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**RAINBOW MAGIC...** Wallaroo Mines Primary School student Kyler enjoys the school's colour run last week, which raised more than \$8000 towards a new nature play area.

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## Local MP slams health report's

# 'WEASEL WORDS'

**Michelle Daw**  
JOURNALIST

AFTER months of anticipation, the long-awaited Yorke Peninsula health services inquiry report has been released.

Its 16 recommendations include upgrading services at Wallaroo Hospital and developing emergency departments at Yorketown and Maitland Hospitals.

The Economic and Finance

Committee, which led the review, tabled the Inquiry into Delivery of Health Services on the Yorke Peninsula report in the South Australian Parliament on Wednesday, September 17.

Other recommendations include expanding volunteer ambulance crews, introducing community-based mental health practitioners, and providing hospital support for emergency department mental health presentations.

Proposals also cover changes to the Patient Assistance Transport Scheme to increase subsidies and make it easier to access, along with measures to attract and retain doctors, nurses and allied health staff.

Narungga MP Fraser Ellis said he was disappointed by the "underwhelming" language used in the report. "Ultimately, there are far too many recommendations that the Government 'consider' or 'investi-

gate' certain actions that arise out of the evidence," Mr Ellis said.

"This is obviously tricky political language designed to give the government cover to weasel out of their obligations to our community.

"The absolute weight of the overwhelming evidence showing that we need desperate investment in our regional health system should be listened to — not the political speak recommendations."

Mr Ellis said he had written to Health Minister Chris Picton urging him to adopt the substance of the recommendations in full.

It is expected the SA Government will give its formal response to the inquiry report at the next sitting week of SA Parliament, from October 14.

Mr Ellis urged YP residents and stakeholders to read the report.

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## A joy, not a burden

I WRITE in response the article, “For child safety, two sets of eyes are always better than one” (YPCT 9-9-25).

On behalf of those parents who stay at home with their children, and those who wish they could, I object to the portrayal by the author of daily life with children as being unpleasant or mind-numbing at best, or unsafe or unmanageable at worst.

Yes, the days are often long, but the years are so short! It seems that in the blink of an eye, children grow and become independent, are off at school or sport, and we are counting just how few years we have left with them before they fly the nest.

There are so many joys amidst the everyday with kids. Seeing their smiles; hearing them share something they’ve just learned; cuddling them when they’re sleepy; providing comfort when they’re sick; playing a game together; reading stories on the couch; seeing the world through their curious eyes.

May we treasure the time we have with these precious ones. It has been said, “Children are not a distraction from more important work. They are the most important work.”

K Adams  
Wauraltee

*Editor’s note: The article referred to is an opinion piece by Jo-Anne Quigley from the Regional Childcare Desert Advocacy Project, which advocates for better access to child care in the Grey electorate.*

### FACEBOOK COMMENTS

#### Upcoming power outage, ElectraNet warns

**Chris Dickinson**  
Does this not tell you how utterly vulnerable the whole system is? Far out. Zero redundancy.

#### Mural hidden by new development

**Jay Rowe**  
Might be a good thing to not get people distracted on the road.

**Tamsin Magnay**  
Turning into Kadina Para.

**Leanne Marie Costello**  
All you see coming into Kadina is a concrete jungle, a red-walled Aldi, so wait until these two get painted. The country town look will be gone forever.

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

## A lesson not learned

THE saying “learn by your mistakes” has never been more pointedly ignored. Hindsight, it seems, is cheap.

We are watching the planet go down the gurgler, with heartless greed ruining economies and destroying lives, while species extinction is at record levels.

Australia is the champion of species extinction, and it struts its gold medal for all to see.

Meanwhile, the country is rushing into debt like an out-of-control freight train to build horribly toxic weapons without the remotest idea of how to deal with the radioactive (weapons-grade) waste they will produce when decommissioned, other than knowing it will have to be physically guarded for thousands of years.

Sounds like a plan? Maralinga never happened? Maralinga, along with the Pacific tests, is measurable in every tree and every person living at the time of testing, world-wide.

This radioactive signature is used in forensic analysis. A case of before or after the world went mad.

So here we go again, ignoring the bitter lesson, blathering on that by building a risky military target in Adelaide, we are providing employment, and again, if we were attacked by a superpower, it would be by ballistic missiles.

Added to this is the new technology (sonar arrays/quantum sensing) rapidly emerging that will detect any disturbances in the ocean, turning apex predators (submarines) into billion-dollar coffins.

We’d be better off building a defensive shield (like Norway) if we are that paranoid.

So no, I’m happy to stare down the politicians who beguile us, spending the country’s hard-earned billions on unfathomable schemes, treating the environment like a secondary consideration, meanwhile, happy to invite the world to our doorstep (COP31) to parade our so-called environmental credentials, hoping to win double gold.

Perhaps they could invite the delegates to dig up the mountain of sticky black mud that has throttled The Coorong since 1978? Or a day trip to Maralinga, a picnic, just for old times’ sake?

Don’t fall for it.

Chris Hunter  
Moonta

## Algal bloom: small businesses overlooked

DURING the COVID-19 pandemic, the travel industry faced unprecedented challenges.

Qantas received \$2.7 billion in government support despite recording significant profits, while many Australian travel agents experienced financial hardship or closure.

Are we heading down the same path with the algal bloom disaster?

While commercial fishers and oyster growers have received limited assistance, there has been minimal attention or support directed towards the small businesses that underpin communities affected by the algal bloom.

Although the introduction of an algal bloom travel voucher is appreciated, it will be insufficient to address the broader challenges these businesses face.

Such measures can be likened to providing short-term relief at the onset of a longer-term struggle.

The sustainability of these enterprises is uncertain if holidaymakers do not return soon enough.

These businesses are integral to their communities; they employ staff, provide training to junior employees, and sponsor local sporting and community groups.

Without adequate support, the loss of these businesses could lead to reduced student enrolments in schools, fewer health professionals, diminished local employment opportunities and less community support.

While research funding continues to flow back into government initiatives, the immediate needs of small businesses on the ground are being overlooked, potentially threatening their future viability within these communities.

What the government does not understand is these small businesses are a very valuable asset to the local communities involved.

David Kluske  
Ardrossan

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Address your letter to The Editor, YP Country Times, 31 Goyder Street, Kadina SA 5554

Or email to [editorial@ypct.com.au](mailto:editorial@ypct.com.au).  
Keep letters to the point. Try to get your message across in fewer than 300 words. Count them!  
The editor reserves the right to edit any letter.

## OUR VIEW

### Too much wiggle room in report

THERE are plenty of welcome recommendations in the much-anticipated report from the parliamentary inquiry into health services on Yorke Peninsula, tabled in the South Australian Parliament last week.

The inquiry was conducted by the SA Parliament’s powerful Economic and Finance Committee, comprising four Australian Labor Party members of parliament and three from the Liberal Party.

Its recommendations include upgrading services at Wallaroo Hospital, the development of emergency department facilities at Yorketown and Maitland hospitals, expanding volunteer ambulance crews, and investment in community-based mental health practitioners.

It sounds pretty good until you notice that nearly all the 16 recommendations are couched with qualifying words such as “consider”, “investigate” and “explore”.

The only unequivocal recommendation advises that Port Pirie Hospital be maintained with the Yorke and Northern Local Health Network, which will require no effort or expense from the SA Government to put into practice.

It appears the committee has given the SA Government a mighty get-out clause for enacting the other recommendations well within its scope.

If a year from now, nothing has changed in the provision of health care services in our region, the SA Government could still correctly claim it followed the recommendations, by merely considering, investigating or exploring them.

It’s up to us as YP residents, stakeholders and health professionals, to put pressure on the current SA Government — and those who aspire to win next year’s state election — to make critical improvements to health services for our growing and ageing population.

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## Cute pets of Yorke Peninsula

CUTIE PIE... Benni the 20-year-old cat has a long-lasting love of scratches, cuddle and food. Is your pet just the cutest? Share a photo with YPCT readers by emailing it to [editorial@ypct.com.au](mailto:editorial@ypct.com.au).

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# Bourke named transport minister

EMILY Bourke, formerly of Pine Point, is South Australia's new transport minister.

The news comes after the resignations of deputy premier Susan Close and treasurer Stephen Mullighan were announced on Thursday, September 18.

Ms Close and Mr Mullighan stepped away from their portfolios and will retire from politics at the March state election.

Attorney-general and Aboriginal affairs minister Kyam Maher has been sworn in as deputy premier, and energy and mining minister Tom Koutsantonis as treasurer.

Mr Koutsantonis previously held the role in the Weatherill government from 2014 to 2018.

Autism minister Ms Bourke will take over from Mr Koutsantonis on transport and infrastructure, while her former portfolios of sport, emergency services and corrections will go to Rhiannon Pearce.

Member for Adelaide Lucy Hood will be the new Minister for Climate, Environment and Water.

Education minister Blair Boyer will take on Mr Mullighan's police portfolio and Premier Peter Malinauskas will cover defence and space.

Minister for Child Protection Katrine Hildyard will assume the newly separated portfolios of Minister for Women and Minister for Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence.

A standalone Ministry for Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence was the first recommendation of the recent Royal Commission.

There is a record number of women (nine) in cabinet, outnumbering men (eight) for the first time.

