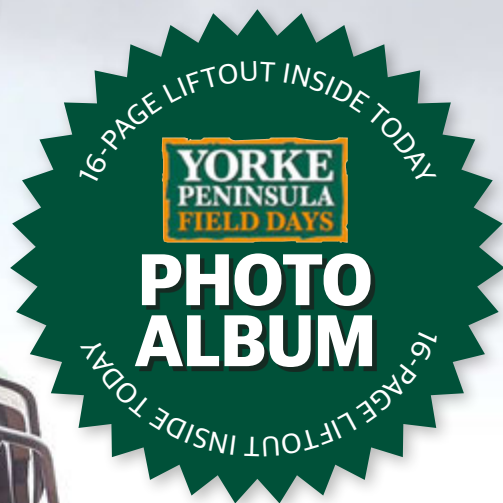


BIG RIGS AND BIG CROWDS



HELLO UP THERE... Paul Herrmann and John Herrmann, both from Saddleworth, and Isaac Vogt, from Allendale North, check out one of the big movers on display at the Yorke Peninsula Field Days in Paskeville last week. More than 20,000 people passed through the gates for the biennial event.

PHOTO: Sarah Herrmann

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Experts dive into fish stock studies

Sarah Herrmann
JOURNALIST

GARFISH, whiting and calamari stock assessment began in Gulf St Vincent last week, with the opposition calling the government's timing "sluggish".

The state government announced a "rapid assessment of fish stocks and fisheries" on July 22 to measure the impact of the algal bloom, but more than two months later, Shadow Minister for Primary Industries Nicola Centofanti

said there had been little evidence of a rapid response.

However, Primary Industries Minister Claire Scriven said fish stock assessments had been "underway for weeks".

"Assessments have been completed for the prawn, blue crab, abalone and rock lobster fisheries," she said.

"Analysis of catch-and-effort data has also been completed for the Marine Scalefish Fishery.

"MSF commercial fishers undertook surveys of calamari, garfish and King

George whiting last week, and will continue throughout spring/summer.

"Commercial fishers have been involved in the codesign of the survey program and are fully supportive of the work underway."

Port Wakefield commercial fisher Bart Butson said he and 27 of his MSF colleagues have been contracted to complete assessments in GSV until the end of December.

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Call for compassion towards child abuse victims

WHERE is the recognition and empathy towards victims of child sexual abuse and their families?

The case of convicted Kadina high school teacher Thomas Ackland highlighted the devastating impact of such offending, as victims, their families and the wider community continue to grapple with the long-term effects of his depravity. Child sexual abuse is very much a local issue, as the Ackland case was reported on by this newspaper.

Any parent and grandparent expects local children who go to Adelaide for boarding school and those who attend schools on the peninsula to be safe when they are at school.

Sadly, sex offenders do gain access to children and young people. Malcolm Fox, a former teacher at Marion High School, was convicted of four counts of unlawful sexual intercourse with a male student.

His wife, author Mem Fox, has not been found guilty of any wrongdoing but is reported in the media as saying her husband's convictions were "absolutely unbelievable".

The judge found otherwise. It is sometimes hard to accept because sex offenders are very good at "grooming" adults as well as children.

That's how they operate — they are often seen as good people. Judge Paul Muscat referred to Ackland's offending as "sinister".

Mem Fox is a public figure. She is remunerated for appearances. The Yorke Peninsula Field Days committee had signed a contract with her to appear at the field days last Tuesday, September 30.

Mem Fox is publicly vocal on matters concerning children. Is it really too much to ask Ms Fox to clarify her views on child sexual abuse and whether she has empathy for victims?

The YPFD committee does an excellent job injecting between \$5 million and \$8 million into the local economy. Mem Fox attended the event to sell her books.

The YP Country Times is the major sponsor of the field days. Both the YPFD committee and the YPCT are respected community organisations. This letter asks that, in future, they also consider the very real human cost of child sexual abuse.

Perhaps before the renewing any invitation to Mem Fox, the YPFD committee — and before renewing its sponsorship, the YPCT — seek answers to the two questions: Does Mem Fox, without reservation or exception, condemn child sexual abuse and does she have compassion for victims and their families?

Without answers in the affirmative, how can our community welcome her return in future years?

Maggie Dawkins
Moonta Bay

Editor's note: This letter expresses the writer's personal views on community sensitivity surrounding guest appearances at public events.

The Yorke Peninsula Country Times wishes to make clear that author Mem Fox has not been accused or found guilty of any offence and there is no suggestion she was involved in, or aware of, her husband's criminal conduct.

The YPCT is a proud sponsor of the Yorke Peninsula Field Days but has no role in selecting or approving invited guests.

Thanks from a new mum

LAST week, I had the pleasure of attending my first YP Field Days in many years. As an ex-local this was an event I used to love attending.

This year, I had the added joy of attending with my six-month old daughter. Prior to the event I was nervous about the facilities available to feed and change my baby.

Thankfully, I was blown away by the facilities and the volunteers at the Parenting Shed.

Having the space to privately and comfortably tend to my baby truly made the day that little bit easier.

Thank you to the wonderful volunteers and organisers. May this facility continue for years to come.

Taylah Andrews, Beverley

FACEBOOK COMMENTS

Fond farewell for Minlaton nurses (YPCT 30-9-25)

Julie Searle
What these two legends taught other younger nurses is beyond calculation and their legacy will live on into future generations of nurses in our local community.

Fight for power outage justice (YPCT 30-9-25)

Digby Diggers Hill
Maybe at the same time get them to pressure Telstra and other carriers to deal with the mobile phone black spots along the western side of the peninsula.

Rebecca Lorraine
Our mobile phone service was poor in the later hours of the scheduled YP power outage the other Sunday. Clearly nothing has been learnt or done about better back up batteries for the phone towers!

**These comments, made on YP Country Times Facebook page, have been edited for length and clarity*

OUR VIEW

Making the peninsula proud

YORKE Peninsula can be proud of hosting yet another outstanding biennial field days at Paskeville.

More than 20,000 people visited and many hundreds more staffed and volunteered, running commercial and community exhibits and stalls, demonstrations, events and competitions.

The event is expected to generate between \$5 million and \$8 million for the local economy, through spending on accommodation, food, fuel, site fees and local services.

The YP Field Days is not only one of the region's largest events but also Australia's oldest field days, dating back to trials held near Bute in 1895.

Our field days has another distinction — it is run mainly by volunteers and a handful of paid staff for the benefit of our region, whereas many interstate field days are run by businesses to make a profit.

In addition to giving local, interstate and national companies a chance to exhibit and demonstrate their wares, the field days is an opportunity to create and reinforce social connections and for local sports and community groups to raise money through ventures such as canteens.

Also making an impact at this year's field days was the striking new office and function centre complex, featuring gleaming corrugated iron silos to reflect the success of agriculture on YP.

The new office drew plenty of praise from visitors, and the function centre is expected to be completed by the end of the year.

Companies keen to utilise it for seminars and launches have already expressed their interest and the YPFD committee has begun considering how it will be incorporated into the offering for the next field days, to be held in 2027.

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Cute pets of Yorke Peninsula

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New Town dog attack sparks plea for pet owner responsibility

Michelle Daw
JOURNALIST

THE mother of a 5-year-old boy who survived a vicious dog attack in New Town has appealed to dog owners to keep their dogs securely fenced at home and under control in public.

Stephany Bamford's son Devon had to be flown to the Women's and Children's Hospital, where he underwent four and a half hours of emergency plastic surgery after being attacked by a large dog at about 2.45pm on Saturday, September 13.

Devon received hundreds of stitches to puncture wounds on both legs and his left arm.

He had been riding his bike on the footpath about 200 metres from his home when a large dog, later confirmed to be a male rottweiler, began chasing him.

Devon rode home, still pursued by the dog, where his grandfather, Stephany's father, Michael Simmons was working in the shed and heard his screams for help.

Mr Simmons said at first it looked like the dog was trying to play with Devon, until he realised what was actually happening.

He ran to help just as the dog pulled Devon from his bike and onto the ground.

He picked Devon up to get him away from the dog, punching and kicking at it while holding his grandson with one arm.

He then called out to Devon's father, Kain Bamford, who was sick in bed inside.

Mr Simmons said he told Kain to grab Devon, then jumped on the dog and pinned it to the ground.

Kain rushed Devon inside. When Michael released the dog, it ran to the front door and lingered, circling cars and refusing to leave.

Dog turns on mother

When Stephany arrived home after being called by her husband, the dog tried to attack her and chased her up the front steps of the verandah.

The dog then ran back to its home, about 250m away.

Stephany said she screamed when she saw Devon's leg, the first wound she noticed.

She and Kain rushed Devon to Wallaroo Hospital, where staff sedated him and treated his wounds.

After a couple of hours, he was flown to Adelaide for surgery.

Meanwhile, Michael contacted Copper Coast Council and the police and showed them where the dog lived.

The Bamfords were informed on Monday, September 15 that the dog had been surrendered by its owners and euthanised.

Devon remained in hospital for five days. His parents are now taking him to follow-up appointments to have his wounds dressed and checked.

'My father is a hero'

"What bothers me is what would have happened to him (Devon) if this dog grabbed him and no one was there," Stephany said.

"My father is a hero because, if it wasn't for him, I might not have a son.

"Any dog can turn (savage) — it could be a small dog, it doesn't matter."

Stephany said she was disappointed when she and Devon visited the New Town playground on the weekend of October 4-5 and saw two dogs running off-lead.

"When your son has just been in a major attack by a dog, that is scary stuff," she said.

The owners of the dog visited the family on the evening of Monday, October 6 to apologise for the attack.

While acknowledging that the dog had been put down, Stephany said she would like to see harsher penalties for dog owners following serious attacks.

A Copper Coast Council spokesperson said the dog which attacked Devon had been surrendered and impounded after the attack and was euthanised at a veterinary clinic.



AT HOME... Devon Bamford at home with his mother Stephany Bamford and Stephany's father Michael Simmons, who rescued Devon from a dog attack in the front yard. Inset: INJURIES... Some of the hundreds of stitches Devon required to treat the serious injuries he sustained in the dog attack.

Councils enforce dog control laws

IN South Australia, local councils are responsible for enforcing the Dog and Cat Management Act in their areas.

According to the Copper Coast Council, dog owners are legally responsible for their dog's behaviour.

It is an offence for a dog to attack, harass or chase a person, another animal, or a bird owned by a person.

Harassment includes chasing or annoying without causing injury.

Attack involves physical injury, such as bruising, puncture wounds or lacerations. Most dog attacks occur when a dog is

wandering — either having escaped or being allowed to roam. Dogs may attack out of fear, pain or confusion.

Reduce the risk of an attack by:

- securing fences and gates
- always walking dogs on a lead in public
- maintaining effective control in off-leash areas and keeping a leash handy

Council urges anyone involved in or witnessing a dog attack to report it as soon as possible, after seeking medical or veterinary care.

To report an attack, contact the relevant council's animal management officer.

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Field days gets the thumbs up

Michelle Daw
JOURNALIST

MORE than 20,000 people streamed through the gates for last week's biennial Yorke Peninsula Field Days at Paskeville.

Held from September 30 to October 2, the three-day event featured 506 exhibitors and a full daily program, including fashion parades, guest speaker sessions, working dog trials, shearing demonstrations, vintage machinery displays, and junior sheep and wool judging.

A total of 20,331 tickets were sold, with free entry for children under 11.

Yorke Peninsula Field Days chief executive Peter Anderson said feedback from exhibitors had been overwhelmingly positive.

"The overall response was that it was very professionally managed and staged," he said.

"Exhibitors were very happy with the attendance, the enquiries they received and the sales they achieved for their goods and services."

This event is expected to generate between \$5 million and \$8 million for the local economy, through spending on accommodation, food, fuel, site fees and local services.

The field days also provided a valuable fundraising opportunity for local sporting and community groups.

Paskeville Sporting Bodies, representing the local football, netball, basketball, tennis and bowling clubs, operated three canteens during the event.

The group also provided evening meals, and hosted caravanners and campers for four nights at its community centre in the Paskeville township.

PSB president Marty Daniel said it was fantastic to see so many people through the gates and supporting local groups.

"The field days have been a great fundraising injection for our community, and chatting to other community groups involved at the field days, they feel the same too," he said.

A new attraction at this year's event was the Little Farmers Zone, created and run by members of the Arthurlton Women's Agricultural Bureau.

The interactive area gave the youngest field day goers the chance to try hands-on farming activities such as digging potatoes, milling wheat and "driving" toy tractors.

YPFD president Greg Stevens gave the Little Farmers Zone a special commendation during the presentation of awards for best sites and displays following the event's official opening.

"This is the future of our field days," he said.

"The Little Farmers Zone offers a fun and educational experience is for a new generation of field days attendees."



FARMING FUN... Fletcher and Jessamy Correll with YPFD president Greg Stevens and Annabelle and Daisy Norton in the Little Farmers Zone. Jessamy and Annabelle are members of the Arthurlton Women's Agricultural Bureau.

Committee responds to speaker criticism

THE Yorke Peninsula Field Days committee has responded to public criticism over the inclusion of author and literacy advocate Mem Fox as a guest speaker at this year's event.

Child safety advocate Maggie Dawkins, of Moonta Bay, contacted the committee objecting to Ms Fox's appearance due to past criminal convictions involving her husband, Malcolm Fox. (See also letter to the editor, Call for compassion towards child abuse victims, from Ms Dawkins in this edition.)

Mr Fox, a former teacher, was convicted in 2011 of having unlawful sex with a teenage male student in the 1980s. He received a suspended sentence of four years' imprisonment.

Ms Dawkins raised concerns about community sensitivities, particularly in light of the 2023 conviction of former Kadina Memorial School teacher Thomas Robert Ackland, who was

sentenced to 14 years in jail for child sexual abuse offences against 11 boys.

YP Field Days chief executive Peter Anderson said the committee carefully considered the concerns but stood by its decision to include Ms Fox in the program.

The committee felt she had done nothing wrong and should not be judged for her husband's past, and that it was unfair to damage her reputation by association.

Mr Anderson said both of Ms Fox's sessions in the Guest Speaker Centre were attended by capacity crowds, and she was enthusiastically received.

"Following her speaking sessions, she undertook book signings, which again were attended by large crowds," he said.

"The committee would have no hesitation in having Mem speak at future events."

Field day goers show they care for charity

MORE than \$9500 was raised for the official charity of the 2025 Yorke Peninsula Field Days, Cottages 4 Country Care.

The not-for-profit organisation provides affordable accommodation in Wayville, Unley and city hotels for country people needing medical care in Adelaide.

Long-time volunteer Dianne Farrell said she was thrilled with both the funds raised and the level of interest shown by attendees.

Visitors who enquired about CC4C's services included a person awaiting a kidney transplant, a woman with a high-risk pregnancy, the parents of a child needing surgery, and a patient preparing for chemotherapy and radiotherapy for abdominal cancer.

"The overall experience of being at the field days, after 17 years of operation, was truly phenomenal," she said.

"It confirmed that we are on the right track, building a charity that serves everyone: children, adults, and families facing all kinds of illnesses, not just one specific condition like breast or prostate cancer."

"What became beautifully clear is that we are the charity for every person living in regional South Australia, one that anyone can turn to whenever they need support, and hopefully never have to."

"We believe we are becoming a 'forever charity', much like the Royal Flying Doctor Service, an enduring organisation that will continue to care for country people for generations to come."

Of the total raised, Rabobank donated \$1711 from sales at its on-site coffee stand, and the CC4C raffle raised \$7285; a further \$550 came from two anonymous donations after the event.

In 2024, CC4C hosted families for more than 2000 nights in its cottages and arranged over 1400 nights in partner hotels — saving an average 350-kilometre round trip per booking.

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Fish stock assessments begin

Sarah Herrmann
JOURNALIST

MR Butson said it was a good initiative but what they were seeing so far was “terrible”.

Mr Butson had previously called upon the state government to close GSV and Spencer Gulf to commercial fishing until the sustainability of stocks could be confirmed (see YPCT 16-9-25).

“I stand by that ... the commercial fishers in GSV could have a temporary closure while we do this research,” he said.

“I understand that government has to ascertain the stocks accurately to make the big decisions.

“It’s not perfect but we’re all doing our best.”

Ms Scriven said findings would be provided to the algal bloom taskforce, which meets weekly and holds subsequent press conferences.

Oyster growers hit 150 days closed

Following a long-weekend visit to Yorke Peninsula, Premier Peter Malinauskas has said “the perception of the algal bloom is doing as much damage as the bloom itself” — but that is not the case for Stansbury oyster grower Steve Bowley.

Mr Bowley has not been able to sell his oysters for more than 150 days, due to the presence of brevetoxin in Stansbury waters.

Stansbury oyster growers were shut down on May 5 and Port Vincent farmers on May 19 because brevetoxin can cause illness if people consume contaminated shellfish.

Mr Bowley said his business Pacific Estate Oysters had received \$25,000 through the Fisheries and Aquaculture Assistance Grant — which he helped the state government announced at Ardrossan in July — but did not qualify for more, or the \$100,000 maximum.

“It (\$25k) is fantastic, better than a poke in the eye with a burnt stick, but we’ve probably lost \$150,000 in sales,” he said.

Mr Bowley also said his oysters had been looking healthy but their condition was beginning to decline.

“It’s probably because we’ve had them up so high (in the water column) to avoid the bloom that they’re



now suffering from that,” he said.

“Or we’ve got these rotten rafts of seagrass out there which are breaking down and depleting oxygen out of the water.

“It’s uncharted territory and I feel a bit like a guinea pig.”

As the closure continues, Mr Bowley said he would like to see modified clay tried in oyster growing areas in an attempt to tackle the algae.

He said he had been forced to consider truck driving during harvest to earn an income.

“I can’t do both, and at the moment we’re still going out a few times a week to repair and maintain and grade, so I’d have to give that the flick ... at least I’d get a few bucks coming in the door.”

What’s next?

An algal bloom hotline has launched, and the state government is set to announce its summer plan within the next fortnight.

Hotline operators can answer questions about industry support, health advice, sick or dead marine life, beach safety and seafood consumption.

The hotline will operate seven days a week, including public holidays, from 9am to 5pm.

Calls related to mental health support, as well as at risk or dead fish or wildlife, will be answered 24/7.

The hotline, 1800 774 779, complements the existing dedicated state government website algalbloom.sa.gov.au.

RESEARCH... Port Wakefield commercial fisher Bart Butson has been contracted by the state government to complete algal bloom fish stock assessments in Gulf St Vincent. Below: Green water at the Port Wakefield wharf on Friday, October 3.



