenza," she said.

To learn more, visit www. sahealth.sa.gov.au/flu.





### Assisted voting

Prescribed electors under section 41A(8) of the *Local Government (Elections) Act 1999*, may vote via the telephone assisted voting method by calling the Electoral Commission SA on:

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The Telephone Assisted Voting Centre will operate for the following times and days:

- 9am 5pm, Thursday 24 April and Monday 28 April 2025
- 9am 12 noon, Tuesday 29 April 2025 (close of voting)

### Vote counting location

The scrutiny and count will take place from 9:30am on Wednesday 30 April 2025 at the following location:

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# Public hearings to be held on Yorke Peninsula health inquiry

Joanna Tucker

SOUTH Australia's Economic and Finance Committee will visit Yorketown and Wallaroo this week to hear from those who use Yorke Peninsula's healthcare system. The committee will host public hearings at Yorketown Hospital on Thursday, March 27 and Wallaroo Hospital on Friday, March 28 and has invited community members to register to speak.

Member for Narungga Fraser Ellis encouraged those with firsthand ex-

perience to share their stories.

"I encourage anyone that has firsthand experience with our health system and wants to draw attention to a shortcoming or highlight a success story that needs to be promoted to speak," Mr Ellis said.

This week's hearings represent the

last opportunity for members of the public to provide input into the inquiry.

### How to have your say

If you would like to share your views on the delivery of health services on YP at one of this week's public hearings, contact the parliamentary officer: Phone: (08) 8237 9442

Email: EFC.Assembly@parliament .sa.gov.au

Mail: GPO Box 572, Adelaide SA 5000 For further information, visit the committee's website: www.parliament .sa.gov.au/en/Committees/EFC



# Petition launched

Member for Narungga Fraser Ellis launched the health inquiry petition on October 17, 2022, advocating for regional health reform through a parliamentary inquiry into the Yorke Peninsula health system.

To trigger a formal inquiry, the petition required at least 10,000 signatures.

## Referred to committee

September 2024

The matter was initially referred to the Legislative Review Committee. Subsequently, in September 2024, the SA Parliament Economic and Finance Committee resolved to inquire into and report on the delivery of health services on Yorke Peninsula. This committee is specifically tasked with investigating factors impacting the delivery of health services in the region, among other related matters.





### Goal reached November 2023

Mr Ellis triggered a parliamentary inquiry into regional health care on Yorke Peninsula after presenting his petition with 10,688 signatures to state parliament on November 15, 2023.

At the time, Mr Ellis said petitions of this size were rarely presented to parliament and described it as extraordinary for one to originate predominantly from a single electorate.

# Inquiry Iaunched

November 2024 The Inquiry on the Delivery of Health Services on the Yorke Peninsula was launched on November 14, 2024, with four terms of reference: (1) The classification of the Wallaroo Hospital; (2) The most appropriate Local Health Network coverage of the Port Pirie Hospital; (3) Factors impacting the delivery of health services on Yorke Peninsula, especially concerning access and equity; and (4) Any other matter relating to health services on YP. The Economic and Finance Committee invited community members to submit their experiences with YP's healthcare

system, with the submission period closing on February 7, 2025.

## Final push March 2025

After the submission period closed for community input into the inquiry, the Economic and Finance Committee decided to hold two public hearings: one in Yorketown on Thursday, March 27, and another in Wallaroo on Friday, March 28. Mr Ellis said this would be the final push for Yorke Peninsula's community to make a submission, and after this point, the region's healthcare system would be in the hands of the committee.



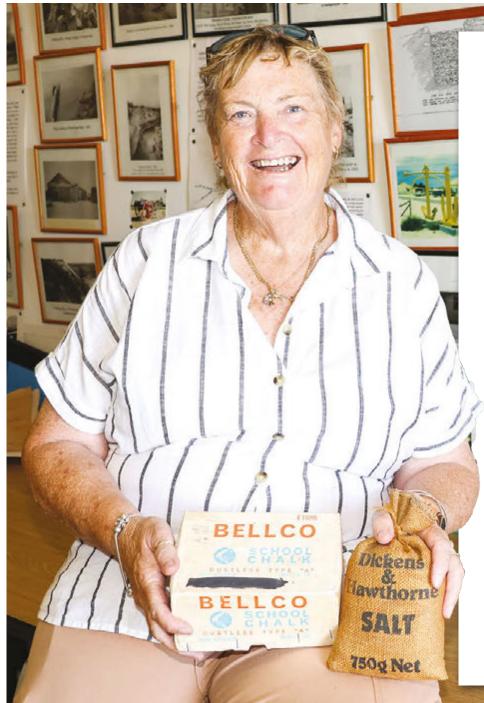
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# **Marion Bay** residents push to restore museum

**Rachel Hagan** JOURNALIST

MARION Bay has only just officially unveiled its new memorial wall, but residents are now rallying behind another major historical project — the museum.

Currently, the Marion Bay Museum shares space with the community library and is only open from 10am to 12 noon each Wednesday.

Museum volunteer Sue Lloyd wants the library moved back into the town hall so the museum can once again thrive as a central part of the new community hub, offering visitors and residents a place to reflect and learn.

"A lot of people have said to me, 'you've brought the community back to Marion Bay' with the memorial wall," Ms Lloyd said.

"Every time we had a working bee, I'd put it on Marion Bay Community (Facebook group) that we are doing this, and there were always lots of people who came to help out.

"And that's what people have said to me now about the museum, 'if we can get it open, I'm more than happy to volunteer."

The museum was established by community-minded resident Keith Nelson, who funded the building and curated most of its collection.

Following his death, ownership of the building reverted to the council, and the

community library was moved into the space, limiting access to the museum.

Ms Lloyd believes reclaiming the space is essential, as much of the area's history remains stored away.

"Because we're not allowed in there that much, I haven't had a chance to go through and see what else is in there," she said.

"But we did find the honour board that is now in the town hall - that was behind a cupboard."

Marion Bay has many dedicated volunteers eager to revitalise the museum, but they need access to the space before they can begin.

One major plan involves restructuring the museum as a walk-through experience, guiding visitors through Marion Bay's history up to the present day.

The project would also require the return of historical artefacts currently housed in Warooka.

"But until we've got something up so that we can display it, why would we take it from Warooka to just be put in a cupboard?" she said.

However, after the success of the memorial wall, Ms Lloyd is confident the community is up for the challenge. Residents will soon contact Yorke Peninsula Council to explore ways to move the project forward.

NEXT PROJECT... Sue Lloyd says Marion Bay wants to transform its museum to complement the newly erected memorial wall and create a new historical hub for the community.

# Feedback sought for YP **Council financial plan**

YORKE Peninsula Council is seeking community feedback on its revised draft Long-Term Financial Plan for 2026-2035.

The plan guides future budgets by assessing how proposed projects impact the council's financial sustainability.

Mayor Darren Braund said the LTFP ensured the council remained financially stable while continuing to deliver essential services and infrastructure.

"By regularly reviewing our projections (of income and costs) and aligning them with current economic conditions, we can ensure the best outcomes for our community," Mayor Braund said. Some of the plan's key targets include: • Achieving a positive operating surplus ratio within the short to medium term (1-5 years) • Maintaining a net financial liabilities ratio within the recommended local government target of 100 per cent of operating income annually · Ensuring spending on asset renewal aligns with the Strategic Asset Management Plan, with an asset renewal funding ratio of at least 100 per cent Following council's endorsement of the draft, the LTFP is now open for public consultation. "We value the input of our community, and this is an opportunity for residents to share their thoughts on council's financial direction," Mayor Braund said. Community engagement plays a key role in shaping our financial priorities and long-term planning?



# **Uni launches SA Rural Medical Program**

FOR the first time in South Australia's history, aspiring rural doctors can complete their entire medical degree in regional communities.

Flinders University's new SA Rural Medical Program aims to develop knowledge, understanding and skills central to various areas of medical practice, producing graduates with the potential to pursue a full range of medical specialties.

Sixty students, including 30 in Mount Gambier, have begun their studies in the landmark program, which is designed to address the critical shortage of doctors in regional, rural and remote areas.

Flinders University Vice-Chancellor Professor Colin Stirling said the program was a game-changer for rural health in SA.

covered by the Adelaide University Rural Clinical School, it provides an opportunity for students to study medicine in a regional context.

Federal Minister for Health Mark Butler said the government was committed to increasing healthcare workers in regional, rural and remote areas to provide much-needed care to communities.

One of the best ways to achieve this is by supporting people to train in country areas so they create networks, become part of the community and want to stay," he said.

One of the first-year students, Nick Carrodus, relocated to Mount Gambier from Victoria to study in the program. He said he had always wanted to become a doctor, but it had felt unachievable until

SEEKING FEEDBACK... Yorke Peninsula **Council mayor Darren Braund is encouraging** residents to help shape the council's future.

"For the first time, medical students can complete their entire degree in regional SA, embedding them in local communities from day one," Professor Stirling said.

"We know that students who train in the regions are more likely to stay and practise there, and this program will help to build a sustainable rural health workforce for SA."

Students in the program will spend their first two years in Mount Gambier or Renmark before completing their clinical training across Flinders' extensive rural network — including the Barossa, Riverland, Hills Mallee Fleurieu, and Greater Green Triangle.

Although the program does not offer placements on Yorke Peninsula, as YP is now.

"Now, I'm here with my family, studying medicine in Mount Gambier," he said. "I'm so grateful to be part of this journey and hope to give back to this commu-

nity that has already given me so much."

The Federal Government has allocated 20 additional Commonwealth Supported Places and \$19.7 million in funding from 2023-24, with a co-contribution from Flinders University, to support 40 students in the program.

Priority admission is given to applicants who live in rural SA, are Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander, or have rural backgrounds from interstate. Applications from non-rural backgrounds are also encouraged for those interested in pursuing a career in rural medicine.

# **Copper Coast Ratepayers discuss key projects**

COUNCIL REP... Representing Copper Coast Council at last week's Copper Coast Ratepayers meeting, chief executive Dylan Strong spoke about many current projects.

# Joanna Tucker

COPPER Coast Ratepayers held their first meeting for 2025 at Wallaroo Town Hall last week, discussing major projects and community concerns.

President Neil Windsor led the March 18 meeting alongside Copper Coast Council chief executive Dylan Strong, who provided updates on recent and upcoming projects.

Topics included local businesses, the housing shortage, the Wallaroo Aquatic Facility, the five-year footpath plan, Moonta's Queen Square upgrades and council's Annual Business Plan and Budget, which will be out for consultation soon.

Discussions also covered the Moonta township upgrades, the sealing of Moonta Road at Moonta Bay, and Wallaroo Shores.

Mr Strong highlighted the Wallaroo Foreshore Masterplan, with new toilets at Wallaroo's boat ramp as this year's priority.

"The consultation showed strong support for additional toilet facilities along the foreshore," he said.

Plans included relocating and renovating the Office Beach toilets to the boat ramp and building new toilets at the existing Office Beach site, with completion expected between July and December. Progress on the Wallaroo Aquatic Facility has been delayed due to funding approvals, he said.

"We've been held back from starting engineering and detailed design," Mr Strong said.

"Now we have the all-clear, it will take around seven months to move from concept drawings to full-scale construction."

The Wallaroo Entrance Roads project, which involves both council and State Government roads, was another focus.

"Negotiations have been complex to agree on standards and funding responsibilities," Mr Strong said.

He revealed plans for a future road swap, where the South Australian Government would take over heavy vehicle roads, such as Bowmans, Sharples and Magazine, while the council would gain control of the main township roads.

"That will move heavy vehicles out of town and allow council to undertake more projects."

While the current project does not include a roundabout at Wallaroo's five-way intersection, council intend to address it in the future.

### Other key projects examined

• North Beach car park — Work to expand parking and improve traffic flow would begin after Easter



PRESIDENT... Copper Coast Ratepayers president Neil Windsor welcomed everyone to the meeting on March 18.

• Port Hughes jetty repairs — A \$1million maintenance project soon, addressing deteriorating pylons and decking. Despite the works, the jetty remained safe and open to the public, Mr Strong said.

• Road maintenance — Mr Strong acknowledged council had fallen behind in road maintenance and said it would take years to catch up.

Wallaroo Swimming and Aquatic Committee community leader Ian Shields expressed disappointment at the low meeting turnout, noting that mainly senior residents attended.

"I was hoping to hear from people who criticise from a distance but do little when it comes to solutions," he said. "There are many opportunities to contribute to the community through local organisations."

The next Copper Coast Ratepayers meeting will be held at Kadina Town Hall on Tuesday, June 10.



# Four candidates vie for Kalkabury seat in YP Council by-election

**Rachel Hagan** JOURNALIST

FOLLOWING the passing of Yorke Peninsula Council elected member Alan Headon, the Kalkabury seat is now up for re-election, with four candidates vying to represent the community.

The YP Country Times spoke with each candidate - Danny Le Feuvre, Meg Honner, Phil Dinham and Richard Gunning - to learn how they plan to serve the Kalkabury ward.

Postal voting materials will be mailed out from the first week of April and voting closes at 12 noon on Tuesday, April 29.

# Danny Le Feuvre

DANNY Le Feuvre, who has lived on YP for over 20 years, says he has decided to put himself up for candidacy to ensure the peninsula's communities can thrive in this challenging environment.

After managing his own small business on the peninsula for 15 years and working in a range of government and not-for-profit roles, Mr Le Feuvre said he had a clear understanding of how to navigate bureaucracy.

"Beyond the standard roads, rates and rubbish issues - everyone is feeling the cost-of-living crisis and pressures on households at the moment," he said.

"We need to ensure our local government focuses on efficient use of existing resources before putting further pressure on households.

"Local businesses are also feeling the pressure with empty shops in all of our main streets reducing the vibrancy of our towns.

"There is more work that can be done to support, retain and attract local businesses which in turn creates sustained employment opportunities."



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The footprint

of YP Council's

Kalkabury ward.

Retaining young people in our communities is another issue Mr Le Feuvre feels strongly about.

He said more needed to be done to make YP attractive enough for the next generation to want to live, play and work here.



# **Meg Honner**

As a fifth generation YP farmer, as well as a mother, small business owner and artist, Meg Honner says she is eager to step up and offer her wealth of experience to support the future of her beloved community.

"My ancestors worked hard to make our way of life here and I think they'd be disappointed if I didn't put my hand up to help," she said.

"I'd like us to think about the Yorke Peninsula as a whole, not just a coast or the town where we live.

'We need to look to the future as a united community if we want to thrive."

One of Ms Honner's key concerns, which her own family has been deeply affected by, is the safety of roads.

"My 15-year-old sister died in a car accident on the Pine Point Road many years ago, and that road is still as bad now as it was then," she said.

"Are we waiting for another of our youths to die before we do something about the

# **Phil Dinham**

WITH a long career managing his trucking business and almost 20 years working for Adelaide City Council, Phil Dinham says he has the right skills and empathy to take on the role of elected member.

Dinham said the council needed to be more accountable for where ratepayers' money was being spent, and to make sure people who paying rates ere around to see the benefits.

"I fully support Councillor Adam Meyer (in his dispute with YP Council staff) - I think we've got to be able to ask questions of our officials and get some answers," Dinham said.

If elected, Dinham said he would ask those tough questions, but in a diplomatic way because he was sad to see the current conflict in the council.

Dinham said one of the key areas for improvement was the difficult task of managing the high numbers of tourists who ere damaging infrastructure.

# **Richard Gunning**

PAST councillor and business owner, and now retiree, Richard Gunning says he has the time, skills and will to give back to his

community through the local council.



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state of our roads?"

She said council also needed to be more proactive and positive by progressing the community with more local initiatives and making sure the peninsula's tourism was sustainable and able to support the growing number of visitors.



"We've got a massive number of interstate tourists here transiting every day; the North Coast Road probably has 1000 vehicles a day on it, and it's people towing big caravans," Dinham said.

"That's a lot of wear and tear on our beautiful peninsula, so we've got do some sort of cost recovery.



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In his 30s, Gunning spent two terms as an elected member on the District Council of Central Yorke Peninsula, before the amalgamation of councils.

He said he did not continue in his role as his family and work needed to take priority. Gunning said the YPC needed a total upheaval, and he wanted to give it a go and "try straighten a few things out".

Being an elected member for the community was a big responsibility, but Gunning said he would not be there for the pay or the limelight, "that sort of stuff doesn't worry me".

Gunning said the biggest issue he wanted straightened out was internal council spending.

"They've got to run it like a business,

it can't be run as a kindergarten because you've got the cost factors blowing out," Gunning said.

"I can bring a reasonable management role to what they want done.

"They need to treat it like a business because it's everybody's money and they are just wasting it."

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# NEWS

# Four new doctors bolster Wallaroo ED

### Joanna Tucker JOURNALIST

WALLAROO Hospital's emergency department is being strengthened with the addition of four salaried doctors.

Dr David Teubner, Dr Sing Lok and Dr Ivan Hoh have recently joined as senior consultants, with Dr Vish Ramaraju set to start soon.

The new doctors will play a key role in consulting with nurses and retrieval teams, standardising patient care procedures and contributing to hospital governance.

Yorke and Northern Local Health Network chief executive Roger Kirchner said the new doctors would provide crucial support to existing ED staff, improve continuity of care and reduce reliance on locum doctors.

The senior staff members' knowledge would also be beneficial to trainee doctors completing their placements at the hospital, giving them the opportunity to learn from experienced professionals, Mr Kirchner said.

As well as overseeing junior doctors on rotation, the four seniors have been tasked with expanding training opportunities for clinical staff. Their arrival follows the appointment of Dr Dewald

Behrens as consultant and director of emergency medicine at Wallaroo and Port Pirie Hospitals in May. Dr Hoh said he was excited

to contribute to the hospital and the community.

"The Wallaroo community has been extremely welcoming since I arrived and I'm looking forward to serving the region," he said.

"The hospital has a dedicated and professional team and, together, we will work to ensure our service delivery is high quality."

According to Health Minister Chris Picton, the appointments reflected the South Australian Government's commitment to hiring more doctors across the state.

"Having permanent doctors stationed at the hospital will give the community reassurance they will have access to a consistent level of care, no matter what day or time of the week it is," Mr Picton said.

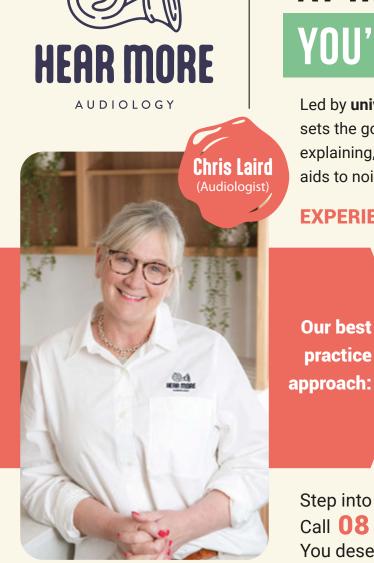
"It's great to see Wallaroo Hospital now has permanent doctors working in its ED - Ithank YNLHN for its efforts to achieve this'

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TWO OF FOUR... Emergency department consultants Dr Sing Lok and Dr Ivan Joh have joined the Wallaroo Hospital team. They are two of the ED's four new doctors.



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# **Regional shark mitigation project**

# Rachel Hagan

COMMUNITY consultation on the Yorke Peninsula for the Regional Shark Mitigation Project has begun, with Surf Life Saving South Australia visiting southern YP.

SLSSA head of lifesaving and emergency operations, Sean Faulkner, spoke at the Yorke Peninsula Council meeting on March 12 and will visit Marion Bay and Corny Point this week to engage directly with the community.

He emphasised the importance of local input, stating that solutions could be devised solely from Adelaide.

"It is a fact of life that we share the waters with a number of marine creatures, so we are not trying to stop shark attacks, but we are trying to improve public safety through education and awareness, and then improving emergency responses wherever we can," Mr Faulkner said.

South Australia has recorded four fatal shark attacks in the past two years — one in Dhilba Guuranda-Innes National Park in December 2023 and three on Eyre Peninsula.

Out of about 30 shark species inhabiting South Australian waters, five are considered potentially dangerous: white sharks, thresher sharks, shortfin makos, bronze whalers and dusky whalers.

Last November, the SA Government, in conjunction with SLSSA, delivered a \$500,000 package to reduce the risk and impact of shark interactions.

"Whilst we've got some funding, that money actually doesn't go very

far when you look at the size of South Australia," Mr Faulkner said. The funding will support coastal

risk assessments, new signage, trauma kits, drone training and regional education programs in 26 local council areas along vastly different coastlines.

At the YPC meeting, Mr Faulkner said SLSSA aimed to train community members to operate drones, which could reach emergency situations faster than police helicopters and improve response capabilities.

These drones would also allow remote communication with swimmers or surfers nearly a kilometre away, advising them to exit the water if necessary.

Local councils would be able to use the drones for other tasks, making them a valuable asset for multiple purposes, he said.

Regarding mobile shark-sighting apps, Mr Faulkner acknowledged the Yorke and Eyre Peninsulas' limited phone coverage, making such technology impractical in the region.

"The reality is, if you don't have connectivity, it's useless," he said.

As an alternative, some communities were implementing a flagpole warning system using an internationally recognised red-and-white quartered flag to signal water evacuations.

"This is a better way of doing it, and we're including a community noticeboard with a chalkboard system to write up any notifications," Mr Faulkner said.

SLSSA is working to implement both high-tech drone solutions and low-tech, regionally suited, approaches to improve shark mitigation across South Australia.

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION... Surf Life Saving South Australia's head of lifesaving and emergency operations Sean Faulkner will be visiting SYP communities to discuss the Regional Shark Mitigation Project.





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# Barn Hill wind and battery project

AGL Energy is set to proceed with its first combined wind and battery project after securing new approvals for the Barn Hill development, near Redhill.

Originally approved in 2009 with plans for 62 wind turbines and a capacity of 150 megawatts, the project was sidelined

The revamped Barn Hill project will feature up to 50 turbines with a vastly increased capacity of 360MW, along with a 270MW battery capable of storing 1080MWh of energy.

AGL expects to make a final investment decision later this year for the wind farm component, with the battery decision transition.

"The wind farm is expected to generate around 958GWh annually, while the battery system will be able to dispatch up to 270MW over four hours," Mr Brokhof said.