YP REPRESENTATION... Emily Bourke, formerly of Pine Point, is South Australia's new transport minister.

## Pollie Pedal riders stop in Wallaroo

POLLIE Pedal, one of Australia's longest-running charity cycling events, will arrive in Wallaroo this afternoon (Tuesday, September 23) as part of its 2025 South Australia Ride for Veterans.

More than 30 riders — including Members of Parliament, veterans, community leaders and everyday Australians — are cycling 831 kilometres across the state to fundraise for Wandering Warriors, a not-for-profit organisation helping veterans transition to civilian life.

The group set off from Clare earlier in the day and will stay overnight in Wallaroo before continuing on to Port Pirie on Wednesday morning.

The week-long event began in Adelaide on Sunday, September 21, and will pass through Henley Beach, Largs Bay, Clare, Wallaroo, Port Pirie, Burra and Tanunda before finishing back in Adelaide via the Barossa Valley on Saturday, September 27.

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## Regional Fringe meeting tonight

ADELAIDE Fringe will hold an online regional networking event this evening.

Meet the Regional Community fosters conversations about performing or hosting 2026 fringe shows in South Australia's regions.

The event will be held tonight (Tuesday, September 23) from 5.30pm. To register, visit [regionalmtc26.paperform.co](http://regionalmtc26.paperform.co).

To contact the Adelaide Fringe artist and venue team, call 8100 2022 or email [artists@adelaidefringe.com.au](mailto:artists@adelaidefringe.com.au).

# Roadworks resume at Ardrossan's Hillside Project

THE next stage of roawdworks to support the Hillside Project near Ardrossan are scheduled to start this week, as Rex Minerals progresses development of its copper-gold operation.

Stage 1 roadworks, including the realignment of a section of the Yorke Highway, were completed earlier this year, with the new section of road opening to traffic in April.

Rex has contracted McMahon Services for the stage 2 roadworks, which comprise upgrading and re-aligning part of St Vincent Highway, including its intersection with Sandy Church Road.

"Most work will be done between 7am and 5pm, Monday to Friday, with some weekend work as required," a McMahon Services spokesperson said.

"Environmental controls will be in place to reduce impact on the surrounding area and the local community.

"A temporary bypass road will be constructed around the intersection of St Vincent Highway and Sandy Church Road to allow works to proceed, and all traffic will be diverted via the bypass.

"Sandy Church Road will remain accessible from St Vincent Highway during the works, until further notice."

Other works to support the development include construction of accesses over deep creek crossings and improvements to the Walk the Yorke trail between Pine Point and Rogues Point.



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Nurses' Union and Narungga MP Fraser Ellis warn...

# New nurse ratios could worsen country shortages

Michelle Daw  
JOURNALIST

MEMBER for Narungga Fraser Ellis and the nurses' union have welcomed progress on a bill to legislate nurse and midwife-to-patient ratios. Both, however, warn more action is needed to attract and retain staff in country hospitals.

“I can only fervently hope that increased incentives to entice staff to regional hospitals will follow to produce the desired outcomes.”  
– Fraser Ellis, Narungga MP

The Nurse and Midwife to Patient Ratios Bill passed the House of Assembly on September 19 and has now moved to the Legislative Council.

Mr Ellis said the bill had an admirable aim — to improve conditions for nurses and raise levels of patient care. But he was concerned increased roles for nurses and midwives in metropolitan hospitals would make it harder to attract and retain staff in the country.

“My fear ... is it will become an impossible task for some regional hospitals to meet their legislative requirements and result in either the shutting of hospital doors or the failure of the Local Health Network to meet the legislative requirement that they are compelled to meet,” Mr Ellis said.

In its submission to the parliamentary inquiry into YP health services, the Australian Nursing



AMBIVALENT... Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation South Australia chief executive Adjunct Associate Professor Elizabeth Dabars AM.

and Midwifery Foundation raised concerns that, despite emergency department presentations at Wallaroo Hospital rising 10.5 per cent since 2021, staffing levels had not increased to match demand.

Mr Ellis said he questioned what changes in nursing numbers would occur in country hospital wards.

“I can only fervently hope that increased incentives to entice staff to regional hospitals will follow to produce the desired outcomes.”

“I will continue to especially push for more beds for our major facility at Wallaroo as classifications of staff ratios are to be calculated on bed numbers,” he said.

“I was buoyed by the comments from Minister Picton today (September 18) that Wallaroo Hospital is expected to expand in line with

expected growth of the Copper Coast and region, and very much hope that investment occurs soon.”

ANMF South Australia chief executive, Adjunct Associate Professor Elizabeth Dabars AM, said if enacted, the bill would support safe staffing and patient care.

“The introduction of mandated nurse-to-patient ratios would be a safeguard for staff and patients, not a threat to service continuity,” she said.

“Ratio legislation helps ensure that every shift is staffed appropriately, reducing the risk of burnout and improving the quality of care delivered.”

“In country areas, where recruitment and retention have long been challenges, ratios provide a structural guarantee.

“Nurses and midwives can no longer be expected to work short-staffed indefinitely.”

“This legal protection fosters a more sustainable work environment, making rural and remote roles more attractive and viable in the long term.”

The union, however, remained concerned about whether the workforce needed to meet the proposed requirements could be recruited and retained, particularly in rural and remote regions.

Prof. Dabars said the ANMF was calling for targeted rural and remote incentives in its log of claims under current Enterprise Bargaining Agreement negotiations with the SA Government.

“Post-COVID-19, there is a global shortage of nurses and

midwives, and there are no longer untapped pools of skilled workers available for recruitment from interstate or overseas,” she said.

“Rural and remote regions are disproportionately affected by the tight labour market.”

“While the last EBA saw some initiatives to attract employees to these areas, no measures were taken to support retention.”

The ANMF log of claims includes extending the current zone allowance beyond five years of service, a \$63.20 per shift allowance for employees who have upskilled in extra duties such as X-rays or facility management without an on-site medical officer, and government action to address housing and childcare shortages in rural and remote areas.

## No change in ratios for YP hospitals

STAFFING ratios at the Wallaroo, Maitland and Yorketown hospitals would not change under the proposed new ratios being considered by the SA Parliament, according to the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Foundation South Australia chief executive, Adjunct Associate Professor Elizabeth Dabars AM.

Prof. Dabars said Wallaroo Hospital was listed as a category four facility.

Its general medical and surgical ward ratios would remain at one nurse for every six patients, plus a nurse in charge, on morning shifts; one nurse for every seven patients, plus a nurse in charge, on afternoon shifts; and one nurse

for every 10 patients overnight.

Maitland and Yorketown hospitals are classified as small hospitals, and their staffing levels would continue with one registered nurse and one other nurse or midwife on all shifts.

Prof. Dabars said ANMF SA had secured a commitment from SA Health to review the staffing methodology for category four and small hospitals.

“The review will begin as soon as possible and be completed within six months,” she said.

A spokesperson for SA Health said, under the proposed ratios, Adelaide’s four largest metropolitan hospitals — the Royal Adelaide, Flinders, Lyell McEwin,

and Women’s and Children’s — would be required to have one nurse for every four patients, plus a nurse in charge, in general medical and surgical wards for morning and afternoon shifts.

For night shifts, the ratio would be one nurse for every eight patients, plus a nurse in charge.

Other metropolitan hospitals would follow the same morning and night shift ratios, but for afternoon shifts the requirement would be one nurse for every five patients, plus a nurse in charge.

Antenatal wards in all public hospitals would require one midwife for every four patients during the day and one for every six patients overnight.

## Nurse ratios to safeguard staff and patients, Minister says

HEALTH Minister Chris Picton says legislation now before the SA Parliament mandates safe staffing levels for patients, nurses and midwives and has been modelled on ratios in Victoria.

“We’ve already recruited more than 1460 additional nurses since being elected which will be a great help for our new ratios,” he said.

Mr Picton said it was hoped the bill would pass through parliament and be enacted as legislation before the end of this year, with ratios to be applied early in 2026.

The legislation would cover specified patient care areas in the public health system and would not apply to private hospitals or private aged

care providers.

A two-year rollout period would allow local health networks to reconfigure staffing and recruit as required. During that time, there would be a moratorium on non-compliance.

At the end of the moratorium, any deliberate or systematic breaches of the legislation as determined by the South Australian Employment Tribunal could attract a fine of up to \$10,000.

Mr Picton said if there were any higher staffing requirements under the existing enterprise bargaining agreement in place for nurses and midwives, they would be retained when the new ratios were introduced.



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# Health inquiry urges Wallaroo upgrade, new EDs for Yorketown and Maitland

“WE should give the government the chance to adopt these recommendations but there is an election just around the corner and that’s the best time to put pressure on politicians,” he said.

“I will do my darndest to make sure both major parties have major improvements to our public hospitals on their agenda.”

The inquiry was triggered by a petition launched by Mr Ellis in October 2022, which recorded more than 10,000 signatures — enough to trigger a formal investigation and report to the SA Government for action.

The EFC began its inquiry in November 2024 with four terms of reference: the most appropriate classification of Wallaroo Hospital; Local Health Network coverage of Port Pirie Hospital; factors impacting the delivery of health services on YP, especially in relation to access and equity; and any other matter relating to health services on YP.