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Interim ferry sought for Spencer Gulf

Michelle Daw
JOURNALIST

SPENCER Gulf Searoad says it is working to secure an interim replacement ferry to service Wallaroo and Lucky Bay, so sailing can resume after November 30.

SGS director Dr Stuart Ballantyne confirmed the Aurora V, which previously serviced the route, had been contracted for sale to the Samoa Ports Authority.

The Samoan Observer reported earlier this year the vessel had been sold to the SPA for US \$5 million.

The seven-day-a-week passenger and vehicle transport service across Spencer Gulf provided by SGS was shut down for winter maintenance from June 12 and was to resume on October 1.

On September 29, SGS announced it had extended the shutdown until at least November 30.

"SGS is absolutely committed to the service and is working for an interim and long-term replacement of the (Aurora V) vessel," Dr Ballantyne said.

A number of options were being considered for an interim replacement vessel.

"SGS is in the middle of negotiations at present; therefore, we cannot openly discuss these options for reasons of commercial confidence," he said.

"The long-term replacement is a 65 metre Ro-Pax catamaran that is being contracted to build.

"This vessel will meet the demands and requirements of a modern, low-emissions vessel catering for normal and oversized cargo to meet the demands of our customers.

"This is our long-term electric solution developed to meet future demands for environmental sustainability."

Dr Ballantyne said approvals for the Ro-Pax catamaran

were being finalised and it would take some time to build.

The YP Country Times has received reports that some SGS staff have been stood down as a result of the extended shutdown.

However, Dr Ballantyne said permanent employees were still at work and casual employees had been informed of the extended break and not lost their jobs.

"The service always closes for the winter break and repair and maintenance works, hence this year while the closure is somewhat longer, it does not represent an exception to usual practice," he said.

"We have offered the crew alternative work during this winter break, which many of them have availed (themselves) of."

Dr Ballantyne said the SGS service between Wallaroo and Lucky Bay had been disrupted three times since it began in 2006, in addition to a COVID-related shutdown and another when the Lucky Bay harbour was redeveloped by T-Ports.

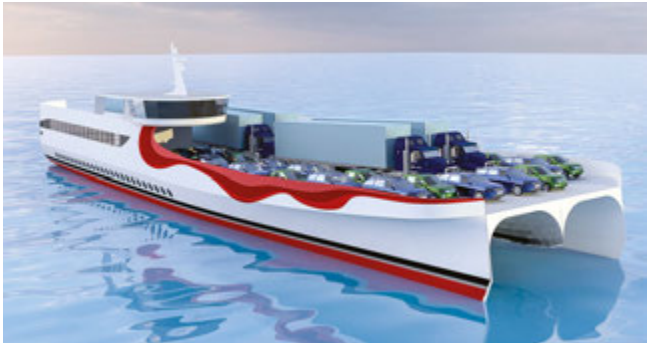
"SGS is committed to continue to work to produce a lasting outcome with commercial longevity," he said.

"SGS is privately owned and funded.

"We do not receive any third party or government support and/or subsidisation as part of this, with this service completely dependent on the local community's usage and support and the ongoing investment of SGS.

"We suffer with the rest of rural South Australia, feeling the effects of the general economic downturn, inflation and rising costs post-COVID, the drought, and the algal bloom, amongst other items, on rural seasonal holiday dependent businesses.

"That said, we remain committed to the continuation of this ferry service."



IN THE WORKS... An artist's impression of the 65 metre Ro-Pax catamaran, which Spencer Gulf Searoad says will be built as a replacement to the Aurora V.

Image: SGS

Drought a 'suffocating thing to live through'



DROUGHT SUPPORT... Caltowie farmer Ben Lehmann, Weather It Together campaign coordinator Annabelle Ottens, ifarmwell founder Kate Gunn, Primary Producers SA chief executive Caroline Rhodes, and PIRSA executive director Jo Collins at the Weather It Together launch at the Yorke Peninsula Field Days.

Sarah Herrmann
JOURNALIST

KEEP connected, focus on what you can control, get active and ask for help — these are the four key messages directed at farmers by a new drought support campaign.

Launched at the 2025 Yorke Peninsula Field Days, Weather It Together gives farmers practical tools and reminders to stay mentally well during challenging seasons.

The campaign has been developed by the University of South Australia's ifarmwell team in partnership with Primary Producers SA, Grain Producers SA, Livestock SA and SA Dairyfarmers' Association, and funded by the state government.

Its messaging will appear across regional TV, radio, print and online channels, as well as in clubs, pubs, GP clinics, service stations and regional community hubs, featuring farmers' stories and practical advice.

The initiative comes as farmers face some of the toughest conditions ever experienced, with many regions enduring their lowest rainfall on record, PIRSA executive director Jo Collins said.

"While we've had some welcome rain, we know that's not been right across the state and there are plenty of people who are still doing it incredibly tough," Ms Collins said.

"There is a lot happening in the

mental health and wellbeing space, and this campaign is really going to bring it all under the one umbrella so it's really easy for producers to know where to go to get the support they need.

"It's a real reminder that our mental health and wellbeing is just as important as our physical and financial wellbeing."

“Research from previous droughts has actually shown that the emotional impact of drought often peaks after the worst of the drought has passed.”

– Kate Gunn,
ifarmwell founder

ifarmwell founder and director Associate Professor Kate Gunn said research from previous droughts showed the emotional impact of drought often peaked after the worst of the dry had passed.

"It's about reinforcing a sense of pride and hope and offering friendly reminders about the practical steps members of the farming communities

can take, whatever the season might throw at them," she said.

"These strategies might seem simple but ... ironically they're the first things that we tend to give up when we start to feel overwhelmed.

"Farmers are natural problem solvers, they've fixed things and adapted for generations.

"When the future feels uncertain and when the problem is something beyond their control, like the weather, that of course can be overwhelming, and none of us are invincible."

Caltowie farmer Ben Lehmann said drought was "a suffocating thing to live through".

"You find it difficult to focus but you can't distract yourself either," he said.

"It's an important, timely reminder to get around each other, make sure that you're talking and staying connected, because it's very easy to go inwards and into our shell and shrink back from social life and responsibilities and start blaming yourself for everything.

"No one's alone, we can get through this together, and there's help."

For more information and resources, visit weatherittogether.org.au.

For urgent mental health support, call the Mental Health Triage Service on 13 14 65, available 24/7.

For more information about the state government's \$73 million drought support package, visit pir.sa.gov.au/drought-support.



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Local accident tests SA's hospital system

Austinn Lane
JOURNALIST

WHAT began as a simple DIY project turned into a three-day wait for surgery for Yorke Peninsula resident Jordan Howe, who suffered serious hand injuries in a freak accident late last month.

Jordan was building a raised garden bed on Friday, September 26, when she reached for a piece of timber and sliced her fingers on a circular saw.

She rushed inside to her wife Kayt Howe, who quickly applied first aid before the pair headed to Yorketown Hospital for treatment.

"When we arrived we got seen to straight away and went straight in, the nurses were brilliant," Kayt said.

"They assessed her hand and rang the plastics (plastic and reconstructive surgery department) at the Royal Adelaide Hospital immediately."

The nurses and doctors were unsure which pain relief to administer, so Jordan was eventually placed on gas to manage the pain.

After 12 hours at Yorketown Hospital, she was airlifted to the Royal Adelaide Hospital at 3am,

ahead of her scheduled surgery at 9am that morning.

"When we got there, we went straight to the emergency department," Kayt said.

"We were there for a while, before they moved us on to the ED overflow."

"It was so busy in there, people everywhere who were waiting to be seen to, it was like an Ikea cafe in that place."

“There was a man with a broken arm who didn’t get surgery until Tuesday.”

– Jordan Howe

Jordan spent the weekend in the hospital overflow, fasting from midnight until 4pm the next day in case she was taken in for surgery.

By then, she was understandably very hungry.

"The food (on offer) was leftover from the wards, so it was hardly edible by that point, and you just weren't hungry seeing it," Jordan said.

"There was one afternoon where they gowned me up and

had me halfway down the corridor before they bumped me again.

"It is just ramping but in another form — there were two other people who needed surgery and didn't get it until the Monday and Tuesday like me."

"There was a man with a broken arm who didn't get surgery until Tuesday."

Jordan said the surgeons were lovely people who wanted nothing but the best for their patients, but they just didn't have the resources or units to perform the surgeries, except for life-or-death scenarios.

"There was a woman from the Riverland who had appendicitis, that could have turned life or death quickly," she said.

Jordan said her experience highlighted the growing need for more infrastructure in the state's major hospitals, as incidents like hers were happening far too often.

"Country people feel it the most, they have a less experienced health network and it is harder for follow up appointments to take place in the country," she said.

The Howes thanked the staff at both hospitals for their care, saying everyone did their best to support them during a stressful weekend.



OUCH... Kayt and Jordan Howe at the Royal Adelaide Hospital, with Jordan's hand bandaged after emergency surgery.



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Kadina man caught drink-driving on already disqualified licence

A 63-YEAR-OLD Kadina man has lost his licence after being caught drink-driving on a disqualified licence. Police stopped the man on Doswell Terrace, Kadina, about 3.45pm on Tuesday, October 7, during mobile driver testing. He returned a blood alcohol reading of 0.170. The man was reported for drink-driving and issued a 12-month immediate loss of licence. He will be summonsed to appear in court.



Bottle shop rumours dispelled

Sarah Herrmann
JOURNALIST

RUMOURS about a new bottle shop proposed for Moonta have been dispelled. A resident, who wished to remain anonymous, contacted the YP Country Times with concerns a Drakes Cellars outlet could result in increased noise and traffic on the non-commercial Robert Street behind Drakes Supermarket. The resident also said they were worried late-night deliveries could impact neighbours' quality of life and property values. However, Drakes Supermarkets general manager Bob Soang said there would be no additional noise or traffic created by the bottle shop, and it would not include a drive-through. "Where the shop is going is actually in the carpark at the back of the supermarket in the shed that's already there ... we're going to knock it down and make it into a proper building," he said. "The liquor store will close at 8pm and the deliveries will be on our groceries truck that's coming from Adelaide, so it's not like there's extra traffic movement."

Mr Soang said the outlet's existence was subject to getting a liquor licence, for which they recently conducted an informal survey with Drakes Moonta customers. "It's a pretty simple questionnaire, normally you don't have to get too many, something like 100 and we've got about 500, so that's stopped," he said. Drakes has planning approval from Copper Coast Council to construct the new building, according to the PlanSA website. "The subject property is located within the Township Activity Centre Zone," a CCC spokesperson said. "The development approval of a liquor store within this zone does not require any consultation with adjoining landowners. "When the application for the development was lodged, the proponent did provide an acoustic report prepared by suitably qualified professionals ... that the proposed development meets the applicable noise standards."

YP community sheds among statewide grant recipients

SEVERAL community sheds on Yorke Peninsula have received funding through the latest round of the South Australian Government's Community Sheds Program, supporting safety upgrades and facility improvements. Four local organisations are among 35 successful applicants to receive up to \$30,000 each, with almost 70 per cent of the grants awarded to regional and remote areas. The total investment across the state is close to \$550,000.

Local recipients include:

- Port Julia Progress Association, awarded \$29,037 for its community shed
- Ardrossan Progress Association, sponsoring the Ardrossan Community and Men's Shed, which received \$19,713 to install concrete paving between three sheds
- Moonta and District Progress Association, granted \$8352 to improve respiratory health at the Moonta Community Activity Centre
- Bute Community Men's Shed, which received \$4347 for safety upgrades

Human Services Minister Nat Cook said the program recognised the important role sheds played in local communities.

"Whether it's a local shed that brings people together, or a small-



NEW FUNDING... Minister for Human Services Nat Cook visited Ardrossan Men's Shed in July and has now announced it will receive nearly \$20,000 to install concrete paving. She is pictured with members Kevin Braid, Russell Nankivell, Alan Read, Roger Lewis, Kevin Betterman and Dieter Hentschel.

town group making sure neighbours are cared for, these programs recognise the enormous value of community spirit in action," Minister Cook said.

"Community sheds are more than buildings.

"They're safe, welcoming spaces where people can share skills, make friends and support each other."

She said the grants would help improve local facilities, strengthen

connections, and support wellbeing in regional areas.

"Even if it's just a conversation over a cup of tea, community sheds can play an important role in preventing loneliness."

Community sheds are known for providing inclusive environments where people — often older or retired — can engage in hands-on projects, restore items or simply enjoy time with others.

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Ardrossan Seaview aged care to join Mid North group

ARDROSSAN Seaview merged with Mid North aged care provider Walara as of October 1, following a unanimous vote by members of Ardrossan Community Hospital.

The merger makes Ardrossan the fourth regional community to offer services under the Walara banner.

Previously part of Ardrossan Community Hospital, Seaview continued operating its 31-bed aged care facility after the hospital closed its emergency and acute care services and surrendered its private hospital licence on March 31, 2024.

A spokesperson said the merger would help address challenges faced by small standalone facilities, including financial pressures, compliance and staffing, while maintaining Ardrossan Seaview's strong community identity.

"Walara is a not-for-profit, community-based provider with a strong track record

in rural and regional South Australia," the spokesperson said.

"All staff will be offered ongoing employment on terms no less favourable than current arrangements, and residents will continue to receive high-quality care from the same dedicated team."

Walara also plans to invest in facility upgrades and expansion, with timing and scope to be confirmed through regulatory processes to minimise disruption.

"The boards and executive teams of Ardrossan Community Hospital and Walara are working closely to ensure a smooth transition focused on uninterrupted care and services," the spokesperson said.

Walara operates aged care homes in Balaklava, Riverton and Hamley Bridge, along with an independent living village in Balaklava and home care services in the Mid North.

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Hit the road for men's mental health

Michelle Daw
JOURNALIST

UP to 250 motorcyclists will roar out of Wallaroo on Saturday, October 18 for the fourth annual Better Blokes Project Thunder run.

Together, they will take a 480-kilometre cruise around the Mid North and upper Yorke Peninsula, stopping at hotels in Owen, Allendale North, Spalding, Crystal Brook and Port Broughton, before returning at about 5.30pm to the starting point, the Anglers Inn in Wallaroo.

Meals will be available and the Mother Truckers will perform from 6pm.

The event will raise money for men's mental health charity, the Better Bloke Project and is being held as part of Mental Health Month in October and to support the Black Dog Institute.

"This looks like it's going to be our biggest run ever," organiser James Blackmore said.

"The Anglers Inn is teaming up with top local pubs, and

The Better Bloke Project, to raise awareness, spark conversations, and show every bloke out there that they're never riding alone.

"Mark the date, rally your mates, and get ready to hit the road — let's ride for the brothers still here, and the ones we've lost."

According to the Better Bloke Project, seven men take their own lives every single day in Australia, and the project aims to stop suicide being the number one cause of death for Australian men.

"Better Bloke provides the tools, resources, funding and community to address the root causes, creating better blokes before our brothers need to be talked off a ledge," the website says.

Mr Blackmore, who is the bar manager at the Anglers Inn, said he noticed when he moved to Wallaroo eight years ago that men were reluctant to talk about their mental health.

"That's why I kickstarted the Thunder Run," he said.

"Now men are talking



THUNDER RUN... James Blackmore and Scott Thomas from the Anglers Inn at the start of the 2024 Thunder Run.

about it and that's what this event is all about."

Mr Blackmore said funds would be raised throughout the day via raffles, lucky numbers and the sale of merchandise.

The Wallaroo Thunder Run has raised \$25,000 over the past three years.

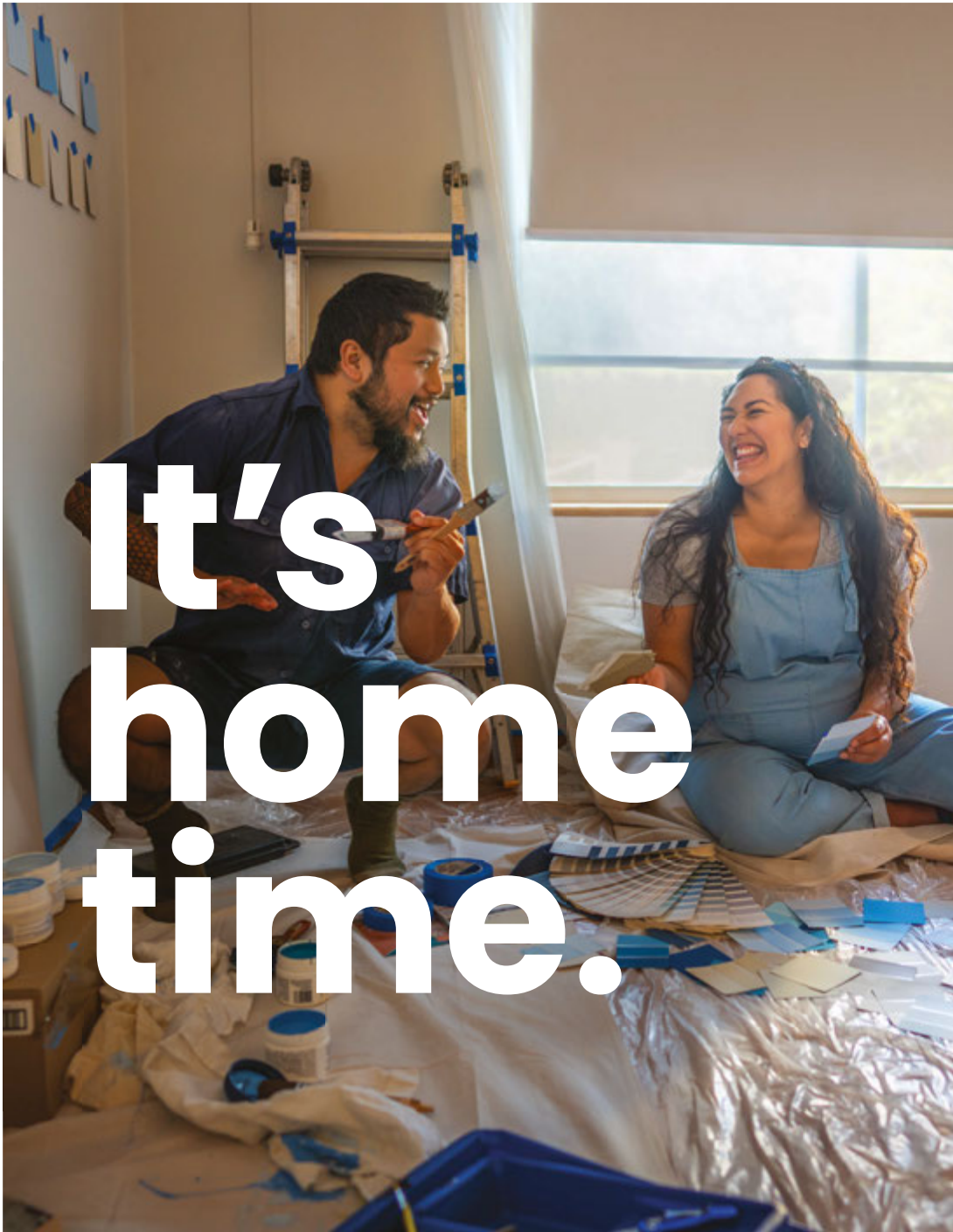
To join the ride, meet at the Anglers Inn, Bagot Street, Wallaroo at 8.30am for a 9am start, on Saturday, October 18.