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### Tuesday

7am-10am Today This Morning with Dissident Dave; 10am-1pm Tuesday Rock Tunes with DJGaye; 1pm-4pm DJ JK & DJ A; 4pm-7pm Totally Taz; 7pm-10pm The Hughesy Show; 10pm GULF FM Music Mix.

### Wednesday

7am-10am Kezza's Korner with Kezza; 10am-1pm Jolly Roger Show, 1pm – 4pm Hump Day Dissident Dave; 4pm-7pm Marky Mark show with Mark Foyler; 7pm-10pm Pure Country Show; 10pm GULF FM Music Mix.

### Friday

7am-10am TGIF with Butterfly; 10am – 1pm Friday Alive with Lorraine H; 1pm-4pm GULF FM Music Mix; 4pm-7pm Hughsey Show with Hughsey; 7pm-10pm GULF FM Music Mix; 10pm GULF FM Music Mix.

#### Saturday

7am-4pm GULF FM Music Mix; 4pm-7pm Old Time Rockin' Roll with DJ Gaye; 7pm-7am GULF FM Music Mix.

#### Sunday

7:30am Good News Breakfast; 8am-11am Keepin' It Country; 1pm-4pm Rock'n'Doll with Tammy Lee; 4pm-8pm GULF FM Music Mix; 7pm-10pm Country Gospel; 10pm GULF FM Music Mix. when AGL shifted its focus to coal-fired power stations in 2011.

Now, with plans to exit coal entirely, the company has sought fresh approvals to accommodate modern wind turbine technology and battery storage. likely to follow.

Construction is slated to begin in early 2026, with project completion expected in 2028.

AGL's chief operating officer Markus Brokhof said the project marked a significant step in the state's renewable energy past year, with the target of 100 per cent net renewables by 2027.

Barn Hill is among several new battery projects planned by AGL, which already operates the Torrens Island battery in South Australia and the Broken Hill battery in NSW.





MOVING FORWARD... Progress at the Wallaroo Shores Resort townhouse development (pictured late last year) has been stagnant but may see movement with the possibility of the adjoining Wallaroo Shores residential estate land being sold.

# **Project update: Wallaroo Shores debt**

Joanna Tucker

AT LAST week's Copper Coast Ratepayers meeting, Copper Coast Council chief executive Dylan Strong reported that the Wallaroo Shores developer owes council close to \$9 million.

Mr Strong also provided an update about the ongoing sale of the residential estate land at the foreshore development.

The 100-townhouse Wallaroo Shores Resort spans 3.4 hectares within the 18.5ha development, which also includes 656 residential allotments.

Council and developer Monopoly Property Group are working together to find a strategic buyer for the estate land.

In 2017, council agreed to

co-fund the construction of Liberator Way and was to be repaid through a separate levy but, with the development facing financial difficulties, it hopes to instead recover costs through the estate land sale.

According to Mr Strong, MPG originally owed \$6.5m for Liberator Way; however, with interest, the total debt has reached about \$8.8m.

"It is important to note that council owns the road, but we are intending to recover the cost of construction of that road through the sale of estate land," he said.

Mr Strong confirmed council had a seat at the table in the property sale and remained focused on achieving the right development outcome.

"It (the sale of the estate land)

is progressing, and that is probably about the limit on what I can say because of the commercial interest involved." he said.

He acknowledged concerns over the apparent lack of progress but assured residents that significant work had been happening behind the scenes; indeed, the development had taken up much of his time since joining council in October 2023.

"Council's intention at the moment is to see through the estate sale and get an outcome down there for development we want to see that area developed and we want to see it developed the right way," he said.

"I feel for the builders, because they have a big job on their hands.

"(The builders) gave me a courtesy call in January and

assured me that they are committed to the project and they too want to see an outcome."

Despite the complexities of multiple ownerships, Mr Strong said all parties — including individual owners, developers and council — were working towards a resolution.

Wallaroo Swimming and Aquatic Committee community leader Ian Shields said his focus at the ratepayers' meeting was Wallaroo Shores.

"It was pleasing to hear this issue has been a top priority and Mr Strong emphasised that progress has occurred — although on the surface it doesn't appear this way," Mr Shields said.

The meeting was held at the Wallaroo Town Hall on Tuesday, March 18 (see story page 9).

# Wallaroo Shores' troubled history

CONSTRUCTION of the 100 townhouses at the \$42 million Wallaroo Shores Resort was held up following the voluntary administration and liquidation of previous builder Felmeri Homes in mid-2023.

At the time, more than 25 individual stakeholders worked together to raise an additional \$25 million required to restart the resort project after Felmeri's demise.

MPG engaged new builder Tonkin Schultz Design Build in January 2024 and construction recommenced at the resort in April.

Despite this, nearby residents have raised concerns about the lack of visible progress and the state of the site.

Complaints have included unfinished buildings, construction debris, dumped rubbish and overgrown weeds.





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# Independent newspapers raise concerns over political 'news' sites

AUSTRALIA'S largest association of independent newspapers has backed calls for the Australian Electoral Commission to review several online publications allegedly funded by Climate 200 supporters.

Country Press Australia president Andrew Schreyer said the case highlighted the growing risk of politically funded propaganda being disguised as independent news in the lead-up to the federal election.

"The AEC has an excellent record of strictly monitoring and regulating political advertising, but now there is a new threat where fake 'news' sites can become a loophole for political advertising donations to fund 'journalism' that mainly produces political propaganda."

CPA members, representing more than 240 publications, have raised concerns that trust in local newspapers is being undermined by Gazette News, a network of online publications claiming to provide quality local journalism.

"It's all too easy now to set up a 'news' website that publishes political propaganda dressed up as journalism and amplified through social media campaigns," Mr Schreyer said. "Such sites are a threat to the integrity of our political advertising regulations and to public trust in truly independent news publishers."

AEC disclosures reveal that Gazette News's three major funders have also donated over \$1.7 million to Climate 200 and its associated candidates.

"The revelation that Gazette News online publications are funded by top teal donors damages the reputation of independent regional, rural, and local mastheads," Mr Schreyer said.

"Consumers of content produced by Gazette News publications need to be made aware of their funding sources and view their content through that lens."

Mr Schreyer emphasised that CPA members adhere to strict journalistic standards under the Australian Press Council's code of ethics.

"We also welcome calls by Shadow Finance Minister Jane Hume for an AEC investigation into these digital publications and hope for a speedy resolution given the upcoming federal election."



WATER SAFETY... Free Stay Afloat clinics in Ardrossan and Wallaroo will help the Yorke Peninsula community stay up to date with changes to lifejacket requirements.

# Life changing jacket

LIFEJACKETS are one of the most important pieces of equipment on a boat.

With recent changes to lifejacket standards, Marine Safety SA is encouraging everyone to attend free Stay Afloat lifejacket clinics to learn more.

The clinics will run from 9am to 1pm — at the Ardrossan boat ramp on Wednesday, April 5, and the Wallaroo boat ramp on Thursday, April 24.

Attendees will learn how to properly size, fit and maintain life-jackets

Minister for Infrastructure and Transport Tom Koutsantonis said recreational boating should be a positive and fun experience for everyone, but these activities could also be dangerous.

The clinics support the South Australian Government's goal of achieving zero fatalities and injuries among recreational boaters and other water users by 2030.

"Our efforts over the next five years will focus on reducing fatalities and harm from recreational boating by enhancing education opportunities, modernising the boat licensing system, simplifying safety equipment regulations, supporting and enforcing safer boating behaviours and incorporating new technologies," Mr Koutsantonis said.

Since January 1, 2025, older standard lifejackets no longer meet requirements; instead, they must comply with Australian Standard 4758, which provides greater buoyancy and visibility.

Lifejackets meeting older standards — including AS 1512, AS 1499, and AS 2260 — are no longer acceptable in SA. Boaters may face fines if their lifejacket does not comply with AS 4758 or another approved international standard.

Department for Infrastructure and Transport Marine Safety and Compliance manager Gordon Panton said lifejackets were important for everyone to wear, especially for children.

"The Stay Afloat clinics are supporting a water-safety-first culture among recreational boaties and are an opportunity to brush up on your skills and knowledge," Mr Panton said. "Prioritising your safety also protects those around you, creating a safer future for everyone on our waterways."

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For the past two decades in South Australia, boating-related incidents were the second leading cause of drowning deaths.

In the past two years, 65 people have lost their lives from drowning, and only one of those was wearing a lifejacket.

From 2020 to 2024, almost 20,000 boats were checked for compliance, and 38 per cent of vessels were found to be non-compliant.

The biggest issues found were failure to carry safety equipment, expired safety equipment, failure to wear lifejackets, an unregistered vessel and speed offences.



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# **Beautifying Broughton**

### Sarah Herrmann JOURNALIST

future of Port THE Broughton's Bay Street is in the community's hands, with Barunga West Council soon to seek the public's thoughts on how to spend an \$87,000 Planning SA grant dedicated to the town's main drag.

A quarter of the grant has already been used on completing the civic square and funding construction drawings for the main street.

These preliminary sketches will be used to conduct the community consultation, which hasn't been held in relation to the matter since 2021, acting chief executive Paul Simpson said at BWC's March 11 meeting.

"I was a little concerned that council was asked to make decisions on a draft concept plan without having first consulted with the traders and broader community to give you the best oversight," Mr Simpson said.

"I've had experience with main street masterplans and main street upgrades

in other organisations, and as much as you can consult you still haven't consulted enough.

"I envisage drop-in sessions, the consultant will be knocking on every business door and having detailed one-on-one meetings.

"This may take months to do the consultation correctly; it's not something I want to rush."

Issues with the main street discussed in the report and meeting included non-compliant or dilapidated roads and footpaths, as well as poor stormwater infrastructure.

Elected member Brian Lockyer and Mayor Leonie Kerley said Bay and Harvey Streets flooded during heavy rain.

Councillors Kevin Beinke and Sophie Tod said they were concerned the renovations could be lengthy and affect businesses' incomes; Mr Simpson said this was something that would be discussed in the consultation process.

BWC has until June 2026 to fully acquit the grant funding.

# **Palm trees: to remain** or to remove?

NEARBY businesses seem to be divided over whether the palm trees that line Bay Street, Port Broughton, should stay or go as part of the main street upgrades

Port Broughton Home Hardware owner Mark Bellman said he was a fan of the palms.

"It's a nice view coming into town with the palm trees down the centre," he said.

"But I am pro them doing other works around the trees; by all means they can certainly make that look much better."

Mr Bellman said he'd also like to see the Harvey and Bay streets crossroad improved.

"That can be a nasty intersection at times," he said. "There's been talk of a roundabout there; there may not be room but making that safer would be good."

Sea Haze Villas owner and lifetime PB resident Angela Ball agreed the trees should stay.

"Why do we need to change stuff when it's not broken?" she said.

"(But) you do have to keep up with the other tourist towns because they're doing the exactly the same, trying to attract tourism.

"Parking is a big problem and will be as the town gets bigger.

"Our little street isn't going to be big enough to cope with it."

However, Broughton Meat Store's Jeremy Winden called the palm trees "horrible".

"I think they look terrible in rural South Australia," he said

"The road, the trees, the median strip need an upgrade because it all looks pretty old and tired."



RENOS... Civic square is just the beginning of Port Broughton's main street upgrades. Pictured are apprentice Bob Cockburn and stonemasons Wayne and Jake Pring working on the square's feature wall last vear.

# Creating a legally sound will

### **Advertising Promotion**

DIY will kits are marketed as a quick and affordable way to create a will, but Mildwaters Byrth Lawyers & Conveyancers say these kits often fail to highlight the potential for costly mistakes

The kits promise convenience and savings, allowing individuals to draft their own wills, but the most effective way to create a legally sound will is to consult a solicitor.

"Things we might take lightly have extra significance under the law," Mildwaters Byrth principal and lawyer Kylie Mildwaters says.

"For instance, they (the kits) may not properly address the distribution of jointly owned property or assets held in trusts.

"Such oversights can result in partial intestacies, where parts of the estate are not covered

by the will, necessitating court intervention to determine the rightful distribution."

But the kits might also fail when it comes to the simple state of a document and its presentation.

"For example, a client brought me a will-kit will her husband had left; it had perforation marks on the side, so I asked her where the booklet was," Ms Mildwaters

"She said she had torn the will out of the booklet on the day she came to see me and had left the booklet at home.

"By tearing the will out of the booklet, an additional affidavit had to be prepared to explain who tore it out, why, and the chain of custody from where it was collected to how it ended up in my office, ensuring no one else had tampered with it."

affidavit was also required from a witness to the will confirming were met

\$5000," Ms Mildwaters says.

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"All this extra work meant the estate cost about \$8000 to administer when it would otherwise have only cost about

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# Best in show at Maitland

FIRST place winners in competitions at the Maitland Show, held on Saturday, March 15, are as follows:

Agricultural produce: Evan Kakoschke, Graham Mattschoss, Matthew Schulz, Darren Stock.

Models and structures: Malachi Schulz, Elsie Stock, Mitchell Adams, Sienna Smith, Joel Adams, Aviella Schulz, Joel Adams, Owen Cook

Children's section: Elsie Griffiths, Zoe Adams, Mitchell Adams, Sienna Smith, Ellie Cook, Cooper Schulz, Avery Smith, Aviella Schulz, Lucy Sanderson, Asha Wegener.

Photography: Julie Oster, Shayla McKay, John Cook, Lucy Mattschoss, Isaiah Schulz.

Floriculture: A and J Stott, Jessica Edge, Karen Andrews, John Bradshaw, Julie Drewett, Simon Collins, Jan Stott, Central Yorke School, Jenny McCormick, Izzy Smith, Rebecca Smith, Pauline Edge, Simon Greenslade, Louie Edge, Ivy Correll, Bethany Stock, Sienna Smith, Sonia Harvey, Cooper Schulz, Lachlan Collins, Henry Hoskin.

Perpetual Rose Trophy for most successful rose exhibitor: John Bradshaw.

Garden produce: Jemma Adams, Kaleb Chandler, Phil Andrews, Central Yorke School, Krystal Schulz, Simon Collins, Jan Stott, Pauline Edge, River Moustrides, Fletcher Correll.

Jams, pickles and preserves: Eleanor Mack, Dulcie Barker, Sarah Smith, Jan Stott, Susannah Stock, Krystal Schulz, Rodney and Leanne Osborn, Anthea Evans, Kaleb Chandler, Mark Harte, Isaiah Schulz, Henry Hoskin, Zoe Adams, Mitchell Adams, Sienna Smith, Ivy Correll, Aviella Schulz.

Home brewing: Joe Donaldson, Joseph Svehlak, Neil Twelftree, Graham Mattschoss.

Cookery: Rosita Scragg, Julie Oster, Dulcie Barker, Kathryn Adams, Emily Stock, Deanne Button Kaye Francis, Sarah Van Schaik, Jacki Schulz, Kathy Nixon, Cooper and Harvey Schulz, Kester Jacobs, Jordan Adams, Dominic Staun, Avery Smith, Elsie Stock, Joel Adams, Sienna Smith, Bethany Stock.

Metalwork and woodwork: Darren Burbidge, Adrian Stott, Reg Lutze.

Needlework: Jan Stott, Emily Stock, Suzanne Bigmore, Leanne Osborn, Di Buttery, Chris Hocking, Bronwyn Liebelt, Jean Wheare, June Blaschek, Elsie Griffiths, Joel Adams, Cadence Bormann and Zoe Adams.

Margaret Francis Memorial Perpetual Trophy for most successful exhibitor in needlework: Jan Stott.

Junior art: Teddy Cook, Zoe Adams, Cooper Schulz, Zara Harvey, Mikaela Harvey, Zara Stuart, Ivy Correll, Bethany Stock, Alix Karger, Ellena Schulz, Aviella Schulz, Asha Wegener.

Ute Muster: grand champion ute ribbon, Bear Jeffrey, 1941 Ford.

Maitland Auto Preservation Society Trophy: Phillip Org, Mercedes Benz 600.

Best Trade Site: Mana Dreams.

Best Agricultural Site: WSB Distributors.





SQUEAKY CLEAN... The Parkview environmental team in their new laundry. Back: Jody Cunningham, Jane Delaney, Maggie Chudleigh, Nicole Roach; front: Toni Barnes, Sue Jackson.

# Loads of laundry

### Sarah Herrmann JOURNALIST

PARKVIEW Aged Care, Moonta, has officially opened its new \$500,000 laundry facility.

The upgrade includes two commercial washing machines, two commercial dryers, laundry distribution trolleys, and all new sheets and towels — which residents chose to be a coffee brown colour.

Parkview can now wash and dry all its linen on-site, including personal items —

a service that was previously outsourced. General manager Michael Powell said the renovations had taken four months, during which time the environmental team had to operate out of a "FIFO demountable laundry".

"I would like to sincerely thank our dedicated Parkview laundry staff who ensured that our residents continued to receive personal laundry services while the renovation was undertaken," he said.

Mr Powell also acknowledged SMFA Architects, which designed the laundry, and Pascale Constructions, which contracted many Yorke Peninsula trades and suppliers to do the work.



UPGRADE... Parkview board chairman John Hodgetts and resident Gwen Hynes ready to officially open the new laundry

said the idea of a new laundry had been in the works for two years and she was thrilled to see it come to fruition. "The machines are so fast, the dryers dry everything really quickly, so it's a quicker turnover," she said.



OPENING... Maitland Show Society president Nicholas Rodda and guest speaker Wendy Perry officially opened the show. Environmental supervisor Jane Delaney



# **Bridging the allergy** gap in rural areas

WITH allergies being one of the fastest growing chronic conditions in Australia, a new platform called Allergy Assist has been launched to offer a much-needed lifeline to doctors in rural communities.

The platform was created as a response to the Parliamentary Inquiry into Allergies and Anaphylaxis to help bridge the healthcare gap around this issue in rural communities.

Assistant Minister for Health and Aged Care Ged Kearney said everyone deserved better healthcare, but this platform was a major step forward for those living rurally and remotely.

"As a nurse I saw just how debilitating and common allergies can be," Ms Kearney said.

"So, now it's important to me that the Australian Government supports this initiative."

The platform is free to use and is designed to provide timely and specialist advice about allergy conditions to thousands of practitioners across the country.

Practitioners will be able to access education, advice and diagnostic support, which will include support in selecting appropriate testing and treatments.

five million More than Australians are affected by allergic conditions but, on Yorke Peninsula, risks such as pollen allergies are made even more dangerous with the peninsula's above-average hospitalisations of asthma sufferers.

But it is not just hay fever; food allergies are on the rise and can be life-threatening with fatalities from food-induced anaphylaxis increasing by around 10 per cent each year.

Currently one in 10 newborn babies are affected by food allergies, and about two in 50 adults.

National Allergy Council director and Allergy and Anaphylaxis Australia chief executive, Maria Said, said, because of long waits in hospital triage systems, those suffering from allergic rhinitis are

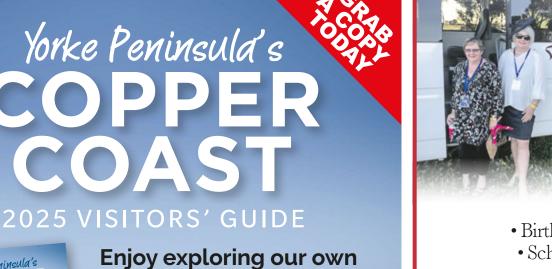
often not prioritised, but these changes will empower GPs to manage patients locally, so patients do not need to go to hospital.

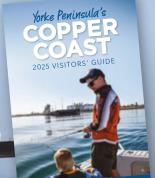
"For families in rural areas, conditions such as allergic rhinitis, commonly known as hay fever, are often trivialised, yet they can significantly impact a person's quality of life — affecting their sleep, work, and social interactions," Ms Said said.

Allergy Assist will run as a pilot program until February 2026; if it is successful, the platform will have the potential to be a permanent fixture in Australia's healthcare landscape.

For more information, visit: https:// nationalallergy council.org.au/ projects/sharedcare-for-allergy/ allergy-assist







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**KERNEWEK** 

LOWENDER...

# Dressing the Graves to honour local residents

PLANS are well underway for this year's Dressing the Graves ceremony, a key event in the Kernewek Lowender festival in May.

This year, 31 former members of the Copper Coast community will be honoured through a recounting of their lives and the laying of flowers on their graves by descendants and family members.

Honourees come from diverse backgrounds — some were born overseas, others in Australia; some held prominent positions, while others were farmers, labourers, homemakers or children who never reached adulthood.

Regardless of their roles or ages, all contributed to shaping the Copper Coast into the community it is today.

The Dressing the Graves tradition celebrates the lives of past residents, ensuring their stories are remembered.

However, there are some

misconceptions about the nomination process.

Anyone can be honoured; nominees do not need to have held significant positions or achieved great feats. Everyone has a story worth telling.

This year's youngest honouree was just 13 months old, while others lived well into their senior years.

Nominees do not have to be long deceased. While one 2025 honouree arrived on the Rapid with Colonel Light in 1836, another was an active part of the Moonta community until 2010.

With this year's nominations now closed, the committee is seeking nominations for 2027.

For nomination criteria, visit The Farm Shed (Kadina), Moonta Visitor Information Centre, or local libraries.

Enquiries can also be sent via email to Sue Stanley at sue2000s@hotmail.com (use DTG in the subject line).



### 2023 Kernewek Lowender May Queen Chloe Paddick (middle) with grandparents Barbara and Ashley Schilling at the 2023 Moonta Dressing the Graves event.

# **2025 Dressing the Graves events**

### **Greens Plains**

At Greens Plains West Cemetery, the lives of William Henry Bayliss, Eileen Doran, William George Drewett, Norma Walter Plaisted, Emily Price and Marcus Herbet Clift Price will be honoured. When: 10am, Tuesday, May 13. At Wallaroo Cemetery, the lives of Robert Buck Jnr, Mary Ann Cannon, Margaret Davies, Karl Ernst Friedrich Kruse, John Liddy, Edith Masters, Wilhelmina Dorothea Meadows and William John Williams will be honoured. When: 1pm, Tuesday, May 13.

Wallaroo

# Kadina

At the Kadina cemetery, the lives of William Callaghan, James Harris, Thomas Heaven, John Sanders Ivey, Charles James, George Langdon, Keith Ellis Moil and Sarah Jane Rule will be honoured. When: 10am, Wednesday, May 14.