The committee received 86 submissions and conducted two hearings in Adelaide and one each at Yorketown and Wallaroo with 28 individuals and 12 organisations and stakeholders giving oral evi-

dence, earlier this year.

The report notes that Yorke Peninsula has one of the largest regional populations in the state outside of metropolitan Adelaide with just over 30,000 people.

A submission by Barunga West, Copper Coast and Yorke Peninsula councils states YP is one of the few regional areas expected to grow at or near the statewide average over the next 20 years, with projected growth of 17.5 per cent by 2041.

The councils’ submission also states Tourism SA figures show half a million people visited YP in 2023, and the mining project at Ardrossan is expected to be operational within the next few years, drawing more people to the region.

### Foreword

In the report’s foreword, EFC presiding member, Giles MP Eddie Hughes said one of the petition requests was to review the classification of Wallaroo Hospital as the primary hospital on YP.

Mr Hughes said most services at the hospital were resourced at level 2 or 3, with several submissions and witnesses calling for upgrades, particularly in the emergency department.

“It was also highlighted that some specialist services, such as a radiology, were not available at Wallaroo on a 24/7 basis,” Mr Hughes wrote.

“Representatives from the (Yorke and Northern) Local Health Network told the committee that the plan was to establish Wallaroo as part of a triangular hub alongside hospitals in Port Pirie and Clare, with similar levels of service delivery,” Mr Hughes said.

He also acknowledged there was a lack of personnel across the region, including doctors, nurses and allied health professionals.

“The Committee heard that incentives are needed to attract staff to the Yorke Peninsula, while also addressing workload and safety concerns amongst existing staff,” Mr Hughes wrote.

“Distance on the Yorke Peninsula was raised as a significant issue during the inquiry, with many people choosing or needing to travel to Adelaide for treatment.”

Mr Hughes also noted that many specialist services were limited on YP, including mental health services, antenatal and postnatal care, and palliative care.

To download a copy of the report go to: [tinyurl.com/bdx9ced8](https://tinyurl.com/bdx9ced8).

## Report recommendations

### THE Economic and Finance Committee’s 16 recommendations to the South Australian Government are:

1. Consider investment to upgrade services at Wallaroo Hospital, including increase in the number of beds and 24/7 on site radiology services.
2. Maintain Port Pirie Hospital within the Yorke and Northern Local Health Network.
3. Investigate options for development of emergency department facilities at Yorketown and Maitland Hospitals.
4. Call on the federal government to explore incentives for GPs to join or establish medical practices on the Yorke Peninsula.
5. Investigate methods for supporting the maintenance and possible expansion of the YNLHN’s Rural Doctor Program.
6. Explore incentives for early career nurses and metropolitan-based nurses to relocate and work in the YNLHN, such as subsidised accommodation.
7. Consider development of further training opportunities for nursing and allied health staff to increase specialist knowledge amongst health staff on YP.
8. Examine possible increases in subsidies provided by the Patient Assistance Transport Scheme, as well as decreasing the complexity of applying for subsidies via the scheme.
9. Explore possible changes to the Patient Assistance Transport Scheme to take into account continuity of care.
10. Explore options for expansion of volunteer ambulance crews in the region.
11. Call on the federal government to investigate investment in community-based mental health practitioners and wellbeing hubs on YP.
12. Investigate investment in mental health support in hospitals to assist with mental health presentations at emergency departments.
13. Explore options for safety upgrades at hospitals to help protect staff and patients.
14. Consider the establishment of Child and Family Health Services across YP, particularly in towns in southern YP.
15. Investigate options for expanding palliative care services on YP.
16. Explore options for community support for digital health and telehealth services.



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# 'Little wonders' on offer with travel vouchers

Sarah Herrmann  
JOURNALIST

TRAVEL vouchers are today being distributed to 20,000 lucky South Australians who entered the ballot for the Coast is Calling program.

More than 120,000 people applied for vouchers, according to the SA Government, after registration opened on Friday, September 19 and closed last night (Monday, September 22).

Over 230 tourism businesses impacted by the algal bloom are part of the program, with more than 500 experience and accommodation options on offer.

On Yorke Peninsula, this includes fishing charters, surfing lessons, gin tastings, holiday parks and glamping, a South Australian Tourism Commission spokesperson said.

Bayside Glamping owner Tiffany Falzon said her business was offering three two-night accommodation packages.

"For each package we chose to work with another local business that wasn't eligible (for the voucher program)," she said.

"In our glamping tent you get a cupcake box on arrival from Holy Cake at Warooka, our tiny house includes gin tasting with the gin from Lost Tide (in Stansbury), and The Sanctuary includes a breakfast and morning tea hamper from Hampers on Yorkes in Minlaton."

Ms Falzon said bookings for her Marion Bay business meant others, such as bakeries and cafes on the way down, would see tourist dollars too.



GETAWAY... Bayside Glamping at Marion Bay is one of the Yorke Peninsula businesses involved in the Coast Is Calling travel voucher program.

"We had the quietest winter on record," she said.

"When the algal bloom was in Marion Bay and it was bad on the beaches, we never had one guest complain, but when it hit the media that's when we got a big cancellation."

"Because we're not just a place to sleep, we're an experience in itself, even if it (the bloom) did come back, you don't even have to leave our places."

Arthurton's Sunny Hill Distillery is offering a behind-the-scenes production tour, guided liqueur and spirit tasting, and cheese and cocktail package.

"Because we are heavily reliant

on tourism, we have noticed a decline, a flow-on effect from caravans not getting the visitors and therefore there are fewer visitors in the area going to places like us," owner Olivia Colliver said.

"Yorke Peninsula is not just a fishing and beach place, we've got lots of other little wonders on our leg to come and see."

Point Turton Caravan Park manager Dani Wheadon said the voucher travel period of September 24 to November 30 was the perfect time to visit Yorke Peninsula.

"The landscapes come alive with colour in spring, and the weather is warming up," she said.

"Point Turton has been lucky not to have seen any signs of the algae bloom. The fishing has been really good, and our morning swimmers are still at it every day."

"When parks are empty, every business in our community is affected — we need your support."

South Australians successful in the voucher ballot will be notified via SMS and email, and provided with a unique code to spend on participating offers in their voucher's denomination.

Bookings must be made between September 23 and October 24.

For more information, visit southaustralia.com/voucher.

## State algae inquiry

SUBMISSIONS are now open for the state parliament's inquiry into the algal bloom.

The inquiry will consider factors contributing to the bloom's occurrence and rapid spread; its economic, health and wellbeing impacts; the state government's response; and long-term monitoring and prevention strategies.

Greens MLC Robert Simms has been elected chair of the inquiry.

Submissions can be emailed to JCHAB@parliament.sa.gov.au by October 10.

A federal inquiry is also underway, with a public hearing held at Ardrossan on September 11 after submissions closed on August 22.

## Algae grant numbers

TWELVE Yorke Peninsula businesses have received an algal bloom grant from the state government as at September 15, according to a government spokesperson.

This number is across both the fisheries and aquaculture, and small business streams.

A further six applications from YP businesses were under active assessment, and others were progressing to the assessment process, the spokesperson said.

## Climate action

MARINE heatwaves for half the year and climate-driven disasters costing seven times more could be Australia's reality in 2100, according to the federal government's national climate risk assessment.

The report, released last week, shows the world is estimated to heat up by 2.7 degrees Celsius in the next 65 years, based on current policies to cut climate pollution.

Predictions include spending four times longer in heatwaves, five times more deaths from extreme heat, and 18 times more coastal flooding.

The news comes as the federal government has set a 2035 climate pollution target of 62 to 70 per cent reduction on 2005 levels.

According to the Climate Council, four independent analyses show a 75 per cent reduction is possible.

Australia had already committed to reducing climate pollution to net zero by 2050 and is targeting a 43 per cent reduction by 2030.

## Edithburgh Jetty recovery

DIVER Troy Johnson has noted signs of recovery at the Edithburgh Jetty, a previously prosperous site of marine life since hit by the algal bloom.

Mr Johnson dived under the

jetty on August 29 and September 12 and posted photos of the re-emerging life on the Friends of Edithburgh Jetty Facebook group.

"It's gone from pretty much no life there to all those photos of the various species that we did see," he said.

"There were a lot of crabs, quite a few of the more resilient fish species, and some of the species that were the first to wash up on the

beaches as well."

The diver's posts garnered a total 4700 reactions.

"The reason I put that out is to try to get a little bit of positivity back, given it's been a barrage of negative stuff," he said.

"The dive there at Edithburgh is still quite good."

"There's still some pretty grave concerns, but at least we're starting

to see something."

Mr Johnson said he also dived under the jetty back when the bloom was present in Edithburgh.

"I was here when the bushfire came through, and it was just like that."

"You see after the bushfire goes through, everything's black and charred, there's no life and a smoky haze left," he said.

"It was horrific."



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### Parliament of South Australia

## JOINT COMMITTEE ON HARMFUL ALGAL BLOOMS IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA

A Joint Committee has been appointed to inquire into and report on the harmful algal blooms in South Australian marine and coastal environments, with particular reference to:

- (a) Contributing environmental, land management or water quality factors;
- (b) Ecological, economic, cultural and social impacts of algal blooms including impact on community health and wellbeing;
- (c) The cultural and economic impacts on Indigenous communities, including any loss of access to cultural practices;
- (d) The coordination of state government responses, including agency responsibility, industry engagement, scientific advice, and public communications;
- (e) The current support and recovery arrangements for impacted industries and communities;
- (f) The adequacy of long-term monitoring, forecasting and prevention strategies;
- (g) The adequacy of research funding, rehabilitation and recovery planning;
- (h) Any other related matters.