The Anglers Inn is also holding a Good Noise, Good Cause Band Night fundraiser for the Better Blokes Project and Blokes' Advice on Saturday, November 1.

The event will feature Tomorrow's Horizon, led by Kadina's Tiffney Reynolds, who is currently appearing on TV's The Voice.

For more information, contact James Blackmore on 0429 493 031.

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BWC extends rebate for first homeowners

BARUNGA West Council has extended its First Homeowner Rate Rebate Strategy for another two years, to support young families and new residents entering the local property market.

The scheme, introduced in 2023, offers a \$500 annual rebate on council rates for qualifying first-home buyers in the region.

Since its inception, five applications have been received and approved. Four were for Port Broughton properties and one from Bute.

Barunga West Council chief executive Maree Wauchope said the continuation of the program would provide an extra incentive for first-home buyers to settle in the area.

It complemented broader efforts to deliver new housing opportunities, promote sustainable population growth and broaden the ratepayer base.

“Council’s residential developments in Port Broughton, Bute, Tickera and Fisherman Bay are expanding the choices available to first-home buyers,” Ms Wauchope said.

Blood donation pop-up

RED Cross Lifeblood is encouraging people to roll up their sleeves and give blood when it visits Kadina in October.

One in three people will need blood during their lives.

Lifeblood will be at the Copper Coast Sport and Leisure Centre October 20-23.

To make an appointment, visit my.donate-blood.com.au/app/appointments/location.

Youth survey

A SOUTH Australian Youth Forum survey will help better understand and address the issues that matter most to young people across the state.

The survey explores topics from life skills, education to loneliness and transport accessibility, examining the challenges, needs, and priorities of people aged 14 to 24.

The insights gathered will shape SAYF’s focus areas and guide the recommendations it presents to policymakers and community leaders.

To complete the survey, visit sayouthforum.com.au/get-involved.

North Kilkerran solar-powered tank mixer an Australian first

SA Water is the first water utility in Australia to install a solar-powered standalone mixing device in a treated mains water supply storage tank.

The innovative system, now operating at the utility’s 1.2-megalitre North Kilkerran tank on upper Yorke Peninsula, uses solar energy to power a submersible impeller that continually circulates stored drinking water.

By continually moving the water inside the tank, the mixer helps to maintain even temperatures and prevent nitrification — a natural process that can occur as water settles.

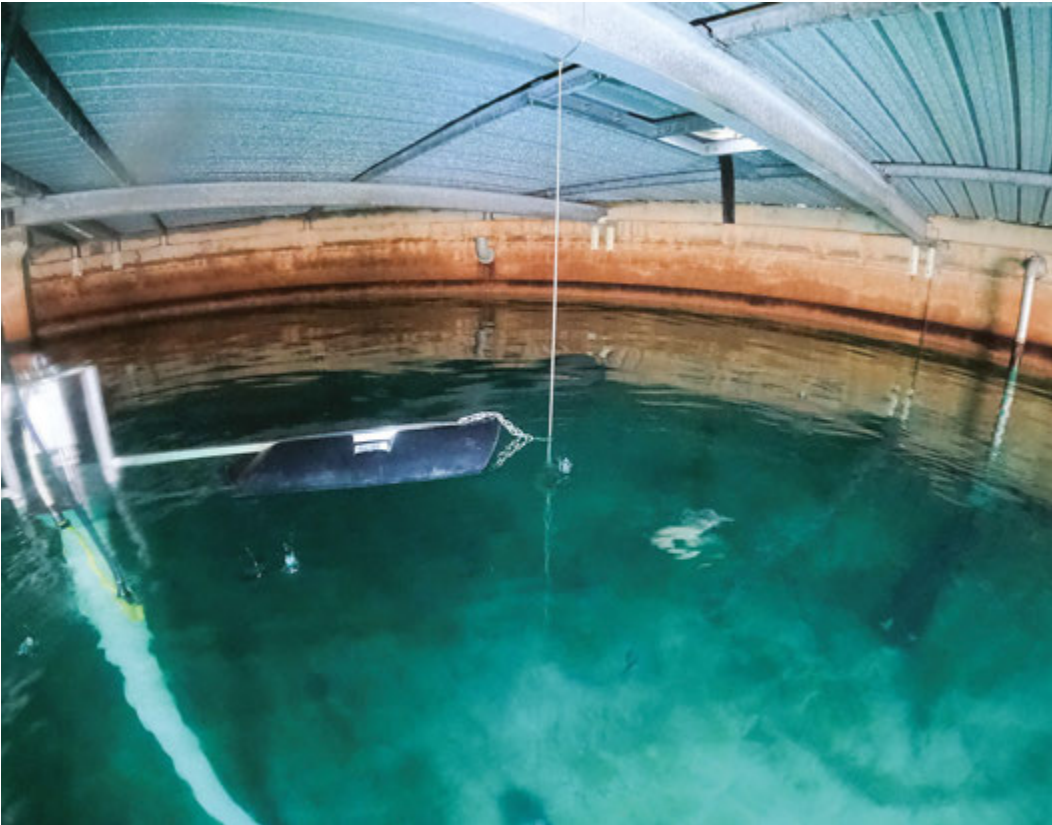
The circulation also ensures even dispersal of disinfectant levels, resulting in a more stable and consistent supply through the region’s 50 kilometres of water mains.

Previously, maintaining quality required regular manual flushing and mixing by field crews, but since the device’s installation in June, these tasks have been eliminated.

The mixing device has achieved immediate improvements in both water quality and operational efficiency, with around 430 customers across homes, businesses and farms already benefiting from the technology, SA Water Kadina field operations district leader Shane Whelan said.

“Our teams are always looking for smarter, more proactive ways to deliver better service for our customers,” Mr Whelan said.

“Being the first to install and operate this technology is a real



INNOVATIVE... Inside the North Kilkerran tank which is the first in Australia to have a solar-powered impeller installed to improve water quality. The impeller continually circulates the safe, clean drinking water which is looking particularly blue due to reflections from the tank roof.

credit to our people’s initiative and problem-solving skills, and we’re already seeing the benefits in water quality outcomes.”

SA Water senior manager field operations Matt Minagall said the project demonstrated how sustainable technology could enhance regional operations.


“This is a game-changing ad-

dition to how we manage water storage in regional areas,” Mr Minagall said.

“It’s safe, sustainable and efficient, and supports our people in the field by reducing manual workloads while still maintaining quality drinking water for our customers.

“Importantly, it also means fewer site visits and less disruption, particularly during high-demand periods.”

Installed without taking the tank offline, the modular mixer operates entirely on solar power and requires no connection to mains electricity, running autonomously to maintain water quality year-round.



Government of South Australia
Yorke Peninsula Health Advisory Council Inc.

The Yorke Peninsula Health Advisory Council Inc. will hold its

Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 18 November 2025
in the Minlaton Community Health Centre, 9 South Terrace
Minlaton commencing at 10:30am with the monthly meeting to follow and light lunch after.

All members of the public are welcome to attend.

As provided by the Yorke Peninsula Health Advisory Council Inc. Constitution, two (2) **Community Member Representative** positions fall vacant at the Annual General Meeting.

Following conclusion of the Annual General Meeting a process will occur to determine representative’s appointments and this will be up to a maximum of three (3) years.

Each nomination shall be in writing and be signed by two (2) community consumers in addition to the candidate.


Nomination forms are available from Jo Bellingham, Administration Officer, which can be requested by email jo.bellingham@sa.gov.au or collected from the Administration of either the Maitland or Yorketown Hospitals or Minlaton Community Health Centre.

The nomination forms, along with a Curriculum Vitae, are to be forwarded in an envelope marked ‘Confidential’ and addressed to:

Ms Megan Short
Executive Officer/Director of Nursing
Maitland Hospital and Health Services
65 Robert Street
MAITLAND SA 5573

by the close of business on Tuesday 21 October 2025.

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Government of South Australia
Northern Yorke Peninsula Health Advisory Council Inc.

The Northern Yorke Peninsula Health Advisory Council Inc. will hold its

Annual General Meeting

Monday 24 November 2025, 5.00pm
in the Main Foyer/Courtyard of the Wallaroo Hospital and Health Service

All members of the public are welcome to attend.

As provided by the Northern Yorke Peninsula Health Advisory Council Inc. Constitution, two (2) Community Member positions fall vacant at the Annual General Meeting.

Following conclusion of the Annual General Meeting a process will occur to determine representative’s appointments and this will be up to a maximum of three (3) years.

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Nomination forms are available from Bonnie Summerton, Personal Assistant to the Director of Nursing and Midwifery Wallaroo Hospital and Health Service, which can be requested by email Bonnie.Summerton@sa.gov.au or collected from the Administration of the Wallaroo Hospital and Health Service.

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Seize the day, share a poem

Sarah Herrmann
JOURNALIST

OPEN mic poetry is coming to the Copper Coast, with organisers calling it a tool for mental health and free speech.

Moonta poets Heather Jane Hill and David Winderlich are encouraging anyone and everyone, including young poets, to participate as writers, presenters, listeners, or all three.

“Some people will write but they don’t want to stand up and read their stuff, and other people like to do the performance thing but don’t write themselves,” Ms Hill said.

“There’s a lot of groups in Adelaide and they’re quite big too so it’d be nice to have something that anyone on Yorke Peninsula can come to and read out or listen to their work and it can be quite fun too.

“I’ve heard poems on bullying, the environment, politics, love, things that make you laugh, things that make you cry, things you’re in awe of and things you wonder what the people are on, but they all make for an interesting night.”

Ms Hill said poetry was an opportunity to hear different perspectives and “to get what’s on your mind out.”

“It’s really important for mental health — lots of people get into poetry for that reason,” she said.

“I’m a nurse as well and I’ve worked with some Vietnam vets and it’s a good outlet to stop your mind ruminating and get your thoughts on paper.”

Ms Hill said “it’s real-life stuff so there could be the odd swear word here and there” but “anything derogatory or offensive, people will be asked to step down.”

Copper Coast Open Mic Poetry will be held on the third Wednesday

of the month from 7pm at the Moonta RSL, beginning October 15.

“The RSLs already got the microphone, good acoustics, tables and chairs, the bar, toilets out the back, parking — it’s a great little venue for summer or winter,” Ms Hill said.

“Our inaugural night should be fun with our feature poet Nigel Ford coming from Adelaide, straight from the South Australian poetry slam finals.

“I’ve heard poems on bullying, the environment, politics, love, things that make you laugh, things that make you cry, things you’re in awe of and things you wonder what the people are on, but they all make for an interesting night.”

– Heather Jane Hill, Moonta poet

“He has been a state finalist over many years and runs Friendly Street Poets, an open mic event that has been happening in Adelaide for 50 years.”

Entry is free, with a gold coin donation encouraged and all profits will go to the Moonta RSL.

Walk-ins are welcome or book online at events.humanitix.com/copper-coast-open-mic-poetry.

For more information, visit the Copper Coast Open Mic Poetry Facebook page.



DROP THE MIC... Moonta poets David Winderlich and Heather Jane Hill are launching Copper Coast Open Mic Poetry.



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Minlagawi Nature Festival connects community, culture and environment

MINLAGAWI Nature Festival once again proved a highlight of the spring school holidays, attracting more than 180 people to the Minlagawi Gum Flat Reserve in Minlaton on Thursday, October 2.

The family-friendly event offered a full day of hands-on activities designed to inspire creativity, strengthen cultural connections and celebrate the natural environment.

Children lined up for Narungga face painting with Mia, Brianna and Madison Warrior, while Bianca Newchurch and Lisa Weetra from the Nharangga Aboriginal Progress Association guided families through colourful rock painting.

The Enabling Communities Hub provided a calm space with sensory nature fidget sticks, a community connection tree and a quiet corner, while Robyn Schwarz of Carbery Flowers delighted children with whimsical fairy gardens.

Katie Hughes from Yorke Peninsula Learning and Care encouraged creativity with nature craft, and Leisure Options participants not only took part in festival activities but also contributed handmade envelopes of dried native saltbush for families to take home.

Environmental awareness was a key theme, with Fabienne Dee from the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board and the Marna Banggara project introducing families to Crickets the bearded dragon, a species benefiting from improved conservation outcomes, supported by Lowan Coe.

Creative workshops continued with Louise Hanrahan from Minlaton District Early Learning Centre, who helped children make nature warrior armbands and bracelets, while Liam Smith and Bowie Williams brought rhythm to the reserve with earth drums.

Liam also performed two nature-themed songs on guitar.

Robyn Clasohm encouraged children to craft nature crowns, and Jasmine Swales of Studio Surf and Art Kids led quandong branch lino carvings to create block-printed cards.

Acrobatics and circus entertainment from Molly Flanagan of Yorke Peninsula Council and Country Arts SA drew big crowds, while council also hosted the popular wardli (cubby/shelter) build.

Council environment officer Letitia Dahl-helm said the event captured the essence of community and connection.

“It was wonderful to see so many families enjoying Minlagawi together,” Ms Dahl-helm said.

“Every activity encouraged children and adults to connect with nature in fun and creative ways, while also learning about Narungga culture and the value of Minlagawi.”

She credited the event’s success to strong local partnerships.

“We are so grateful to all the local organisations, groups and volunteers who contributed their time and talents — this festival wouldn’t be possible without them.”

The Minlagawi Nature Festival was proudly supported by Nharangga Aboriginal Progress Association and Yorke Peninsula Council.



SHELTER... Alexander and Archie Young help build a wardli (shelter/cubby).



COSY... Hurley and Bryce Cranwell, Cooper Eichler and Rory Bra take shelter in a wardli built at Minlagawi Gum Flat Reserve



RHYTHM... Liam Smith, along with Bowie Williams, brought rhythm to the reserve with earth drums; Liam also performed two nature-themed songs on guitar.



FLORA... Sienna Mavroudis, Brianna Warrior, Olina Mavroudis, Maddison Warrior and Ammi Warrior enjoyed the hands-on activities at the Minlagawi Nature Festival, including weaving their own floral crowns.



COMFY... Ayla Cranwell and Cooper Eichler test out a wardli built during the Minlagawi Nature Festival. Right: **REPTILIAN...** Georgie Stanley meets Crickets the bearded dragon, one of the species benefiting from improved conservation through the Marna Banggara rewilding project on southern YP.



FAUNA... Olivia Eichler catches up with a bearded dragon.



ALL ABOUT BALANCE... Cooper Eichler balances on a tight rope, with help from Molly Flanagan .



CONNECTED... Layla Calder, Meg Eldridge, Bonnie Clader and Edie Mumford try out the Enabling Communities Hub community connection tree.

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What caused the algal bloom?



Three extraordinary environmental events have led to this algal bloom:

1. Floodwaters from the River Murray in 2022–23 brought extra nutrients into the sea.
2. A cold-water upwelling in summer 2023–24 lifted more nutrients to the surface.
3. A marine heatwave since September 2024 has lifted water about 2.5C warmer than normal.

What to look for?



The algal bloom is made up of microscopic, plant-like organisms that occur naturally in the ocean. In large numbers, they can make the water look foamy or discoloured.

Can I enjoy the beach?



Yes, it's safe to enjoy South Australian beaches.

It's best to stay away from foamy or discoloured water which may cause mild, short-term irritation.

If you experience irritation, rinse in fresh water.

Can I take my pets to the beach?



You and your pets can still enjoy the beach.

For their safety, keep them away from sick or dead fish and other marine animals, and avoid letting them swim in discoloured water or foam.

If your pet does enter foamy or discoloured water, wash them in clean water afterwards.

What seafood can I eat?



All commercially available seafood from South Australian waters is safe to eat.

If you catch fish, crabs, prawns, lobsters, or squid yourself, they are safe to eat if cleaned thoroughly and gutted before cooking.

Do not eat self-collected bivalve molluscs (like oysters, cockles, mussels, pipis, scallops) or abalone, as they have not been tested.

What's the State Government doing?



To support the crisis response, a \$28 million support package has been announced. Funded by the South Australian and Australian governments, it will support affected metropolitan and regional communities, as well as go towards research, clean-up efforts, and industry support.

A series of community forums are being held around the state. For a list of upcoming forums, visit the website below.

How does the algal bloom affect fish?



The algal bloom affects fish in two ways. Firstly, the algal cells damage fish gills and prevents proper breathing and secondly, when the algae dies and decomposes, it draws oxygen from its surrounds and suffocates the fish it encounters.

To report fish deaths, call **1800 065 522**. If you encounter other injured or dead wildlife, call on **1800 675 888**.



For updates, visit algalbloom.sa.gov.au

Cyber risks rising for property buyers, sellers

HALF of Australians buying property are unconcerned about cyber security, despite real estate transactions being a growing target for online criminals, new data has revealed.

A survey by property technology firm InfoTrack, released to mark Cyber Security Awareness Month, found 50 per cent of Australians who bought or sold property in the past year had little to no concern about the security of their personal information during the process.

InfoTrack chief operations officer Lee Bailie said Australian Government statistics show a cyber-attack occurs every six minutes, with property transactions frequently targeted because of the large sums of money and personal data exchanged, often via email.

“Cyber security appears to be the property sector’s blind spot, with many Australians underestimating the threat of insecure transactions and correspondence,” Mr Bailie said.

“Only 35 per cent of our respondents were significantly or highly concerned about the security of their personal data, showing a growing gap in cyber awareness and consumer preparedness.”

The report found that while the average Australian property deposit is about \$160,000, almost a quarter of buyers (26 per cent) admitted they were not concerned about transferring large sums of money online.

Mr Bailie said real estate agents, lawyers and conveyancers had a key role to play in reducing cyber risks.

“The focus must be on real estate agents and conveyancers moving away from emails to better protect the information that’s exchanged,” he said.

“Proactively educating clients, advocating for secure digital platforms, and reinforcing safe digital practices must become standard.”

He encouraged buyers and sellers to ask how their personal details will be protected during a transaction and to demand safer systems if email is still being used to share financial or identification information.

“As cyber threats grow more sophisticated, professional vigilance is essential to protect buyers who may not yet recognise the danger,” Mr Bailie said.