### Moonta

At the Moonta Cemetery, the lives of Arthur Edmund Freeman, James Ross Harbison OAM, George Hicks, Olive Emily Hosking, Ernest Albert and Mary Louise Marshall, Simon Roberts, John Symons and Elizabeth (Lissa) Wilton will be honoured. When: 1pm, Wednesday, May 14.

# Minlaton Foodland: A new chapter for a family business

### Advertising promotion

AFTER years of dreaming and months of hard work, Minlaton Foodland is set to officially open the doors to its brand-new store with a grand opening celebration this Saturday, March 29.

The family-owned and operated supermarket, a cornerstone of the community for two decades, now boasts a modern space featuring an in-store butcher, deli, bakery, and the convenience of an onsite car park.

For owner Vicki Love, this moment is more than just a business milestone — it's the realisation of a lifelong vision.

"This new store has been a dream of mine for years," she says. "We've always wanted to

"We've always wanted to offer our customers even





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Minlaton Foodland has been at the heart of the town since Vicki took ownership 20 years ago.

Today, it remains a true family business, with her daughters Kelly and Sarah, as well as son-in-law Michael, all working alongside her.

"Having my family involved makes it even more special," Vicki says.

"It's not just a supermarket to us — it's part of our lives, and we're proud to be serving our community."

The expanded store not only offers a more enjoyable shopping experience but also reinforces Minlaton Foodland's commitment to supporting its local community.

"We're so fortunate to live and work in such a

NEW STORE, CAR PARK... Minlaton Foodland store manager Michael Preedy and owner Vicki Love in the car park of the new Minlaton Foodland.

wonderful community," Vicki says.

"The support we've received over the years means everything to us, and this is our way of giving back."

To celebrate this exciting milestone, Minlaton Foodland invites everyone to join in the grand opening festivities this Saturday from 9am to 1am. Enjoy a day of celebrations, including a free sausage sizzle, special promotions, giveaways, kids' activities and more.

With the new Minlaton Foodland now open, the Love family looks forward to continuing its tradition of friendly service and community connection — proving that, while the store may be new, the heart behind it remains the same.



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# **FROM THE** ARCHIVES



**MINIATURE TRAIN... Ron Talbot from the Copper Coast Region Old Machinery and** Engineering Club with the train he built as a miniature of the YP Rail train that ran between Wallaroo and Bute in the 2000s. (YP Country Times, March 24, 2015.)

## **50 YEARS AGO MARCH 1975**

- Sadie and Darrell Croser officially opened their Koolywurtie Museum on SYP
- The NYP Tennis Association AI premiership team, Moonta, included captain David Lodge, Roger Woodward, Ian Holman, Graham Barker, and brothers Neville and Sterle Andrews
- Klynton Kitto, a prominent Yorke Peninsula runner, was allocated a handicap of nine metres for the Stawell Gift

## **40 YEARS AGO MARCH 1985**

- Alex Heitmann, 88, was the oldest walker and Luke Barnes, 5, the youngest in the 10km southern YP Walk for Ethiopia • W.S. Harris Pty Ltd, Maitland, celebrated
- its 75th birthday • YP Cricket Association cricketer of the year L. Elsworthy took 34 wickets and made 538 runs over the 1984-85 season

## **30 YEARS AGO MARCH 1995**

- Principal Tim McLeod congratulated Ardrossan Area School graduates Wesley Harvey, Paul Hayles, Craig Hendry and Meagan Jarrett, who achieved As in their year 12 exams
- Jeff and Jim Virgo helped brother Don Virgo celebrate his 70th birthday at Port Vincent
- Local artist Greg Coombs painted the faces of Emily Stringer, Brooke Stringer, Sonny Coombs and Maverick Daniel at the Port Broughton Hospital fair

## **20 YEARS AGO MARCH 2005**

- Incitec Pivot faced a mammoth task with its plans to vacate and remediate its fertiliser distribution site in Wallaroo
- Richard Davies, owner of the Patio Motel at Moonta Bay, proposed to demolish the existing structure and replace it with 32 serviced apartments
- Daniel Harris, formerly of Yorketown, was named captain of the SA Cricket Association team of the year

# Grants open to support local business growth



BOOST FOR BUSINESS... Max Tooze, Neptune's Surf Coaching owner and operator, is a previous YP Council business enhancement program grant recipient.

YORKE Peninsula Council's inviting local businesses to apply for grants of up to \$5000 through its Business Enhancement Program, which is now open.

Mayor Darren Braund said council recognised the vital role local businesses played in driving economic prosperity and opportunities across Yorke Peninsula.

"Our Business Enhancement Program is all about giving businesses the support to grow and thrive," Mayor Braund said.

"With grant funding open, this is the perfect time for business owners to apply and access financial support to help take their business to the next level.

"Grant funding is available on a matched basis, with businesses required to contribute 50 per cent toward their project."

One local business that has already benefited from the program is Neptune's Surf Coaching, based at Corny Point.

Owner and operator, Max Tooze, said the support provided had been invaluable.

"With the funding we received, we were able to invest in a custom-built aluminium trailer to transport and store essential surf equipment, including boards, rashies and safety gear," Mr Tooze said.

"This upgrade has streamlined our operations, improved efficiency, and allowed us to better serve our customers.

"Additionally, the program enabled us to purchase new surfboards, ensuring our students have access to high-quality equipment that en-

## With grant funding open, this is the perfect time for business owners to apply and access financial support to help take their business to the next level.

- Darren Braund, YPC mayor

hances their learning experience." Mr Tooze encouraged other local businesses to take advantage of the opportunity.

"For any local business looking

to grow, improve operations, or invest in essential infrastructure, I highly recommend applying for this program," he said.

"The support from Yorke Peninsula Council not only provides a financial boost but also fosters innovation and business sustainability in our region.

"This initiative is a fantastic opportunity to take your business to the next level — don't hesitate to apply."

For more information, including program guidelines, eligibility criteria, and online application form, visit www.yorke.sa.gov.au or contact the YPC economic development team on 8832 0000.

This round of business grant applications closes at the end of April.

# Veterans honoured at parliamentary event

service.

THE final resting places of World War I soldiers and a research hub supporting veterans' wellbeing were key topics at a Parliamentary Friends of Veterans event in Adelaide last week.

Attendees heard from guest the

history and seek living relatives before installing prescribed military headstones.

Project founder John Brownlie highlighted the lack of awareness around this issue and the importance of recognising veterans'



## **10 YEARS AGO MARCH 2015**

- Steve and Martha Marks from the Yorke Valley Hotel, Maitland, were about to head off on a cruise to Turkev for the centenary of the Gallipoli landing in WWII
- Wallaroo won back-to-back YP Cricket Association A grade grand finals; S. Wehr, from runner-up team Bute, was player of the match
- Anne Spaeth from Stansbury had her mid-length hair shaved to raise money for the Leukaemia Foundation

speakers representing Headstone Project SA and Flinders University's Open Door initiatives. Minister for Veteran Affairs Joe Szakacs and his Opposition counterpart Adrian Pederick also spoke at the event, the second staged by Dr Sarah Game MLC.

It was held at Parliament House on Tuesday, March 18. The Headstone Project SA searches for unmarked graves of World War I veterans who were honourably discharged but not automatically entitled to a government-issued headstone. Volunteers confirm burial details, research military and family

Professor Ben Wadham from Open Door discussed initiatives to help veterans transition into study and civilian careers. He emphasised that veterans' skills were an underutilised labour resource and called for better societal structures to support them.

Dr Game, who established the Friends of Veterans Group in 2023, said the event demonstrated strong cross-party support for South Australia's veteran community.

"This initiative allows politicians to engage with veterans, learn their stories, and advocate for them," she said.

CROSS-PARTY SUPPORT... Narungga MP Fraser Ellis at last week's SA Parliamentary Friends of Veterans event at Parliament House with Dr Sarah Game MLC, who organised the event.

# Community

ATTACK .

# Trinity's board gains global recognition

**ARTS AND** CRAFTS... Trinity shows off her creatively decorated

board.

### **Austinn Lane** REPORT BY

A WALLAROO student has received world recognition for her hand-painted surfboard.

With help from her neighbour, who had experience in fibreglassing, 11-yearold Trinity spent six months painting her board during the 2024 season in preparation for 2025.

The board features dolphin artwork and inspirational messages from her family and loved ones, reminding her to give it her all in competition.

"I painted the board because it looked old. I wanted it to look newer, but it also taught me to respect and look after it," Trinity said.

On the side of her board, she has written the word Thalassophile.

"It means lover of the sea in Greek," Trinity said.

Her board caught the attention of someone in Miami, who donated money to support Trinity's surf-lifesaving goals. It was also recognised by someone in Spain, who contacted the family and donated \$2500 to Henley Surf Lifesaving Club.

Trinity recently competed in the Surf Lifesaving State Championships, held at Grange on February 23 and Seacliff on March 1 and 2, representing Henley.

She won gold in the 100m beach sprint event and qualified for six of her seven event finals.

She and her mum Rachael travel to Henley Surf Lifesaving Club every Saturday for training and competition. "Some weeks we have to go down there two or three times for her training," Rachael said.

Trinity finished top 10 in the one kilometre beach run event and achieved a top seven finish in board rescue, competing in the event for the first time.

Her hard work has paid off, improving her state ranking from 71st last season to 36th this season.

"To me, this sport is more competitive than footy," Trinity said.

She also competes in pool lifesaving tournaments and is training hard for upcoming competitions.

Representing Henley's pool team, she will compete at Marion Aquatic Centre in May and June, with nationals scheduled for August 8-10.

"It is my first season doing pool rescue; I'm so excited to do rescues in winter," Trinity said.

"I will be learning to rescue mannequins off the bottom of the pool and rescue half mannequins with a tube."

Now in her fifth season at Henley Lifesaving Club, Trinity has moved into division I for her age group.

"It is a great sport to get into because she can get a job out of it, like a swim coach or swim instructor," Rachael said.

Trinity is looking forward to receiving an inspiration book featuring her surfboard, but in the meantime, she will continue training 17 hours a week in preparation for another big season ahead.

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# COMMUNITY | 22

# **Stansbury supports RFDS**

COMMUNITY support at Stansbury's Australia Day Morning Tea helped raise \$1500 for the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

The event was organised by the Stansbury Progress Association and supported by the Stansbury Dalrymple Lions Club.

Lions club members Jeff Brundell and president Ron Duncan later presented the \$1500 to RFDS SYP Support Group president Joan Bannon

Mrs Bannon expressed her gratitude for the community's ongoing support of the RFDS through the local group.



PRESENTATION... Lions club members Jeff Brundell and Ron Duncan present a \$1500 donation to RFDS SYP Support Group president Joan Bannon.

# **Wallaroo Probus** steps back in time

WALLAROO Probus Club members spent a lovely morning at the Wallaroo Heritage and Nautical Museum on February 24.

There was a wonderful spread of homemade scones and apple cake for morning tea before we took a great walk through the museum

Particularly impressive was a crocheted sailing ship. Pam Bennett





DOWNTIME... Jan Petherick, Annette Davidson and Gail Warren enjoy morning tea at the Wallaroo museum. Top: SHIP AHOY... A sailing ship, made by a crafty crocheter, displayed at the museum.





STUNNING VIEWS AND WORK... Prince Alfred College year 9 students took on the hard work of spreading rubble across the Constance Bay track in the southern Yorke Peninsula.

# PAC sharing the load

# Rachel Hagan

THE next stage of the Constance Bay walking track has had a massive push in the right direction with the help of almost 30 year 9 students from Prince Alfred College.

About 25 tonnes of rubble, previously dropped off by helicopter, has been spread by the students, staff and volunteers to reinforce the walking trail.

PAC Wambana Campus teacher and marine biologist, Michelle Hobbs said the school had a long history of service to the southern Yorke Peninsula, and the partnership with Daly Head National Surfing Reserve was over a decade old.

"The strength of the program is the partnership between volunteer surfing community members, passionate environmentalists, Yorke Peninsula Council and Prince Alfred College students and staff, all working together to improve and preserve our natural coastal environment," Ms

### Hobbs said.

"Our students are educated on the flora and fauna of the coastal environment and the geography of the landscape.

"The boys plant trees and provide the necessary labour to maintain trails and regenerate areas in decline."

The tasks at the Wambana Campus aim to develop students' character, competence, community mindedness and leadership skills — all while strengthening friendships and having fun in the outdoors.

Recent PAC participant Jack said he was excited to be a part of this project, especially because it was helping the community by providing access to the beach.

"Overall, it was great to see the final product of our hard work over the course of the day," Jack said.

"I am very grateful for being given this opportunity."

Back in January, the Formby Bay Environmental Action Group completed a major oper-



BIG PUSH... Teachers say the boys were challenged to take responsibility for themselves and grow through community service and environmental action.

ation to transport the 25 tonnes of rubble — supplied in 35 bags, each weighing 700 kilograms — by helicopter, to repair the Constance Bay track.

The helicopter was secured

with grant funding from the Department of Environment and Water.

In the coming weeks, the team will meet to coordinate the winter planting and work schedule. **Grants for AEDs** 

THE South Australian Government is making it mandatory for certain buildings and facilities to have automated external defibrillators.

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# AI to help housing

NEW AI technology is being trialled by the South Australian Government to accelerate planning approvals and boost housing development planning.

The Automated Decision-Making Pilot will assess applications in minutes, compared to the current two-week average. The six-month pilot is set to begin in late March.

The project aims to streamline approvals for detached dwellings that fall under the accepted or deemed-to-satisfy assessment pathway.

As part of the process, users will submit CAD drawings, which the AI system will automatically evaluate against pre-defined criteria. The system will then generate a detailed report, outlining the results against each relevant planning provision.

In addition to fast-tracking approvals, the AI technology is expected to free up planning professionals to focus on more complex development applications that require greater time and expertise.

## **NAPLAN** ends

NAPLAN testing for more than 86,000 South Australian students ran from March 12 to 24.

This was the third year the testing was held in term 1, following its move from May to March in 2023.

The change aimed to make NAPLAN results available earlier in the year to better inform teaching and learning programs and help teachers assess the support students might need in the following year.

Preliminary results, in all aspects except writing, will be provided to schools about four weeks after the test period.

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# Lions look out for LOTO ladies

MEMBERS of the Ladies On Their Own (LOTO) group gathered at the Blue Lime Cafe in Stansbury to celebrate International Women's Day.

The event was held a little before IWD (March 8), and the women enjoyed a special morning of coffee, cake and conversation.

This year, the Lions Club of Stansbury Dalrymple helped make the occasion even more special by sponsoring the gathering as part of its commitment to community service.

March is Lions Awareness Month, highlighting the important work of Lions Clubs in supporting local initiatives and fostering a spirit of compassion and generosity.

By supporting groups like LOTO, the Lions Club continues its mission to bring people together and make a positive impact in the community.

LOTO meets monthly, providing women with an opportunity to connect, share experiences and support one another.

The group plays a valuable role in strengthening community ties and reducing social isolation. *Chris Duncan* 



CUPPA AND CHITCHAT... At the International Women's Day Ladies On Their Own get-together, in Stansbury, back: Jeanette Butler, Cynthia Moroney, Dorothy Judd, Dell Balkauskas, Margaret Payne, Denise Kennedy, Vonnie Faulkner, Judith Hoare, Raelene Modra, Vicki Lukeman; front: Margaret Johnson, Marg Farrow, Jan Thompson, Glenys O' Shaunessy, Eleanor Parkes, Rose Vince.



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# **Playing with flowers in Warooka**

AFTER the last Warooka and Districts Garden Club meeting, guest speaker Liz Henderson demonstrated her flower arranging techniques.

The meeting was held in the Warooka Town Hall on Friday, March 7.

Liz is president of the Barossa Valley and Districts Garden Club/Floral Designers Club.

She explained the height of the arrangement should be 1.5 times higher than the vase.

Greenery is usually placed first to frame the arrangement, with some mixed foliage added next and pockets of colour added last; odd numbers work best (groups of three, five or seven).

She also advised us not to use the popular green oasis to support the stems; it takes a long time to break down because it's made from petrochemicals and is therefore hazardous to the environment.

Instead, she prefers to place stems straight into the vase, adding wire and ties where necessary.

Also, she adds lemon to the

water to extend the longevity of the arrangement or a combination of lemon, water and vinegar.

Next, she demonstrated how to create a herb bouquet to produce a unique gift, by using some scented herbs and flowers such as violets to brighten it and it smelt amazing!

Afterwards, we were encouraged to create our own and some gorgeous arrangements were produced from some keen horticulturists in the room.

The afternoon ended with a cuppa and afternoon tea and a great social time was enjoyed.

Warooka members are hosting the garden clubs' zone get-together on September 20; all Mid North and Yorke Peninsula members and visitors welcome.

Guest speaker will be Merrilyn Kuchel OAM, who is a Mediterranean Garden Society of South Australia past president and instigator of the Open Gardens Scheme.

She will speak about Mediterranean plants, gardens and their rejuvenation. *Helen Jones* 



THANKS... Mid North and Yorke Peninsula zone coordinator Rex Herde presents guest speaker Liz Henderson with a bunch of flowers on behalf of Warooka club members.







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BEACHY... Clean Up Australia Day, Wauraltee participants Leith Illman, Kaye Klopp, Peter Eckerman, Bill Edwards, Chad Wuttke, Shannon Palin, Robert Paterson, Gil Grik, Adam Mumford, Peter Scragg, Todd and Rosie Twelftree, Rosita Scragg, Ashley Wakefield, Dorothy Paterson, Louise Wakefield. (Absent from this photo but still involved: Rob Baker and Dion Button.)

FRIENDS of Wauraltee and District, and Maitland Apex Club members gathered at Wauraltee Hall on the morning of March 16.

Armed with their Clean Up Australia kits, their aim was to scour a six kilometre stretch of Wauraltee Beach and dunes for rubbish. And there was certainly an assortment left behind by campers and caravanners who had made this pristine beach their favoured holiday destination over the past four years. Items loaded into a large trailer in-

cluded a solar panel, tyres, numerous plastic items, shoes and, of course,

lots of nappies and toilet paper. While the beach itself seemed mostly clean, much of the rubbish had been half buried or dumped behind bushes in the sand dunes.

We are all delighted that overnight camping at our local beach will no longer happen. The sight of 400-plus vans and campers on Wauraltee Beach was never going to be sustainable.

Day visits are still encouraged but please be mindful of the delicate nature of the sand dunes.

A barbecue lunch was enjoyed back at the hall afterwards.

Greg Twelftree

# Eggs-iting Easter competition

GULF FM's much-loved Easter Egg competition is back for another year.

Running for the past eight years, this exciting event gives kids under 16 the chance to win fantastic prizes.

To enter, call 8821 2000 during a live broadcast and leave your details with the announcer.

The prize draw will take place at 2pm on April 8, so entries need to be in before then.

Community-run radio station Gulf FM thanks local businesses including Drakes Wallaroo and Moonta, Woolworths Kadina and KHub Kadina for helping this tradition continue to bring joy to local families.



YIPPEE! CHOCOLATE... Bobby Snodgrass is excited for the Easter egg promotion.

# Service clubs support Tidy Towns

ALL three Maitland service clubs — Apex, Lions and Rotary — have generously donated funds to help the local Tidy Towns group purchase a hydraulic trailer.

"The generous donations from all three service clubs are greatly appreciated," Tidy Towns team leader Greg Treloar said.

"This trailer will make it much easier for our ageing volunteers to remove rubbish from our streets and garden beds." Tidy Towns is a volunteer group working with the Maitland and District Progress Association, which also contributed funds to this important project.

"These volunteers work tirelessly to keep Maitland's streets and gardens well maintained," progress association president Roger Francis said. "They absolutely deserve this support from our community. It's fantastic to see everyone

working together for such a great cause."





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# Sport

# Horjus' heroics secure Team Girls Cup for Thunderbirds

# Austinn Lane

Georgie Horjus (Bute and Ardrossan connections) continued her rapid rise through Super Netball, sinking a last-second shot to secure the preseason Team Girls Cup for the Adelaide Thunderbirds against the West Coast Fever on Sunday, March 16.

The tournament was played in Adelaide over three days, March 14 to 16. After featuring predominantly at wing attack during the tournament, Horjus was moved to goal attack for the grand final —a position she knows well — where she achieved 100 per cent accuracy, scoring six from six.

Despite finishing on top of their pool, the Thunderbirds lost to the South Coast Lightning in their final match before the finals began on Saturday night.

However, their dominant wins in their first two matches secured their place in the grand final. Trailing 15-23 at halftime, the Thunderbirds nearly doubled their score in the third quarter, outscoring the Fever 12-8 and reducing the margin to four goals heading into the final term.

With their determination on full display, the Thunderbirds gradually chipped away at the deficit.

In the final minute, a turnover in their favour saw the ball transition to their attacking end. With two seconds on the clock and the scores locked at 37-all, Horjus delivered the winning goal, completing an incredible second-half comeback.

Teammate Lucy Austin (Bute connections) also shone throughout the Team Girls Cup, scoring 11 or more goals in each game, including standout performances of 21 and 24 goals.

In the grand final, she was dominant, converting 17 of her 20 shots and contending for Grand Final MVP honours, which ultimately went to defender Latanya Wilson for her exceptional defensive display. With Horjus stepping into a leadership role in 2025 and maintaining her stellar form, and Austin excelling in attack, the Thunderbirds are aiming to break the Team Girls Cup curse. No team has won the Super Netball Championship in the same season as winning the preseason tournament.

The Thunderbirds launch their 2025 Super Netball campaign at home on April 15 with a grand final rematch against the Melbourne Vixens, hoping to go back-to-back premiers.

# Klau leads Swifts in strong cup finish

# Austinn Lane

Former Southern Yorke Peninsula resident Sarah Klau starred for the New South Wales Swifts in the Team Girls Cup.

The tournament, held in Adelaide from Friday to Sunday, March 14 to 16, featured all eight Super Netball teams in the annual preseason competition.

After finishing third in Super Netball for defensive rebounds and fourth for deflections last season, Klau has been rewarded with a leadership group role by the Swifts.

The Swifts split their first two matches, opening their campaign with a one-goal win against the Melbourne Vixens on Friday night. They then faced the West Coast Fever on Saturday, going down by five goals. The Fever, which went unbeaten in the group stage, advanced to the grand final on Sunday.