Any person or organisation wishing to make a written submission to the Committee, or register an interest in presenting oral evidence to the Committee, is invited to do so by Friday, 10 October 2025.

Written submissions and expressions of interest should be addressed to the Secretary to the Committee, c/- Parliament House, GPO Box 572, Adelaide 5001, by telephone on (08) 8237 9498, or e-mail at [JCHAB@parliament.sa.gov.au](mailto:JCHAB@parliament.sa.gov.au).

**Leslie Guy**  
Secretary to the Committee



# Community 'hungry for knowledge'

**Sarah Herrmann**  
JOURNALIST

SOUTHERN Yorke Peninsula residents turned citizen scientists are learning to study water samples under a microscope to help fill gaps in algae monitoring records.

Funded by Yorke Peninsula Council, ecologist Faith Coleman has so far introduced 18 SYP residents to the task and will mentor them over the next six months, with the hope they will train others in the future.

“I find it really liberating for community members to be able to look their enemy in the eye.”

— Faith Coleman, ecologist

“I find it really liberating for community members to be able to look their enemy in the eye, so to speak, and be able to identify it and do that work themselves, because we’ve handed way too much of that over to government

agencies,” Ms Coleman said. “I’m teaching them how to take a sample, condense it if need be with a preservative, put it under the microscope, just literally sit there counting ‘this number of organism A, this number of organism B’, take a photograph of both of those, put it up on iNaturalist and write down the count underneath.”

“iNaturalist does an initial ID for you ... and then experts from all around the place can also ID it, and it means PIRSA has constant access to photos that people are taking.”

“It’s hugely challenging to ID, so that’s why we’ve set up this system through iNaturalist to do that part, but getting people on the ground is really important.”

YPC environmental officer Letitia Dahl-helm said council recognised the opportunity to engage the community in a hands-on project.

“With this unprecedented event, there was a real desire for action to be taken because there was a delay in having access to the state government monitoring,” she said.

“And they have now announced an expanded program, but there’s still gaps in that because the state’s huge and especially our coastline.”

“(The citizen science) is not only to monitor the current bloom but to flag future blooms

and then notify the relevant authorities.”

“There’s also the wellbeing aspect that you’re actually doing something for something that’s so overwhelming, especially for the oyster farmers who are experiencing a real impact on their business.”

Stansbury oyster grower Paul Dee is one of the participants in what he called a “crash course” in microscopy.

“I see the need for ongoing community science workshops and the need for YPC to receive some funding to support these programs,” he said.

“The community are hungry for knowledge.”

Ms Dahl-helm said YPC was looking at funding opportunities to purchase more microscopes, in addition to the one stationed in council’s Minlaton office.

She said once the trainees had practice and confidence, council would do a call-out to the broader community to get involved by bringing samples to those trainees.

To express interest in the project, email [admin@york.sa.gov.au](mailto:admin@york.sa.gov.au).

The Phytoplankton of South Australia Facebook page is also a space for citizen science discussion.

The state government’s water testing results are available at [algalbloom.sa.gov.au/where-the-algal-bloom-is](http://algalbloom.sa.gov.au/where-the-algal-bloom-is).



LEARNING... Stansbury oyster grower Paul Dee looks into a microscope.

## More citizen science

THE Edithburgh and Wool Bay Jetties Marine Watch is another grassroots citizen science initiative dedicated to monitoring the algal bloom.

Led by divers Paul MacDonald and Elizabeth Solich, the project officially began its monitoring last week (Friday, September 19) via underwater photographic surveys.

With tags marking specific sections of the jetties, repeat photographs over time will reveal changes in marine growth, habitat use and structural health, according to the project’s Facebook page.

This data will also be uploaded to iNaturalist.

To donate to the project, visit [gofund.me/5b40d52ce](http://gofund.me/5b40d52ce).

# Summer swimming questions answered

**Sarah Herrmann**  
JOURNALIST

OCEAN swimming lessons are likely to go ahead this summer, according to the recreation minister.

Minister Emily Bourke, formerly of Pine Point, was asked about the matter during the panel Q&A section of a state government algal bloom forum in Ardrossan earlier this month.

Ms Bourke said the government had held a roundtable the day before

the forum (September 10 and 11 respectively).

“We had lots of people in the room because winter sports have started to finish and people are starting to think about what does summer look like for our sport,” she said.

“We want people to keep fit and healthy, we also want them to do it with confidence.”

“Surf Life Saving have been thinking about this since March because we’ve had them come in as government and be at the table because we

know they’re there to protect and keep our communities safe.”

“Is it safe to swim, would they put their flags out and say this is where you should swim? The answer was yes.”

“They provide risk assessments and they feel it is safe to swim if it’s not foamy, if it’s clear — that is what they will be doing.”

The forum attendee who raised the topic said she was a teacher and her daughter was a swimming instructor, and that she was con-

cerned about keeping students and instructors safe.

“With VACSWIM, not every day is necessarily in the water, so if it’s a really bad day for water quality, it might be the day that they spend going through rules and understandings on the beach and not getting in the water,” Ms Bourke said.

“Surf Lifesaving have also developed a Beachsafe app, which has all beaches listed on it, and they’re finding ways to train up people around the state from the sporting commu-

nity so they can say ‘this particular person can go and nominate that the risk assessment has been done today and it’s low levels, it’s clear to swim.’

“We want to be able to have that information as soon as possible.”

SA Health’s Chris Lease also said contingency planning was underway for situations such as if lessons needed to be relocated due to poor water quality.

The state government’s “summer plan” regarding the algal bloom is expected to be released in October.

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# Molly survives mauling

## Plea for owners to have control of their dogs

Michelle Daw  
JOURNALIST

BRAVE Molly the MindDog is getting ready to ride again after being mauled by two large dogs during a tricycle ride with her owner, Jane Gersch of Kadina.

Molly endured hours of surgery and received 40 stitches in various parts of her body, including around her neck, where a wound came dangerously close to an artery. The muscles in her front leg were also torn from her chest.

Jane, who has an acquired brain injury from a horse-riding accident, got Molly two and a half years ago as an accredited MindDog, trained to accompany her owner in all public places.

Jane said Molly was lucky to survive her traumatic ordeal and urged dog owners to ensure they can control their pets in public.

"I would like to encourage people to walk only one dog at a time and ensure that all harnesses and muzzles are well secured and that you can hold and restrain the dog," she said.

"If you're going to have dogs, you have got to control them."

**The attack**

Jane and Molly were riding on the Copper Coast Rail Trail on Saturday, August 30, between the six and seven-kilometre markers from Kadina towards Wallaroo, when they encountered a man walking two large dogs on leads and harnesses.

As Jane passed from behind, the dogs lunged, pulling the man to the ground.

"I was about to stop to help the man, but decided against it when I saw the dogs, so I kept riding," she said.

"We were less than 40 metres ahead, and the black dog caught up with us."

Molly was secured in her basket with three ties, but the black dog dragged her out, snapping two of the metal clips, tipping the bike over, and began shaking her, although she was still on her lead.

"By this time, the man had caught up and was trying to get the black dog to release its hold," Jane said.

"The white dog was closer to me, but she had no collar or lead on and had lost her muzzle, so I grabbed her by the back leg to stop her from catching up with the black dog and Molly.

"Then Molly came back to me; however, the white dog grabbed her and shook her.

"Because I have balance issues, all I could do was encourage the white dog to drop her."

### Surgery and recovery

Once Molly was free, the man offered to cover veterinary costs, but in the panic and because Molly did not seem to be bleeding much, Jane did not accept.

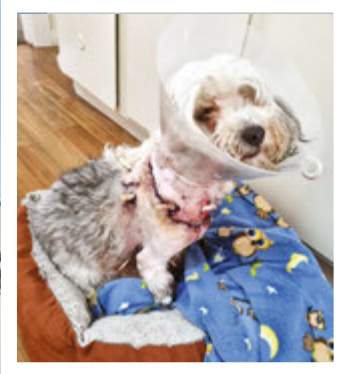
As soon as she could, Jane took Molly to a local vet, where staff initially told her to return later, but once Molly was shaved the extent of her injuries became clear.

She underwent surgery and was not released for nine hours; the bill came to \$3760.

"Molly is getting a little bit better every day and is running around, but I think she is going to have a limp and will struggle in five years' time," Jane said.

Daily exercise with Molly is a key part of managing Jane's brain injury and ongoing health issues.

She is determined to ride again — this time with a custom-made, metal-framed lid to protect Molly's basket.



**BEST FRIEND...** Jane Gersch and her faithful companion Molly are preparing to venture out on three wheels again after a horrific experience on the Copper Coast Rail Trail. Inset: **SHOCKING...** Molly was lucky to survive being mauled by two large dogs on the outskirts of Kadina.

## Rights and rules after dog attacks

PEOPLE have the right to defend themselves and their animals against a dog attack and force can be used, Copper Coast Council has advised.