InfoTrack’s full 2025 State of Real Estate report is available at infotrack.com.au.

Community helps shape future through township activation workshops

YORKE Peninsula Council has hosted public workshops in Marion Bay, Corny Point, Edithburgh and Stansbury as part of phase one of its Township Activation Initiative.

More than 80 residents attended the sessions to share ideas about the future of their towns, identifying local priorities and desired improvements, and practical ways to achieve them.

Feedback gathered from the workshops will be supplemented by community surveys, available both online and in hard copy in each township.

The combined results will help council create a list of top priority projects for each participating community.

The workshops were facilitated by Louise Burford from Engage 360 and supported by Regional Development Australia Yorke and Mid North.

“We had fantastic engagement at each workshop and we thank everyone who participated,” YPC economic development and tourism officer Brooke Liebelt said.

“The aim of this initiative is to ensure council hears firsthand from our local communities

about what is important to them and which projects should be prioritised.

“Council will then work proactively with each town to progress those projects — whether they require support from progress associations, council funding, external grants or joint advocacy.”

Mrs Liebelt said the four participating towns would serve as a pilot for future stages of the program.

“These towns form an effective trial for our Township Activation Plan, and we very much intend to roll it out to more towns,” she said.

“We’re already working behind the scenes to secure funding and look forward to continuing our collaboration with Marion Bay, Corny Point, Edithburgh and Stansbury as we finalise this first phase.”

Surveys for the four towns remain open until 5pm, Monday, October 13.

The survey can be completed online at www.surveymonkey.com/r/Q9K852P or collected in hard copy from local businesses and Visitor Information Outlets.



TOWN MEETING... Yorke Peninsula Council economic development and tourism officer Brooke Liebelt and Louise Burford from Engage 360 at one of the recent workshops.

Mobile dialysis service expands to give patients a holiday

PEOPLE living with kidney disease will soon have more opportunities to enjoy time away from home, with South Australia’s mobile renal dialysis service set to expand.

The Mobile Dialysis Unit will now operate for up to six weeks each year at regional holiday destinations, thanks to an additional \$128,000 in state funding.

It provides treatment for people living with kidney failure, allowing them to travel while continuing

their essential care.

The unit has previously operated for just two weeks each year, visiting locations including Yorke Peninsula, the Riverland and Clare Valley.

The expanded schedule will see it visit a wider range of regional areas in the future.

Health and Wellbeing Minister Chris Picton said the unit supported patients who otherwise faced challenges when planning travel around

their dialysis schedule.

“The Mobile Dialysis Unit provides vital treatment for people living with kidney disease, while allowing them to spend time away with family and friends,” Mr Picton said.

“It helps ensure patients can access consistent, high-quality care no matter where they are.”

Dialysis patient Robert Veitch, whose advocacy contributed to the expansion, said the service offers

both medical and emotional benefits.

“This service is the perfect opportunity to not only receive the treatment you need, but escape the stresses of life,” Mr Veitch said.

“You can never get away from dialysis, but a change of scenery can make all the difference to someone who needs treatment.”

“The nurses are fantastic and dedicated to patient care, making the process easier.”

From Tuesday, November 24, to

Saturday, December 13, the unit will be stationed at Discovery Park in Robe, offering dialysis to six patients per day — three in the morning and three in the afternoon — supported by qualified nursing staff.

Bookings for the Robe clinic are open through Kidney Health Australia at kidney.org.au or by calling 1800 454 363.

The next mobile dialysis trip is planned for February, with the destination to be announced soon.

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GAMERS... Arcade machines proved popular at YorKON 2024.

YorKON returns to Minlaton during these school holidays

FAMILIES looking for free and family-friendly fun these October school holidays need look no further than YorKON, Yorke Peninsula's much-loved games and pop culture convention.

Returning Friday, October 10 (10am-4pm) and Saturday, October 11 (10am-3pm) at the Minlaton Town Hall, this year's event promises to be bigger and better than ever, with something for all ages to enjoy.

From retro and modern video games and arcade machines to tabletop gaming, workshops, cosplay and collector displays, YorKON offers two full days of creativity, connection and community spirit.

Yorke Peninsula Council community development and engagement officer Sonny Coombs said YorKON was designed to give young people and families a safe and exciting space to come together during the holidays.

"YorKON is the perfect opportunity to get out of the house and into an event where the whole family can enjoy themselves," Mr Coombs said.

"Whether it's parents showing their kids the games they grew up playing, or young people connecting through cosplay and tabletop adventures, YorKON is about celebrating fun and togetherness."

One of the event's most popular attractions — the best dressed competition — will also return in 2025, inviting cosplayers of all ages to show off their creativity. Prizes will be awarded each day for best dressed and runner-up.

"Cosplay is such a fun and creative part of YorKON — the effort people put into their costumes is inspiring," Mr Coombs said.

"The best dressed competition gives everyone a chance to show off their passion, whether you're a seasoned cosplayer or simply having a go."

“YorKON is the perfect opportunity to get out of the house and into an event where the whole family can enjoy themselves.”

– Sonny Coombs, Yorke Peninsula Council community development and engagement officer

"It adds so much colour and excitement to the event, and we can't wait to see the amazing costumes this year."

Entry and all games are free, but tickets are essential.

There will be no food vans on site, and attendees are encouraged to support local Minlaton businesses for their meals and snacks.

For more details or to book free tickets, visit events.humanitix.com/yorkon-games-convention.

See advert in this week's Eat Shop Play pages.

Walk for HeartKids this October

Austinn Lane
JOURNALIST

TWO Feet & a Heartbeat charity walk returns to Moonta Bay on Sunday, October 12, raising vital funds and awareness for HeartKids Australia.

Starting at 8am and continuing until around midday, the event invites locals and visitors to walk in solidarity for the 250,000 Australians living with childhood-onset heart disease (CoHD).

The Moonta Bay walk will be among the first held nationally this year, with events kicking off in Mildura and Broome the day before.

HeartKids CEO Marcus Sandmann says the annual walk is a powerful way to honour and support, not only those living with congenital and childhood-acquired heart conditions, but also their families and carers.

"Two Feet & A Heartbeat is an important event for the 250,000 children, teens and adults — and the even greater number of family members and carers — affected by childhood-onset heart disease," Mr Sandmann said.

"I encourage you to join in and walk with us to support our heart families with in-hospital services, family support programs and other vital resources."

"The event brings together

Key statistics:

- Four young lives are lost to childhood-onset heart disease in Australia every week
- Eight babies are born each day with a heart condition
- CoHD places a significant burden on an estimated 250,000 Australian children, teens and adults and a larger number of family members and carers with an estimated 1,000,000 Australians touched by CoHD (Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, 2019)
- The total economic burden associated with CoHD is estimated at \$2.292 billion dollars per annum, including an approximate GDP loss of \$12.89 million annually (Sapere, 2024).
- People with CoHD are at a greater risk of neurodevelopmental impairment and disability including developmental delay and other learning difficulties
- CoHD poses a substantial economic burden on people impacted by the conditions, Australia's healthcare system, educational institutions, the workforce and the broader economy

families, friends and volunteers to remember those who have passed away from childhood-onset heart disease as well as celebrate children living with a heart condition.

"It is an event that raises awareness and hope for the families that are affected by heart disease."

Participants can choose between two distances: a four-kilometre walk in memory of the four lives lost each week to CoHD, or an eight-kilometre walk in honour of the eight babies born every day in Australia with a heart condition.

Community-driven events such as Two Feet & A Heartbeat play a vital role in supporting the work of HeartKids.

Funds raised help provide camps, education, financial assistance and other essential support services for families affected by CoHD.

The Moonta Bay walk is one of only two HeartKids walks taking place in South Australia in 2025, with the second event scheduled for Sunday, October 19, in Adelaide.

After the walk, participants can enjoy a range of activities and a hotdog barbecue, supported by Hughes Mining.

If you're unable to attend but would still like to support the cause, donations are welcome. To register, donate, sponsor a walker or find out more, visit twofeetheartbeat.org.au.

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FROM THE ARCHIVES



NEXT PROJECT... Dusty and Rusty display coordinator Derek Rutter showcased his next project — a fittingly dusty and rusty 1955 BSA Bantam — at the Stansbury Seaside Markets. (YP Country Times, October 7, 2015.)

50 YEARS AGO OCTOBER 1975

- Alan Adams grew the best moustache and Graham Bagshaw the best beard for the Weetula-Nalyappa centenary celebrations
- Bute Football Club president Glen Paterson and coach Merv Moyses awarded the A grade best and fairest to Brian Lamshed
- Jim Lyall, Harold Twartz, Bob Behsmann, Sparkes Harris, Bob Philp and Jack Abbot sampled Clipper Bitter, Yorketown's centenary beer brewed by Cooper & Sons

40 YEARS AGO OCTOBER 1985

- Marty Daniel won a jar of Smarties for his decorated bicycle at the Kulpara Junior Red Cross pet day
- Marie Burrows set a record at the Maitland golf course with a score of 73, outdoing Toni Gregory's 74
- Yorketown Scouts Simon Wilde, Stuart Heinrich-Smith and Paul Johnson gave the Clan Ranald sailors' grave at Edithburgh cemetery a coat of paint

30 YEARS AGO OCTOBER 1995

- Adele Cross, Moonta, won the Garville Netball Club, Adelaide, best and fairest award
- Jay Schulz, Maitland Lutheran School, won the state-wide Dorothea Mackellar Memorial Poetry Competition
- Students Paula Benson, Joseph Button and Kimberley Edwards helped clean vehicles at the Port Broughton Area School car wash

20 YEARS AGO OCTOBER 2005

- Former Olympian Raelene Boyle was guest speaker at the YP Field Days
- Kenn Rogers, Ken Daniell, Mary Dodd, Barbara Natt and Charles Natt cut Stansbury Bowling Club's 50 anniversary cake
- Port Victoria Progress Association hosted 34 representatives from 16 progress associations at the first YP-wide meeting of progress associations

10 YEARS AGO OCTOBER 2015

- After six years of fundraising, the Harry Butler Committee welcomed 300 guests to unveil a statue of Minlaton's Captain Harry Butler AFC
- Lucy Tilbrook was the newest life member of the Curramulka Netball Club
- Simon Trott ran seven marathons in seven days from Yorketown to Adelaide, raising \$15,000 for Arthritis SA in honour of his 7-year-old daughter Lekeisha, who had juvenile idiopathic arthritis

Swinging 60s fundraiser for ovarian cancer research

A CHARITY started in the memory of a local is fighting against ovarian cancer.

Letitia Linke, of Maitland, was diagnosed with stage 4 ovarian cancer in 2014 and passed away in 2018.

Established in 2020 to honour Letitia's wish that no other family should face the same heart-break, the volunteer-run Letitia Linke Research Foundation supports South Australian researchers working toward early detection and improved treatments.

“Together, we can make a difference and honour Letitia's extraordinary legacy.”

— Madelyn Duckmanton

The foundation's Adelaide Silver Style — Swinging 60s Ovarian Cancer Fundraiser is back on Saturday, October 25.

The retro-themed evening will be hosted at the Arkaba Hotel's Top of the Ark in Adelaide.

Letitia, a wife and mother of two young boys, was just 34 years old when she was diagnosed with the disease — one she knew little about before her diagnosis.

“Despite the short time she had left, Letitia became a passionate advocate for awareness and research, determined to spare other families the heartbreak hers endured,” Letitia's mother and foundation chair Madelyn Duckmanton said.

“Every dollar raised takes us



FAMILY SUPPORT... Letitia Linke, with her mother Madelyn Duckmanton and sister Melissa Kyd at one of the many fundraisers held by Letitia before her passing; Letitia's family and friends have continued her legacy by raising money and awareness of ovarian cancer research.

closer to discovering an early detection test that could change outcomes for women everywhere.

“Together, we can make a difference and honour Letitia's extraordinary legacy.”

Ovarian cancer remains one of the deadliest cancers for women.

It has no early detection test, and symptoms are often mistaken

for less serious conditions.

Most women are diagnosed in later stages, where treatment is less effective.

Guests at the event will enjoy a high-energy performance by The Cameos, a live auction of exclusive items, raffle prizes and a night full of 60s nostalgia.

Journalist and presenter Jess

Adamson will host the event.

Tickets are available via TryBooking: www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1393708.

Community members unable to attend can still support the cause by purchasing raffle tickets online.

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Thursday

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Friday

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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.

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Yorke Peninsula's native orchids

MANY of you may know me through my work in agronomy and agriculture on Yorke Peninsula.

However, beyond my professional role, I have a deep passion for conserving our region's native orchids.

Through this semi-regular column, I hope to share insights into the beauty and rarity of our local orchids — several species exist only on YP and are classified as endangered, with fewer than 100 plants remaining.

Protecting them before they disappear forever is vital.

Suns, leeks and onions

No, it isn't a shopping list for the supermarket!

With the spider orchid season now behind us, our attention turns to the next wave of beautifully coloured native orchids that flower in October.

Generally speaking, these include the sun orchids (*Thelymitra* spp.), leek orchids (*Prasophyllum* spp.) and onion orchids (*Microtis* spp.).

If you are lucky enough to live down the Bottom End, or happen to travel there, you may also see orchids such as the Wallflower Orchid (*Diuris orientalis*), Maroonhood (*Pterostylis pedunculata*) and Rabbit Ears Orchid (*Leptoceras menziesii*), still flowering for the next couple of weeks.

Sun orchids are temperature dependent — their flowers only open when the temperature exceeds 20 degrees Celsius.

They are therefore at their flowering best on warm days and during the middle of the day.

YP has about 10 species of leek orchids.

The rarest is Goldsack's Leek Orchid

(*Prasophyllum goldsackii*), which is seldom encountered on the peninsula and considered endangered.

It may not be the prettiest of native orchids, but it still creates great excitement if you're lucky enough to find one in the wild.

If you come across a leek orchid, take the time to get down and smell it.

Many are quite sweet-scented, including the common *Prasophyllum odoratum*, appropriately named the Scented Leek Orchid.

With more abundant rain in the southern parts of YP this year, I encourage you to explore a local scrub or reserve in that region for your best chance of finding plenty of colour this October.

All the best for your spring orchid hunting!

Chris Davey



SUN... A Fringed Sun Orchid (*Thelymitra luteocilium*) bloom.



WALLFLOWER... The Wallflower Orchid (*Diuris orientalis*), found only on southern Yorke Peninsula.



LEEK... The very rare Goldsack's Leek Orchid (*Prasophyllum goldsackii*).

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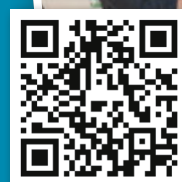
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Moonta Miners Cottage brings history to life

MOONTA Miners Cottage and Heritage Garden, located on Verco Street, Moonta Mines, continues to draw visitors eager to experience a glimpse of life in the early mining days.

Originally opened as a museum by the National Trust of South Australia, Moonta branch, in 1967, the cottage has been carefully preserved for present and future generations to appreciate how Cornish families once lived without the conveniences of reticulated water or electricity.

A Moonta National Trust representative said the cottage remained "a shining example of the hundreds of homes built by miners during their time away from the Moonta, Yelta, Karkarilla, Parramatta and Hamley Mines."

After a year-long closure, the

cottage reopened to the public in January 2023, revealing extensive restoration work completed by a dedicated team of volunteers.

The adjoining heritage garden is another highlight of the site.

The garden is cared for by a small but passionate team who meet weekly to maintain its vibrant, colourful character.

"Our garden team has created a space that reflects the area's social history while offering visitors a place of beauty, depth and storytelling," the representative said. "Visitors are encouraged to bring a picnic, relax in the peaceful surroundings and enjoy the sense of history that fills the air."

"It's a special place that truly connects people to Moonta's rich past."

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CORNISH CULTURE... National Trust volunteer Penny Richter looks the part to show visitors around the Miners Cottage and Heritage Garden at Moonta Mines during the 2025 Kernewek Lowender.

Melville Hotel raises funds for prostate cancer research

PROCEEDS from the Melville Hotel's monthly community raffle in September went towards prostate cancer research, marking Prostate Cancer Awareness Month.

The Yorketown hotel raised \$635 for the Yorke Peninsula Prostate Cancer Support Group, which will use the funds to help finance clinical trials and research programs conducted in Adelaide through the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia.

These initiatives aim to improve survival rates among Australian men, particularly those diagnosed with advanced or aggressive forms of the disease.

Each year, more than 26,000 Australian men are diag-

nosed with prostate cancer.

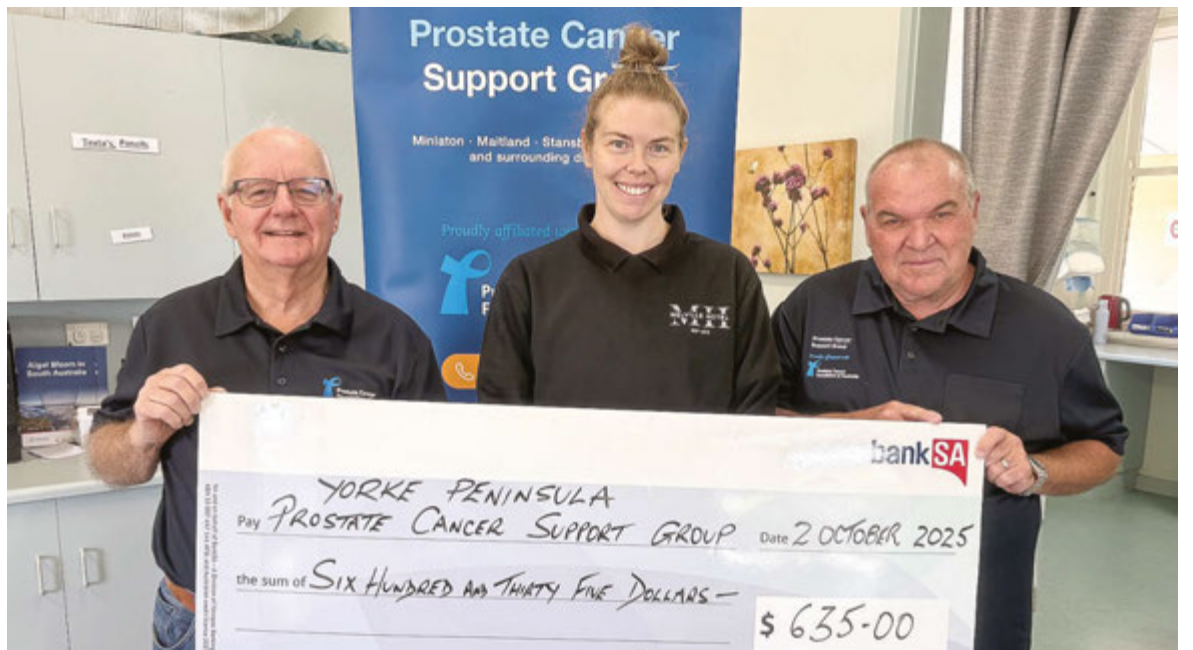
While 95 per cent survive at least five years after diagnosis, the disease still claims the lives of 11 men every day.