Klau and the Swifts bounced back with a strong win over the Queensland Firebirds in their final group match. Coming off the interchange, Klau contributed four gains to help her side to victory.

In a high-scoring match, the Swifts' dominant third quarter proved the difference. Without that term, the scores would have been level at 34-all, but their impressive run secured a 49-45 win.



After group play, teams faced off against their corresponding-ranked opponent from the other pool.

With the Adelaide Thunderbirds and Fever finishing first in their respective pools, they contested the grand final.

The Swifts, finishing second in Group A, earned a spot in the thirdplace match against the previously undefeated Melbourne Mavericks.

Trailing by three goals at halftime after a 15-goal second quarter from the Mavericks, the Swifts staged a late comeback.

A 14-goal final term powered them to a 51-49 victory, securing third place and building momentum ahead of their Super Netball season opener on April 6.

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# Demons make history in women's football comp

### From page 56

Possession was evenly shared, but Moonta's cleaner ball movement and accuracy in front of goal proved decisive. Imogen Phillips was a standout, kicking four goals.

Moonta dominated the first three quarters, keeping the Tigers goalless and building an eight-goal lead by the final break.

Despite late goals from Southern Flinders, Moonta's advantage was unassailable, securing a well-earned victory.

Presentations were held immediately after the match, with the Demons featuring strongly in association awards: best and fairest, Chelsea Ling; runner-up best and fairest, Nakyah Karpany; runner-up leading goal scorer, Imogen Phillips.

Congratulations to the award winners and to coach Kym Phillips, his support staff and his team for making history.

### Senior women

Also on Friday night, the Moonta senior women's team faced Crystal Brook in a play-off for third place.

In a one-sided contest, the Roosters dominated, winning 17.16 (118) to Moonta's 1.0 (6). Despite Moonta's determination, Crystal Brook outclassed them in all areas of the game. Moonta finished fourth overall in the competition.

A special congratulations to Nakyah Karpany, who was named runner-up in the MNWFC senior women's leading goalkicker award, a remarkable achievement for an U16 player competing at senior level each week.

### End-of-season wind-up

The Moonta Demons women's teams held their end-of-season wind-up and trophy presentation at Ye Olde Cafe, Moonta Bay, on Sunday, March 23.

More than 50 players, family members and team officials attended the lunchtime event.

Moonta Football Club president Mark Durdin welcomed everyone and thanked sponsors Bennett and Company Plumbing, Kayla Marchetto and Ye Olde Cafe for their valuable support.

U16 coach Kym Phillips reflected on the season's highlights before presenting the team with their 2025 medallions.

Trophies went to best and fairest Nakyah Karpany, with Imogen Phillips and Chelsea Ling as runners-up.

Senior women's players then received their 2025 medallions, followed by coach Jacob Nelson thanking his support staff and volunteers.

He shared season highlights before awarding best and fairest to Cassie Mills, with Lacey Faulkner as runner-up.

The club now looks ahead to next year's competition at Crystal Brook. Dave Love



MNWFL SENIOR WOMEN... Moonta best and fairest winner Cassie Mills.

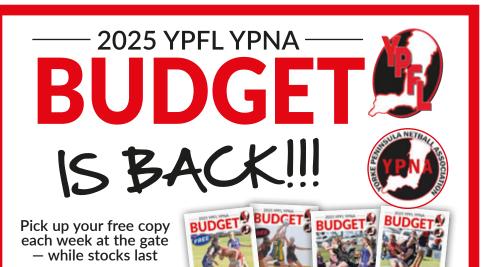


MNWFL UNDER 16...Moonta's Mid North Women's Football League under 16 premiership team, back: team manager Mark Durdin, coach Kym Phillips, timekeeper and statistics, Dave Love; middle row: Shana Lewis, Ava Simpson, Janae Lewis, Kaysha Tracey, Aka Kaur, Bethany Luciano, Lily Stacey, Nakyah Karpany, Courtney Valenti; front: Taya Linke, Chelsea Ling, Jas Matthew Johnson, Vada Malden, Elsie Daniel, Imogen Phillips.



MNWFL UNDER 16... Moonta best and fairest runners-up Imogen Phillips and Chelsea Ling, and best and fairest winner Nakyah Karpany.







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# Pomery claims long-awaited premiership

### Peter Argent REPORT BY

Former Paskeville senior footballer Jesse Pomery played a key role in the Banks Bulldogs' NTFL Men Premier League Reserves 2024-25 grand final win in Darwin on Saturday, March 15.

He celebrated his first senior (A grade) premiership in the Bulldogs' emphatic win over PINT Greenants.

Now living in Darwin with his wife Jacinta and children Harvey and Stella, Pomery started in the ruck and finished the game at fullback.

"Jesse is the type of big man who gives 100 per cent — he's a true workhorse, and you know what you'll get every time he dons the blue and white jumper," Banks Bulldogs football manager, and Edithburgh local, Brad Taheny said.

"He's one of those versatile talls who can play forward, in defence, and in the ruck. This is his second season with Banks, having also played in the 2022-23 campaign.

"He's a genuine, all-round good bloke who has been a great fit for our football club."

Pomery played nine A grade games with the NTFL Bulldogs this season, along with two in the division I (B grade) side.

A long-time servant of the Paskeville Magpies, he played A grade football with the club for



NTFL RESERVES... Jesse Pomery enjoys premiership success with Banks Bulldogs. Right: Pomery fights for a ground ball with PINT Greenants player Doug Proud.

more than 15 years.

However, injuries saw him miss both the 2014 and 2015 finals series, including the Magpies' YPFL premiership wins.

"Having missed out on those couple of flags at Pasky, this is definitely the highlight," Pomery told the YP Country Times.

"I started my junior football with the Kadina Bloodhounds before moving to the Magpies in 2010. "In 2020, when the YPFL didn't play, I had a season at Port Broughton with Broughton-Mundoora and won a B grade flag." Now 33, Pomery works for NT

Power and Water Corporation. As reported in last week's YP Country Times, Matthew Goldsworthy (SYP) also played in the premiership team.





# **YP soccer season starts Sunday**

# Austinn Lane

Yorke Peninsula Soccer Association's 2025 season is set to begin on Sunday, March 30, after the final come-and-try day in Kadina over the weekend.

The association has taken further steps towards building a stronger competition in 2025, following the 2024 season that helped move the club in the right direction.

YPSA president Rick Wright says he is hoping for adult interest this year, enabling the association to form an adult competition.

Established in 2013, the association is entering what appears to be its strongest year yet.

With 111 players registering last season, Wright believes that number is achievable again this year.

"This year, our first come-and-try day attracted over 70 new faces," he said.

"We didn't have too many returning faces at our first come-and-try; they all normally come to the final come-and-try day.

"I am hoping we have plenty of returning players and we can register more players than last year."

Games will be played on Sundays, beginning at 10am with ages 5-6 and finishing in the afternoon with open-age groups.

Training sessions are held Tuesday

and Thursday nights from 4pm to 5.30pm, with additional sessions scheduled in the lead-up to state and country championships.

Each year, YPSA takes teams to the state and country championships. In 2025, the state championships will be held in Gepps Cross, while the country championships will take place in Port Pirie. These teams are made up of players aged 12 and above.

"This year I would love to take a full girls' team to the country championships," Wright said.

"In previous years, we have taken two mixed teams, one under 13 and one under 15."

The association is seeking spon-

sors to support its push for state and country championships, with the potential for televised matches on these weekends.

Additionally, the association is always looking for volunteers to assist with coaching, training, and general support around the grounds.

Wright is particularly encouraging people aged 18 and over to give soccer a go, as the open-age group is a key focus for this season.

The YPSA welcomes children aged 5 to 17 to try soccer, especially girls to help form more girls' teams for weekend games and champion-ships.

For information, visit the YPSA Facebook page, YP Soccer.





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# Let the games begin!

### "The Benchwarmer" REPORT BY

Well, that rolled around quickly. I actually can't believe round 1 of the 2025 YP netball season is being played on Saturday.

However, it almost feels like a mini preseason with most of us playing two games, and some of us only one (CMS Crows and CY Cougars) before we have a twoweek break for Gather Round and Easter.

The jury is still out as to whether that was the best way to schedule things; alas, that was in the hands of the footballers.

It will be difficult for any team to get any real run-on or momentum till after Anzac Day, particularly with social events, and therefore player outs, coming into play for some clubs.

Nevertheless, some predictions I must make!

Thanks to the YP Country Times for having me on board this year - it ain't an easy gig and I am sure I will get some bits of "gossip" incorrect. So, to help me out, if you've got some news to share (player injuries, milestone moments, ins and outs, et cetera), please email sport@ypct.com.au by Sunday night.

### Wallaroo v Bute

Back in the day, Wallaroo and Bute would battle it out to ensure neither got the wooden spoon. Both sides have been building in recent years with Bute finishing third last season and Wallaroo sixth.

Unfortunately, after a mass exodus of A grade players, I predict Wallaroo will be heading back down the ladder.

Bute has maintained its core playing group and is adding in the youth of Stella Hewett on a more regular basis.

Bute will, however, miss the expertise of Montana Briggs for the first few weeks due to injury. At the final whistle... Bute by

22 goals. Southern Eagles v Kadina

Unlike their football coun-terparts, the Eagles netball club finds it difficult to attract and retain solid A grade players. The young talent tends to move to Adelaide and it is rare a gun netballer moves to town.

This season, however, does look a little more promising with a couple of recruits to line up as well as those who bleed yellow and blue such as Shanai Hart who has made it her mission to get the girls fit this season.

Kadina, on the other hand, has had junior talent like Monique Manners return to the town and this will make a huge difference to the quality and morale of the team.

Manners is capably taking the reins as coach assisted by club stalwart Carolyn Neumann. Manners has coerced several other former juniors into joining her, including Georgie Garrad, Chloe Angus and Shylie Elsworthy. The season is looking bright for the Bloods!

At the final whistle... Kadina by 18.

### Paskeville v Ardrossan

I have heard lots of whispers that the tide has finally turned at Paskeville with the more "mature" netballers making way for the youth. Some have been chomping at the bit to get their run in A grade and now have the

chance to prove themselves.

Not having Fiona Bussenschutt at the helm for the first time in many years will be a huge change but Pasky also has some big losses from last season, including Taylah Wurfel and Chloe Cook.

Ardrossan is another example of a talented junior returning after state league experience and having Kate Pfeiffer taking over as A grade coach will be invaluable. She has recruited a fellow Adelaide player Sophie Thornton and has grand plans to blood the vouth.

At the final whistle... Pasky by 5. Moonta v Central Yorke

Moonta has had all the action in the preseason with more than 55 seniors putting up their hands to trial. If I do the maths, that was way too many and meant some ruthless cuts and tricky conversations.

Much like Kadina, the A grade has had an influx of returning players such as Carlin Macro and Steph Drogemuller. Coach Kara Rendell has had some tough decisions to make with a very attack-heavy contingent. But, you would have no doubt, whoever she has picked, she will have them as fit as fiddles.

The Cougs have been a little quiet in the off-season, being one of the last clubs to hold trials. Having said that, the Cougs always seem to fly under the radar and still make finals most years.

Coach Lana Bagshaw knows her netball and no matter which mix of experience and youth she chooses, she will create a team that comes together and chalks up some wins.

At the final whistle... Moonta by 11.

# **YPFL season 2025: Key rule** adjustments for the new season

### **Austinn Lane** REPORT BY

With the 2025 Yorke Peninsula Football League season kicking off this Saturday, March 29, now is the perfect time to refresh your knowledge of the rules for the upcoming season.

Australian rules football is one of the most challenging sports to umpire, especially with its ever-changing rules. While there are no new rules in the YPFL this season, some notable adjustments to existing rules require attention.

• Fifteen metre kick rule:

awarding a mark. • Diving on the ball:

Umpires will also be stricter on players diving on the ball. Any player who does so and fails to dispose of it will be deemed to have had prior opportunity. This will result in a holding the ball free kick to the opposing team.

• Six-6-6 rule: The 6-6-6 warning has been scrapped for 2025, a change welcomed by many Australian rules fans. A free kick will now be paid immediately upon the first violation. Additionally, if the offending team delays play after the free kick is awarded, they

AFL, the stand rule is not enforced in the YPFL. In the AFL, this rule requires a player on the mark to remain stationary when an opponent is awarded a mark or free kick, allowing the attacking player to move freely. This rule does not apply in YPFL.

• Ruck nominations: In some leagues, ruckmen must nominate before contesting a ruck battle, preventing a thirdman-up scenario. The YPFL does not require ruck nominations, effectively removing the third-man-up rule.

• Last-touch out-ofbounds rule: The YPFL follows the SANFL's last-touch rule, introduced in 2019. A free kick is awarded when a player kicks the ball out of bounds without it being touched by another player, before crossing the boundary line.

# Tippy's 2025 YPFL season preview

### Eric "Tippy" Tipwood REPORT BY

Tippy is back for 2025, and he couldn't be more excited!

This year's off-season recruiting in the YP Football League has been fascinating, and it is shaping up to be an unusual season — an early start with a couple of games before a two-week break for Gather Round and Easter.

The early start made it difficult for clubs to find trial matches, given how much earlier the YPFL season begins compared to other competitions. Will this have an impact?

Here's a season preview, ordered by last year's final ladder placings ...

### Moonta

As the reigning premiers, Moonta has landed a couple of ex-league footballers. Once again, the hunters become the hunted. Despite its era of dominance, they haven't been able to go back-to-back — could this be the year? It appears well-positioned to defend its title, although some of the Demons players are beginning to age, and there have been whispers of retirements.

### **CY Cougars**

Cougars have doubled down, adding some serious talent to the team that finished top after the minor round last season. They've gone all in, and it is looking like a premiership-or-bust season. Their midfield is one of the most formidable in country footy. The big question is whether they've figured out what went wrong late last season and how they plan to fix it. They won 13 games, so it clearly wasn't a personnel issue.

### CMS Crows

The Crows would still be licking their wounds after copping a heavy defeat in the grand final. They've responded by bringing in a couple of stars - how many goals is Matthew Goldsworthy worth? Jacob Tidswell, who spent last season at Wallaroo, has moved down the peninsula to bolster the midfield. Unfortunately, Murphy Short, who was crowned as the best player on YP over the past 25 years, has departed.

### Bute

Bute has also lured a couple of Bulldogs away from the kennel. While these are solid additions, the Roosters will be looking to build from within after spending a full season together. The absence of Josh Koster leaves a massive hole on the midfield. It will be interesting to see how they manage the ruck partnership between Ben Nash and Jonte Hunter-Price.

### **Southern Eagles**

The Eagles are just consistently good. They've retained their squad and, at their best, remain a genuine premiership threat. However, they need to find a couple of extra goals each week. Will they plant Jarrad Redden in the goal square to solve that problem?

### Ardrossan

The Roos found form late last season, knocking off (and possibly derailing) the Cougars in the final game of the year. This young group will be looking to continue their growth and push z-awaited finals' h erth Coa Pfeiffer will have them fit and firing, aiming to bank early wins. A few additions from Saint Peter's Old Collegians will further strengthen their depth.

last year but will fancy their chances of returning to September action in 2025. Phoenix Foster feels like the perfect piece for them. Morgan Cocks was serviceable as a key forward, and Connor Linhart polled well in the Mail Medal. Adding another big target to their forward line will make them difficult to defend. They also have a strong young core of locals, who should take another step forward this season.

### Kadina

The Bloods still have plenty of premiership players from their 2023 triumph, but they'll be looking for the younger guys in that team to step up and propel them back into finals contention. They've also brought in a bunch of young recruits. This could be the start of a rebound era.

### Wallaroo

The Bulldogs have had a tough off-season, having lost a lot of players, but those same players also finished bottom in the previous three seasons. Hopefully, the next crop can take steps in the right direction this year and lay the foundation for a bright future. Wallaroo under 17s have also won the past three premierships, which could propel the club to future success.

### **ROUND1TIPS**

We've made it to the start line. This is the best week of footy for the year. The weather is still nice and everything is still possible.

The season has snuck up on Tippy a little bit, and he is flustered. It's still March, but the AFL is already at round 3. The Crows seem good. Port is just OK.

This week is a free hit. I'm basically making tips on no evidence at all, just a couple of educated guesses. Happy to have strong opinions based on rumours and changeroom chat.

### Wallaroo v Bute

A spicy match-up first up. The Roosters won a final last year and have topped up by recruiting a couple of former Wallaroo players. The Dogs will be a young side but will be looking to make a stand against the blokes who have bailed out on them. It will be a fascinating first-up game. Bute should have too much quality, but many said the same about Carlton against Richmond in round 1, and we know what happened there. At the final siren... Bute by 3 goals.

### Southern Eagles v Kadina

The Bloods have the first trip down south to face the Eagles. Kadina managed to win both games between these two last year, but the Eagles made finals. Both teams will be relatively similar outfits to last season. Redden will be a big inclusion for the Eagles and could make them a better side by three or four goals.

### At the final siren... Eagles by a goal. Paskeville v Ardrossan

Both teams finished last year strongly and will be looking to carry their form into round 1 and stake their claim as a finals threat. There's a lot of unknowns for Ardrossan; they have added some players, but how much impact will they have? Pasky has landed a bloke fresh out of the AFL, how much impact will he have? At the final siren... Pasky by a goal.

### Moonta v CY Cougars

This one should be the match of the round. Both were good teams last year and they have a couple of big-name recruits. Cougars have not played well at Moonta in the past but surely had assive preseason after the disappointment of last year. Moonta has been rumoured to miss a few from last year's premiership team. Tippy is keen to see how this unfolds. At the final siren... Moonta by a goal. Season 2025 promises to be another ripper. So many questions are to be answered, and we should get the first lot this weekend.

Like the AFL, the YPFL is tightening its enforcement of the 15 metre kick rule. As seen in the opening rounds of the AFL season, umpires have been instructed to call "play on, not 15" if the kick's distance is in doubt, rather than

## will concede a 25m penalty. **YPFL-specific rules**

Alongside these adjustments, the YPFL has its own set of officiating rules that differ from other leagues. • Stand rule: Unlike the

## Paskeville

The Magpies narrowly missed out on finals

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Competitors in this year's junior surf competition Berry Bay Surf Jam, held on March 15, enjoyed near perfect conditions.

The Yorkes Junior Surf Club hosts the popular event which showcases junior surfing talent from across South Australia.

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Presentations were held in the evening at the Yorkes Junior Surf Club, and those involved enjoyed live entertainment by musician Billy February making for a great family night.

### Lakeside Dental Whitewater

U14 girls: 1st Sahara Fulwood, 2nd Olivia Adams, 3rd Molly Egan, 4th Elsie Bryant.

U14 boys: 1st Lachlan Martens, 2nd Hugo Brown, 3rd Joseph Freeman.

U12 girls: Îst Chilli Fulwood, 2nd Mia Pillar, 3rd Frankie Murdoch, 4th Ciara Richardson.

U12 boys: 1st Jayson Carle, 2nd Koa Woodhouse, 3rd Ben Forbes, 4th Finn Boers. U10 girls: 1st Millie Gardner, 2nd Lyla Chitty,

3rd Bree Koch. U10 boys: 1st Ted Wilson, 2nd Nash Carle,

3rd River Toming, 4th Jake Adams.

### Edithburgh Surf and Tackle B division for local surfers

B grade girls: 1st April Koch, 2nd Ella Wilton, 3rd Maysie Freeman.

B grade boys: 1st Ed Day, 2nd Cody Strapps, 3rd Jay Taylor, 4th Mitchell Barrett.

### **Rusty Surf Competition**

U18 girls: 1st Kiera Hunt, 2nd Allegra Caretti, 3rd Lola Jackson, 4th Magdalena Diaz.

U18 boys: 1st Mitchell Henderson, 2nd Arley Partridge, 3rd Mac Wagner, 4th Riley Lewis. U16 girls: 1st Isla Kindstrom, 2nd Allegra

Caretti, 3rd Zephyr Jones, 4th Daisy Boers. U16 boys: 1st Rai Diaz, 2nd Angus Kennedy,

3rd Jon Heldt, 4th Ed Day. U14 girls: 1st Sunny Washington, 2nd Florence Caretti.

U14 boys: 1st Seth Baillie, 2nd Felix Kindstrom, 3rd Chilli Jones, 4th Leo Wilson.

U12 girls: 1st Florence Caretti. U12 boys: 1st Alfie Howse, 2nd Jay Taylor,

3rd Gus Wilson, 4th Felix Stor. Ben Thyer



U18 BOYS... U18s Rusty Surf Competition placegetters Mitchell Henderson, Arley Partridge and Mac Wegner are pleased with their results.



B GRADE GIRLS... In no particular order, April Koch, Ella Wilton and Maysie Freeman, some of the top local performers in this year's Berry Bay Surf Jam. WIPING OUT... Nash Carle falls off his board at the end of the wave.





SURFING... Isla

Above: U18 GIRLS... Kiera Hunt, Allegra Caretti and Lola Jackson were the top three in the under 18s girls event.

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Left: B GRADE BOYS... In no particular order, Ed Day, Cody Strapps, Jay Taylor and Mitchell Barrett enjoyed the swell at the Surf Jam.

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# **On an elevated stage**

Peter Argent REPORT BY

### AFL

Hewett George (Broughton-Mundoora) was again among Carlton's best players despite the Blues' 20-point loss to Hawthorn in the round 2 opener at the MCG on Thursday night.

Hewett delivered a strong all-round performance, collecting 28 disposals (14 kicks and 14 handballs), 11 tackles and 11 clearances. He also kicked 1.1, recorded 405 metres gained, and provided a goal assist in his 180th AFL game.

As expected, both Port Adelaide and Lachie Jones (Bute) responded strongly from modest round 1 outings, securing a dominant 12-goal win over Richmond at Adelaide Oval on Saturday afternoon.

Jones was particularly impressive in the first half, playing 72 per cent game time and finishing with 15 disposals (nine handballs), four marks, three tackles and two clearances.

### VFL

Boyd Woodcock (Bute) starred for the Southport Sharks in their VFL season opener, a 2024 grand final rematch against Werribee, kicking off the 2025 campaign at Fankhauser Reserve, Southport.

A prolific ball-winner, Woodcock collected 25 disposals, including 21 kicks, along with five marks, four tackles and five clearances in the Sharks' 18-point victory.

Southport trailed by 10 points at halftime but surged home to claim the win.