A council spokesperson said people could call SA Police or the council in the event of the attack, and later complete a dog attack report, available on council's website or at its Kadina office.

Council has powers under the Dog and Cat Management Act to control dogs that pose a danger to other animals or people.

This can include Destruction or Control Orders, which may see a dog seized or euthanised, or conditions imposed on how it is kept and handled, such as requiring a muzzle.

"All dogs are required to be on a leash shorter than two metres within the Copper Coast area, except designated dog parks and on the beaches," the spokesperson said.

"The council does prefer that dogs are kept on leash, even at the beach. Where a dog is allowed to be off leash, the dog must be under effective control — this means the dog must be able to be recalled on the first attempt, and must not attack, chase or harass other people or owned animals."

The spokesperson said a review of dog attack statistics earlier this year showed the apparent increase in incidents was largely due to mandatory reporting by doctors and higher community awareness following the Good Dogs Have Bad Days campaign by the Dog and Cat Management Board.

While the number of orders issued by Copper Coast Council had increased, the number of dogs formally designated as dangerous had decreased.

## Fake notes circulating

POLICE are warning business owners to watch out for counterfeit cash after several incidents across the Yorke Mid North area.

Fake \$100 and \$50 notes were used at service stations, hotels and supermarkets between August 21 and September 12.

Officers urged business owners and retail staff to check money carefully and recommended that customers confirm their notes when paying or receiving change.

"If you suspect you have a counterfeit note, please report it to the Police Assistance Line on 131 444," a SAPOL spokesperson said.

Police advised people to handle the note as little as possible, store it in an envelope, and be ready to give details about when and where the note was received, and a description of the person who handed it over.

For business owners, police recommended noting key details if a suspect customer left before officers arrived, including the person's appearance, any companions, and their vehicle. Checking CCTV footage could also help.

"It is best to compare a suspect note with one that is known to be genuine," the spokesperson said.

Police suggested checking the texture of banknotes, their built-in security features and the quality of the printing.

For more information about detecting



**COUNTERFEIT...** Both sides of a counterfeit \$50 note.

counterfeit money, visit the Reserve Bank of Australia's guide at [tinyurl.com/wvr62pc7](https://www.rba.gov.au/education/counterfeit/).

**P-plater caught drink driving at Kadina**

A 19-year-old Port Pirie man was reported for drink driving after police stopped him at Kadina early on Saturday, September 20.

Police allege the P-plater driver returned a blood alcohol reading of 0.174 when tested at 1.30 m on South Terrace.

He was issued with a 12-month immediate loss of licence, and his car was impounded for 28 days. He will be summonsed to appear in court at a later date.

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# Community invited to help shape town futures



**HAVE YOUR SAY... YP Council and RDAYMN are working together to develop Town Activation Plans for Edithburgh (pictured), Stansbury, Marion Bay and Corny Point.**

RESIDENTS and visitors of Marion Bay, Corny Point, Edithburgh and Stansbury are being encouraged to have their say on the future of their townships.

Yorke Peninsula Council, in partnership with Regional Development Australia Yorke and Mid North, is developing Township Activation Plans to guide future community projects and priorities.

The initiative seeks to capture local feedback to help identify and plan improvements specific to each township.

While in-person planning sessions are being held in each location, an online survey provides an easy way for those unable to attend to get involved.

“Township activation planning will allow council to work proactively with communities to develop the projects that locals deem most important,” Acting Mayor Richard Carruthers said.

“Community input is essential, so we encourage people to attend a session — or, if that’s not possible, please complete the survey.

“Developing these plans will help council prepare for future projects and improve the success rate of funding applications.

“Township activation is a key focus of

## Planning sessions

Sessions are open to anyone who lives in, works in, visits or has a connection to the townships:

- **Marion Bay:** Tuesday, September 23, 5pm-7pm, Marion Bay Community Hall
- **Corny Point:** Wednesday, September 24, 5pm-7pm, Corny Point Memorial Hall
- **Edithburgh:** Thursday, September 25, 10am-noon, Edithburgh Institute
- **Stansbury:** Thursday, September 25, 4pm-6pm, Stansbury Sports and Community Club

To attend a session, RSVP to [admin@yorke.sa.gov.au](mailto:admin@yorke.sa.gov.au)

our Economic Development and Tourism Strategy, and we plan to roll this out to many more towns.”

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

It will remain open throughout the October school holidays.

# Road ratings withheld

**Sarah Herrmann**  
JOURNALIST

SAFETY ratings for South Australia’s major roads are being withheld from release, according to Narungga MP Fraser Ellis, but the SA Government says it is waiting for the results to be verified.

“I’m not sure what they think they’re achieving by withholding this information, and it’ll be more help than anything to a lot of people, including themselves.”

– Fraser Ellis, Narungga MP

Austrroads — a not-for-profit, nonpartisan organisation funded by government transport agencies — has publicly released its latest ratings for all states and territories, except Queensland, Tasmania and South Australia.

Mr Ellis said QLD and TAS’s results were not yet ready,

but that the SA Government had withheld consent to have theirs published by Austrroads.

“I think that data would be tremendously helpful in advocating for improvements to the roads that are assigned a low star rating and, where appropriate, advocating for increased speed limits on roads that are deemed safe,” he said.

“There’s no secret in the fact that our road network is sub-standard, so if they (the SA Government) think that concealing this information will somehow help them escape that reality, they are mistaken.

“I’m not sure what they think they’re achieving by withholding this information, and it’ll be more help than anything to a lot of people, including themselves.

“It helps objectify the way in which they apportion road funding.”

The ratings are part of the Australian Road Assessment Program, a nationally coordinated effort to identify which roads pose the highest risks of death and serious injury, Austrroads chief executive Geoff Allan said.

Roads are rated from one-star (least safe) to five-star (safest), and the results are presented on the interactive National AusRAP Dashboard.

“Road safety star ratings are

a robust and trusted tool for communicating road safety information to the public,” Mr Allan said.

“By publishing star ratings and crash history data on a single, national dashboard, we’re giving governments and the community a clear line of sight to where upgrades will have the greatest impact.”

RAA safety and infrastructure senior manager Charles Mountain said RAA was disappointed South Australia’s data had not been made publicly available.

“RAA would like to see as many of our major roads as possible upgraded to a minimum of three stars, so we look forward to analysing the data and seeing where investment needs to be prioritised,” he said.

A Department of Infrastructure and Transport spokesperson said DIT would support the SA road ratings’ publication once data collected had been verified, which they said was in line with QLD and TAS.

“The decision to publish South Australian AusRAP star ratings will be reserved until the department has confidence in the accuracy of the data, and we are actively working to complete these assessments,” they said.



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# Log on for a safer day on the water

**Michelle Daw**  
JOURNALIST

BOATIES are being reminded to log on with their local Volunteer Marine Rescue service before heading out this summer, to help ensure a safer experience on the water.

Colin Mason, of the Royal Volunteer Coastal Patrol, said logging on meant the VMR team was aware of a vessel's planned movements in case assistance was needed, saving valuable time in an emergency.

"You'll also get radio checks and have access to weather and hazard warnings," Mr Mason said.

Logging on can be done by marine radio; radio operators ask for basic information, including boat registration number, place of departure, destination, planned time of return, the number of people on board, and mobile phone numbers.

The RVCP responds to calls for the southern waters of Spencer Gulf with Mr Mason operating the Yorketown radio base.

The RVCP also has a base at Port Victoria, operates three mobile radio units, and has two marine rescue vessels based at Port Victoria and another at Point Turton.

The service works in close cooperation with the SA Police Water Operations Unit and other Volunteer Marine Rescue groups in the region.

In line with other VMR services, the RVCP monitors VHF marine channel 16.

Mr Mason, a radio operator with 39 years of experience, said a VHF marine radio was an essential piece of safety equipment for all vessels.

"It enables direct contact with marine rescue agencies and nearby boats should assistance be needed after an acci-

dent or breakdown," he said.

Mr Mason urged boaties to log on with their local VMR service before heading out and to log off when they return.

"That applies whether you're out for a morning's fishing, a day trip around your local area or cruising along the coastline," he said.

"And it doesn't matter if you're on a tinnie, a cruiser, a yacht, a kayak, a canoe or a jet ski."

If plans change during a trip, Mr Mason said it is simple to update details.

"If the fish are biting and you decide to stay out longer, just call the base on VHF channel 16 and update your arrival time," he said.

"We'll stand watch. If you don't log off as planned, we'll try calling you first — just in case you've forgotten and already headed home with your catch.

"If there's no response, we'll step up our response and our volunteers will begin a search."

Mr Mason said, while mobile phones were useful at sea, they should never be relied on as the sole means of emergency communication.

"Don't bet your life — or the safety of your boat and crew — on a mobile phone as your first or only way to call for help," he said.

"When you make a phone call, you're only talking to one person, and how often do mobile phone calls drop out mid-conversation?"

"Most mobiles don't work well when wet or damp, and there are no mobile towers at sea.

"When you call for help on your marine radio, other vessels can hear the call, and there may be another boat nearby that can assist much faster."