It is now the most commonly diagnosed cancer in Australia, overtaking breast cancer as the nation's leading form of cancer.

Raffle prizes were donated by Mabel's Kitchen, Coastal Villa, Yorketown Post Office, Nel's Cafe, Maureen Burford, Greg Crotty, and the Melville Hotel.

The YP Prostate Cancer Support Group meets next on Monday, October 13.

For more information, contact Robert Kidd on 0438 532 404 or Tony Hughes on 0448 400 031.



DONATION... Emma Hancock from the Melville Hotel presents a donation to YP Prostate Cancer Support Group representatives Robert Kidd and Tony Hughes.

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Minlaton Probus Club visits Cheetham Salt

MEMBERS and friends of the Minlaton Yorke Peninsula Probus Club enjoyed an informative outing to the Cheetham Salt at Price recently.

Travelling along the Yorke Highway, the group was officially welcomed outside the saltworks' site office, where they were given an overview of how salt is produced from seawater through a series of evaporation processes.

The visitors then joined Cheetham Salt representative Nick Waters in a car convoy to explore the expansive network of evaporation pans. The tour included stops at the seawater pumping station and the harvesting area, where members watched as the crude salt was collected and stockpiled into large bunkers, ready for processing into the refined salt used in the food industry.



PRODUCTIVE... Salt is augered onto a bunker.

At the conclusion of the tour, the group travelled to the Wheatsheaf Hotel in Price, where they enjoyed a delicious lunch before returning

to Minlaton.

It was a thoroughly enjoyable and educational outing for all involved, providing a fascinating insight into one of the region's key industries.

Tom Martin, president



SALTY... Minlaton Probus members Jo-Anne Hamilton, Mostyn Hoyle, Bill Hamilton, Margaret Hamilton, Kevin Voigt, Lyn Voigt, Bernie Hendry, Margaret Button, Sandy Bowden, Maureen Worden, Nick Waters, Jan Thompson, Judith Hoare and D'Arcy Button at the Price saltworks.



DAY TRIPPERS... Copper Coast Probus Club members enjoyed a daytrip to Monarto Zoo recently, including (not in order) Jim Brough, Trevor Gibbons, Brenda Glassey, Rosina Gould, Shirley Grimsey, Ivan Hayes, David Hayes, Jock and Margaret McAllister, Kay Mines, John Neville, Les and Kaye Sandford, Bob Sweet, Ray Walker, Bev Warmington, Josie Welk, Yvonne Wolf, Viv and Dieter Lunsmann, Ian and Marj Wride, Catherine Plunkett, Lyn and Gary Butterfield, Margaret Armstrong, Lorraine Clarkson, Ian Kennett, Keith Klingberg, Jenny Halse, Carol Llewellyn, Judith Crawford, Terry Hudson, Jill Sobey, Colin Brereton, Jan Hobbs, Jan Thompson, Judith Hoare, Bernie Hendry and Maureen Horden.

Copper Coast Probus Club enjoy day at Monarto zoo

MEMBERS of the Copper Coast Probus Club recently enjoyed a day trip to Monarto Safari Park, with 42 participants travelling by bus from the Senior Citizens Hall in Moonta.

Joining the group were members from neighbouring Probus clubs, along with several relatives and friends.

The day began early, with the bus departing at 7.30am.

To keep minds active on the journey, Pauline Sweet organised a quiz, which provided plenty of entertainment along the way.

After a short stop in Gawler, the group continued to Monarto, where a guide joined them on board for a two-hour safari tour.

The tour included a stop at the waterhole viewing platform, where participants were able to stretch their legs and enjoy close-up views of giraffes, eland and Tasmanian devils.

The group also visited several other enclosures, featuring hyenas, elephants and other wildlife.

Members commented on how informative and engaging the guide was throughout the experience.

Following the tour, everyone gathered at the cafe for a pre-ordered hot lunch, before taking the opportunity for a brief stroll and some shopping at the park's gift shop.

The return journey was filled with conversation and reflection on a thoroughly enjoyable outing.

It was a memorable day for all involved and an eye-opening experience highlighting the incredible conservation work at Monarto Safari Park.

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Donation for local breakfast program at Ardrossan AS

ARDROSSAN Hotel Motel Social Club has made a generous \$400 donation to the Ardrossan branch of the South Australian Country Women's Association to support its annual community project.

This year, the branch is using the funds to help provide breakfast for all students at Ardrossan Area School twice a week.

Ardrossan SACWA also plays an important role in broader community support through initiatives such as the SACWA State Emergency Baby Parcels project.

These care packages are prepared by members and distributed to women in need across South Australia. People who need assistance can speak with their local social worker, who can help connect them to SACWA support services.

The branch meets in its clubroom in the Ardrossan Small Hall from 10.30am to noon on the second Monday of each month.

President Beverley Elliot invites locals and visitors alike to stop by for a cuppa and a chat, and bring their own lunch or a plate to share.

SACWA Ardrossan members come from far and wide, with online participants joining in from Kangaroo Island and Adelaide.

Excitement is building as the branch prepares to celebrate its 80th anniversary next August — a proud milestone for the local group.

A recent highlight at a branch meeting was speaker Julie Bailey, who gave a presentation on the state baby parcels program.

For more information or to get involved, locals are encouraged to reach out or drop in during a meeting.

Jose Patrick



COLOURFUL... SACWA Ardrossan president Beverley Elliot presents a thank you posy to speaker Julie Bailey.

YP Ostomy group shares support and product updates

THE most recent meeting of the Yorke Peninsula Ostomy Support Group was a positive and informative afternoon for members.

Salts company representative Leonie Reilly presented new products designed to improve comfort and convenience for ostomates, followed by afternoon tea.

Members also heard about fundraising efforts by the Stoma Nurses Association to support ostomy care in countries with limited medical resources, especially in parts of Africa where specialist nurses and modern supplies are not available.

Ostomy specialist nurse Tim Garfield, based at Wallaroo Hospital, provided valuable advice on using products effectively and answered members' questions.

He also explained how to maximise supply quantities when ordering.

There was good news from the Barossa and Fleurieu Peninsula regions, where new specialist ostomy nurses have been appointed and are being actively used.

Local coordinator Barbara Alexander confirmed the nurses are already very busy supporting the community.

The Barossa and Light Ostomy Support Group is also hosting a special state-wide information and encouragement meeting on October 20.

The YP group continues to be grateful for the use of the Joyce Olsen Room at Wontama Homes, West Terrace, Kadina. The next meeting will be held there at 2.30pm on Wednesday, October 15.

At this meeting, Susanne Olsen from Omnigon Eaken/Welland will provide a product update. Tim Garfield will also be in attendance to assist with any concerns.

The group will also decide on plans for the end-of-year Christmas celebration.

New ostomates and their partners are always welcome.

For more information, contact coordinator Helen Colliver on 0419 839 869 or Tim Garfield at Wallaroo Hospital.

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VFL premiership glory for former Ardrossan Roo

Peter Argent
REPORT BY

Former Ardrossan Roos A grade footballer Caleb Poulter experienced the euphoria of premiership success in the VFL late last month, playing a key role in Footscray Bulldogs' grand final triumph over the Southport Sharks.

The decider was held on Sunday, September 21, at Ikon Park, Carlton's traditional home ground.

In a thrilling contest, the scores were level early in the final term before Footscray surged ahead, kicking three consecutive goals to take control.

Despite a late challenge from Southport, the Bulldogs held firm to secure a 10-point victory, 14.5 (89) to 11.13 (79), despite having five fewer scoring shots.

Poulter made an important contribution, collecting 11 disposals (seven kicks and four handballs) and slotting a crucial goal late in the second quarter to help his side build momentum.

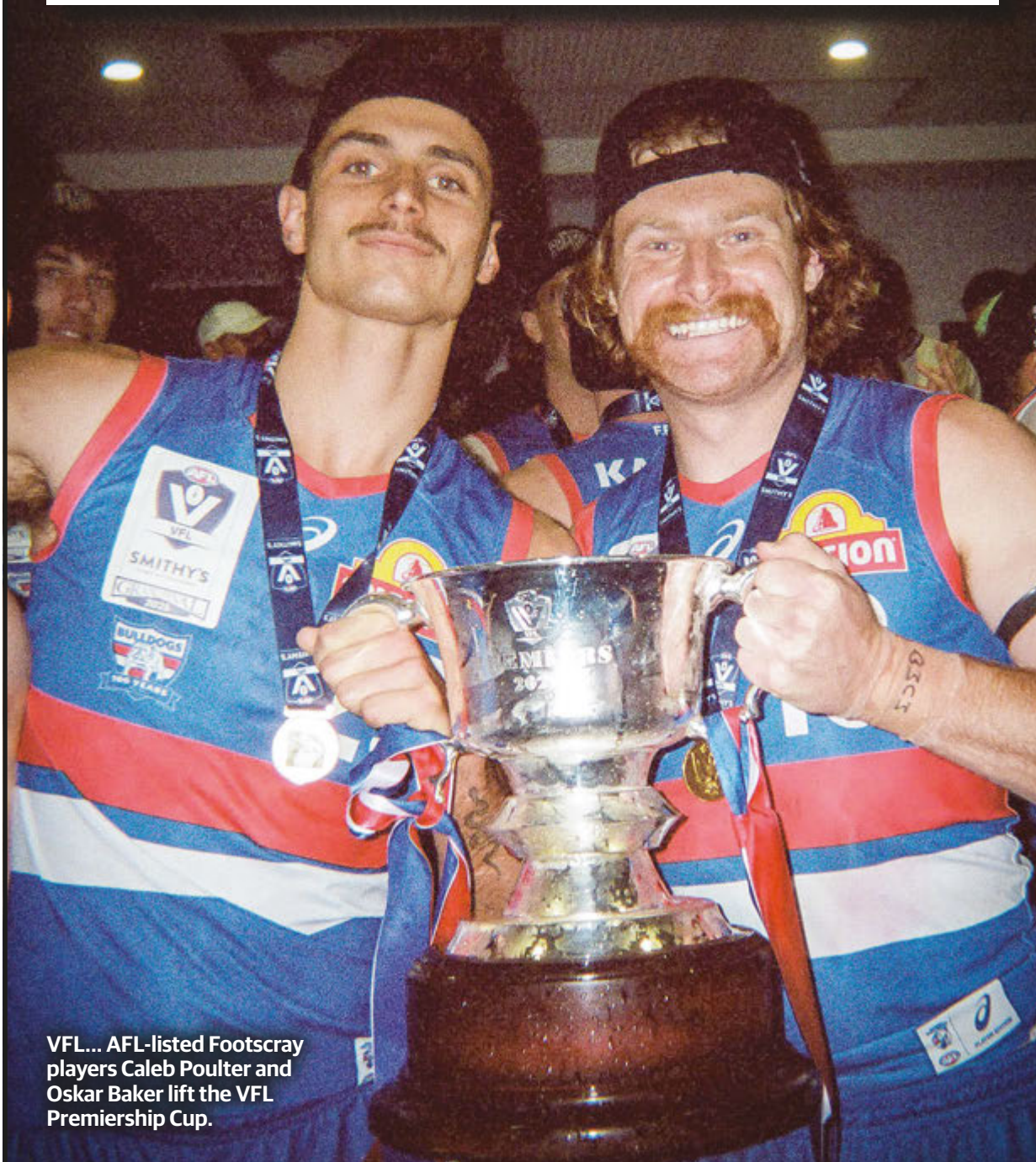
For Boyd Woodcock (Bute-Paskeville) and the Sharks, it was another case of grand final heartbreak — their third loss in the past four VFL seasons. Southport fell short in 2022 against Casey and again in 2024 against Werribee, with Woodcock

featuring in all three deciders.

The tireless midfielder-forward was outstanding in defeat, producing a game-high 31 disposals (22 kicks and nine handballs), kicking three goals and a behind, taking a couple of marks, laying six tackles and recording 13 clearances — an equal game high.

Now in his third season at Whitten Oval after two years with Collingwood, Poulter's 2025 campaign included seven AFL appearances for the Western Bulldogs.

Across his five seasons at the elite level, he has now played 35 AFL games and continues to develop as a versatile midfielder-forward.



VFL... AFL-listed Footscray players Caleb Poulter and Oskar Baker lift the VFL Premiership Cup.



AFL... George Hewett, Carlton Football Club 2025 best and fairest, and John Nicholls Medallist.

George Hewett is Carlton's B&F

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"It was a great personal honour, but I would have liked to see us have more team success," former Broughton-Mundoora lad, George Hewett said.

"I'm definitely still working on improving my game, developing my skill around the contest."

The 29-year-old produced career-best numbers, averaging 28.1 disposals, 6.5 clearances and 5.7 tackles.

One of only six Blues to play every game this season, he had 30 or more disposals eight times, including a career-high 39 against West Coast and 35 against North Melbourne in round six, where he was awarded the inaugural SuperClash Superhero Medal.

Hewett earned a career-high 10 Brownlow Medal votes, including two best-on-ground performances.

He ranked first in the AFL for total handballs and finished in the top 10 for total contested possessions, total clearances, total centre clearances and effective disposals per game.

The former Swan reflected on milestones across his 12 seasons.

"Getting drafted is still a special moment," he said.

"When 'Horse' (John Longmire) told me I was getting my first AFL

game, then my first goal in the opening game against Collingwood, those stand out.

"It all goes too quickly — this is my 12th year in the system.

"Hopefully there are three or four still left in me yet."

Hewett was runner-up in Sydney's best and fairest in 2019 behind Dane Ramepe.

His Carlton honour now sits among a growing list of achievements.

In club history terms, he becomes the 60th player to claim the Blues' highest individual honour since 1929 — and the second George after George Gniel in 1943.

Carlton senior coach Michael Voss hailed Hewett as a worthy winner.

"George is the ultimate team player — humble, hardworking, hungry — he's the type of player you dream of coaching," Voss said.

"His consistency and reliability are trademarks of his game.

"Whether it's bursting out of a contest, chasing down an opponent or lifting up his teammates, he truly plays for the monogram.

"This achievement is a testament to his on-field ability and the outstanding work he does off the field."

Hewett, who recently re-signed with the Blues, will return to training on November 23.

Brad Hogg shares cricket memories and mental health message at YP Field Days

Austinn Lane
JOURNALIST

Former Australian Test cricketer Brad Hogg was a special guest at the 2025 Yorke Peninsula Field Days, where he spoke at the Wallaroo Football and Netball Club site across two sessions.

Hogg's visit formed part of his work with Grain Producers Australia, reflecting his commitment to supporting the wellbeing of people in regional communities and raising awareness about mental health.

His presentation featured his prized Baggy Green, which he received on debut for Australia — a treasured symbol in Test cricket.

Hogg shared stories from his seven-Test career, recalling the privilege of playing alongside some of the sport's greats, including Mark and Steve Waugh, Ricky Ponting and Shane Warne.

"Competition was the driver for me, I just wanted to play as high level cricket as I could," Hogg said.

"When I got dropped from the Test team, it was another seven years before I got my place back, and it was a long seven years with a lot of work involved."

Reflecting on his later playing days, Hogg spoke about the impact of the

Perth Scorchers on Western Australian cricket.

"When the Perth Scorchers came in, it was a scenario where WA cricket just needed a little revamp.

"Young players were driving the energy of the side and it seemed like a big movement of community bringing everyone together."

He also shared insights from his ongoing work in mental health, emphasising the value of connection and generosity.

"When you help other people, it makes a difference to yourself as well," he said.

"The more you give, the more you get back.

"One thing I heard recently was contact, care and community, which is basically staying in contact with people, caring about people — which means yourself as well — and how you can get to know your community better."

Although Hogg hadn't been farming since 2010, he said he still enjoyed being part of the agricultural community and connecting with farmers.

Hogg presented at the Wallaroo Football and Netball Club site on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons, before giving a further talk at the Paskeville Sporting Club on Wednesday evening.



GUEST SPEAKER... Former Australian cricketer Brad Hogg spoke at the Wallaroo football club and Paskeville sporting clubs at the YP Field Days.

Narungga taste victory at football and netball carnival

Austinn Lane
JOURNALIST

The 2025 South Australian Aboriginal Football and Netball carnival was held in Port Augusta over the long weekend, with Narungga sides performing well throughout the competition.

After winning the carnival in 2022 and 2023, the Narungga football side came close to claiming its third title in four years, falling just four points short in the semifinal against eventual winner Mallee Park (Port Lincoln).

Recently retired Port Adelaide small forward Willie Rioli donned the Narungga guernsey, proving a key player for the yellow and black.

The Narungga football side placed third out of the six sides in their division I fixture before the finals, splitting their first two games before finals, recording one win against Far North Flinders and one loss against Mallee Park.

Blayne O'Laughlin was named the best player for the weekend for the Narungga side, while young gun Blake Karpany was awarded Narungga's best under 21 player.

Both Narungga netball sides progressed to the semifinals after impressive performances throughout the carnival.

The A grade finished their fixtures with a hard-fought draw in their final match before falling to Kaurna in the semifinal, bringing their campaign to an end.

The B grade team, however, continued their strong form — after winning their semifinal, they went on to claim a 44-39 grand final victory over Kaurna in a tightly contested match to finish the carnival undefeated.

Next year's SA Aboriginal Football and Netball carnival host has yet to be decided, but Ceduna has submitted a bid to host, marking the 120th year of Koonibba Football and Netball Club.



BEST PLAYER... Blayne O'Laughlin won the best player for the weekend for Narungga.



BEST UNDER 21... Blake Karpany claimed Narungga's best under 21 player award.

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COACH... Narungga A grade football coach Eddie Sansbury with former Port Adelaide forward Willie Rioli, who played for Narungga on the weekend. PHOTOS: Peter Argent

YP pair in U18 state academy

Peter Argent
REPORT BY

Kadina duo Mitchell Harris and small forward Blake Karpany have been named in the 32-player squad for the 2026 SANFL Under 18 State Academy to begin in November.

The program will run for 15 weeks, spanning both sides of the Christmas break, and will include a three-day team-bonding camp in regional South Australia.

Alongside traditional football training and gym sessions, players will also take part in yoga, sports psychology and other educational units designed to support their development both on and off the field.

The program will again be overseen by SA U18 boys coach and academy manager Tony Bamford, supported by SANFL staff including head of talent Brenton Phillips, Heath Younie and Tom Debenedictis.