Meanwhile, Footscray handed the Northern Bullants a crushing defeat at Whitten Oval on Saturday evening, winning 22.16 (148) to 3.4 (22).

Ardrossan's Caleb Poulter played a key role, finishing with 19 disposals (nine marks), 1.1, and three tackles in the Bullants' dominant display.

### **SANFL Women**

Woodville-West Torrens continued its strong start to the 2025 SANFLW season, securing a 12-point win over Glenelg at Eastern Parade Reserve in round 2.

Teenager Imogen Trengove (Bute) played a key role in the victory, finishing with a team-high 19 disposals, kicking 2.2, and contributing three tackles and a clearance.

West Adelaide proved too strong for Norwood at The Parade, dominating with 17 scoring shots to five in a 5.12 (42) to 2.3 (15) victory.

Hannah Button (SYP) was a defensive force, recording 11 tackles, 17 disposals, two marks and seven clearances, while also adding a behind.

### SANFL U18s

Woodville-West Torrens registered its first win of the 2025 season, defeating Glenelg at Richmond Oval.

After trailing by 16 points at halftime, the Eagles staged a five-goal turnaround to claim a 15-point victory, winning 12.11 (83) to 10.8 (68).

"Freddie Wilson (CMS Crows) did a great job in ruck, working hard to nullify the Glenelg rucks' height advantage and did well around the ground with a good aerial presence," Eagles U18s coach Shane Reardon said.

"Jack Mumford (Wallaroo) finished with 12 possessions and two goals in a solid performance and also took five marks.

"Mitch Harris (Kadina) did a strong job defensively this week, spoiling well and nullifying his opponent.

"Brodie Harris (Kadina) played on a wing and in defence again and held his own, along with some good defensive actions when we needed them."

Wilson had 12 disposals and 14 hitouts

### SANFL U16s

Under the lights at Richmond Oval, the Eagles U16s secured a hard-fought three-point victory over Glenelg, edging home 7.11 (53) to 6.14 (50).

Nuggetty on-baller Will Trengove (Bute) was a standout, collecting 22 disposals, along with two tackles and a pair of clearances.

Former Wallaroo junior colt Jack Northeast made his presence felt with 13 touches, including 12 kicks, while Central Yorke Cougar Archie Davies contributed 12 disposals.

### **SAC** Women

West Torrens, led by captain Mackenzee McCauley (Maitland), finished runners-up in the 2024-25 SANFL Women's 2nd Grade grand final, played at Glenelg Oval on Sunday.

Batting first, the Seahorses were bowled out for 116, with McCauley delivering a strong performance with the ball. The leg-spinner finished with 2/27

from her full allotment of eight overs.

In reply, the Eagles struggled with the bat, managing 74 before falling 42 runs short. McCauley top-scored with 21 runs off 57 balls, including one boundary.

### SACA Men

Sturt's Men's 1st Grade divison I season ended on the penultimate weekend with a 132-run semifinal loss to Kensington at Price Memorial Oval.

Batting first, the Browns posted 7/291 before bowling out the Blues for 159. This result came despite Sturt finishing as the top team in the regular season.

Corey Kelly (Bute connections) took 2/60 with the ball, while his brother, team captain Thomas was dismissed for 17 (36 balls, 1 four).



## SANFL U16... Will Trengove, Woodville-West Torrens, takes a strong contested mark against bigger opponents. Left: AFL... Lachie Jones helped Port





Adelaide to a hometown win against Richmond. ------

## **ROUND 3**

Please circle your selections

Thursday, March 27 Essendon v Port Adelaide (MRVL) (N) Friday, March 28 Carlton v Western Bulldogs (MRVL) (N) Saturday, March 29 Melbourne v Gold Coast (MCG) St Kilda v Richmond (MRVL) (T) Hawthorn v GWS (UTAS) (N) Brisbane v Geelong (G) (N) Sunday, March 30

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2.	Barrie Heard, Ardrossan	14	li -	
3.	Brian Cooper, Moonta Bay	14	Ľ	West Coast v Fremantle (OS) (N)
4.	Daniel Shiell, Kadina	14	li_	Byes: Collingwood, Sydney
5.	Annie Chirgwin, Edithburgh	<b>14</b> <sup>°</sup>	黔	
6.	Mark Northcott, Kadina	14	n	If tips are not received on time no points will be
7.	Valda Southam, Kadina	14	H.	awarded for that week. If a tip is not submitted for a match, the tip will be designated as the away team.
8.	Xander Read, Wallaroo	14	li -	No points awarded for a draw if not selected.
9.	Mark Schroeder, Wallaroo	14		Name:
10.	Darren Sawley, Kadina	14	H.	
11.	Craig Wissell, Ardrossan	14	i-	Address:
12.	Carolyn Webster, Yorketown	14	Ľ.	
13.	Morry White, Coobowie	14	li -	Phone:
14.	Rob Stevens, Moonta Bay	14		
15.	Joe Hancock, Wallaroo	14	Ľ.	Weekly code word/s: <b>Cats</b>
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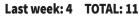


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# **Yorke Valley**

### Juniors

Preliminary finals 17-3-25 U16 GIRLS DIV I Moonta 28 d Arthurton Black 23.

U16 GIRLS DIV II Wallaroo 47 d Bute 33. U16 BOYS DIV I Bears Yellow 45 d Paskeville Black 39. U16 BOYS DIV II Wallaroo Red 51 d Kadina 32. U14 GIRLS DIV I Moonta Red 49 d Kadina Black

24. U14 GIRLS DIV II Paskeville 38 d Wallaroo 6. U14 BOYS DIV I Arthurton Black 48 d Wallaroo Red 45.

U14 BOYS DIV II Bute 41 d Wallaroo Blue. U12 GIRLS DIV I Paskeville White 28 d Paskeville

Black 14. U12 GIRLS DIV II

Kadina Black 22 d Kadina Red 8. U12 BOYS DIV I

Wallaroo Red 50 d Paskeville 30. U12 BOYS DIV II

Moonta 50 d Kadina Red 15.

### Seniors

Preliminary finals 18-3-25 A WOMEN Kadina 42 d Arthurton 36. A MEN Wallaroo 52 d Arthurton 44. B WOMEN Moonta 33 d Bute 29. B MEN Wallaroo Red 40 d Wallaroo Blue 39. C WOMEN

Arthurton 59 d Moonta 18. C MEN Bears Black 49 d Wallaroo. U18 MEN Moonta Red 45 d Kadina Black

38. Grand finals 18-3-25 A WOMEN Bears 37 d Kadina 32. Grand final most valuable player, Amber Aldridge (Kadina) A MEN Kadina 44 d Wallaroo 32. MVP, Giles Ellis (Kadina). **B WOMEN** Wallaroo 30 d Moonta 29. MVP, Natalia Bagnato (Wallaroo). B MEN Arthurton 36 d Wallaroo Red 26. MVP, Edward Linke (Arthurton). C WOMEN Arthurton 51 d Wallaroo Red 23. MVP, Caitlyn Wheare (Arthurton). C MEN

C MEN Kadina 42 d Bears Black 36. MVP, Tex Neumann (Kadina). U18 MEN Moonta Blue 50 d Moonta Red 29. Tahj Madigan (Moonta

Blue).

### Best and fairest

Senior women: winner Ella Aldridge (Kadina) 24 votes, runner-up Natalia Bagnato (Wallaroo) 22.

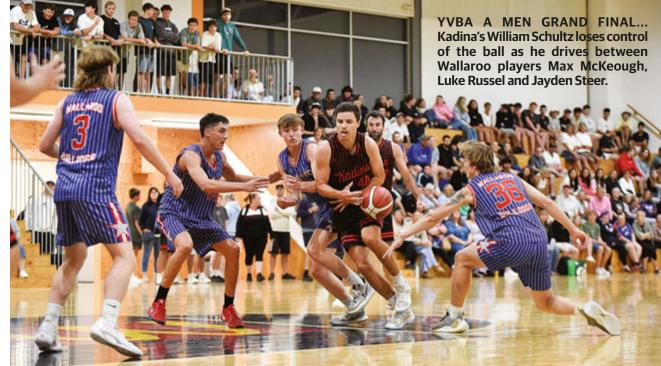
A men: Brock Thomson (Paskeville) 18, Kye McDonald (Kadina) 17.

B men: Jesse Holman (Kadina) 37, Mitchell Sinton (Wallaroo) 22.

C women: Ezmai Paxton (Wallaroo) 30, Nakyah Elliott (Bears) 22.

C men: Baylan Mummery (Wallaroo) 30, Blake Elliott-Karpany (Bears) 22.

U18 boys: Cohen Mummery (Wallaroo) 40, Blake Elliott-Karpany (Bears) 28.





YVBA A MEN GRAND FINAL... Angus Hunter-Price, Wallaroo, looks to pass around Kadina's Lachlan Bodie.





YVBA A WOMEN GRAND FINAL... Amber Aldridge, Kadina, eyes the basket as Abby Whittaker, Bears, defends.

# Yorke Valley grand finals

"Yorker Talker" REPORT BY

It was an action-packed basketball grand final night with seven quality games for the Yorke Valley Basketball Association on Friday, March 21.

There was a healthy crowd at Copper Coast Sport and Leisure Bears steadied in the last quarter and secured the win with a few big shots late.

Arthurton played stifling defence in their B men premiership, holding Wallaroo to 26 points for the game and managed a 10-point win.

The game of the night was the





Above: YVBA A WOMEN GRAND FINAL... Merina Capuot, Kadina, and Claire Venning, Bears, wrestle for control of the ball.

Right: YVBA A WOMEN GRAND FINAL... Emma Prout, Kadina, is fouled by Jorja Rogers, Bears, as she tries to score. Centre, and the atmosphere was buzzing with anticipation and expectation.

In the A men, Kadina started quickly, leading 14 points to one at quarter time. Kadina kept the scoreboard ticking over all game and scored well through transition.

Wallaroo desperately fought to catch up but couldn't make any ground until the fourth quarter when it was too late. Kadina scored a 12-point win.

In the A women, the Bears held on to win a tight game against Kadina by 5 points. Kadina challenged and cut the lead to one point at three-quarter time but couldn't quite get ahead. women.

Moonta led by one point until a last-second foul on a threepoint shot meant free throws for Wallaroo. They hit two out of three to secure the win by a solitary point.

Kadina won the C men in another tight one, up by six points against Bears. Bears led early in the last quarter before Kadina went on a scoring run.

In the C women, Arthurton capped off an excellent finals campaign. Coming from fourth spot, they ended up winning all finals by a healthy margin.

In the under 18 boys, Moonta Blue played against Moonta Red, a great sign for the future of the club. The Blue side won by 21 points.

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YVBA A WOMEN... Premiers, Bears, back: Abby Whitaker, Emily Rogers, Dani<br/>Richardson, Cassie Hewton; front: Claire Venning, Georgie Garrard, Jorja Rogers.YVBA A MEN... Premiers, Kadina, back: coach Matt Bodie, Lachlan Bodie, Jai Thompson,<br/>Giles Ellis, Alex East, Will Schultz; front: Kye McDonald, Kolbi Weight, Sam Oster.





Nathan Murphy.





YVBA B WOMEN... Premiers, Wallaroo, back: Steph Ormsby, Mackenzie Wood, Talia YVBA B MEN... Premiers, Arthurton, back: coach Lucas Bagshaw, Edward Linke, James Nadich, Ella Phelan; front: Natalia Bagnato, Georgia Schulze, Bonnie Summerton, coach Davey, Connor Briggs, Henry Butler; front: Mitchell Hean, Angus Beston, Patrick Morris, Angus Heinjus.



YVBA C WOMEN... Premiers, Arthurton,: Stella Clifford, Caitlyn Wheare, Jemima YVBA C MEN... Premiers, Kadina: Aaron Meates, Cade Angus, James Lawry, Polkinghorne, Poppy Dyett, Annie Smart, Alex Simon, Michaela Williams, Sarah Christian Phillips, Andy Miller, Tex Neumann, Chris Morris, Ben McNicholl, Francis Wallace, coach Ali Adams. Goryan.

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YVBA A MEN... Brock Thompson, best and fairest.



YVBA A MEN... Grand final MVP Giles Ellis, and Kye McDonald, runner-up best and fairest.

Left: YVBA U18 BOYS... Premiers, Moonta Blue: coach Danny Champion, assistant coach Daniel Richardson, Benjamin Jarvis, Tahji Madigan, Jackson Poland, Jackson Galley, Gus Hall, team manager Claire Hall, Bodhi Edwards, James Richardson, Will Gow.



YVBA B MEN... Mitchell Sinton, best and fairest runner-up.



YVBA B MEN... Edward Linke, grand final MVP.



YVBACMEN... Baylan Mummery, best and fairest.



YVBA C MEN... Tex Neumann, grand final MVP.



YVBA U18 BOYS... Cohen Mummery, best and fairest.



YVBA A WOMEN... Ella Aldridge, best and fairest.



YVBA A WOMEN... Amber Aldridge, grand final MVP.



YVBA B WOMEN... Natalia Bagnato, runner-up best and fairest, and grand final MVP.



YVBACWOMEN... Ezmai Paxton, best and fairest.



YVBA C WOMEN ... Caitlyn Wheare, Arthurton, grand final MVP.





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### Northern Yorke Peninsula...

# **Grand finals bring many** triumphs and tribulations

### "MM" REPORT BY

## Saturday competition

DIVISION I

In near perfect weather at the Kadina Bowling Club, Wallaroo 105 defeated Moonta 94 to claim the Northern Yorke Peninsula Bowling Association 2024-25 Saturday (open) competition division I premiership, on March 22.

Each side had one team accomplishing a good win, and the other two rinks were close.

For the winners, the team ably led by Will McPharlin had a match-winning score against a formidable opponent Don Bennett, 38-18, while Peter Rost for Moonta defeated the ever-reliable Malcom Johns 29-16.

Supporting acts, Moonta's Steve Jolly just edged out Phil Spiers in a close match, 28-27, and Wallaroo's Fred Schenck held off Daryl Steinwedel 24-19. Well done. Wallaroo.

In Div II Sandercock, Moonta defeated Kadina 111-81. Kevin Coates and his team led the way with a 36-22 win over Wendy Venning, ably supported by James Skinner whose team defeated Phil Gray's 29-16. John Amos 25 accounted for Colin March 20, with Kadina's only win coming from Brenton March ahead of Howard Andrew 23-21.

In div II Brown, Moonta continued its winning run defeating Wallaroo 100-83. Leading the way was Jenny Emmerton's team defeating Marie Spiers 30-19 while June Wilson accounted for Ken Godfrey 26-19. Ina Coates 28 headed Daryl Stringer 23, with the only joy for Wallaroo being John Jaensch 22 defeating Greg Jones 16.

Moonta could not lose the div III grand final with two Moonta sides involved.

narrowly held off Moonta Blue 42-40. Ronald Mills's team continued its winning way, 20-13 against Beryl Williams, while Roger Dall 27 recorded a win for the Blues against Jeff Williams on 22.

Results 22-3-25 DIVISION I Wallaroo 105 d Moonta 94. DIVISION II SANDERCOCK Moonta 111 d Kadina 81. DIVISION II BROWN Moonta 100 d Wallaroo 83. DIVISION III Moonta Red 42 d Moonta Blue

which had led the competition for most of the season.

It has been a good year for Paskeville, which, with the help of a couple of opposite gender players, made a comeback after being unable to field a side last season. However, Wallaroo triumphed 61-55. Di Poole's 24-18 defeat of Sheryl Millard set the tone for the day and was supported by Jill Sobey with a 19-15 victory over Lyn Bensen. Jenny Carter fought hard against Jackie Harrop but lost 18-22. Congratulations to Wallaroo and let's hope for the good of the competition Paskeville can keep their numbers up and feature again next season.

Results 20-3-25 DIVISION I

Moonta Red 75 d Wallaroo 48. DIVISION II Wallaroo 61 d Paskeville 55.

## Wednesday

## competition

Moonta claimed victory in the men's midweek competition overcoming Port Hughes 62-34, on March 18, in their inaugural season.

For the rest of the sides, thanks for your participation and better luck next year.

In the grand final, Kevin Coates's team won the fours against Bob Bradley's 22-15. In the triples, Don Bennett and his boys scored 27 shots to Dave Adcock's 6. Kevin Robinson and Daryl Steinwedel fought out a 13-13 draw.

### Season farewell

This completes my reports for the season.

Congratulations to all winners; Moonta may have missed out on the main prize (the open competition division I premiership) but still won the most pennants.

Interestingly, the spoils for the season were shared between just two clubs (Moonta and Wallaroo).

While it was encouraging to see a couple of new participants in the finals mix, unfortunately their runs were short-lived.

The Bowls Past Presidents Association of SA Yorke Peninsula branch's annual general meeting is at Stansbury on May 20, and there will be lunch afterwards.

Bowling arm extensions are an ever-increasing part of our association and are allowing players to continue; in fact, the NYPBA would have a much smaller footprint without them.

Good luck and good bowling!



NYPBA WEDNESDAY... NYP Bowls Association 2024-25 Wednesday (men's) competition premiers, Moonta Red, back: Graham Curtis, Joe Fahey, Deane Geier, Daryl Steinwedel, Don Bennett, Kevin Sorrell; front: Kevin Coates, Michael Collins, Paul Ausburn, Phil Johnson, Ian Hatcher.



NYPBA SATURDAY DIV I GRAND FINAL ... Di Milner, Wallaroo, measures a bowl under the watchful eyes of Phil Spiers, Gayle Steinwedel, Steve Jolly, Bob Cavanagh, Steve Yandell, Bob Brandt and Joe Fahey.





Minor premier Moonta Red NYPBA SATURDAY DIV II BROWN GRAND FINAL... Happy Moonta players John Pearson, Anthony Hehir and Tony Emmerton after their win.





### 40. Thursday competition

In division I, Moonta Red, which has led all season, defeated Wallaroo, which had maintained second spot all year, in the grand final at Kadina on March 20.

Kellie Paull 23 d Anne Robinson 9, Marg Chandler 22 headed Jo Smith 8. Sharon Cavanagh 17 had a tighter game to finish but defeated Julie Symonds 13 and Jenny Redshaw 13 lost to Di Milner 18 to provide the only joy for Wallaroo. Congratulations to Moonta Red.

good win in the semifinal against

NYPBA SATURDAY DIV I GRAND FINAL... In div II, Wallaroo repeated its Peter Rankin, Wallaroo, leads off an end as Moonta's Kellie Paull, Kevin Sorrell and David a disappointing Paskeville side, Williams watch the action on the next rink.







to the kitty.

Greg McPharlin, Wallaroo, sends a bowl skipper Phil Spiers looks concerned as Moonta's Steve Jolly instructs a teammate.



NYPBA THURSDAY DIV I... NYP Bowls Association 2024-25 Thursday (women's) competition division I premiers, Moonta Red, back: Margaret Chandler, Helen Andrew, Henny van Pelt, Sandra Barker, Jenny Emmerton, Pauline Sweet, Helen Moulds, Joyce Andrew, Beryl Williams, Helen Heddle; front: Coralie Herrmann, June Wilson, Kellie Paull, Sharon Cavanagh, coach Ian Hatcher, Jenny Redshaw, Gayle Steinwedel, Margaret Salter.



NYPBA THURSDAY DIV II... NYP Bowls Association 2024-25 Thursday (women's) competition division II premiers, Wallaroo, back: Pauline Banks, Pam Taylor, Diane Poole, Jenny Carter, Ann Payne, Margaret Ross, Mike Harris, coach Allan Weber; front: Janet Barratt, Annie Pryor, Margaret Kenchington, Cathy Vluggen, Jill Sobey, Josie Kent.



NYPBA SATURDAY DIV I... NYP Bowls Association 2024-25 Saturday (open) competition division I premiers, Wallaroo, in no particular order: Peter Rankin, Craig Oborn, Mike Wildash, Malcolm Johns, Richard Kent, Kevin Cock, Gregory McPharlin, Will McPharlin, Steven Yandell, Robert Brandt, Diane Milner, Phil Spiers, Darrell Carter, Graham Harper, Brian Smith, Fred Schenck.



NYPBA SATURDAY DIV II SANDERCOCK... NYP Bowls Association 2024-25 Saturday (open) competition division II Sandercock premiers, Moonta, back: Graham Curtis, Jeff Thomas, Deane Geier, James Skinner, John Richards, Jack Gallagher, Kingsley Gum, Kevin Coates; front: Howard Andrew, Paul Ausburn, Helen Moulds, Rod Bilsborough, John Amos, John Andrew, Phil Woodward, Phil Johnson.



NYPBA SATURDAY DIV II BROWN... NYP Bowls Association 2024-25 Saturday (open) competition division II Brown premiers, Moonta, back: Anthony Hehir, Ray Frost, Kath Amos, Greg Jones, Maxine Reynolds, Tony Emmerton, Lance Rawlinson, John Neville, Greg Aitcheson; front: Maureen Johnson, Ina Coates, Richard Zalewski, Chris Edwards, Jenny Emmerton, Pauline Jowett, June Wilson, John Pearson.



NYPBA SATURDAY DIV III... NYP Bowls Association 2024-25 Saturday (open) competition division III premiers, Moonta Red, back: Ron Mills, Robert Smith, Sue Hancock, Jeff Williams; front: Graeme Dunstan, Vern Thom, Gordon Davis, Bob Sweet, Marg Miller.

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Southern Yorke Peninsula...

# **Port Vincent, Stansbury** record grand final wins

#### "Unbiased" REPORT BY

What a week it was in the Southern Yorke Peninsula Bowling Association.

While only two grand finals were played - Thursday (women's) competition divisions I and II — there was plenty going on at the eight clubs which make up the association.

Congratulations to Sandra Wescombe and Sue Short (Curramulka) and Di Trowse and Helen Williams (Stansbury) who made it to the knockout round of the Region 2 state pairs.

Their games were played at Ardrossan on March 18 when both teams lost to NYP, who we wish all the best in the final series in April.

With only one more game day left for this season, all Saturday (open) pennants grand finals will be played at the Minlaton Bowling Club on Saturday, April 5.

There will be 10 rinks of simultaneous play, plenty of action for supporters and spectators. All welcome!

#### Thursday competition

In division I, it was a cool but sticky morning at host club Minlaton, and the greens were well prepared.

Port Vincent was fresh after a week off, while Yorketown relied on its finals experience as the match commenced.