**VETERAN VOLUNTEER... Rob Elsdon is awarded life membership by State Emergency Service Marine Operations manager Darryl Wright.**



**ON AIR... Colin Mason at the Royal Volunteer Coastal Patrol base in Yorketown.**

## Check in with local rescue service

THE Volunteer Marine Rescue network is staffed by trained volunteers operating from licensed marine rescue radio bases across the state.

Boaties are encouraged to log on with their nearest VMR base when heading out and log off upon return to ensure someone is aware of their movements.

Many VMR groups monitor VHF marine channel 16, including:

- Royal Volunteer Coastal Patrol, with bases at Yorketown and Port Victoria
  - SA Sea Rescue Squadron, Copper Coast Flotilla and Edithburgh Flotilla
  - Australian Volunteer Coast Guard, Ardrossan
- Coast Radio Adelaide monitors VHF channels 16 and 67, 24 hours a day, covering the South Australian coastline from south of Mount Gambier to west of Fowlers Bay.

For emergency calls only, Coast Radio Adelaide also monitors VHF marine channel 16 statewide.

For more information, go to [www.ses.sa.gov.au/marine/vmr-association-locations/](http://www.ses.sa.gov.au/marine/vmr-association-locations/).

## Honours for marine rescue volunteers

TWO long-standing Royal Volunteer Coastal Patrol members on Yorke Peninsula have been awarded life membership in recognition of decades of dedicated service.

Graham Johnson and Rob Elsdon received the honour earlier this year for their significant contributions to marine safety and volunteer operations across the region.

Mr Johnson, the current Commanding Officer of the RVCP Port Victoria Division, has served the organisation for 39 years and held numerous leadership roles.

He has also represented the division on local and state Volunteer Marine Rescue boards and committees.

"Graham has been involved in the running and administration of the Port Victoria Coastal Patrol since its early inception in 1985," his citation read.

"From its inception until now, Graham has been involved in the establishment and continual improvement of the organisation. He has acted with integrity and treated everyone with respect and dignity."

Rob Elsdon has also played a key role in the development of the Point Turton Division of RVCP, contributing 38 years of service.

He served as a rescue vessel owner/operator at the Point Souttar base and was the divisional commander until his recent retirement.

"His service and commitment to the organisation have been outstanding and cannot be faulted," his citation read.

RVCP committee member Tom Nyenhuis said the organisation continues to seek new volunteers to support marine rescues and search operations, primarily across Spencer Gulf.

Volunteers who wish to crew rescue boats must complete several training courses delivered by the State Emergency Service in collaboration with the RVCP.

For more information, contact Graham Johnson or Michael Hornby on 8834 2150.



**HONOUR... Graham Johnson receives his life membership certificate from State Emergency Service Marine Operations manager Darryl Wright.**



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# Canola crops 'out of bounds'

SIGHTSEERS are being urged to stay off private land and out of canola crops when taking photos, after reports of people climbing fences into flowering paddocks in the Barossa Valley and near Gawler earlier this month.

While drought has reduced the area planted to canola across South Australia this year, many crops are now flowering in their familiar bright yellow, creating a popular backdrop for social media posts.

Grain Producers SA is reminding the public that these paddocks are working farms, not tourist attractions, and that trespassing can create serious biosecurity risks for growers.

GPSA chief executive Brad Perry said the issue arises every year and this reminder is timely to protect crops, reduce risks and keep people safe.

"Photos in front of the fence with the canola crop behind are okay, but photos in the crop are not," Mr Perry said.

"Canola crops are private property and represent an important part of a grower's livelihood.

"Jumping the fence for a photo might seem harmless, but it can cause crop damage and create biosecurity risks by spreading pests, diseases or weed seeds between paddocks.

"It can also put people in harm's way around heavy machinery or on uneven ground.

"Farmers are already under significant pressure this season with low rainfall and tight margins, and the last thing they need is preventable damage or extra risk caused by people entering their paddocks."

Mr Perry said GPSA encouraged visitors to enjoy the spectacular yellow displays from safe vantage points, such as the roadside or designated viewing areas.

"It's about respecting the people who grow our food and fibre while keeping everyone safe," he said.



KEEP CLEAR... Stunning paddocks of canola near Maitland.

# Blue Donut Week – a sweet way to support police families

SOUTH Australians are asked to buy a Blue Donut this week to raise funds for SA Police Legacy, the charity that supports police families during times of illness, injury or bereavement.

Blue Donut Week runs from September 22 to 29, with proceeds going directly to the organisation in the lead-up to National Police Remembrance Day on September 29.

"When the worst happens, SA Police Legacy steps in to ensure no police family is left behind," SA Police Legacy board chair Chief Inspector Kellie Watkins said.

"Something as simple as buying a Blue Donut can make a real difference to children who have lost a parent, or to families who need ongoing support."

For Brevet Sergeant Nick Fatchen, the fundraiser is personal.

His wife Emma was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in 2013 and died the following year, aged just 37. The couple had two young children, Izaac and Sophie, and Emma's eldest son, Shaun.

"SA Police Legacy reached out very early on when Emma was sick," Nick said.

The charity paid for a family weekend in the Barossa before Emma passed and has provided

support ever since.

At the time, the charity's assistance lasted three years for families of serving officers. But when that support ended, Nick received unexpected news.

"And then I got out of the blue this email saying, 'we've changed our policies, and you're eligible again for all these things'. And there was just this weight that lifted off me," he said.

Over the years, SA Police Legacy has covered school fees, uniforms, camps, laptops, phones, driving lessons and family outings for Izaac and Sophie.

"SA Police Legacy have provided free family tickets to the show ... those silly family things together ... build memories," Nick said.

Izaac, now 20, is set to graduate from the South Australian Police Academy in October. He donates from his pay to SA Police Legacy.

"I know from experience how much of a difference SA Police Legacy can make," he said.

Drakes Supermarkets are again backing Blue Donut Week with Blue Donuts supplied by Vili's Bakery, alongside bakeries across South Australia, including Toogood Bakery in Moonta.

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# Burners Beach campground renewed

BURNERS Beach bush campground has re-opened in time for the October long weekend and school holidays. Yorke Peninsula Council closed the site temporarily after midyear storms caused damage.

Council staff have since completed repairs and tidied the area to ensure it is safe for public use, Acting Mayor Richard Carruthers said.

“Camping is one of the best ways to experience our region,” Mr Carruthers said.

“Our crews did an outstanding job repairing access and getting Burners Beach ready for locals and visitors to enjoy again.”

While the western campground is re-opened, the smaller eastern section remains closed due to more substantial storm damage.

YPC manages 19 campgrounds, mostly along the southern and western coasts.

These remain largely unaffected by algal blooms reported in other areas.

Bush camping is half-price (\$10 per night) until the end of September.

Mr Carruthers said the temporary discount was one of several measures YPC had introduced to encourage visitation and support the local economy and communities affected by the blooms.

“This initiative aims to bring more visitors to Yorke Peninsula, offer affordable holiday options for families, and give locals a great opportunity to enjoy a holiday close to home,” he said.

“By supporting bush camping, we’re also supporting local businesses and helping to strengthen the regional economy through increased tourism.”

Full price permits are \$20 per night, with discounts for longer stays. Annual permits are available to locals for \$400 (expiry June 30). Bookings can be made at [www.yorke.sa.gov.au](http://www.yorke.sa.gov.au).

Council is continuing repair work across the region following the severe weather experienced midyear.



REJUVENATED... YP Council staff have completed repairs at Burners Beach campground, ready for school holiday campers.

# State's holiday homes in limbo

Sarah Herrmann  
JOURNALIST

SHORT-stay accommodation in South Australia could soon be subject to new regulations, raising concerns among Yorke Peninsula stakeholders about potential impacts on the region's visitor economy.

A state parliamentary inquiry has linked the sector to the rental affordability crisis and recommended a registration scheme to evaluate its impact.

The inquiry also proposed the state government charge a registration fee or levy, and suggested tax incentives

or one-off grants to encourage owners to transition vacant properties into long-term rental properties.

However, recent University of South Australia research found strict regulation of short-term rentals may not improve housing supply or affordability — and could actually hurt tourism.

Maitland-based Country Getaways Holiday Rentals, which manages around 200 self-contained properties, shared these concerns in its submission to the inquiry.

“The majority of short-term rental property owners in Yorke Peninsula choose to retain their properties for

personal use during parts of the year,” the submission read.

“They have little to no interest in offering them as long-term rentals.

“Even if regulatory pressures were introduced, many properties would simply be taken off the rental market altogether rather than converted to permanent rentals.

“Restricting short-term rentals on Yorke Peninsula would not resolve the (housing affordability) crisis and may in fact harm the broader regional economy.”

Narungga MP Fraser Ellis said he suspected short-term accommoda-

tion did affect private rental availability, but warned against disincentives.

“Rather than imposing a registration scheme, the associated cost and the bureaucracy, I believe that decision makers should have investigated why property owners prefer the short-term accommodation market,” he said.

“Then policy should address that by incentivising private rental in relation to those preferences.


“A tax break or discount that encourages more stock onto the private rental market would be far better than punishing those who choose

to place their property on the short-term accommodation market.”

Yorke Peninsula Tourism's submission to the inquiry raised additional challenges for regional accommodation supply.

“High building costs and the difficulty in aligning the return a developer needs and the lease an operator can pay to run a viable business make new motel developments in regional locations almost impossible at the moment,” the submission read.