Also named in the squad are two players with local connections who competed in this year's SA U17 Futures game — Harry Franz from Glenelg and Charlie Moss from Central District.

Franz, who played his junior football with Kadina before his family moved to Adelaide, is a 193-centimetre key-position player who looks most comfortable in defence.

Moss, who has previously pulled on a CMS Crows jumper, is a 184cm lead-up forward and the younger brother of Stansbury sportsman James Moss.

Karpany, who represented Narungga over the long weekend in the SA Aboriginal Football Championships at Port Augusta, was named U21 Player of the Tournament.

He is recognised as a classy small forward with strong goal sense and creativity around goal.

Harris, a tall and composed defender, recently played at the MCG in an AFL Grand Final curtain-raiser, further cementing his growing reputation as a promising young talent.

The academy program will lead into the selection of South Australia's squad for the 2026 National U18 Boys' Championships, where the Croweaters will be looking to back up their success from this year's campaign.



YOUNG GUN... Blake Karpany playing for Narungga over the weekend after being selected in the Under 18 state academy.

Bute's Imogen Trengove among SA prospects at AFLW Draft Combine

Peter Argent
REPORT BY

Bute and Woodville-West Torrens footballer Imogen Trengove was among a strong group of South Australian prospects who travelled to Melbourne for the 2025 AFLW Draft Combine, held last week.

Although she was unable to take part in the physical testing, Trengove said the experience was still an important step in her football journey.

"I wasn't able to do the testing as I came out of my moonboot on Tuesday," Trengove told the YP Country Times.

"Of the 48 AFLW prospects, there were seven SA girls including myself.

"I did some AFL media, and I also did work with their partners 'Rookie Me'.

"The interviews with the clubs' recruiting staff are good to build confidence, as you have to talk about yourself.

"I started to learn to articulate my strengths as a player.

"I spoke to a strong number of the AFLW clubs over the combine."

While sidelined from testing, Trengove had already completed much of the ath-

letic assessment earlier in the year at the SANFL preseason testing event in Adelaide.

"Areas like speed and agility are among my strengths in these disciplines," she said.

"I will continue to work on my footy skills in the time leading up to the AFLW Draft."

However, her preparation hasn't been without setbacks.

"Along with the issue with my leg, I also had surgery on my thumb four weeks ago," Trengove said.

"I injured it early in the clash with Queensland — the same game that I injured my ankle later in the contest.

"I'm a Hawthorn supporter in the AFL, but don't barrack for a specific AFLW team."

Trengove captained South Australia's Under 18 state team this season and has now spent two years in both state league and national underage programs.

She has also played 24 SANFLW games across two seasons with Woodville-West Torrens.

The AFL Women's Draft will be held on December 15 for the second year it will operate as a truly national draft in the elite women's competition.

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REPORT BY

AFLW

Port Adelaide reignited its season with a powerful final-quarter surge, overcoming the Western Bulldogs by 19 points in Saturday night's clash at Alberton Oval.

Leading by just a point at three-quarter time, the Power flicked the switch in the final term, booting four goals to one to secure an 8.6 (54) to 5.5 (35) victory.

Edithburgh product Shineah Goody continued her consistent form, playing a valuable role across the contest.

While not among the best players on the ground, she was highly serviceable with 13 disposals (10 kicks), four clearances, nine tackles (an equal game high) and 219 metres gained.

The result marked one of Port Adelaide's most complete performances of the season, showing resilience and composure under pressure against a determined Bulldogs outfit.

The Power now face one of their toughest challenges of the campaign, travelling north to take on Brisbane at Brighton Homes Arena this Saturday in round nine.

In a shock result against the high-flying Adelaide Crows, Richmond broke through for its first win of the season, defeating the premiership contenders by 11 points at Ikon Park on Sunday afternoon.

After trailing by the same margin at halftime, the Tigers produced a determined second-half performance to secure an 8.10 (58) to 6.11 (47) victory — their first of the campaign.

Crows coach Matthew Clarke made several bold moves to try to turn the tide, including shifting key defender Port Vincent's Chelsea Biddell into attack late in the game to provide extra aerial support for Ashleigh Jones and Danielle Ponter.

Biddell responded with a strong individual effort, collecting 18 disposals (16 kicks), four marks, three tackles and 432 metres gained in an impressive all-round display.

Despite the loss, the Crows remain among the top sides in the competition and will look to bounce back this weekend when they return to their home base at Norwood Oval for a Pride Round clash against West Coast on Saturday afternoon.

Twenty20 Cup

The 2025-26 SACA men's season got underway with a weekend of Twenty20 Cup fixtures at the Park 25

complex in Adelaide on Saturday and Sunday, October 4-5.

West Torrens began its campaign against Port Adelaide, batting first to post 5/160.

Coobowie quick James Reuther had a tough start to the season, dismissed for a second-ball duck. With the ball, he delivered steadily but without reward, finishing with 0/38 from his four overs.

Port Adelaide chased down the target with six balls to spare, securing a five-wicket victory over its western suburbs rival.

In its second outing of the weekend, the result was far more positive for West Torrens, posting an impressive 203 batting first against Southern District Stingrays.

Reuther contributed five runs from four balls, including a boundary, before the Eagles' bowlers took control of the match.

They bundled the Stingrays out for just 116, sealing a commanding 87-run victory.

Reuther claimed his first wicket for the summer, removing opener Jake Marnie, and finished with 1/6 from two overs.

Netball test

A packed Bendigo Arena set the stage for a blockbuster opening test match between the Australian Diamonds and the South African Proteas on Saturday night.

The Diamonds lifted their intensity in the final quarter, rotating through their full squad to maintain fresh legs and relentless defensive pressure.

Their efforts paid off, securing an 11-goal victory, 64-53, in front of an electric crowd.

Making her mark on debut, Georgie Horjus (Ardrossan and Bute connections) thrilled the Bendigo crowd when she scored her first goal in the green and gold.

She finished with a perfect shooting record — four goals from four attempts — while also contributing two goal assists, one centre pass receive and three feeds in an impressive display.

At the other end of the court, defensive stalwart Sarah Klau (Yorketown) continued her consistent form. The now-veteran goal keeper, who made her Diamonds debut back in 2016, provided strong defensive coverage and composure under pressure against the Proteas shooters.

The win gives Australia an early edge in the series, with the Diamonds looking to carry their momentum into the next test.



AFLW... Edithburgh's Shineah Goody breaks away from the pack in Saturday night's clash against the Bulldogs.



SACA... Coobowie's James Reuther sends one down against Port in the season opener.

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Big week of polocrosse on SYP

YP Polocrosse Club hosted a Polocrosse SA carnival at its Minlaton grounds over the long weekend. Players came from Victoria, Northern Territory and across South Australia, including locals, for the event. In the division I grand final, United defeated YP, best player was Monique Hoare. Div II winner was Corny; best was Allen Alexander. Green defeated NT in the div III final; best, Alanna Barrand. Players had the opportunity to participate in the stockman's challenge at the SYP Show in Minlaton today, before another carnival at the YP club grounds this weekend, October 11 and 12.



YP POLOCROSSE... Erin Hoare, Yorke Peninsula, releases the ball as she shoots for goal.



YP POLOCROSSE... Yorke Peninsula's Alanna Barrand catches the ball in her net as fellow YP riders Coby Short and Halle May watch.



YP POLOCROSSE... Young Yorke Peninsula rider Evie May and horse Redrock ready for action.



YP POLOCROSSE... Halle May, Yorke Peninsula, and Normie wait for a chukka to start.



YP POLOCROSSE... Karl Bauman, Howard Springs (NT), keeps a close eye on Monique Hoare, Yorke Peninsula.



YP POLOCROSSE... Madison Fowler, Yorke Peninsula, rides with the ball past fellow YP rider Ivan McMahon.



YP POLOCROSSE... Yorke Peninsula riders Alexis Krieg, Tania Hoare and Anthony Liddiard get ready to play.

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YP Field Archers: Results 5-10-25 — Shooter numbers were reasonable on Sunday, considering it was a long weekend. Eleven participated in a paper round on the eastern range. Getting in some valuable practice for his trip to the Norfolk Island 3D International Shoot later this month, Shannon Hitchen posted a good score of 686. Scores, bowhunter compound: S Hitchen 332, 354 - 686; K Rowntree 328, 294 - 620; M Munn 306, 272 - 578; D Teddy 250, 98 - 308; T Edey 308, dns - 308; J Darling 306, dns - 306: C Cook 252, dns - 252. Longbow: D Kuchel 320, dns - 320. Cubs bowhunter recurve: J Cook 70, M Munn 52, C Hoare 16. *TW*

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Ardrossan Tuesday: Results 30-9-25 — A Captain's v Chairperson's Stableford was contested. Individual winners: division I, Karen Minks 33 pts; div II, Marijke Gurr 35. Ball winners: Marijke Gurr 35; Jenny Harbutt, Jeanne Alderman 34; Karen Minks 33. Winning team (also chocolates winners): Captain's. NTP: 8 (Ardrossan Post Office), Jeanne Alderman; 16 (Moonta Crash Repairs), Jude Foster. Welcome to new member Jen McCormick. *"LCD"*

Ardrossan Wednesday: Results 1-10-25 — Winner C Treloar 1up c/b r-up M Osborne, and G Meredith; D Errington, R Secker sq. Most fairways: B Jarrett. NTP: 6, D Errington; 8, B Dolman; 16, D Errington. Long putt: Glyn Meredith.

Ardrossan Saturday: Results 4-10-25 — A four-person Ambrose was played in windy weather. Winners: S Forward, G Richardson, G Koch; runners-up: A Rowntree, J Hicks, T Harrison. NTP: 6, C Boucher; 8, D Watson; 12, J Hicks; 16, S Forward. Long putt: D Treloar.

Copperclub: Results 1-10-25 — Two-player Ambrose: L Markovic and L Sorensen 68.25; C Marshall and C Ryan 71.75; P Nitschke and J Gordon, L Williams and P Chapman 74.75; K Fogden and H Sharp 80.75. NTP: 4, C Ryan; 16, J Gordon. **Results 2-10-25** — Two-player Shotgun Thursday Ambrose: P Drew and T Chapman 62.25; D Hillebrand and B Vinzelberg 64; B Robinson and E Harrison 64.25; R Forrest and A Brown 65.5; D Oag and S Box 65.75; P Schultz and R Chadbourne 66.25; M Taylor and L Fogden 66.5; K Danher and R Wegener 67.25; B Whellum and M Colbert 67.75; J Gibbins (Tanunda Pines Golf Club) and J Birchard 69; M Daly and T Daly 69.25. Eagles: L Fogden, D Yearbury. NTP: 4, R Forrest; 7, M Colbert; 13, R Forrest; 16, R Forrest. **Results 3-10-25** — All day nine-hole Stableford: P Reichstein 21; A Brown, T Searle 19; T Daly, D Flowers 18; C May, B Searle, M Daly 17; N Reid, M Crocker, I Crocker 15. **Results 4-10-25** — Stableford: A Raymond 40; J Wheeler 38; K Fogden 36; K Danher, R Wegener, R Chadbourne, L Fogden 34; N Reid 33; M Gibbie (The Vines-Reynella) 32; M Crocker 31; O Piro 30. Eagles: J Arthur, J Wheeler, O Piro. NTP: 4, J Wheeler; 7, P Drew; 13 and 16, M Crocker. **Results 5-10-25** — Stableford: T Daly 38; T Daly 34; G Clarke 33; A Brown 31; M Daly 23; R Forrest 21.

Stansbury Thursday: Results 2-10-25 — Twelve players participated in the 12-hole social competition. Winner Richard Smith 61/41, r-up Gary Granfield 54/46 c/b John Patterson 64/46. NTP: 7/16, Ash Hodge. Least putts: Ash Hodge, Richard Smith 15. Long putt: Sue Wall. Chipping challenge: Ash Hodge. Birdies: Graham Hoile, Dan Player. Welcome Eddie Player on his first 12-hole social game. *"Trinny"*

Stansbury Saturday: Results 4-10-25 — Fourteen players participated in a Stableford. Winner Guido Varricchio 38, r-up Daniel Armstrong 37. NTP: 2/11, Henry Johnson; 7/16, Graham Klose. Long putt: 9/18, Harry Mills. Birdies: Ron Hillier, Gary Granfield, Henry Johnson, Ed Johnson, Daniel Armstrong. *"Trinny"*

Moonta Saturday: Results 13-9-25 — Compleat Angler sponsored a Stableford Winners; outright, Zac Finch 38 pts; A grade, Darren Riddle 37; B grade, Steve Evans 37; C grade Don "Stinger" Beitz 34. Runners-up ball winners: Simon Forward 37, Al Wheatley 36. Long drive: A grade, David Wall. Long putt: 1 (Newbery Chemist), Trevor Obst; 15 (Finchy), Gavin Gilles; NTP: 9 A grade, Al Wheatley; 13, Ben Jenner; 7 (Ben Jenner), Geoff Richardson; 3 (Moonta Post Office), Simon Forward; 16 (Rody's Towing), N/A; 2nd shot 18 (NYP Cleaning Services), David Wall. Rising star: Darren Walkley. Least putts: John Zimmerman 22; Simon Foward, James Bagshaw 23.

Wallaroo Tuesday: Results 30-9-25 — The opening of the ladies' summer season was held last week, starting with a Stableford. With the YP Field Days and school holidays, numbers were down a bit. Nine players played 18 holes, and four ladies played nine holes. Sponsor was

the Weeroona Hotel. Winners, overall: Joan Cushion 36 pts; division I: Marg Gross 34; div II: Jan Halse 34 c/b Colleen Cox; nine-hole comp: Leonie Kellaway 19 (a great score for nine holes!) NTP: second shot 14, Wendy Lynch. Long drive 9: div I, Wendy Lynch; div II, Leonie Kellaway. Chip-outs: Eyvonne Price had 2 (on 12 and 17), Nat Bruce also had one on 11. Birdies: 11, Nat Bruce. Well done Nat. *"NED"*

Wallaroo Saturday: Results 4-10-25 — In the first taste of summer, 34 players participated in a Stableford for a WGC voucher. Winners, overall: Rick Haase 35 pts; A grade: Gerard "Gezza" Burt 33 c/b Jacob Evans; B grade: Greg Price 33 points, r-up Robbert Klomp 30; C grade: Joan Cushion 33, r-up Viv Baker 32. NTP: 3, no one; 6, Jeff Yates; 11, Graham Fechner. Long drive: A grade, Jamie Chivell; B grade, Steve Busch; C grade, John Vorsty. Long putt: Greg Price. Encouragement award: Kevin Magg. Big thanks to grounds crew for ongoing improvements to the course, and the office staff who look after the visitors which in turn helps the club run! *SB and "Oscar Bravo"*

Wool Bay: Results 30-9-25 — Tuesday 12-hole competition: Winner Peter Woods 47 c/b Steve Goodall. Most fairways: Colin Hincks 10. Least putts: Peter Woods 15. Birdies: Colin Hincks. Chip-outs: Tracey Goodall, John Jansen, Joy Leathley. **Results 4-10-25** — Last Saturday 18-hole round for 2025. Winner Paul Blackman 70, r-up John O'Malley 71. Most fairways: Phil Othams 11. Least putts: Scott Golding 19. NTP: 5, Scott Golding. Birdies: Scott Golding, Phil Othams. Chip-outs: Scott Golding, John Jansen, David Bedson. This Saturday, October 11, is the start of the 12-hole competition; 11.30am arrival for 12 noon tee-off.

Yorketown Sunday: Results 5-10-25 — We hosted our second Long Weekend Breakfast Club Ambrose on Sunday, and what a fantastic day it was! The weather was on our side as the rain just held off until we wrapped up our event. The turnout was impressive, with past members, current members, and visitors from neighbouring clubs all coming together to create a lively and enjoyable atmosphere. Congratulations to the champions of the day: Adam Murdock, Warren Murdock, Julie Lennon and Clint Loechel! A special shout-out to runners-up Peter Woods, Warren Wilkinson, Garry Stewart, Tim Stewart. NTP: 7/16, Roger O'Brien; 14, Shawn Rose; 3/12, Xavier Murdock (in just two strokes!). Clint Loechel took home the prize for the non-accuracy drive on hole 1/10, while Kevin Tub and Adam Murdock claimed victory at the Dollar Hole on 5. Everyone enjoyed a day filled with camaraderie; the barbecue was in full swing, cooking bacon and eggs for breakfast, and a sausage sizzle throughout the day. Thank you to the Breakfast Club for orchestrating this event and to all those who lent a hand to make it happen. Thank you also to all the players, especially those who travelled from afar. The summer competition hits off this Saturday, 9.30am for a 10am tee-off. Summer memberships are available, and we warmly welcome visitors to join us for some exciting rounds of golf. The return leg of the Dunetown Cup will take place at Yorketown on Sunday, October 19. Wign up at the club or let us know if you'd like to participate. *"TFM"*

SHOOTING

Maitland Rifle Club: Results 4-10-25 — Eight keen members gathered for a BYO barbecue lunch and then shot from 600 yards for a Bradshaw Trophy stage. Numbers were down slightly due to the long weekend. The wind fishtailed from 9 o'clock to 12 o'clock. Scores were well down and no possibles were shot. Top off-rifle: FSA, John Habets 108.4; FO, Bill Gillis 114.4; TR, Jeff Dayman 94.6. Handicap points: 3, Jeff Dayman 97.6; 2, Bill Gillis 97.4; 1, Andrew Dayman 95.4. Scores: Jeff Dayman TR 45.1, 49.5 (3) 97.6; Bill Gillis FO 56.3, 58.1 (3) 117.4; Andrew Dayman TR 44.3, 43.1 (8) 95.4; John Shobbrook FSA 50.1, 57.3 (6) 113.4; Greg Bentick FO 54, 57.4 (1) 112.04; John Habets FSA 53.3, 55.1 (4) 112.4; Lynton Wakefield FO 54.1, 55 (0) 109.1; Barry Tucker FO 47.1, 56.1 (3) 106.2. This week we shoot the first stage of the Nelligan Trophy at 500yds. There are a few odd jobs to finish off for the OPM on Saturday morning. *AJD*

Wallaroo Pistol and Shooting Club: Results 30-9-25 — Air pistol/600, women: Michelle Sieben 508, Colleen Angel 391; men: Terry Wall 385. Action/480, rimfire production: Stephen Penney 453, Michelle Sieben 419. **Results 5-10-25** — Air pistol/600, women: Michelle Sieben 518. Action/480, rimfire production: Scott Gibbs 452, Michelle Sieben 424, Dakota Videon 409, Peter Kowalcuk 400, Mary Staunton 332, Greg King 315, Stephen Allen 265; centrefire production: Peter Kowalcuk 370. Field rifle, 25m open sights/250: Greg King 222, Michelle Sieben 216. The club thanks sponsor Anglers Inn Hotel. *MS*

Wallaroo Mines Bowling Club opens 2025-26 season in style

Wallaroo Mines Bowling Club officially opened its 2025-26 season on Monday, October 6, with an excellent turnout of members eager for what promises to be another competitive and enjoyable year of bowls.