It was even as teams settled in, and a touch of rain slowed the rinks midway through the game.

This shift helped the Mariners surge ahead on the scoreboard.

Final scores of 81 to 64 secured a three-rink win for Port Vincent, which lost only four games during the season. Congratulations to Port Vincent.

Well done to the clubs in division II for their efforts in recruiting new players and strengthening the competition this season. Hopefully, this continues in the

future.

Stansbury was pleased to win for departing skipper Bev Sando.

Edithburgh Green held the lead for most of the game, but Stansbury piled on the shots to secure a 16-14 win. Well done, Stansbury!

#### Results 20-3-25 DIVISION I

Port Vincent 81 d Yorketown 64. T Baum 11 lost to C Duncan 18, M Bates 22 d M Przibilla 21, V Germein 26 d B Loechel 16, L White 22 d S Redding 9. DIVISION II

Stansbury 16 d Edithburgh Green 14. B Sando 16 d R Short 14.

#### Saturday competition

In division I, a forced hiatus the previous week resulted in a reschedule for the preliminary and grand finals. In ideal weather, Yorketown and Minlaton took to the well-tended greens at Edithburgh. For the first half of the game, the over-

all scores slightly favoured Yorketown. On rink 1, Minlaton's Jamie Baker and team surged to a 16-2 lead, countered by a similar lead to Yorketown's skipper Darrin Thom on rink 2.

Rinks 3 and 4 remained tightly contested for most of the game.

As happens in this unique sport, Steve Redding and his team turned the game around, finishing with a 22-16 win.

Darrin Thom maintained his lead, finishing 35-15.

Another win in rink 3 and a threeshot loss in rink 4 secured Yorketown an overall 94-61 win over Minlaton.

Congratulations to Yorketown, which will face Stansbury in the grand final at Minlaton on April 5.

In division IIA, Stansbury Blue aimed to add another side to Saturday's grand final but first had to overcome Yorketown Red, which scraped into the finals with a last-round win.

After the 63 ends, the game was

drawn, forcing a one-end shootout at the Edithburgh Corral.

All three rinks went Red's way, securing it a grand final spot against Stansbury Blue on April 5. Congratulations to both teams on an exciting game.

In division IIB, Curramulka and Warooka brought strong support, and their fans were rewarded with a closely contested match for a grand final place.

With two rinks ending in a draw, a four-shot win to Harley Fleming and his team secured Curramulka a grand final berth against Minlaton.

Congratulations to all sides for embracing the split competition concept in its first year.

#### Results 22-3-25 DIVISION I

Yorketown 94 d Stansbury 61.

DIVISION IIA Yorketown Red 62 d Stansbury White 55.

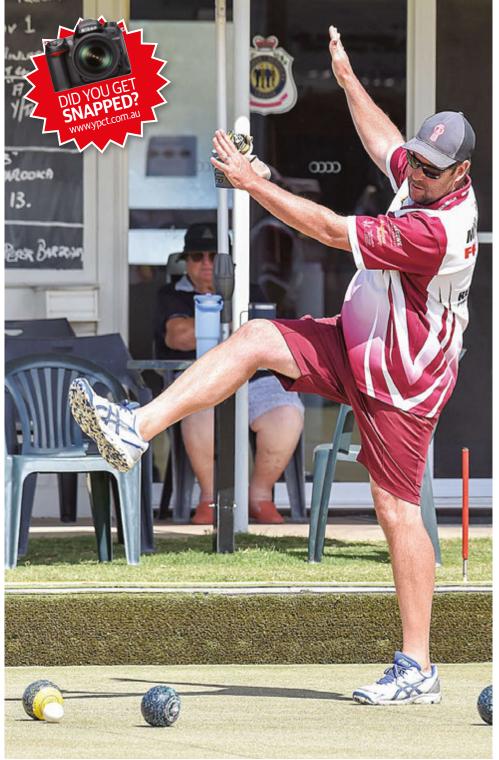
DIVISION IIB Curramulka 53 d Warooka 49.



SYPBA SATURDAY DIV IIA PRELIMINARY FINAL... Skippers Brenton Spratt, Yorketown Red, and Anne Holland, Stansbury White, react as a bowl comes into the head.



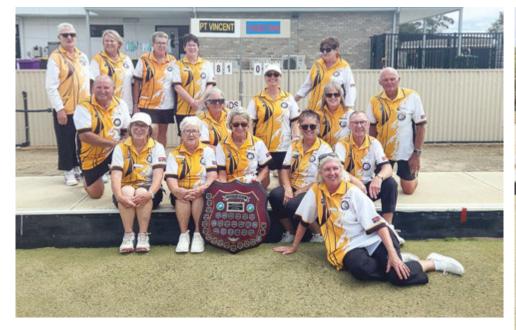




SYPBA SATURDAY DIV I PRELIMINARY SYPBA SATURDAY DIV I PRELIMINARY FINAL... Minlaton leader Nick Davies FINAL... Skipper Michael McCallion, Yorketown, lines up a bowl. prepares to bowl.

SYPBA SATURDAY DIV I PRELIMINARY FINAL... Minlaton skipper Jamie Baker reacts to a teammates bowl coming into the head.

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SYPBA THURSDAY DIV I... SYP Bowls Association 2024-25 Thursday (women's) competition division I premiers, Port Vincent, standing: Merrilyn Lovelock, Wendy McDonald, Lyn White, Julie Darling, Maree Bates; middle row: John Curnow, Vanessa Germein, Alisha Wiese, Vicky Easther, Wayne Crouch; front: Trish Baum, Rosemary Button, Robyn Delaney, Janine Humphrys, John Hallas, Sandra Storm.



DIV II PREMIERS... SYP Bowls Association 2024-25 Thursday (women's) competition division I premiers, Stansbury: Cheryl Waldron, Janine Francis, Maree Anderson, Bev Sando, Rob Tonkin, Denise Kennedy.



line as she bowls.

SYPBA SATURDAY DIV IIB PRELIMINARY FINAL ... Curramulka's Hugh Watters has a discussion with skipper Harley Fleming.



SYPBA SATURDAY DIV IIA PRELIMINARY FINAL... SYPBA SATURDAY DIV I PRELIMINARY FINAL... Skippers Yorketown Red leader Cathy Dalli concentrates on her Massimo Castiglia, Yorketown, and Alex Germaine, Minlaton, watch a bowl come into the head.



SYPBA SATURDAY DIV I PRELIMINARY FINAL... Ken Rickard, Yorketown, in action against Minlaton.



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### BOWLS | 40

# Paskeville club championships Bute Centenary Fours



PASKEVILLE BOWLS... Paskeville Bowling **Club pairs champions Jeff Miller and Bryan** Newton.



PASKEVILLE BOWLS... B grade PASKEVILLE BOWLS... Women's club championship winner John Bussenschutt champion Sheryl Millard and runner-up (right) and runner-up Mark Gould.



PASKEVILLE BOWLS... Winner of Paskeville men's singles championship Jeff Miller (right) and runner-up Garry Willson.



Judith Bussenschutt.

# **Kadina's club champions**



KADINA CHAMPIONS... Kadina Bowling Club season 2024-25 men's pairs champions Greg Bettess and Bruce Hines, with runners-up Derrick Bushell and Doug Greig.

In pleasant weather, Bute Bowling Club held its Centenary Fours Tournament on Tuesday, March 18.

Winners: David Greig (Brighton), Adrian Hewett (both Kadina); runners-up: Geoff Bagshaw, Bruce Schmidt, Gavin Adams, Travis Skipworth (Arthurton).

(Bute), Doug Greig, Phil Miller came from near and far to play, and the sponsors, whose support added to the success of the day. Ros Trengove

The club thanks everyone who



BUTE FOURS... Centenary fours winners David Greig, Adrian Hewett, Doug Greig, Phil Miller.



BUTE FOURS... Runners-up Geoff Bagshaw, Bruce Schmidt, Gavin Adams, Travis Skipworth.

## **BMWBA Broughton Section scores**

#### **Thursday competition**

Preliminary final, March 20: Clare Gold 35 d Clare Blue 32. K Day 19 d D White 18, R Lamond 16 d I Trengove 14.

Grand final, March 27: Clare Silver v Clare Gold, 9.30am at Clare.

#### Saturday competition

Semifinals 22-3-25 DIVISION I

Koolunga 54 d Redhill 39. A Freeman 31 d D Coffey 17, D Vajda 23 d P Hayes 22.

Snowtown 50 d Brinkworth 49. V Rowan 19 lost to B Goss 30, J Freebairn 31 d C Krieg 19.

DIVISION II

Mundoora 40 d Brinkworth 39. B Jenkin 16 lost to G Pearce 21, B Cherry 24 d R Christian 18. Koolunga 41 d Redhill 34. W Aitchison 18 d I Perry 17, K Vajda 23 d R Conroy 17.

Preliminary finals 23-3-25 DIVISION I

Snowtown 53 d Redhill 40. J Freebairn 29 d P Hayes 14, V Rowan 24 lost to D Coffey 26.

DIVISION II Brinkworth 44 d Koolunga 41. R Christian 15 lost to K Vajda 28, G Pearce 29 d W Aitchison 13.

Grand finals 5-4-25 Division I: Koolunga v Snowtown, at Koolunga, 1.30pm start.

Division II: Mundoora v Brinkworth, at Mundoora, 2pm start.







KADINA CHAMPIONS... Women's pairs championships runners-up Chris Pearce and Shylie Koch, and winners Jan Harvey and Wendy Venning.

champion Bruce Hines (right) and runnerup Phil Miller.

KADINA CHAMPIONS... Men's single KADINA CHAMPIONS... Women's singles champion Wendy Venning (right) and runner-up Anne Rule.

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Moonta Saturday: Results 22-3-25 — Moonta Memorial Park Bowling Club Open Pennant grand final was held on March 22. We had five teams playing finals on Saturday for three wins and two losses. Congratulations to all teams for making the grand final. In Division I, Moonta 94 lost to Wallaroo 105. Moonta were behind for much of the day, which made it a challenge to claw the lead. Best rink: D Williams, K Sorrell, K Paull, P Rost, In Div II Sandercock, Moonta III defeated Kadina 81. Moonta had a slow start but finished strongly to have a solid win. Best rink: J Richards, K Gum, R Bilsborough, K Coates. In Div II Brown, Moonta 100 defeated Wallaroo 83. This was a very tight contest for most of the game. Moonta steadied at the end to get the win. Best rink: L Rawlinson, T Emmerton, P Jowett, J Emmerton. Div III Red Moonta 42 defeated Moonta Blue 40. This was another come-frombehind win. The Reds proved to strong in the end. Best rink: G Davis, G Dunston, V Thom, R Mills. "Alfie"

Wallaroo Saturday: Results 22-3-25 — The division I grand final was hosted at Kadina Bowling Club and the final between Wallaroo and Moonta was certainly nail-biting to the end. There was chanting from both sides and many spectators. The final score was Wallaroo victorious with 105 shots to Moonta's 94 shots. Peter Rankin, Craig Oborn, Mike Wildash and skipper Malcolm Johns went down 16-29. Richard Kent, Kevin Cock, Greg McPharlin and skipper Will McPharlin dominated with 38-18. Steven Yandell, Robert Brandt, Dianne Miller and skipper Phil Spiers down by one shot with 27-28. Darrell Carter, Graham Harper, Brian Smith and skipper Fred Schenck had a great win 24-19. Overall, two games up and two games down, but Wallaroo showed their might and were too strong for Moonta. Congratulations to all players in Div I, it was a fantastic game to watch! Kadina also hosted the Div II Brown grand final between Wallaroo and Moonta. Congratulations to Moonta as they were too strong, winning 100 shots to 83 shots. All teams in Div II were hyped up and the games were even but as the day went on, Moonta got the upper hand. One team, involving

Russell Williams, Catherine Vluggen, Cornelis Vluggen and skipper John Jaensch won their game 22-16. Bob Hams, Phillip Shields, David Jackson and skipper Ken Godfrey went down 19-26. Annie Pryor, Julie Oborn, Trich Young and skipper Marie Spiers were outbowled going down 19-30. Janet Joy Barratt, Rob Pryor, Tim Pritchard and skipper Daryl Stringer fought hard and went down 23-28. Again, another amazing day and well done to all the players in Div II. Congratulations to Moonta for winning and congratulations to Wallaroo for getting into the grand final. Well, that ends an amazing bowls season, hope to see you all next time. PS: let the winter season begin! DJ

Paskeville Thursday: Results  $\mathbf{20}\text{-}\mathbf{3}\text{-}\mathbf{25}$  — We made the grand final but unfortunately lost. After not having a side last season, to play in this season's grand final was a terrific effort. To everyone who wished us well and who came to watch, thank you. We lost by six shots and had one winning team: Jackie Harrop, Judy Bussenschutt, Denise Daniel, Alison Owen Congratulations to 22-18. Sheryl Millard on winning our club singles championship and to Judith Bussenschutt on being runner-up. In the men's championship Jeff Miller was the winner with Garry Willson the runner-up. In the men's B grade championship John Bussenschutt was the winner with Mark Gould runner-up. The men's championship pairs were won by Jeff Miller and Bryan Newton. See you all next season. "Oneeyed Magpie"

### CROQUET

NYP croquet: Results 19-3-25 Crystal Brook 28 d Moonta Navy 18. E Young 5, R McBride 10 (15) d M Algie 6, S Pedler 3 (9); S McBride 10, L Saunders 3 (13) d D McPharlin 4, M Brennan 5 (9). Kadina 36 d Port Pirie 32. M Kinch 13, N Hibbard 13 (26) d M Nayda 9, S Arbon 3 (12); L Kinch 3, J Lydeamore 7 (10) lost to B Hutchinson 12, P Norton 8 (20). Pat Norton had a great break of six at the end. It is great to play at Port Pirie as they have the best coffee in the association. Crystal Brook has a bye this week, but after today's win has secured enough points to win this year's competition. Congratulations! See you all next week after the last game for lunch and presentations. NH

#### GOLF

Ardrossan Tuesday: Results 18-3-25 — 20 women played an Irish Stableford. Winners: division I, Tracy Watson 39 points; div II, Marijke Gurr 37. Ball winners: Tracy Watson 39, Marijke Gurr, Audrey Cook 37, Vicki Love, Doreen Barwell 34, Cheryl Carmichael 33 on c/b Lorna Carter. NTP: 8(Ardrossan Post Office), Cheryl Carmichael; 12, (SIMEC) Jill Mumford; 16 (Moonta Crash Repairs), Jude Foster. Winning Irish Stableford team: Audrey Cook and Karen Minks 68, Lorna Carter and Cheryl Carmichael 64, Sue Bittner and Marijke Gurr 60. "LCD"

Copperclub: Results 18-3-- Stableford: B Vinzelberg 38, T Wait, R Bozdarovski 37, D Hillebrand, S Box, R Forrest, P Pridham 36, B Wilhelm, J Halse 35, J Bagshaw, B Paige 34. Eagle: D Hillebrand. NTP: 4, C Hunter; 7, G Ballantine; 13, C Hunter; 16, J McDermott. Results 19-3-25 — Stableford: C Harvey 36, K Fogden 31, P Nitschke, L Williams, L Sorensen 29, J Sandow, J Greenslade 27, L Markovic 19. Results 20-3-25 – Shotgun Thursday Stableford: R Bozdarovski 39; S O'Burtill; R Bock 38; D Yearbury 37, D Oag, G Leue, R Chadbourne 36; T Chapman, J Halse, S Box 35; G Smith 34. NTP: 4, G Leue; 7, M Daly; 13, R Hook; 16, K Cook. Results 21-3-25 — All day nine hole Stableford: I Crocker 21; L Pridham: I Zwar 19: R Forrest 18; T Daly; P Weatherley 17; A Brown, N Blake, T Pridham 16; G Fleet, P Nesbitt 15. Results 22-3-25 — Stableford: M Daly 42; P Howland, R Hook (Berri Golf Club) 40; P Pridham, R Wegener 37; J Wheeler, F Morris, L Wood, P Smith 36; R Wheeler, G Morris 35. NTP: 4, P Pridham; 7, N Blake; 13, R Wegener, 16, B Paige. Results 23-3-25 — Stableford: M Richards 39; M Daly 38; J Struck, T Daly 37; M Cook (Minlaton GC) 36; N McDonnell (Minlaton GC) 34; C May, R Bozdarovski 33; T Neumann, J Young 32; R Wegener 30.

Thursday: Stansbury Results 20-3-25 - Ten players participated in the 12-hole social competition. Winner Gary Granfield 56/41, r-up Ron Hillier 56/43. Least putts: Dan Player 17 c/b Ron Hillier. NTP: 16, John Patterson. Chipping Challenge: Ron Hillier. "Trinny

Wool Bay: Results 18-3-25 -12 hole competition: winner Steve Goodall 40, runner-up Scott Golding 41. Most fairways: Scott Golding 10. Least putts: Scott Golding 13. NTP: 4, John Jansen; 5, Steve Goodall. Birdies: Joy Leathley, John Jansen, Scott Golding. Chip outs: Herb Voelker, Stan Solomon. Results 22-3-25: 12 hole competition: Steve Goodall 39, Jan Henery 44. Most fairways: Graham Hoile 8 c/ b Merv Camp. Least putts: Herb Voelker 16 c/b John Jansen. NTP: 16, Scott Golding. Birdies: Scott Golding, Graham Hoile.

Wallaroo Saturday: Results 22-3-25 — Twenty-seven players competed for the Anglers Inn Voucher competition, in warm and cloudy weather. We had 15 players in the morning, of which three were women. Winner of the day was Craig Johns with a score of 40 points. Well played Craig, great golf! A grade: winner, John Gore 38, runner-up, Brad Jamieson 36. B grade: Beville Jordan 33, r-up Kym Rankin 33. C grade: Gary Hawthorne 38, r-up John Van de Vorstenbosch 36. NTP: 3, Neville Jordon; 6, Brad Jamieson. Long drives: A grade, Ian Tobin; B grade, Robbert Klomp; C grade, Alan Poole. Long putt: Robbert Klomp. Encouragement award: James Smith. JG and oscar bravo Yorketown Saturday: Results

22-3-25 — We made our annual pilgrimage to Clare to compete for the Brenton Cup Stableford competition. The weather and conditions were ideal for golf. Winner Sebastian Thom 43, r-up Luke Thompson. Other scores: Harry Mills 37; Colin Hincks 34; Kym Baum 33; Brenton Robinson 32; Henry Kielpinski, Jarred Dalton 31: Shawn Rose 30. NTP: 7, Deb Baum; 9, Mark Cook; 12, Cody Barlow; 14, Kym Baum. Most fairways: Shawn Rose, Ian Hoile 13. We thank the Clare Golf Club for its hospitality and well-prepared course. Thank you to all the players who made their way to Clare, it was a fun day to finish our summer season. We wish you well for the winter season in your home clubs. We look forward to seeing you for the Brenton Cup in September at The Dunes. This week, the Wednesday comp starts 9.30am for a 10am tee off, Saturday comp 9.30 am for 10am. Official winter season opening will Saturday, April 5, back to 11.30am for a noon tee off. All welcome for an enjoyable round. TFM

### SAILING

Port Vincent Sailing Club: Race

three of the Police Credit Union Women's Helm series of races was sailed on the afternoon of Sunday, March 21. A smaller fleet took to the water in favourable conditions. Course 1 was sailed in winds of about 15 knots although it increased towards the end of racing. Two of the trailer sailers were unable to start due to crew and mechanical problems. The top deck crew settled in for a pleasant afternoon with binoculars to hand to follow the fleet, they were joined after the race by skippers, crew and friends. Results 21-3-25 -Trailer sailers: 1st Vostok, B. Campion; 2nd Elementary, J. Rippon. Multihulls: 1st Splashes Brilliance, D LeFeuvre; 2nd Both Barrels, M Young; 3rd Epimagic, T Polkinghorne;

#### 4th Nautical Nut, G Illman. SHOOTING

Maitland Rifle Club: With three rounds over three ranges, it was a mid morning start for members of the Maitland Rifle Club. A 10am muster was the call from the captain, but a few turned up earlier to get an elevation zero or just get a jump on putting up the flags. By the 10.30 start time everything was ready and the target shooting draw took place. The RO ordered "range is open, rifles forward", and the first shots were away from 300 yards. With fourteen members in attendance and only one round of two and ten at each distance we were soon putting scores on the card in quick order. With seven F open shooters it was tight at the top of the order. Bill Gillis 60.08 was a stand out with John "Shobby" Shobbrook 60.06 only a few thou behind. It was the same story in target rifle with Michael Dayman 48.04 only one V bull ahead of Greg Klopp 48.03. F standard Bs Chris Tucker 53.01 and Barry Tucker 52.01 also had a tussle. With 300 finished and lunchtime calling we ventured back to the hut for the obligatory barbecue lunch, salad and then fruit pie dessert. 500 yards and the tables turned in the top order stakes. F open saw Shobby on top with 59.05 ahead of Roger "Dodgy" Francis 58.05. TR saw Jeff Dayman 47.06 claw back Michael D on 47.02. At the start of 500 Barry retired with ammo related issues, leaving Chris Tucker as the only other competitor. The south easterly wind had been playing its usual tricks all morning and afternoon and

wasn't about to let up; the two possibles were only a memory and we still had 600 yards to finish the afternoon. Shobby finished his F open campaign with another 59.03 ahead of Roger 58.04, and in TR Jeff and Michael Dayman were tied on 46.03 each. Handicap scorecard: John Shobbrook, FO, 60.06, 59.05, 59.0, 178.14, 4.5, 180.14, 44%, 3 points; Brad Renfrey, FO/ FTR, 52.04, 53.00, 55.02, 160.06, 18, 178.06, 2; Andrew Dayman, TR, 45.04, 42.00, 40.01, 127.05, 21, 148.05, 1; Chris Bavistock, FO, 54.01, 54.03, 51.02, 159.06, 18, 177.06; Roger Francis, FO, 59.07, 58.05, 58.04, 175.16, 1.5, 176.5, (0.16); Greg Bentick, FO, 56.04, 56.02, 56.01, 168.07, 7.5, 175.5, (0.07); Michael Dayman, TR, 48.04, 47.02, 46.03, 141.09, 4.5, 145.5, (0.09); Bill Gillis, FO, 60.08, 56.03, 57.04, 173.15, 1.5, 174.5, (0.15); Lynton Wakefield, FO, 57.03, 57.01, 55.03, 169.07, 4.5, 173.5, (0.07); John Habets, FSA. 56.02, 57.05, 52.02, 165.09, 7.5, 172.5, (0 .09); Jeff Dayman, TR, 47.05, 47.06, 46.03, 140.14, 3, 143.14; Chris Tucker, FSB, 53.01, 52.00, 47.02, 152.03, 18, 170.03; Greg Klopp TR, 48.03, 43.00, 43.01, 134.04, 7.5, 141.5, (0.04); Barry Tucker, FSB, 52.01, retired. Top off Rifle: TR, Michael Dayman, 141.09; FSB, Chris Tucker 152.03; FO, John Shobbrook, 178.14. Handicap points: John Shobbrook 3, Brad Renfrey 2, Andrew Dayman 1. Possibles: Bill Gillis 60.08; John Shobbrook 60.06. Trophy winner: John Shobbrook 100.14. Congratulations Shobby! Runner up: Brad Renfrey, 99.06. This week 10am Zacher 1000 yards, then after lunch at 1:30pm, Semmler trophy stage from 900 yards. "Dodgy'

Wallaroo Pistol and Shooting Club: Results 18-3-25 - Air Pistol/600m, women: Michelle Sieben 508, Colleen Angel 389. Action mover plates/480, rimfire production: Roy Winther 434, Michelle Sieben 402; centrefire production: Roy Winther 369, Robb Bean 34; centrefire modified: William Power 335. Results 23-03-2025 — Air pistol/600 men: Stephen Penney 497. Action match- mover/ Plates/480, rimfire production: Scott Gibbs 478, Stephen Penney 469, Dakoda Videon 439, Roy Winther 415, Robb Bean 397; centrefire production: Stephen Penney 447, Roy Winther 315, Robb Bean 216. Wallaroo Pistol and Shooting Club Scores thanks sponsor Bee Entertained.