To read the inquiry's full report and submissions, visit [committees.parliament.sa.gov.au/55](http://committees.parliament.sa.gov.au/55).




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# Chill, chat and ask R U OK?

Sarah Herrmann  
JOURNALIST

THE R U OK? Conversation Convoy will stop in Kadina next week, linking with a community centre to provide free resources and advice about mental wellbeing.

Hosted by Kadina AH&F Society's Chill n Chat, the suicide prevention charity's visit will feature a free breakfast and practical tips to help people check in with friends, family and colleagues during difficult times.

R U OK? chief executive Katherine Newton said while R U OK? Day on September 11 had passed, asking R U OK? was for any and every day of the year.

"People go through life's ups and downs every day, and some of the communities we'll visit have experienced the additional impact of prolonged drought, cost of living, employment pressure and, most recently, algal blooms," Ms Newton said.

"It can be a lot to deal with, and having someone show they care about what you're going through can really help."

After the Convoy visit, Chill n Chat will continue as usual, with organisers Kym and Sue Hall inviting local organisations to share information about their services in the spirit of the campaign.

The Conversation Convoy tours regional communities across Australia to encourage people to look out for



CHILL N CHAT... Organisers Kym and Sue Hall are excited to mark Kadina Chill n Chat's one-year anniversary.

one another and start conversations that could make a difference.

The Kadina event will be held at the Showgrounds Exhibition Building (entry via Mines Road) from 9am to 10.30am on Tuesday, September 30, with Chill n Chat running until 3pm. Entry is free.

**One-year anniversary**

Chill n Chat is a weekly event run by the Kadina AH&F Society that

aims to reduce isolation and foster community by offering a relaxed space to share hobbies, socialise and meet new people.

Mr Hall said, as Chill n Chat prepares to mark its one-year anniversary in October, one of its key roles had become connecting vulnerable people with local support services.

"We've learnt so much about what is here and what help people living on their own, for example, can get," he said.

"We've got to the point now where we've got contacts and resources, when someone comes to us, we can refer them."

"And the trust is a massive thing — people have been burnt with other groups and different organisations, and they take a while to get trust with people."

Mrs Hall said Chill n Chat had become a special place for many attendees.

"We're not only offering things for people or being an area for people to come and find other resources, but actually finding friendships, she said.

"We personally have got some good friendships out of it and I'm sure others have too."

Chill n Chat is held every Tuesday from 9am to 3pm at the Exhibition Building.

Entry is \$5, which includes coffee, tea, cake and, when funds allow, a lunch meal.

For more information, visit the Kadina Chill n Chat Facebook page.

## Mental health resources

FOR free tips and tools to build a R U OK? culture in your local community, school or workplace, visit [ruok.org.au](http://ruok.org.au).

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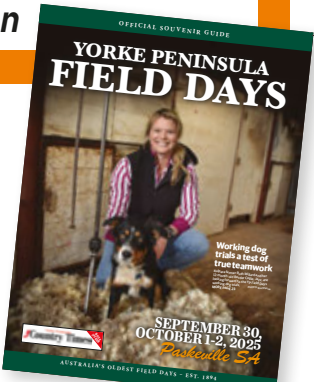
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# Colour run boosts nature play project

**Austinn Lane**  
JOURNALIST

WALLAROO Mines Primary School raised more than \$8000 through its annual Colour Explosion Fun Run on Friday, September 19.

The fundraising event supported the school's Nature Play project, which is being developed to enhance the school's outdoor learning and

play opportunities.

The event brought together students, staff, families and community volunteers for an afternoon of activities and colour-themed fun.

One student, Mason, raised \$2050, contributing significantly to the overall total.

Principal Tamarin Condon acknowledged the involvement of the wider school community.

"We were delighted to see so many parent helpers on the day, working tirelessly alongside our staff to support students and make the event a success," Ms Condon said.

"A heartfelt thank you goes out to all of our helpers and families for showing such generosity and enthusiasm — you made the day unforgettable."

"Wallaroo Mines Primary

School is grateful for the strong support of our community, and we are looking forward to continuing our Nature Play journey, creating a space where children can grow, learn, and play in nature."

The school will share updates as the Nature Play area progresses and has thanked everyone who contributed or assisted on the day.



**HARD YARDS...** Mason worked hard to be the event's highest fundraiser, realising \$2050 from his efforts.



**GROUP PHOTO...**Sofis, Madiline, Mackensie, Bria, Tennayah Evans, Zoe and Amber celebrate with a group photo after the colour run event.

PHOTOS: Austinn Lane



**GOT YOU...** Parent helper Trudy splashes Tyrone with paint as he runs through the course.

**RIGHT: SPLASH...** Evelyn slides on her knees as a parent helper throws a bucket of slime in her direction.



**PAINT WAR...**Riley sprays paint into the hair of his friend Kyler during the colour run.



**LOADS OF FUN...** Hunter skims down the slime slide on his knees, scooping up slime with his hands.



**BELLY SLIDE...**Rosi goes down the slide on her belly, as slime splashes in her face.



# HCC celebrates renovated learning space

Austinn Lane  
JOURNALIST

HARVEST Christian College, Kadina, officially opened its renovated library on Friday, September 19, providing students with an updated and flexible learning space.

After the formal proceedings, guests gathered in the library to share food, coffee and conversation about the new facilities and their role in the college's learning environment.

HCC marketing and communications officer Lauren Evans said the renovation highlighted the college's ongoing focus on student development.

"It reflects our commitment to providing every student, from Foundation to Year 12, with resources and spaces that inspire a love of learning," Ms Evans said.

"A strong commitment to literacy is at the heart of this vision, making sure all students have the best opportunity to grow in reading and writing."

Ms Evans noted that the new library would offer additional support for student development.

"The new library will build on the rich learning opportunities already available at

Harvest Christian College, enhancing access to resources and providing flexible spaces," she said.

"We believe learning environments should be dynamic, inclusive and engaging.

"The library embodies this vision by offering spaces where students can collaborate or work independently."

The renovated building retains its original name, the Weightman Building, in recognition of Kylie Weightman's foundational role in establishing the college library.

The building was first opened in 2007, seven years after the college was established.

Attendees included Senator Karen Grogan, Narungga MP Fraser Ellis, Copper Coast Council deputy mayor Neil Sawley, Australian Independent Schools of South Australia (AISSA) chief executive and South Australia Independent Schools Block Grant Authority (SAISBGA) public officer Anne Dunstan, SAISBGA executive officer Jane Pike, SAISBGA finance officer Jeanette Kociolek and Tyndale Group of Christian Schools (TGCS) chief executive Mike Potter, along with staff, students, community members and others who contributed to the project.



**OPENING DAY...** AISSA chief executive and SAISBGA public officer Anne Dunstan, HCC principal Peter Ayoub, Senator Karen Grogan and SAISBGA executive officer Jane Pike prepare to cut the ribbon to officially open Harvest Christian College's newly renovated library



**LEFT: CELEBRATIONS...** TGCS chief executive Mike Potter, HCC principal Peter Ayoub and Senator Karen Grogan cut the cake to celebrate the library opening.



**COMMUNITY...** TGCS chief executive Mike Potter, Narungga MP Fraser Ellis, AISSA chief executive and SAISBGA public officer Anne Dunstan, HCC principal Peter Ayoub, Senator Karen Grogan, HCC deputy principal and head of secondary Samantha McDonald, Copper Coast Council deputy mayor Neil Sawley, SAISBGA executive officer Jane Pike, SAISBGA finance officer Jeanette Kociolek, and HCC deputy principal and head of primary Tyson Hartley at the official opening.



**BELOW: DANCE CREW...** Students Halle, Alyssa, James, Mara, Hannah, Alex, Dishitha, Emmee, Yesha, Ruby and Xavier perform a song and dance during the opening ceremony.



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# Door open for veteran support

ABOUT 20 local defence veterans and supporters attended the official opening of the Military Advocates of South Australia Wallaroo office on September 12.

Veteran services officer Stephen Beal, from the Veterans Wellbeing Centre at Daw Park, highlighted the work of MASA wellbeing and compensation advocates and acknowledged funding support from the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

He also stressed the value of regional offices, which allow veterans to access DVA online services and speak with a wellbeing officer in a private, confidential space.

The Wallaroo office is co-lo-

cated with the Wallaroo RSL and can be accessed by a separate, discrete side entrance.

MASA's Wallaroo wellbeing officer Dave Jackson already supports more than 30 clients across the region, from Port Broughton to Stansbury.

He assists with DVA entitlements, as well as needs such as health care, aged care, housing and community services like Meals on Wheels.

"I have been able to support veterans to gain official recognition for their military service, creating a pathway to ensure they get the appropriate support they need to manage their health and wellbeing," Mr Jackson said.

"The launch and lunch to follow provided the opportunity for veterans to mix with others who have served and understand the impact their service has on their current lifestyle.

"Friendships were rekindled and some former workmates caught up after more than 25 years, consolidating their service history and commitment to the Australian Defence Force."

A Copper Coast Council representative and a community care provider also attended the opening.

Appointments can be arranged at the MASA office or in clients' homes. To book, call Dave Jackson on 0437 752 751.