Club president Brenton Pengilly welcomed everyone to the season launch, beginning proceedings with a minute's silence in respect of past members who have passed away, followed by an Acknowledgement of Country.

In his address, Brenton spoke about upcoming tournaments and proudly unveiled the club's

new flag, which features the club name Wallaroo Mines, the founding year 1915, and the distinctive Poppet Head emblem.

Women's vice-president Carol Howe also extended a warm welcome, particularly to the club's new women bowlers, expressing her hope that everyone enjoys the new season of bowling.

To officially open play for the season, long-serving members Eric Beare and Raylene Peter, the club's two eldest bowlers, each rolled the jack.

Brenton and Carol then rolled a bowl to symbolically start the new year of competition.

Teams were drawn at random, and players enjoyed a friendly 10-end match, followed by a shared afternoon tea.

The day concluded with a spin of the wheel, with two meat trays donated by Patrick and Jess O'Callaghan, won by John Sandford and Eduard Erkens.

Wallaroo Mines Bowling Club prides itself on being a friendly, welcoming club. Anyone interested in trying bowls is encouraged to come along to the club's Friday practice sessions from 2.30pm onwards.

Wayne Cooper
WMBC secretary

Kadina hosts NYPBA season opening



NYPBA... Mark Venning, Phil Miller and Wendy Venning at Northern Yorke Peninsula Bowling Association's season 2025-26 opening day in Kadina.



NYPBA... Association patron Meg Brown OAM, 2024-25 Champion of Champions women's singles Jill Bagshaw, president Penny McCarthy and 2024-25 Champion of Champions men's singles Bob Scott at Kadina on Friday, September 26.

Moonta four win over 60s tournament



Moonta Memorial Park Bowling Club hosted the Copper Coast Over 60s Bowls Tournament on Tuesday, September 30.

The day's winners were Moonta locals Lindsay Stam, Kevin Sorrell, Joe Fahey and Howard Andrew.

Runners-up, from Somerton, were Karen Sander, Yvonne Bekeris, Eric Sander and Rob Walton.

Third placegetters, from Curramulka, were Sandra Wescombe, Lyndon Watters, Robert Tilbrook and Cindy Thompson.

The club thanks event sponsors Bennett & Co Industries, A & H Electrical and Solar, Peninsula Plumbing, and YP Hire. *KS*

MOONTA OVER 60s... Copper Coast over 60s bowls tournament winners Lindsay Stam, Kevin Sorrell, Joe Fahey and Howard Andrew.



ARDROSSAN GOLF... Ardrossan Golf Club men's season 2025 champions Archer Rowntree (A grade), Cohen Treloar (C grade) and Ron Dickson (B grade).



MOONTA GOLF... Moonta Saturday Stableford winners: B grade Steve Evans, outright Zac Finch, A grade Darren Riddle, C grade Don "Stinger" Beitz.

Pauline Cross honoured with life membership at Moonta Bowling Club



Moonta Bowling Club proudly presented a new life membership on Sunday, October 5, recognising Pauline Cross for her outstanding contribution to the club over three decades.

After 30 years of bowling and volunteering, Pauline was awarded life member honours by club president Don Bennett in front of fellow members and guests.

Throughout her long involvement with the club, Pauline has served as ladies' president, chair of selectors, and has been a dedicated volunteer at countless club events and competitions.

On the green, she has also enjoyed success, winning both the ladies' pairs championship and the B gingles championship during her time with the club.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP... Moonta Bowling Club president Don Bennett awards life membership to Pauline Cross.

Moonta wraps up successful three-day Spring Carnival

Moonta Bowling Club hosted its annual three-day Spring Carnival last week, concluding on Sunday, October 5.

The popular event attracted visitors from across the region and interstate, with members praised for their outstanding volunteer support throughout the carnival.

Day 1 featured the Open Pairs, sponsored by Country Living Homes. Winners were Tony Lucas from Somerton and Sharon Cavanagh from Moonta.

Day 2 saw competitors take part in the Open Fours, sponsored by the Moonta Postal Centre. The winning team was Wes Crawford, Simon Geater-Johnson, Chris Whenan and Corey Wildash from Arthurton.

The carnival concluded on day 3 with the Open Medley, sponsored by Moonta Bay Lifestyle Estate. The winners were Peter Rost, Howard Andrew and Michael Collins from Moonta, along with Paul McLauchlin from Greensborough, Victoria.



SPRING CARNIVAL... Open pairs winners, Tony Lucas from Somerton and Sharon Cavanagh from Moonta.



SPRING CARNIVAL... Open Medley winners Peter Rost, Howard Andrew and Michael Collins from Moonta, and Paul McLauchlin from Greensborough in Victoria, and with Greg Jones, representing sponsor, the Moonta Bay Lifestyle Estate.

Moonta Golf Club 2025 presentations

Moonta Golf Club's awards presentations for season 2025 were held recently; recipients included:

MEN

Leon Cross Memorial Heartbeat Trophy: Matt Finch.

John Oakley Memorial Handicap Matchplay: Matt Finch, r-up Don "Stinger" Beitz.

Handicap foursomes: Al Wheatley and Darren Riddle, runners-up Don Beitz and David Wall.

Club championships, A grade: Matt Finch, r-up Simon Forward; B grade: Steve Markos, r-up Gary Koch; C grade: Zack Finch, r-up Tim Finch.

Matt Finch also won the President's (two best net scores), Eclectic and Len Davis Memorial trophies.

WOMEN

Stan Bowman Trophy: joint winners Henny Van Pelt and Lyn Chapman.

Putting: Di Gillings, runners-up Di Bernhardt and Jo Coombes.

Fairways: Lyn Chapman, r-up Henny Van Pelt.

Jubilee Salver (Kath Lamshed): Jo Coombes, r-up Lyn Chapman.

Patroness Trophy (Barb Davis): Jo Coombes, r-up Lyn Chapman.

Winsome Oates Handicap Matchplay: Henny Van Pelt, r-up Jo Coombes.

Eclectic: 18 holes winner Jo Coombes; nine holes winner Marcia Dall.

Captain's Trophy: Liz Wiltshire and Chris Edwards.

Club championships, division I: Di Gillings, r-up Di Bernhardt; div II: Jo Coombes, r-up Lee Ann Cook.

Coverdale/Promnitz Handicap Foursomes: Jo Coombes and Di Bernhardt, runners-up Heather Sharpe and Lee Ann Cook.



MOONTA GOLF... Division I champion Di Gillings is recognised for her outstanding season by Chris Edwards.



MOONTA GOLF... Division II champion Jo Coombes accepts her award from Chris Edwards.



MOONTA GOLF... Matt Finch won several awards, including Leon Cross Memorial Heartbeat Trophy and A grade championship; at right is presenter Simon Forward.



SPRING CARNIVAL... Open fours winners Wes Crawford, Simon Geater-Johnson, Chris Whenan and Corey Wildash from Arthurton.

Cross Roads indoor cush bowls

Results 3-10-25

The top two Cross Roads indoor cush bowls teams all season didn't disappoint in the grand final at Moonta on Friday night, October 3.

The game ebbed and flowed in a tight contest that went right down to the final bowl.

At one stage it looked as though Old Bags would take the choco-

lates, but some excellent bowling from Rubies' second player Vicki Clarke turned the game in her team's favour.

Old Bags captain Bede Mackereth had the final bowl of the match but was unable to dislodge Rubies' well-placed shot.

The Rubies held on to secure a hard-fought 12-11 victory.

Well done to both teams, particularly given three of the players who played in the final were first-timers, it was a superb result. Thank you to Phillip Shields who umpired the game.

It was also pleasing to see so many players there supporting the teams.

The wind up is at the Royal Hotel, Moonta, 6pm this Friday, October 10.

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CUSH BOWLS... Before the grand final, umpire Philip Shields with Rubies' players Pauline Sweet, Vicki Clarke and Christine Nicholas, as well as Old Bags' players Bede Mackereth, Imogen Philips and Julie Davey. Rubies had a narrow one-shot win.

Tie breaker for top dog honours

Michelle Daw
JOURNALIST

AFTER a dramatic finish, handler Anthony Ireland, of Clements Gap, and his dog, Oakdowns Banjo, were announced as winners of the open section of the working dog trials at the 2025 Yorke Peninsula Field Days.

Tied on 180 points, Oakdowns Banjo and another of Mr Ireland's dogs, Yilgangie Lenny, were rested before competing in a run-off to decide the winner.

On the second run, Banjo outscored his kennel mate by 13 points with a final score of 262.

Yilgangie Lenny was also the winner of the novice class, while Justin Ireland and Oakdowns Ebony won the improver class.

Handlers and dogs had to move three sheep through a series of obstacles within 15 minutes.

A total of 21 handlers and about 60 dogs took part, com-

peting in about 100 runs of the three-sheep trials.

In addition, teams also competed in the farm trials, in which they had to load eight sheep into a trailer within 15 minutes.

Results

Three sheep trials, open class: 1, Anthony Ireland and Oakdowns Banjo; 2, Anthony Ireland and Yilgangie Lenny; 3, Stefan Cross and Echo Park Uno; 4, Anthony Ireland and Oakdowns Byn. Improver: Justin Ireland and Oakdowns Ebony. Novice: 1, Anthony Ireland and Yilgangie Lenny; 2, Lyn-Marie Smith and TK Ned Kelly; 3, Lyn-Marie Smith and Millison Park Angel.

Farm trials, open: 1, Tom Joyce and Keilira Boon; 2, Jono Pillow and Karana Spud; equal third, Tom Joyce and Oakdowns Sambo, Monte Horne with Tyinga Red Rec. Novice: 1, Tom Joyce and Joyce's Maverick; 2, Jono Pillow and Broken River Curly; 3, Lyn-Marie Smith and Millison Park Angel.



PARTNERSHIP... Stefan Cross competes with Echo Park Lady in the finals of the open class at the working dog trials at the YP Field Days. The pair came third.



OPEN... YP Field Days president Greg Stevens congratulates the winners of the open section of the working dog trials, Anthony Ireland and Oakdowns Banjo.

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NOVICE... Anthony Ireland and his dog Yilgangie Lenny won the novice section scoring 88 points.

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IMPROVER... Justin Ireland, with his son Zeke and his dog Oakdowns Ebony, who won the improver section.

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'Weevil Knieval' to the rescue

A TINY insect could hold the key to tackling flaxleaf fleabane, one of the most invasive and costly weeds in Australian grain production.

Researchers from CSIRO, Australia's national science agency, are exploring if the stem-boring weevil *Lixus caudiger* could be used as a biological control agent under a project funded by the Grains Research and Development Corporation.

CSIRO is working closely with collaborators in Brazil and France to identify and test fleabane's natural enemies.

The weevil, nicknamed "Weevil Knieval", is native to South America and has shown promising results from early trials.

It feeds on fleabane leaves and stems, while its larvae burrow inside the stem tissue, hollowing out plant structures and weakening them until they collapse.

The internal feeding often prevents the weed from flowering and setting seed, affecting its ability to spread.

The colony of weevils, housed in CSIRO's quarantine facilities, is undergoing further testing, with researchers carefully monitoring feeding, mating, egg-laying and larval development across a wide range of test plants.

If the insect proves safe and effective, CSIRO will prepare submissions for regulatory approval before any potential field release.

The weevil is the focus of CSIRO entomologist Dr Michelle Rafter's research and is one of several new potential weed biological controls unveiled by Dr Ben Gooden in a keynote presentation on at the South Australian Weeds and Pests Conference in Adelaide recently.

Dr Gooden said the weevil research was part of a broader push to expand weed control options as part of GRDC's weed management investigations.

"The weevil is just one of four promising fleabane biocontrol candidates, but it's shaping up as potentially one of the most impactful," Dr Gooden said.

Dr Rafter said there were promising signs that the weevil was highly specialised to fleabane, while not causing any damage to crops.

"So far, our testing shows the weevil is restricted to fleabane and its close relatives," she said.

"That's exactly what we want in a biocontrol agent, something that hones in on the target weed without threatening native plants or crops."

Dr Rafter said it could be several years before the weevil was

released in paddocks.

Flaxleaf fleabane (*Erigeron bonariensis*) has become a headache for farmers across the northern, southern and western grain growing regions where it flourishes in non-cropped areas such as fence lines and roadsides, sending clouds of wind-borne seed back into cropping paddocks.

GRDC Weeds manager Sarah Morran said investment in biocontrol was a priority because of its potential for cost-effective, long-term weed suppression.

"Weeds cost growers significant amounts of money and impact on crop yields," she said.

"By investing in innovative approaches like biocontrol, we're helping growers tackle herbicide resistance, using nature's own checks and balances to help manage weeds more sustainably."

Ms Morran said weed biocontrol was not designed to eradicate weeds but to reduce their impact and allow other management practices to be more effective.

"Weeds like flaxleaf fleabane won't be beaten by chemicals alone," she said.

"Integrated solutions, including biological control, could offer a sustainable pathway to protecting yields and profitability," she said.



TINY WARRIORS... Unpacking the shipment of the stem-boring weevil at the CSIRO EcoScience facility. PHOTO: CSIRO

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Positions Vacant



TEAM LEADER

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Yorke Peninsula (office location to be negotiated)
Full time contract to 30 June 2028
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Initial enquiries to: Paul O'Leary,
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To apply and for more information visit the I WORK FOR SA website: www.iworkfor.sa.gov.au and search by vacancy number.

**Applications close:
11:45 pm, Sunday 19 October**

The South Australian Public Sector promotes diversity and flexible ways of working including part time. Applicants are encouraged to discuss the flexible working arrangement for this role.

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Notices
Deadline
noon Monday

Positions Vacant

Cert II in Kitchen Operations (Kitchenhand) Traineeship

Moonta Health is a not-for-profit 77-bed aged care facility offering NFP Salary Sacrificing options. We are extremely consumer focused and are seeking a person who shares our philosophy of person centered care for our residents. At MHAACS we support and value staff, providing training and development for career minded individuals. Moonta on the Yorke Peninsula, is a vibrant town located less than two hours' drive from Adelaide, 15 minutes from the Kadina Shopping Hub and with easy access to picturesque beaches, offering the perfect sea change opportunity.

An exciting opportunity is available for the right person to join our Aged Care team at Moonta Health & Aged Care. We are offering a traineeship for the right applicant and some offsite training in Adelaide will be required.

This is a great opportunity for the right person to earn an income while gaining your Cert II qualification and ultimately a rewarding career in aged care.

All applicants must have a current Police Clearance, and evidence of right to work in Australia.

**Please send cover letter and résumé to:
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Only successful applicants will be contacted.

Positions Vacant

Food Services Assistant
Casual Position

The Organisation:

Moonta Health is a not-for-profit 77-bed aged care facility offering NFP Salary Sacrificing options. As a consumer focused organisation, we are seeking a person who shares our philosophy of person centered care for our residents.

The Role:

The successful applicant will have strong communication skills, a positive attitude and enthusiasm to assist where needed. You will work well within a team but also autonomously. Your professional attitude along with a compassionate nature will be required to work in an Aged Care environment.

Duties will include but not be limited to:

- Preparation and distribution of meals
- Table arrangement
- Meal service to residents
- Stocktake and ordering
- Meeting infection control standards
- Working with Care/Nursing staff to ensure resident needs are met
- Cook shift relief for experienced applicants

Essential Criteria:

- Current Police/NDIS Worker Clearance

Desirable Criteria:

- Certificate 3 in Commercial Cookery
- Proven experience in Aged Care
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Entertainment

What's been Trending

SEARCH FOR GUS: SA Police are continuing to search for 4-year-old Gus, who went missing near Yunta on September 27. Police scaled back the full search last week but have conducted an aerial drone search, the results of which are being analysed.

VALE JANE: English primatologist and anthropologist Jane Goodall died aged 91. Goodall was regarded as a pioneer in primate ethology, known for more than six decades of field research on chimpanzees.

STATE POLITICS: The Australian affiliate of late right-wing activist Charlie Kirk's Turning Point USA is moving into South Australia ahead of next year's state election. Former staffer to Liberal and One Nation politicians and founder of The Adelaide Set, George-Alexander Mamalis, has been announced as the state coordinator.

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 8821 2044, email editorial@ypct.com.au, post to PO Box 246, Kadina SA 5554, or drop in to 31 Goyder Street, Kadina.

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Seventh Day Adventist
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10am-11am,
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11.30am-12.45pm,
worship service;
Faith FM Christian
Radio 87.6FM.
Catholic
Walleroo: 6pm.
Minlaton: 6pm.
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12
Salvation Army
Kadina (Copper Coast):
10.30am.
CRC Churches International
Moonta: 10am,
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Crosslink Christian Network
Kadina: 10am,
10 Pannan Street,
www.hopechapel.com.au.
Baptist
Walleroo: 10am,
www.facebook.com/CopperCoastBaptistChurch.
Catholic
Kadina: 10.30am.
Maitland: 11am.
Moonta: 6pm.
Port Broughton: 8.30am.
Yorke town: 8.45am.
Anglican
Kadina: 10am, eucharist.
Curramulka:
10.30am, Bishop, deconsecration.
Lutheran
Kadina: 9.30am, LR.
Maitland: 9am, HC.
Minlaton: 10am.
South Kilkerran: 11am.
Yorke town: 11am.
Uniting
Ardrossan: 10am.

Edithburgh: 9.30am.
Kadina: 9am.
Maitland: 10.30am.
Minlaton: 10am.
Moonta: 9.30am.
Moonta Mines: 11am.
Price: 9.30am.
Port Vincent: 10am.
Stansbury: 11am.
Walleroo 10.30am.
Warooka: join Anglican.
Weetulla: 9am.
Church of Christ
Kadina: 10.30am.
Community Church
Stansbury: 10.30am.
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Minlaton: 10am,
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gospelchurchminlaton.com.
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Kadina: 10am,
www.facebook.com/FuturesChurchCopperCoast.
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Light Church.
Minlaton: 10am,
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64 Maitland Road.
Edithburgh: 10am,
Light Church.
Christian Community Churches of Australia
Kadina: 10.30am,
Walleroo Bible Fellowship, Room R1, Harvest Christian College, 10 Pannan Street, Kadina.
The Congregation at Moonta
Moonta: 11am, Town Hall supper room.
MONDAY, OCTOBER 13
Catholic
Kadina: 9.30am.
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14
Catholic
Moonta: 9.30am.