## **Cross Roads indoor cush bowls**

The first of three cush bowls come and try nights was held on Friday, March 21. The club welcomed several new potential

players, and a fun night was had. More players are still needed to keep the club at its full potential and ideally, we will have 12 teams (36 members) playing each week.

For those who are not familiar with the sport, t is best described as a combination of bi and carpet bowls. The bowls do not have a bias and must be bowled off the cush (inserted rope at the sides of the mat). It is a fun and easy game to learn for the young and not so young. Games are played Friday nights at the Moonta Uniting Church Hall starting at 6.30pm. When the competition starts, games consist of 15 ends lasting approximately one hour and played over three time slots.



## Last shot for Joe

Wallaroo Rifle Club members and relatives of the late Guiseppe "Joe" Zappia paid homage to him with a traditional last shot ceremony before the start of the weekly competition on Saturday, March 22.

Members stood at the shooting mound with hats and caps removed while a single shot was fired down range by Joe's son-in-law, Myles



No uniforms are required, bowls are supplied, and tea and coffee is provided. A minimal season fee applies when the competition starts.

You can come as a team or as an individual and join a team.

For more information contact Christine Nicholas 0429 947 272 or Kaylene Osborn 0413 181 634. For anyone who would like to try the game and cannot be there Friday night, call Bev Shields 0447 253 103 to arrange another time.

CUSH BOWLS... Allan White bowls as he is watched by Bev Shields members and visitors.

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A computer-programmed result recorded a centre bullseye on the target 300 yards away, signifying Joe's expertise in the sport of rifle shooting. Joe, 77, passed away unexpectedly a few weeks ago. His quiet demeanour and shooting ability will be missed by all.

He was among the first on the range each Saturday, hoisting wind flags onto their poles and ferrying essential equipment to the shooting point.

He enjoyed his turn at scoring each week, verifying shots to each contestant as they appeared on the computer, then chalking them onto a blackboard.

Joe was an F class champion of the club on two occasions. As a team shooter, he could always produce respectable scores.

He will be remembered by everyone connected with the sport of long-range rifle shooting. Keith Bailey

Steve roach, Domenic Richichi, Bob

Savage, Alan Murray and Rohan Carter. INSET: FONDLY **REMEMBERED....** The late Joe Zappia holds his F Class Championship Shield.

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# **NYP Little Athletics** Price 200m 39.4, 60m hurdles

Results 21-3-25 CENTRE RECORD U8M: Bailey Price high jump 1.1m

PERSONAL BESTS

U6: Alyce Lee 60m mini hurdles 18.41; Elijah Quin discus 7.66, 60m mini hurdles 16.64; Imogen Appleton-Boyce discus 5.16; Farlie Marks 100m 27.4; Florence Carmichael 200m 57.15, 100m 23.9.

U7: Hayley Cass shot-put 4.14; F Hayley Rowan 100m 21.64, 60m mini hurdles 14.79; Jake Short 60m mini hurdles 15; Blair Westlake long jump 1.49; 7 F Scarlett Kohler long jump 1.75.

U8: Henley Marks high jump 0.87; M Darby Munn 200m 45.61, high jump 0.83; M Bailey

13.42, high jump 1.1; Imogen Whale 60m hurdles 14.57, 100m 23.32.

U9: Laura Wapper 60m hurdles 15.33, shot-put 4.96, high jump 0.75; Natalie Litster high jump 0.95.

U11: Tyson Wapper discus 14.03, javelin 11.25; Benji Rowan 80m hurdles 18.82, discus 13.34; Michael Reynolds 400m 01:36.9, discus 15.55; Lila Short discus 12.06, 400m 02:05.5, javelin 8.46, 800m 05:08.7; Jakobi Price triple jump 6.86, discus 19.45.

U13: Seth Lee discus 19.66, 400m 01:27.4, triple jump 7.09. U14: Brampton Williams 400m 01:24.1, discus 19.92, 800m 03:23.3.



NYP LITTLE ATHLETICS... NYP LITTLE ATHLETICS... Elijah Quin has achieved Imogen Appleton-Boyce five personal bests so far has recorded five personal this season.



bests this season.



NYP LITTLE ATHLETICS... Natalie Litster set a new NYP LITTLE ATHLETICS... NYP Little Athletics Centre Brampton Williams has U9F record in 400m with an impressive 25 personal her time of 1:34.61.



bests this season to date.



NYP LITTLE ATHLETICS... Tiny tot athlete Willow Morse takes a running jump into the long jump pit.



NYP LITTLE ATHLETICS... Tiny tot athlete Alfie Munn puts the skills he has learned into action in the long jump pit.



NYP LITTLE ATHLETICS... Achievers of 15 personal bests already this season, back: Piper Haylock, Tyson Wapper; front: Ember Whale, Dustin Parker, Evie Oliver.







NYP LITTLE ATHLETICS... Athletes awarded for achieving 10 personal bests this season to date Scarlett Kohler, Henley Marks, Xavier Naylor, Elijah Quin, Jake Short, Alyce Lee, Florence Carmichael.

NYP LITTLE ATHLETICS... Athletes with 20 personal bests and counting, back: Michael Reynolds, Benji Rowan; front: Hayley Cass, Hayley Rowan, Evie Oliver.



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# Equipment rebate for ag schools

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eID for sheep and farmed goats is replacing the visual tags and mobbased system to improve the accuracy and efficiency of livestock traceability.

The SA Government has invested \$10.2 million into a range of assistance measures to ensure the supply chain has the essential equipment to meet their reporting and recording obligations under the National Livestock Identification System.

Schools, tertiary institutions and colleges that have an agriculture program that includes a focus on livestock management for sheep and goats will be able to apply for a 75 per cent rebate on the purchase of a stick reader.

The equipment will assist students in learning about eID and the reporting requirements as future livestock owners, farm managers, primary producers, leaders and professionals in the livestock industry.

The Sheep and Goat eID Implementation Essential Equipment Rebate for schools will be open until 5pm, Monday, June 30.

All sheep and farmed goats born on or after January 1, 2025, need to be identified with a NLIS accredited eID tag before leaving their property of birth.

Producers who conduct propertyto-property movements must record individual movements of sheep and farmed goats identified with eID tags on the NLIS database.

The SA Government's industry support measures include:

• Point-of-Sale Tag Discount Scheme provides sheep and farmed goat producers with a 95 cents discount for NLIS accredited eID tags at the time of purchase for white tags in 2025, which ends on June 30, 2025.

• Expanded eID Device Rebate 2023-2025 allows sheep and farmed goat producers to apply for a 50 per cent rebate up to a cap of 95 cents (GST exclusive) for NLIS accredited eID tags purchased between January 1, 2023 and June 30, 2025 that are not aligned to the NLIS year-of-birth colour system. Closes June 30.

• Sheep and Goat eID Essential Equipment and Infrastructure Rebate (Saleyards and Processors) provides support of up to 75 per cent rebate for the cost of essential equipment and infrastructure required by saleyards and processor to implement eID. This scheme is in recognition of movement of sheep and farmed goats ahead of the transition to the new national traceability system. Closes June 30.

• Sheep and Goat eID Essential Equipment Rebate (Producers) provides SA producers with a 75 per cent rebate on the cost of essential equipment to assist with recording property to property movements on the NLIS database. The maximum rebate amount depends on the average head movements onto your property directly from another property over the past three years:

- Up to \$500 for movements of 100 or less head of animals annually
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• Sheep and Goat eID Essential Equipment Rebate (Agents) is to assist South Australian livestock agents with the purchase cost of essential equipment required to notify stock movements under the NLIS. Agents can apply for a 75 per cent rebate to a maximum of \$7000 (exclusive of GST) for the cost of essential equipment, including pocket reader,



NEW TECH... Schools with an agricultural program could be eligible for State Government rebates to help them adopt handheld scanning technology for electronic identification of sheep and farmed goats. Kadina Memorial School student Braydon and goat "Steve Irwin" took part in the livestock handlers' competition at the 2024 Copper Coast Show.

stick reader or wand, mobile panel reader and the scanner component of a weigh crate. Closes June 30.

• The eID Advantage Program is a \$900,000 State Government investment to assist with education and improving producer knowledge on changing responsibilities for identifying and moving sheep and farmed goats. The program is delivering targeted training to support eID implementation and increase confidence in the use of eID technology and includes upskilling workshops for producers and stock agents, and faceto-face training sessions to build understanding of eID tags, technology and how to use the NLIS database.

Primary Industries Minister Clare Scriven said the rebate for agricultural schools would help ensure future members of the livestock industry were familiar with eID and the use of scanning equipment to support NLIS reporting and recording obligations.

"Electronic identification for sheep and farmed goats will ensure we have the best possible traceability system, which is crucial to protecting our \$4.9 billion livestock industry in the event of an outbreak of an emergency animal disease such as foot and mouth disease," she said.

More information: visit pir.sa.gov. au/eid-rebate-schools.

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# **Shearing success**

THE 2025 Heidelberg Materials Curramulka Speed Shear drew in another big crowd, as some of the best shearers competed on Saturday, March 22.

Open category winner was Lindsay Meaney, of Kapunda, with a time of 23.5 seconds, following up his win in this category in the 2024 event. Runner-up was David Jackson.

Minlaton's Brodie Maywald was the intermediate winner, followed by runner-up Tom Robinson.

Ebony Hendry, also from southern Yorke Peninsula, took out the women's division, with Karmel Parsons, Minlaton, coming second.

Ricky Voigt, Minlaton, was the veterans' winner, with Steve Dodd runner-up. Curramulka Community Club chairperson Greg Agnew said it was another successful day with great weather.

"Many thanks to sponsors, volunteers and all who attended," he said.

"A big shout-out to shearers who travelled from far and wide to compete at the Curramulka Speed Shear.

"We're looking forward to next year."

Left: CLICK GO THE SHEARS... Judges Jim McKenzie and Tony Short keep a close eye on Trevor Wakefield, of Mount Gambier, shearing during the qualification round of the open competition at the speed shear.



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# Update on SAGIT-funded research into paraquat ahead of proposed restrictions

INITIAL results have been released into research investigating crop topping at reduced rates of paraquat following the announcement of proposed restrictions on the widely used chemical by the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority.

Current practices of crop topping in lentils and faba beans in SA typically involve the application of paraquat at rates of 800 millilitres per hectare or higher, applied just prior to crop maturity, followed by harvest between 5 to 10 days later.

However, APVMA's proposed changes of a reduction in the allowable rate of paraquat to 400ml/ha and an increase in the minimum withholding period to 14 days means current practices will no longer be allowable.

South Australian Grains Industry Trust funded an outof-session project in October 2024, managed by senior researcher with the University of Adelaide's Weed Science Group, Dr Jenna Malone.

Prior to harvest 2024, four field trials were conducted, one in lentils and one in faba beans at two different high and low rainfall sites.

The trials assessed the efficacy of the reduced rate of paraquat in combination with, or replaced by, other products currently registered for use in crop topping of lentils and faba beans.

The trials assessed time to brownout, pod drop, efficacy of ryegrass seed set control, and crop yield.

Preliminary results from the trials demonstrated that the proposed half rate of paraquat did not achieve adequate levels of brownout and that preliminary results based on visual assessment suggested that sufficient ryegrass control was also not achieved.

While no alternative treatments were as effective as the current full rate of paraquat, there were a few treatments that showed promising results.

This included Paraquat 250 at the reduced rate of 0.4 L/ha with the addition of Sharpen at 34 g/ha. The project also looked at some potential new products that are not yet registered for this use pattern, including Nonanoic acid 525 (Slasher). This product was trialled at 3.5 L/ha with the addition of Paraquat 250 at 0.4 L/ha.

Based on a comparison of the percentage of desiccation achieved 14 days after treatment, the treatment that was most effective as an alternative to the full rate of paraquat was Paraquat 250 at 0.4 L/ha + Nonanoic acid 525 at 3.5 L/ha. Use of Paraquat 250 at 0.4 L/ha + Sharpen at 34 g/ha had similar efficacy, however, the percentage of desiccation achieved was not consistently higher than that of Paraquat 250 at 0.4 L/ha alone.

There was no significant negative effect of any of the treatments on pod retention.

Pot trials focused on application timing and efficacy of ryegrass seed set control have been conducted. Seed viability testing will be conducted in April allowing time for dormancy to break.

Ryegrass plants harvested from the field trials will be tested for seed viability to assess the efficacy of the different treatments on ryegrass seed set control and whether timing of treatments has an effect on ryegrass seed set control.

Lentil and faba bean seeds retained from harvest will be assessed for viability to assess any effects the treatments may have on seed quality.

Results from the seed viability and pot trials should be available by the end of May.

Final results from the SAGIT funded research will be available at the end of the project, scheduled for June 30, 2025.

APVMA's final decision on the use of paraquat is expected in the fourth quarter of 2025.

# Growers warned of mouse activity increase

GRAIN growers are advised to remain vigilant for mice by monitoring numbers locally in the lead up to sowing.

The latest meeting of the National Mouse Group heard reports of moderate to high mouse activity from parts of Eyre Peninsula and Western Australia and from the Darling Downs and Roma in Queensland.

CSIRO researcher Steve Henry said the best way to confirm mouse activity was by walking paddocks to look for mouse burrows.

"The goal of baiting is to ensure mice consume a lethal dose," he said.

"Any background food can decrease baiting effectiveness, as it lowers the chances of mice encountering a lethal dose.

"Therefore, it's important to check the amount of background food in paddocks and, where possible, reduce it before baiting.

"By the time you're seeing mouse activity, it's almost too late.

"Mouse numbers increase really quickly and farmers need to be vigilant to ensure numbers don't get out of control."

The NMG is a grower-led working group that provides growers with the latest advice and information to support effective, timely, and safe best practice mouse management.

It brings together farmers from all mainland states, along with agronomists, peak bodies, industry groups, Grains Research and Development Corporation representatives, state government departments, and researchers from CSIRO, Australia's national science agency.

The group receives updates on mouse activity and research progress, including studies on mouse diseases, population modelling, ecology, surveillance and detection, and bait spreading technology.

Chair Ian Hastings, a farmer from northwest Victoria, highlighted the need for considered yet quick action.



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THREAT... Grain growers have been warned to monitor local mouse numbers, following reports of moderate to high mouse activity on Eyre Peninsula. PHOTO: Peter Brown/GRDC

"Strategic baiting six weeks out from sowing in areas of high mouse activity can reduce local populations and stop population growth but be prepared to bait again at sowing if mice are still a problem," he said.

Grain grower Brendan Taylor, a member of the group from the Darling Downs in Queensland, shared his concerns about rising mouse numbers.

<sup>\*</sup>T'm seeing mice across the roads in my local area, which is concerning," Mr Taylor said.

GRDC Pest Manager Leigh Nelson said GRDC was dedicated to advancing mouse management strategies to reduce the impact of rising mouse populations in key grain-growing regions.

"We have invested in research to better understand mouse ecology, behaviour, and population dynamics, while also promoting the widespread adoption of effective management practices through strong communication and extension efforts," she said.

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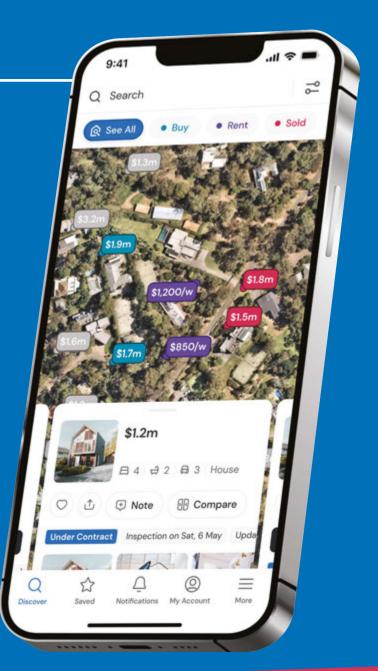
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COPPER COAST

### **Public Consultation**

Proposal for Consideration of Revocation of Classification of Land as Community Land

Notice is hereby given that the Copper Coast Council, seeks comment from the community for the possible revocation of Section 2215 Owen Terrace, Wallaroo, Crown Record Volume 5756 Folio 454.

A public consultation process is being undertaken pursuant to the Council's Public Consultation Policy from Tuesday, 25th March to Thursday 17th April 2025.

To assist with the consultation process on the proposal to revoke the classification of land as community land, a report on the land to be considered to be revoked and the reasons are available at the Council Office, during normal office hours, or Council's website www.coppercoast. sa.gov.au

Written submissions must be received by 5pm on Thursday, 17th April 2025 to:

**Director Development Services** Copper Coast Council PO Box 396, Kadina SA, 5554 Or

Email: info@coppercoast.sa.gov.au

Please contact Müller Mentz, Director Development Services on 88281200 for any additional information.

> Dylan Strong CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



### TEMPORARY **ROAD CLOSURE**

Seafood on Spencer This notice is to advise the following Temporary Road Closure

That Council exercises its powers pursuant to Section 33 of the Road Traffic Act 1961 and Clause F of the Instrument of General Approval of the Minister dated 22nd August, 2013, to:

Pursuant to Section 33(1) of the Road Traffic Act 1961, declare that the event described below ("the roads") is an event to which Section 33 of the Road Traffic Act 1961 applies; and Pursuant to Section 33(1)(a) of the Road Traffic Act 1961, make an order directing that The Roads on which the Event are to be held and any adjacent or joining roads specified below, be closed to traffic:

West Terrace, south side of Hotel Port Broughton between Bay Street and South Terrace and Edmund Street, between West Terrace and 4 Edmund Street on Friday, 28th March, 2025, from 9am to Saturday, 29th March, 2025, at 10pm for the purpose of Seafood on Spencer.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

#### **Public Notice**



### **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-termfinancial-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 CALENDAR

#### Northern YP



Rotary Market Saturday 29th March 8.30am-12.30pm Victoria Square

Kadina

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our community

Sundav 20th April 9am-1pm

Easter

Market

Port Clinton Community Hall 32 Cumberland Road

**BBQ breakfast** 





Paul Simpson

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# Entertainment

# What's been

MAJOR LEAK: Trump officials accidentally added a US journalist at The Atlantic to a group chat that revealed highly sensitive plans for an attack on terrorist organisation Houthis in Yemen.

BUDGET EVE: The Australian Government is set to hand down its budget this evening (Tuesday, March 25) ahead of a rapidly approaching election. The government has already announced energy bill relief, investment in Medicare and cuts to HECS debts for Australians if re-elected.

**ANSWERS:** A renewed search for Joanne Ratcliffe and Kirste Gordon, who disappeared at ages 4 and 11 from Adelaide Oval in 1973, is set to begin. A team of private investigators will explore two key sites between Jamestown and Orroroo.

## **Church Services**

This listing is for genuine church services only. Please submit notices to YPCT's Kadina office by 5pm Thursday for publication in the next week's edition. Make sure you state denomination, date, place and time; and please include contributor's contact details in case of queries. Fax services to 88212044, email editorial@ ypct.com.au, post to PO Box 246, Kadina SA 5554, or drop in to 31 Goyder Street, Kadina.

Kelly.

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26 Clinton Centre: 10am, A.

Lutheran Kadina: 7.30pm, Steve, Lent. Maitland: 7.30pm, Jeremy, Lent, combined. SATURDAY, MARCH 29 Seventh Day Adventist Kadina (Port Road): 10am-11am, bible study; 11.30am-12.45pm, worship service; Faith FM Christian Radio 87.6FM. Catholic Edithburgh: 6pm. Wallaroo: 6pm. SUNDAY, MARCH 30 Salvation Army Kadina (Copper Coast): 10.30am. **CRC Churches** 

International Moonta: 10am, www. Immchurch. com.au. **Crosslink Christian** Network Kadina: 10am, 10 Pannan Street, www. hopechapel.com.au. Baptist Wallaroo: 10am, www.face book.com/CopperCoast

Edithburgh: 9.30am, B. Smith.

Kadina: 9am, P. Turley. Maitland: 10am, C. Dinnie. Minlaton: 10am, J. Ladner. Moonta: 9.30am, D. Holden, cafe church. Moonta Mines: 11am, G. Woods. Port Vincent: 10am, L.

Davis. Stansbury: 11am, B. Smith. Wallaroo: 10.30am, R. Purling.

Warooka: 11am, cong. Church of Christ Kadina: 10.30am. Community Church Stansbury: 10.30am. Gospel Church Minlaton: 10am, 33 Main

Street, gospelchurch minlaton.com. **Australian Christian** Churches

Kadina: 10am, www.face book.com/ FuturesChurch CopperCoast. Ardrossan: 2pm, Light Church. Minlaton: 10am, Eternity

Chapel, 64 Maitland

## **Starscopes**

#### ARIES-March 21-April 20

Schedules may be changed through the week, in some cases proving a blessing in disguise. Your romantic intuition is not as sharp as you believe. Travel and business blend well.

#### TAURUS-April 21-May 22

Your self confidence dips briefly, then rises, thanks to the encouragement of a colleague or family member. Schedules may be rearranged through the weekend. Business news is encouraging.

#### GEMINI-May 23-June 21

You are easily influenced about a friend's motives, but don't jump to conclusions. Some good news on the financial front may arrive on the weekend along with professional praise and new responsibilities.

#### CANCER-June 22-July 22

Friends may introduce you to unusual and varied interests A financial breakthrough arrives when it's least expected. Your romantic relationship improves when you master the art of compromise.

#### LEO-July 23-August 22

A new hobby can be profitable, but be cautious when making related investments. Home improvement plans require discussion before they are put into action. Surp-rise guests highlight the weekend.

#### VIRGO-August 23-September 22

A one of a kind item may come your way during a week that features discovery and surprise. Trading proves favourable through the weekend. Your search for more efficient methods pays off.

#### LIBRA-September 23-October 22

A platonic relationship flourishes through this week, but romantic union requires tender loving care. Educational interests expand and you receive the encourangement you have been waiting for.

#### **The** SCORPIO-October 23-November 21

A tried and true approach brings favourable results in romance, while in your career some mild experimentation may lead to significant progress. A relative's ideas may be unusually effective.

#### SAGITTARIUS—November 22-December 22

Your independent streak may perplex your favourite friend, but only initially. A creative activity may evolve into a profitable undertaking. Your commitment to community service brings accolades this week.

#### CAPRICORN—December 23-January 20 A partner becomes more mature in his/her approach to your relationship. An economic news-brightener may arrive after the weekend. Offbeat ideas suddenly become feasible after Thursday.

#### AQUARIUS-January 21-February 19

Property ventures are generally favourable, but the key is to have all the facts at hand. A longstanding family dispute comes to an agreeable finale. New relationships or a bioblicated are highlighted.

#### **SE** PISCES-February 20-March 20

ke advantage to rest when you can earlier in the week because the weekend presents some hectic happenings that will run you off your feet.

#### BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK

You have an incredible amount of energy and you are famous for your generosity and independent spirit. A restless streak makes it hard for friends to pin you down. Taking risks is another quality of yours. By mastering your strengths and watching your weaknesses, you can make this year as a most profitable one.

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# **Not my usual Territory**

A VIOLENT neo-western tale is unlikely to find a place in my wheelhouse, but Netflix drama series Territory did.

And it gave me something to talk to my teenage brothers about.

Released late last year, the biggest production to ever film in South Australia and the Northern Territory follows the Lawson family whose Marianne Station is suddenly left without an heir.

And the most powerful factions in the Australian outback - rival cattle

barons, desert gangsters, Indigenous elders and billionaire miners - start preparing their weapons.

Dubbed as 'Succession in the outback' and 'Australia's Yellowstone', the series offers amazing scenery coupled with a tonne of tension, manipulation, secrecy and death.

I'm not great with the gory side of things, but other elements made watching worth it.

Stars include Anna Torv, Phillippa Northeast and Robert Taylor - all of whom are also in ABC's extensively awarded series The Newsreader, which has been one of my favourite shows in the past few years and has just wrapped up its final season.

The epic story also looks at Indigenous land rights, culture wars, racism and more, and the

## **#Throwback** This day in history

March 25, 1900: The SS Glenelg was wrecked off the Victorian coast, resulting in 31 deaths.

March 25, 1936: Tasmania was connected to mainland Australia by telephone for the first time.

March 25, 1942: Queen of Soul Aretha Franklin was born. British musician Elton John was born on the same day in 1947 and American actress Sarah Jessica Parker in 1965.

March 25, 1995: WikiWikiWeb, the



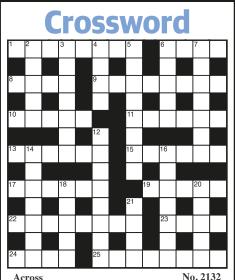
series' consultation with Traditional Owners and the inclusion of Indigenous crew and writers has been praised.

I would have loved to see the show dive deeper into Indigenous affairs in a second season, but unfortunately Territory has not been renewed.

It's a shocking turn of events when you consider the success of recent Aussie Netflix shows to blow up internationally, such as Boy Swallows Universe and Heartbreak High.

But it's clear the Australian, and even South Australian film industry specifically, is on a roll.

I look forward to many more fantastic productions that are unashamedly local, and are also bringing First Nations stories to attention overseas.



Catholic

Kadina: 10.30am. Moonta: 8.30am. Port Broughton: 6pm. Maitland: 11am. Warooka: 8.45am. Anglican

BaptistChurch.

Port Victoria: 10am, HC, blessing of air seeder, pooled lunch, Todd Twelftree's home. Wallaroo: 10.30am, MP. Lutheran Kadina: 9.30am, HC. Maitland: 9am, HC. Minlaton: 11am, Smith South Kilkerran: 11am. Yorketown: 9am, Smith. HC, AGM.

Uniting

Road. Edithburgh: 10am, Light Church. **Christian Community Churches of Australia** Kadina: 10.30am, Wallaroo Bible Fellowship, Room R1. Harvest Christian College, 10 Pannan Street, Kadina. The Congregation at Moonta Moonta: 11am, Town Hall supper room. MONDAY, MARCH 31 Catholic Kadina: 9.30am. **TUESDAY, APRIL 1** Catholic Moonta: 9.30am.

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# Personal Notices

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Diamond Wodding	70th Birthday	Deaths	In Memoriam	Funeral Notices	
Wedding Anniversary	<b>ELSWORTHY,</b> Colin. Happy birthday Normie, 30th March, 2025. Thank you for all your	Continued <b>PRIDHAM,</b> Reta (Fay). Loved sister and sister-	NORDIN, Siv Barbro Viveca. 29-3-1945 – 24-3-2024 The "Mad Swede", forever	<b>BAUER.</b> Family and friends of the late John Ronald (Sam) Bauer are warmly invited to attend his funeral service, to be held in the Edithburgh Institute, on Thursday, 3rd April, 2025, commencing at 11am.	
	love and support. You are my rock. Enjoy your special day. Love you to the moon	in-law of Reg (deceased)	remembered, forever loved. Never forgotten, in all of our hearts for all time. Waiting in Valhalla.	Following the service, the cortege will proceed to the Edithburgh Cemetery for the burial.	
1. AT	and back. ♥ Judith.	and Pat. Loved sister and sister- in-law of Geoffrey and Rosemary.	Love from Daryl.	Yorke Peninsula Funerals Accredited member AFDA, Minlaton 8853 2236	
<b>STOCK,</b> Henry James and Patricia Mary (nee Whittaker).	BAUER, John Ronald (Sam).	Loved Auntie Fay to Andrew and Michelle, Malcolm, Graham and Brenton, Sharon and Daniel.	Personal Thanks	<b>PRIDHAM.</b> The relatives and friends of the late Reta (Fay) Pridham are respectfully informed her funeral service will be held at the	
Congratulations on your 60th wedding anniversary. Married 26th March, 1965, in Maitland, South	Passed away at home in Edithburgh on Monday, 17th March, 2025, aged 84 years.	Dear Great-Auntie Fay to all of their families. Forever in our hearts.	BERRY BAY SURF JAM organisers thank all the sponsors who made the	Ewart Tennyson Chapel, Skinner Family Funerals, 1 Frances Terrace, Moonta, commencing at 11am, on Friday, 28th March, 2025.	
Australia. Sending love from your four children and part- ners, Darren and Brenda,	Devoted husband of Diana (deceased). Loved father and father-	The family of Fay express heartfelt gratitude and thanks to all at Parkview	2025 event possible, includ- ing Yorke Peninsula Council, Minlaton Foodland, Extreme Boardriders (Glenelg),	Private burial. Skinner Family Funerals Accredited member AFDA, Moonta 8825 2028	
Alison and Brett, Robin and Belinda, Sheree and Craig, and the 14 grand- children, Emily, William,	in-law of Tait and Desrae, Lane and Tracy.	Aged Care Moonta, for the wonderful care, love and support provided to Fay over the past 21 years.	Daily Grind Surf Gear. The surf competition was also sponsored by Rusty, white water by Lakeside Dental Yorketown, and the B grade	WHITE. Kathleen.	"I NEVER THOUGHT
Josie, Douglas, Susannah, Bethany, Elsie, Maireade, Rory, Holly, Prue, Caitlin, Jaxon and Georgie.	Lilliana, Abigail, Owen, Henry and Thomas. Always remembered,	During that time Fay made many loving friends with the staff and resident families. We are forever grateful and	comp by Edithburgh Surf and Tackle.	The family and friends of the late Mrs Kathy White are respectfully advised her Funeral Mass will be celebrated in the Ardrossan Catholic Church, 7 Maitland Road, Ardrossan, on Thursday, 27th	I'D BE
	never forgotten. <b>MURPHY</b> , Helen Anne. Passed away peacefully on	we say thank you. <b>PRIDHAM</b> , Fay. Loved sister to Reg (de- ceased), sister-in-law to Pat.	<b>McLEAN,</b> Maria. Thank you to Tony for your understanding and	March, 2025, at 11am. Following Mass, mourners are invited to the Willaston Cemetery, Dawkins Avenue, Willaston, for a 3pm committal.	HOMELESS."
18th Birthday	Sunday, 23rd March, 2025, aged 86 years. Loving wife of Sid (deceased).	Auntie to Malcolm, Graham and Brenton, and families. Rest in peace.	support, and to all the men who helped remove my TV antenna off the electricity wires after it fell on Monday,	T&F Taylor & Forgie Accredited Member A.F.D.A	That's the unimaginable reality Megan* and countless other Aussies are
	Adored mother and mother-in-law of David and Lisa, Ian and Marsha. Loved Nan of Scott and	PRIDHAM, Fay. Loved auntie of Sharon and Colin, Caitlin and Tyson.	17th March. Greatly appreciated.	Gawler 8522 1734 www.taylorandforgie.com.au	living right now. In fact, for every person experiencing
- ZAS	Agatka, Nathan and Steph, Chelsea, Sean and Shannon. Precious Great-Nanna Helen to Rafter, Keaton and Elliot.	The broom has been put away. Remembered with affec- tion.	Return Thanks		homelessness you can see, there are 13 more you can't. <b>Together we can help stop</b>
DAYMAN, Laci. Happy 18th birthday to our most beautiful, smiley	Selfless wife, mother and Nan who showed tremendous strength and gave total devotion to her	PRIDHAM, Fay. Loved auntie of Daniel and Leanne, Jack, Harry and Sam.	<b>FILMER,</b> K. Gordon. The family of the late Mr K. Gordon Filmer thank	11	the rise in homelessness.
and amazing Laci. What an absolute plea- sure it has been to watch you grow into the lovely	Helen will be sadly missed. Private funeral to be held.	Boots are clean and the chooks shut in. Always in our thoughts.	everyone for their love, support, cards, flowers and messages.	Prearrange Your Funeral	Donate today
young woman you are today. Always the household en- tertainment, from impres-	Skinner Family Funerals Accredited member AFDA Moonta 8825 2028	WHITE, Kathleen. 12-2-1937 — 16-3-2025 Passed away peacefully. Loved wife of Deane,	TWELFTREE, Neil Spencer. Greg, Gavin, Diff and	State State	Visit <b>salvationarmy.org.au</b> or scan the QR code
sions to ditzy comments! We are immensely proud to see you working in an industry you have a natural	PRIDHAM, Reta (Fay).	who passed away on 1st July, 2023, in their 59th year of marriage. Loving mother and	families extend our heartfelt thanks to all family and friends for your love and support following Neil's	× C	THE RED SHIELD
flair for. Have the best day on Thursday, can't wait to cel- ebrate with you.	Passed away peacefully at Parkview Aged Care, Moonta, 18th March, 2025, aged 88 years. Loved daughter of Les	mother-in-law of Tracey and Dean, and Craig (deceased). Loving Nana of Mikayla and Matthew.	passing. A special thank you to the doctors, nurses and staff at The Village Maitland and Maitland Haspital for their	Celebrating Life COPPERCOASTFUNERALS	SALVARY ARMY LEAVE NO ONE IN NEED
We all love you so very much. Mum, Dad, Eli, Meg, Tali, Star, your little bestie Quin and Mabel. xoxo	and Reta (both deceased). Loved stepdaughter of Ruby (deceased). <i>Continued</i>	Thank you to the won- derful staff in the Chappell Wing for their love and care. <i>Resting in God's care</i> .	Maitland Hospital for their sensitive and loving care to us all during Dad's last days. Please accept this as our personal thanks.	3 FORSTER STREET, KADINA Phone 8821 2253 Accredited by Australian Funeral Directors Assoc. SELECTED INDEPENDENT FUNERAL HOMES ®	*Name changed for privacy
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RAFFLE RESULTS JAMBOREE RAFFLE drawn Monday, 17th March: 1st Rob P. (Seaferry), 2nd Justin Stock (Marina U3), 3rd J. Williamson (Country Getaways), 4th M. Jervies (CCSLC), 5th T. lanni (Wallaroo Golf Club), 6th K. Warmington (Bunnings), 7th Bel (Popeye cruise). Thanks for your support.

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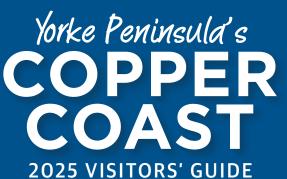
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# Information



**MOONTA GLOW...** A flashback to the auroras with a photo from Kelly Chapman. Share your stunning photos with the YP community by emailing editorial@ypct.com.au.

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### **TIDE TIMES**

Port Adel	aide (Outer F	larbor)	Wallaroo		
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<b>25</b> 1142 0.75 1832 1.75 TU 2316 1.34	<b>28</b> 0541 2.42 1158 0.26 FR 1809 2.26	<b>31</b> 0046 0.29 0639 2.21 MO 1229 0.42 1842 2.66	<b>25</b> 0006 1.47 1152 0.35 TU	<b>28</b> 0525 1.51 1229 0.42 FR 1841 1.21	<b>31</b> 0123 0.50 0700 1.19 MO 1248 0.60 1907 1.69
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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.

Port Broughton: King George whiting are in the shallows around the tidal grounds north towards Shag Island and Wood Point, then well offshore at the Plank Shoals. Garfish and blue crabs have been the

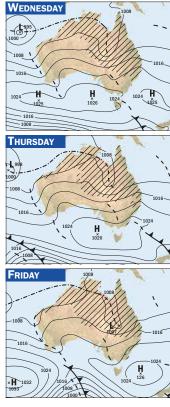
from The Banks, Point Souttar (shallow high tide) and Port Rickaby have been the main reports this week. The jetty has squid and small garfish.

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QUINTREX

Stenhouse Bay/Marion Bay: Tuna are still being targeted by the boat crews fishing the grounds well offshore along with red nannygai, kingfish and trevalley. Closer to shore there are a few whiting, flathead,

#### Weather forecast issued at noon, March 25, 2025



#### STATE

Wednesday: Isolated showers about the northeast and possible storms in the far northeast. Dry elsewhere. Maximum temperatures below average in the north but above average in the south. South to southeasterly winds, fresh at times about the coast and in the north. Thursday: Isolated showers about the northeast and possible storms in the far northeast. Dry elsewhere. Maximum temperatures below average in the north but above average in the south. Southeasterly winds, fresh at times near the coast and in the north. Friday: Isolated showers about the northeast. Dry elsewhere. Maximum temperatures below average in the north but above average in the south. East to southeasterly winds. Afternoon sea breezes about coastal districts. **Outlook:** Dry apart from possible isolated light showers about southern coasts. Maximum temperatures below average in the north on Saturday but above average in the south. Maximum temperatures mostly near average on Sunday and Monday. South to southeasterly winds freshening

#### **YORKE PENINSULA DISTRICT**

Wednesday: Sunny. Winds southeasterly 25 to 35 km/h. Thursday: Mostly sunny. Winds southeasterly 25 to 35 km/h. Friday: Sunny. Winds east to southeasterly 15 to 25 km/h tending south to southeasterly during the afternoon.

#### SPENCER GULF

Wednesday: Winds: Southeasterly 15 to 20 knots tending south to southwesterly 10 to 15 knots north of Cowell to Wallaroo, then becoming southeasterly 20 to 25 knots in the evening. Seas: 1 to 2 metres, decreasing to 1 to 1.5 metres during the morning, then increasing to 1.5 to 2 metres by early evening. Swell: South to southwesterly below 1 metre, increasing to 1 to 1.5 metres south of Cowell to Wallaroo. Weather: Sunny. Thursday: Winds: Southeasterly 15 to 25 knots. Seas: 1 to 1.5 metres, increasing to 1 to 2 metres south of Cowell to Wallaroo. Swell: South to southwesterly below 1 metre, increasing to 1 to 1.5 metres south of Cowell to Wallaroo. Weather: Mostly sunny.

#### **GULF ST VINCENT**

Wednesday: Winds: South to southeasterly 15 to 20 knots, reaching up to 25 knots near the Yorke Peninsula coast in the evening. Seas: 1 to 1.5 metres, decreasing to 1 metre during the morning, then increasing to 1 to 1.5 metres during the afternoon. Swell: West to southwesterly below 0.5 metres. Weather: Mostly sunny. Thursday: Winds: South to southeasterly 15 to 20 knots. Seas: 1 to 1.5 metres. Swell: West to southwesterly below 0.5 metres. Weather: Mostly sunny.

#### WEATHER

#### Kadina

**WEDNESDAY 16° 33°** Mostly sunny **THURSDAY 17° 33°** Mostly sunny **FRIDAY 17° 33°** Mostly sunny **SATURDAY 17° 32°** Mostly sunny SUNDAY V15° A 28° Windy **MONDAY 14° 28°** Mostly sunny

#### Maitland

WEDNESDAY **V17° 31°** Windy **THURSDAY 17° 31°** Mostly sunny FRIDAY **17° 4** 34° Mostly sunny SATURDAY 18° 🔺 30° Mostly sunny SUNDAY V16° A 25° Windy MONDAY **15° 27°** Mostly cloudy

#### RAINFALL

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Rainfall recorded (in mm) on Yorke Peninsula from 9am Tuesday, March 18, 2025, to 9am Tuesday, March 25, 2025. Issued mainly by the Bureau of Meorology South Australian Regional Office, and from some other statistics.

	WEEKLY TOTAL	MARCH TOTAL	2025 TOTAL	MARCH Average	ANNUAL AVERAGE
Arthurton	0.0	0.0	2.0	21.5	475.5
Bute	2.8	2.8	4.2	16.7	393.2
Curramulka	0.0	0.0	0.0	17.7	423.6
Edithburgh	1.2	1.2	7.0	16.2	383.2
Kadina	1.8	1.8	3.2	25.0	319.2
Maitland	1.2	1.8	4.4	20.6	502.3
Minlaton	0.5	2.0	11.0	17.9	427.1
Moonta	1.8	2.2	2.8	19.1	369.2
Paskeville	4.6	4.6	4.6	17.3	386.6
Pine Point	0.6	0.6	6.6	18.0	373.1
Port Broughton	0.0	0.0	0.0	15.9	349.1
Port Victoria	0.0	2.0	2.0	16.1	379.1
Port Vincent	0.4	1.6	8.7	14.5	359.4
Price	2.6	2.9	4.3	17.3	325.2
Snowtown	4.8	4.8	5.8	15.9	367.2
Stansbury	1.0	1.8	10.4	16.0	403.0
Stenhouse Bay	2.4	3.2	9.2	18.1	451.0
Wallaroo	2.2	2.2	4.2	19.3	356.8
Warooka	0.0	0.0	5.6	16.2	442.5
Yorketown	0.4	0.6	6.2	16.5	416.6

#### Warooka

**WEDNESDAY 18° 424°** Mostly sunny **THURSDAY 18° 23°** Mostly cloudy **FRIDAY 18° 28°** Mostly sunny **SATURDAY 19° 24°** Mostly sunny **SUNDAY 18° 20°** Mostly cloudy **MONDAY 17° 20°** Possible shower

### SHIPPING NEWS

DAILY: Accolade II arrives Klein Point 7.30am and departs 12.30pm daily.

other main reports at the jetty in the late afternoon sea breezes.

Wallaroo: Fine weather made for ideal week-long fishing conditions at the jetty as keen anglers tried for tommy ruff (Australian herring), squid and blue crabs, while boat crews went out for whiting, gar, snook and bluevs. Bream and a few mullet are around the marina and off Point Riley.

Moonta Bay/Port Hughes: KG whiting are here in the northern reaches of Moonta Bay and then well south of Port Hughes towards Cape Elizabeth and the Steamer Channel, along with blueys and a few squid. Early season mullet are making an appearance at local beaches on the afternoon high tides, with the jetties worth a try for gar, squid, snook and blue crabs. Point Turton: Some big gar and whiting

squid and snook. Shore-based anglers are reporting mulloway, mullet and flathead from Gleesons Landing and Butlers, Browns and Hillocky Beaches.

Edithburgh/Stansbury: A couple of large KG whiting were caught south of Rocky Gully and Troubridge Light, just west of the prawn trawler lay-ups, along with pesky leather jackets and blue morwong. Snook are around Marion Reef and Troubridge Island with the town jetty holding a few ruff and squid at night.

Ardrossan: Garfish and blue crabs were the main report for boat crews as they used the good weather to run out to the old northeast reef and then south of the main loading jetty. The town fishing jetty has overnight soapie mulloway and a few blue crabs. Tight lines and see you next week!



# Demons make football history

In just their second year in the Mid North Women's Football League, the Moonta Demons under 16 girls' team made club history by winning their first premiership on Friday, March 21.

They defeated Southern Flinders 8.2 (50) to 3.7 (25) in the grand final at Crystal Brook.

Their previous encounter, in round 5, had been a one-point thriller, suggesting another close contest.

From the outset, the game was played at a fast pace, with strong pressure and tackling from both sides.

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# Bottle Shop Specials MEMBER DEALS

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