Starscopes

♈ ARIES—March 21-April 20

This week may be deceptive. Your first impressions may not be entirely accurate ones. Decorating and designing respond to your bold and adventuresome mood. An emotional friend is more down-to-earth.

♉ TAURUS—April 21-May 22

Sports and recreation are on the agenda this week and this could be a good week for entering or observing competitions. Friends are more generous with their time.

♊ GEMINI—May 23-June 21

A new group activity may capture your interest in a week that finds you unusually outgoing. A loved one may be under some pressure so your quiet support should be valued greatly.

♋ CANCER—June 22-July 22

A workmate or neighbour may enter into a friendly disagreement. Be sure not to read too much into the situation because it will blow over as quick as it had started.

♌ LEO—July 23-August 22

The week accents family get-togethers and an important reconciliation. If considering membership in an organisation, be sure to collect all the facts first. A friend appreciates your objectivity.

♍ VIRGO—August 23-September 22

A loved one may oppose your plans and there may be a worthwhile reason behind the opposition. This week is generally favourable for completing a major project and learning a new skill.

♎ LIBRA—September 23-October 22

Positive financial news may arrive at an unexpected time. Family support helps you achieve a personal goal ahead of schedule. You may be travelling to a place you knew as a child.

♏ SCORPIO—October 23-November 21

A friend proves his or her loyalty in an unexpected way. Intriguing correspondence may arrive. Be sure to interpret it correctly before framing a reply. A relative may be in a cantankerous mood.

♐ SAGITTARIUS—November 22-December 22

You may be visiting someone from the distant past and it's possible that very little has changed. Community interests can dominate your time and energy through all of the week.

♑ CAPRICORN—December 23-January 20

This week finds you mingling with the rich and famous and chances are you are quite unimpressed. A surprising announcement may take a while to sink in. This a great time for writing songs or poems.

♒ AQUARIUS—January 21-February 19

The week sees you pursuing and coming closer to an elusive goal. Your energy runs high so be sure to channel it in a positive direction. Educational prospects brighten through the week.

♓ PISCES—February 20-March 20

Friends of the opposite sex help you understand where a key relationship is headed. Tie-ups are a way of life for much of the week. If travelling, you may enjoy some delightful detours

BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK

You are individualistic and broadminded, self-confident and a born leader. Some may find you a show off. Intellectual pursuits are accented over the coming months. In the community or at work, you should make your mark by the end of the year.

Sudoku

MEDIUM No. 1903

1	2		6					
5	7		3	4				1
		9		7				4
		6	3					7
7				9	2			
9			4		5			
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HOW TO SOLVE SUDOKU!

Fill the grid so every row and every 3x3 square contains the digits 1-9

Solution No. 1902

8	3	1	6	4	7	5	2	9
7	6	5	1	2	9	3	4	8
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5	8	9	7	1	4	2	6	3
6	2	4	5	3	8	9	1	7
2	5	8	3	7	1	4	9	6
1	9	3	4	6	5	7	8	2
4	7	6	9	8	2	1	3	5

Entertain Us

by Sarah Herrmann

SA screen shines

THE local film industry is continuing to prove it is another jewel in South Australia's crown.

When RFDS first aired in 2021, I recognised it as the first decent, non-crime drama on Australian commercial TV in some time.

I was vindicated when it won Best Drama at last year's Logies, and now the medical series is back for its third season.

Inspired by remarkable real-life stories, RFDS is a fictionalised portrayal of the doctors, nurses, pilots and support staff in the Royal Flying Doctor Service as they navigate emergency retrievals across some of the most inhospitable places in the country.

The RFDS aids more than 47,000 patients in South Australia and the Northern Territory every year, which equates to one patient every 10 minutes.

This includes residents of Yorke Peninsula, where we all know how under pressure local health services are.

The show highlights some important realities of living in regional and remote areas and the related health impacts.

This third season was filmed at the SA Film



Corporation's Adelaide Studios, the Port Augusta RFDS base and Quorn.

It had previously been filmed in Broken Hill, where the airport, runway and RFDS facilities are currently being upgraded.

According to the state government, the production has brought over \$10 million into the SA economy and created more than 450 jobs, including a predominantly South Australian crew with 10 SA department heads.

RFDS airs Wednesday nights at 7.30pm on 7 and 7Plus.

To help the RFDS, visit the Southern Yorke Peninsula RFDS Support Group Facebook page.

#Throwback

This day in history

October 8, 1908: Canberra was chosen as the capital of Australia, settling a feud between rivals Melbourne and Sydney.

October 8, 1939: Australian actor, comedian and former rigger Paul Hogan, of Crocodile Dundee fame, was born.

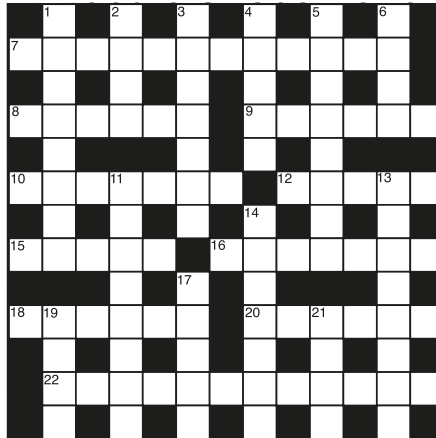
October 8, 2003: Frederik, Crown Prince of Denmark's engagement to Australian lawyer Mary Donaldson was announced, after the pair met at the 2000 Summer Olympics in Sydney.

October 8, 2004: Australian woman Schapelle Corby, carrying 4.1kg of cannabis, was apprehended by police in Indonesia.

SOCIALMEDIA
Spotlight

Honoring Jane Goodall by staring at ppl & taking notes in a little notebook — @passiveabrasive

Crossword



Across No. 2160

7. Previous prime minister (5,7)
8. Cheap hotel (6)
9. Blockheads (6)
10. Write (7)
12. Flowers (5)
15. Pale (5)
16. Proof of purchase (7)
18. River (NSW) (6)
20. Island (North Qld) (6)
22. Islands (Tas) 6,6)

Down

1. Funny (8)
2. Present (4)
3. Timeless (7)
4. Obvious (5)
5. Singing voice (8)

Solution 2159

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P	I	S	T	O
A	D	O	R	A
U	O	E	N	N
C	O	O	T	A
E	K	T	E	S

Personal Notices

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Deaths

DOUEAL, Timothy.
(Formerly of Moonta).
Tim passed away peacefully on Thursday, 2nd October, 2025, aged 77 years.
Loved father of Renee and Jamie.
Now at rest.

PARKER, Lorraine Ann
(nee Callaghan).
Passed away at Star of The Sea, Wallaroo, on 29th September, 2025, aged 88.

Beloved wife of the late Ronald for 64 years.

Proud mother and mother-in-law of Stephen, Scott and Jodie, Mathew and Danette.

Adored grandma of Dave, Danny, Jennifer, Christian, Vivienne and Jayden.

Cherished great-grandma of Quinn, Ty, Trent, Lila, Ivy, Mason, Leo, Olivia, Thea and Toby.

SLUGGETT, David Leslie.
Passed away peacefully on 2nd October, 2025, aged 67 years.
Loving husband to Elaine.
Father to Carly and Max.
Father-in-law to Aron and Karli.
Grandpa to Jasmine, Quinn, Harvey and Mason.

Deaths

SLUGGETT, David Leslie.
7-6-1958 – 2-10-2025

Dear David,
You fought so hard to stay. You endured so much for love.
But God saw you growing weary,
And He said enough. He took your hand to lead you home,
No more pain to know. Until we meet again my love,
My tears will gently flow. Loved always and forever, Elaine.

Loved and adored husband of Elaine.

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Adored grandpa of Jasmine, Quinn, Harvey and Mason.

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SLUGGETT, David Leslie.
Passed away at Wallaroo Hospital on 2nd October, 2025.

Loved brother, work partner, brother-in-law and uncle to Tony, Pam, Daniel, Stuart and family.
You fought life's challenges with great courage and determination.
Memories of the good times we shared working on the farm together.
Now at peace.

Deaths



STONE, Peter.
29-3-1939 – 16-9-2025
The members of the Rotary Club of Maitland extend their deepest sympathies to Sonya, Andrew, Wendy and Lynette on the passing of Peter Stone.

Peter was a member of Maitland Rotary for over 56 years. During that time he provided outstanding service to both the club and the surrounding community.
RIP Peter.

WHITING, Donald Stuart.
Passed away peacefully on Sunday, 28th September, 2025, aged 89 years.

Loving husband to the late Nesta.

Loving father and father-in-law to John and Fiona, Anthony and Julie (deceased).

Grandfather to Jaimee, Shannon and Nicole.

Will be sadly missed.

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Wake/Farewell

Wake/Farewell

SLEE, Steven.

Send-off for the late Steven (Slip) Slee will be held at the Prince Edward Hotel, Wallaroo, on Wednesday, 15th October, 2025, commencing 1pm.

Funeral Notices

PARKER. The relatives and friends of the late Lorraine Ann Parker are respectfully informed her funeral service will be held entirely in the Ewart Tennyson Chapel, Skinner Family Funerals, 1 Frances Terrace, Moonta, commencing at 11am on Monday, 13th October, 2025.

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SLUGGETT. The family of the late David Leslie Sluggett are respectfully informed his funeral service will be held in the Ewart Tennyson Chapel, Skinner Family Funerals, 1 Frances Terrace, Moonta, commencing at 11am, Friday, 17th October, 2025.

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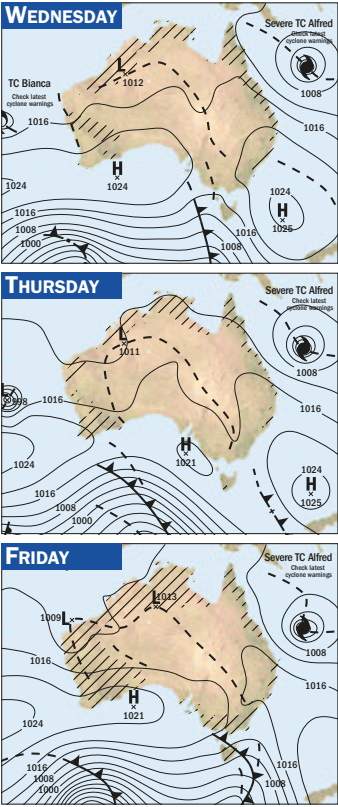
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Information



Weather forecast issued at noon, October 8, 2025

Supplied by Bureau of Meteorology



STATE
Thursday: Morning fog patches in the far west. Showers about the southern agricultural area. Showers and isolated storms in the far north, clearing late afternoon or early evening. Maximum temperatures below average. Northwest to southwesterly winds in the south, tending southwest to southeasterly in the north. **Friday:** Showers about the southern agricultural area. Maximum temperatures near average. Northwest to southwesterly winds in the south, tending southwest to southeast in the north. **Saturday:** Showers and possible storms extending across the north. Isolated showers about the southern agricultural area, more frequent about southern coastal districts. Maximum temperatures slightly below average about coastal districts but slightly above average elsewhere. Variable winds.

YORKE PENINSULA DISTRICT
Thursday: Partly cloudy. Medium chance of showers in the south, slight chance elsewhere. Winds westerly 25 to 35 km/h. **Friday:** Partly cloudy. Medium chance of showers in the south, slight chance elsewhere. Winds northwesterly 25 to 35 km/h turning westerly 25 to 40 km/h during the morning. **Saturday:** Partly cloudy. Slight chance of a shower. Winds westerly 20 to 30 km/h tending southwesterly 15 to 20 km/h during the afternoon then becoming light during the evening.

SPENCER GULF
Thursday: Winds: West to northwesterly 15 to 20 knots, reaching up to 25 knots south of Port Neill to Port Victoria during the afternoon and evening. Seas: 1 to 2 metres. Swell: South to southwesterly 1 to 2 metres, increasing to 2 to 3 metres during the morning. Weather: Partly cloudy. **Friday:** Winds: Northwesterly 15 to 25 knots turning westerly 15 to 20 knots during the morning. Seas: 1 to 2 metres. Swell: South to southwesterly 1 to 2 metres, increasing to 2 to 3 metres south of Port Neill to Port Victoria. Weather: Mostly sunny.

GULF ST VINCENT
Thursday: Winds: Westerly 15 to 20 knots turning northwesterly in the late evening. Seas: 1 to 1.5 metres, decreasing to 1 metre during the afternoon. Swell: South to southwesterly around 1 metre. Weather: Partly cloudy. **Friday:** Winds: Northwesterly 15 to 25 knots turning westerly 15 to 20 knots during the morning. Seas: 1 to 2 metres, decreasing to 1 to 1.5 metres during the afternoon or evening. Swell: South to southwesterly below 1 metre, increasing to 1 to 1.5 metres south of Port Vincent to Brighton. Weather: Partly cloudy.

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SUNDAY ▼8° ▲21° Mostly sunny
MONDAY ▼6° ▲23° Mostly sunny

Maitland

WEDNESDAY ▼9° ▲20° Mostly sunny
THURSDAY ▼11° ▲20° Mostly sunny
FRIDAY ▼12° ▲21° Windy
SATURDAY ▼11° ▲21° Mostly sunny
SUNDAY ▼10° ▲20° Mostly sunny
MONDAY ▼9° ▲22° Mostly sunny

Warooka

WEDNESDAY ▼11° ▲18° Late shower
THURSDAY ▼12° ▲18° Clearing shower
FRIDAY ▼14° ▲18° Clearing shower
SATURDAY ▼13° ▲17° Mostly sunny
SUNDAY ▼11° ▲16° Clearing shower
MONDAY ▼9° ▲17° Mostly sunny

SHIPPING NEWS

DAILY: Accolade II arrives Klein Point 7.30am and departs 12.30pm.

RAINFALL

Rainfall recorded (in mm) on Yorke Peninsula from 9am Tuesday, September 30, 2025, to 9am Wednesday, October 8, 2025. Issued mainly by the Bureau of Meteorology South Australian Regional Office, and from some other statistics.

	WEEKLY TOTAL	OCTOBER TOTAL	2025 TOTAL	OCTOBER AVERAGE	ANNUAL AVERAGE
Arthurton	8.5	8.5	226.5	37.2	475.5
Bute	2.6	2.6	202.7	34.6	393.2
Curramulka	0.0	0.0	44.0	36.6	423.6
Edithburgh	12.0	12.0	270.8	28.7	383.2
Kadina	3.6	3.6	209.8	22.2	319.2
Maitland	3.2	3.2	272.5	40.9	502.3
Minlaton	14.5	14.5	319.8	35.0	427.1
Moonta	4.0	4.0	189.0	30.4	369.2
Paskeville	0.0	0.0	187.2	33.9	386.6
Pine Point	11.2	11.2	254.4	24.7	373.1
Port Broughton	5.4	5.4	133.2	30.4	349.1
Port Victoria	13.2	13.2	225.6	30.9	379.1
Port Vincent	2.6	2.6	200.1	31.2	359.4
Price	3.8	3.8	128.7	28.6	325.2
Snowtown	2.2	2.2	215.2	26.7	367.2
Stansbury	14.7	14.7	235.7	34.2	403.0
Stenhouse Bay	12.2	12.2	370.8	29.3	451.0
Walleroo	5.0	5.0	212.0	29.8	356.8
Warooka	0.0	0.0	239.0	34.9	442.5
Yorke town	12.2	12.2	255.8	33.2	416.6

TIDE TIMES

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FRESHWATER FISH... Mitchell Depledge landed this big carp on the River Murray at Paringa. Caught something worth showing off? Send a photo of you and your catch to editorial@ypct.com.au. Apologies to the Depledge family for the mismatched photos and captions in last month's Catches of the Week.

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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.

Recipe, battered fish. Ingredients: three to six fish fillets (whiting, flathead, mullet), two cups self-raising flour, one egg, one bottle soda/mineral water, seasoning, veggie oil. Preparation: Make a batter by combining flour, egg and soda/mineral water with salt and pepper to taste. Preheat fryer to 200C with veggie oil, dip fish fillets into batter and cook for three mins. Dry off any surplus oil on paper towels and serve with hot chips or a salad.

Port Broughton: Hungry kingfish are over at Plank Shoal as they migrate through the northern Spencer Gulf. Snook are active off Wood Point and Shag Island. The dreaded trumpeter is already making an appearance this season, which is likely to make King George whiting harder to catch. Small blue swimmer crabs are around the jetty. Please remember to follow the catch rules.

Walleroo: The first week of the school holidays brought reasonably strong northerly winds to the coastline, making boat fishing more of a dream than a reality. Small blue swimmer crabs are at the jetty, along with the occasional squid and snook. At Point Riley, squid and garfish reward persistent fishers, while bream are turning up along the marina breakwater.

Moonta Bay/Port Hughes: King George whiting are coming from the deep water drop-offs at Steamer Channel and Cape Elizabeth, where clear water and recent good tides are keeping fishers well away from the algal bloom. Kingfish are active in the Steamer Channel, while garfish are now showing around West Light. Small squid are appearing at the jetties after dusk.

Port Victoria/Balgowan: Strong wind warnings limited boat crews last week, but when the weather allowed, King George whiting, flathead, red mullet and a few squid were on offer. Try the Port Victoria jetty for squid and garfish – just remember to use plenty of berley!

Point Turton/Corny Point: King George whiting remains in steady supply from The Banks, Corny Point and Point Souttar – but you'll need to be on your spot before dawn for the best chance at quality fish. At the jetty, small tommyies (Australian herring) and squid are showing up.

Stenhouse Bay/Marion Bay: Berry Bay stood out as the top shore-based spot last week, with fishers braving wind and swell to land salmon trout, mullet and even a few flathead. Crews in large boats faced challenging onshore conditions later in the week as they launched in search of King George whiting, flathead, red nannygai and kingfish. The jetties remain on the quiet side for now.

Tight Lines and see you next week!



Life in the fast lane

YP POLOCROSSE... Yorke Peninsula's Monique Hoare, on Denise, with the ball in her net, rides between Northern Territory players Karl Bauman and Michael Riley during a carnival final on Sunday, October 5 at Minlaton.
PHOTO: Rod Penna

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George Hewett Carlton's best

Peter Argent
REPORT BY

Former Broughton-Mundoora junior George Hewett has been crowned Carlton Football Club's best and fairest for 2025, winning the John Nicholls Medal with 160 votes.

He finished ahead of co-vice-captain Jacob Weitering (147) and midfielder Adam Cerra (129).

Hewett told the YP Country Times his strong preseason had laid the platform for a standout year.

"My body was in position in the preseason with no surgeries to set up for a good season, which I felt was important," Hewett said.

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