**OPEN DOOR...** Stephen Beal from the Veteran Wellbeing Centre at Daw Park, Adelaide, and local wellbeing advocate Dave Jackson officially open the Wallaroo office of Military Advocates of South Australia. **Left: CATCHING UP...** Ian Burnell, of Moonta, and Leah Boyce from Parkview Community Care share lunch at the opening of the Wallaroo office of Military Advocates of South Australia. In the background, Julie and Steve Arbon share stories with an old colleague, Keith Wilkinson, about their time in the Australian Army more than 25 years ago, after a chance meeting at the event.



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# Explore, create and connect at Minlagawi Nature Festival

MINLAGAWI Nature Festival will return on Thursday, October 2, offering a range of free activities aimed at connecting the community with the natural environment.

To be held at Minlagawi Gum Flat Reserve in Minlaton, the event is supported by the Nharangga Aboriginal Progress Association and Yorke Peninsula Council.

More than 200 people attended last year's festival, and organisers hope to see strong community participation again this year.

Families can expect a variety of nature-based activities, including Nharangga face painting and craft, cubby building, earth drums, fairy gardens, nature crowns, rock art and other creative experiences inspired by the natural world.

YPC environment officer Letitia Dahl-Helm said the festival was designed to engage people of all ages and abilities.

"The Minlagawi Nature Festival is a celebration of our environment and culture," Ms Dahl-Helm said.

"From babies and toddlers to

teens, there are activities to spark curiosity, encourage creativity, and foster a love of nature."

She said the event also encourages community connection.

"It's such a beautiful opportunity to slow down, spend time together outdoors and celebrate Nharangga culture alongside nature-based play," she said.

"Last year more than 200 people joined us, and we can't wait to welcome even more this year."

Attendees are encouraged to bring a picnic basket, snacks and a rug to enjoy morning tea or lunch in the reserve during the spring school holidays.

Activities begin at 10am and finish at 1pm.

To learn more or register, visit: [events.humanitix.com/minlagawi-nature-festival-2025](https://events.humanitix.com/minlagawi-nature-festival-2025).

**MINLAGAWI MOMENTS...**  
Georgia, Ayla and Milly get into the spirit of the 2024 Minlagawi Nature Festival in Minlaton. The event is all about connecting with nature while learning about Nharangga culture.



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## FROM THE ARCHIVES



**FUNDRAISING...** Luke and Marie Wheare ready for the Walk to Cure Diabetes. (Yorke Peninsula Country Times, September 22, 2015.)

### 50 YEARS AGO SEPTEMBER 1975

- The Weetulta-Nalyappa district prepared to celebrate its centenary
- Roger, Peter and John Daniell from Wool Bay Merino stud Ecclefechan won many ribbons at the Royal Adelaide Show
- The Kadina Corporation town effluent scheme was budgeted at \$900,000

### 40 YEARS AGO SEPTEMBER 1985

- For the first time since joining the Yorke Valley Football League, Paskeville captured both A and B grade premierships
- Rachael May Richardson, the last direct link with a whole generation of peninsula pioneers, died at the age of 88
- Minlaton Showgrounds enthusiasts Don Sims, David Rogers, John Martin, Jack Rogers, John Anderson and Stan Cook dismantled the old football barbecue house and canteen

### 30 YEARS AGO SEPTEMBER 1995

- Kainton prepared to unveil two plaques commemorating the history of the district
- Lachlan Jamieson, son of Nola and Colin Jamieson, of Wokurna, was born in a car on the way to hospital
- Sarah Schmitt, Stefan Schmitt, Daniel Harris and Katlyn Harris sampled cream puffs at Cream Puff Corner, on the Port Broughton-Bute road

### 20 YEARS AGO SEPTEMBER 2005

- Planning consent was sought for the construction of a \$1.6 million tavern at Point Turton
- Ardrossan Bakery's Glen and Sue Schwartz won a first, two seconds and two third prizes at the Royal Adelaide Show
- Ardrossan Meals on Wheels volunteers Helen Qualmann, John Simmons and Judy Hawthorn helped celebrate National Meals on Wheels Day

### 10 YEARS AGO SEPTEMBER 2015

- YP women's golf champion of champions: A grade, Charley Jacobs (Ardrossan); B grade, Marilyn Shute (Minlaton); and C grade, Jill Mumford (Minlaton)
- Farmers reported frost-damaged crops, with Michael Bussenschutt losing 90 per cent yield in one paddock south of Cunliffe
- The SA Government encouraged long weekend visitors to drive to and from the Copper Coast via Lochiel, Balaklava, Mallala and Two Wells

# Goat success a team effort for NYP students at Royal Adelaide Show



**SHOW TEAM...** The Port Broughton Area School led-goat team at the Royal Adelaide Show, staff members Andrew Smith, Kristy Patterson, and Jodie Mackrill (right), with students Emma, Jazz, Josh, Ella, Alex, Indi, Madison, Tahlia, Jazzy and Zahra.

PORT Broughton Area School's agriculture team returned from the 2025 Royal Adelaide Show's led-goat schools competition with 11 ribbons.

The event, which featured 268 goats, is the largest of its kind in Australia, PBAS principal Scott Moore said.

In addition to the individual class ribbons won by 12 goats, the PBAS team was awarded third place in the Most Professional Team category.

Team leader Tahlia was also recognised for her outstanding leadership throughout the competition.

Mr Moore praised the team's efforts.

"This result reflects months of hard work, early mornings and the dedication of our students," he said.

"The standard at the Royal Show is incredibly high, so for a small rural school to place so strongly is something we're very proud of."

In the Lightweight category, Cinnamon (led by Tahlia) and Nutmeg (led by Indi) each won first place, while Chai (Ella T) came second, and Sumac-Mint (Jazzy A) secured third.

Other place-getters included All Spice, Pepper, and Paprika.

In the Heavyweight category, Alfalfa (Tahlia) came second, with Basil, Curry, and Onion all placing within the top five of their classes.

Several goats advanced to the champion finals, including Cinnamon and Tahlia in the Lightweight Grand Champion final, and Nutmeg (Indi), Alfalfa (Tahlia), and Chai (Ella T) in the Heavyweight Champion final. Chai narrowly missed the Reserve Champion title.

Mr Moore said the program's success was about more than just ribbons.

"Our students demonstrated professionalism, teamwork, and genuine passion for agriculture.

"They represented our school with pride," he said.

Support from the Port Broughton community — including local

farmers and businesses — was instrumental to the program's success.

"Their donations of feed, equipment, stock and transport make this program possible," Mr Moore said.

"It's a true community effort, and the results speak for themselves."

He also commended staff members Kristy Patterson, Andrew Smith and Jodie MacKrill for their commitment and expertise in preparing students and animals for competition.

"This event is a perfect example of what a strong agricultural education program looks like when schools, communities, and students all work together," Mr Moore said.

## Secondary students gain hands-on skills

SENIOR students from across Yorke Peninsula are gaining practical industry skills through the Certificate II in Resources and Infrastructure, now being delivered at Ardrossan Area School.

The course is run in partnership with TAFE SA and includes participants from Ardrossan Area School, Moonta Area School, Kadina Memorial School and Minlaton District School.

Students receive hands-on training in high-demand areas such as working at heights, confined spaces, plant isolation, environmental and heritage assessment, and workplace communication.

Supported by Rex Minerals, which has supplied personal protective equipment and assisted with course delivery, the program is a collaboration between schools, industry and TAFE aimed at preparing students for careers in the resources and infrastructure sectors.

"The course has taught us how to conduct local risk assessments and how to use a gas monitor and do a bump test," participant Tom said.

"John has made the whole process fun and exciting as we all work as a team."

Fellow student Bodie said they had also learnt how to communicate effectively using two-way radios, whistles and hand signals.

"We learnt how to check our equipment for failure and set up a static line," he said.

The course is part of Ardrossan Area School's broader vocational education and training program, supporting students to tailor their learning to their interests and future aspirations.

For more information about courses for 2026, contact Jason Clifford at Ardrossan Area School, or speak with your local school's VET leader.



**CERTIFICATE COURSE...** Students from Moonta, Kadina, Minlaton and Ardrossan, Erika, Cobi, Tom, Drey, Bodie, Malaki, Curtis, Tyrone, Cohen and Madden are all working towards their Certificate II in Resources and Infrastructure at Ardrossan Area School.



# Central Yorke School connects community on R U OK? Day

CENTRAL Yorke School marked R U OK? Day with school and community activities at its Maitland campus on Thursday, September 11.

There was a whole-school breakfast shared by staff and students, and a range of activities focused on mental health awareness.

The event aimed to support conversations about mental wellbeing and encourage regular check-ins among students and staff.

Visitors from the SA Ambulance Service attended, giving students an opportunity to view ambulance vehicles and ask questions about medical equipment and services.

Activities included face painting, a photo booth and a classroom door decoration competition aligned with the R U OK? Day theme.

Three classes were recognised in the competition: the Primary Learning Hub, the Year 4/5 class and the Year 9/10 class.

The school acknowledged the support of the wellbeing team and the SA Ambulance Service volunteers in coordinating and delivering the event.

Central Yorke School continues to promote awareness of mental health and supports ongoing conversations within the school community, a spokesperson said.

**STAFF...** Inclusion and wellbeing leader Kirsty Trask, admin officer Richanda Fiegert, school services officer Kim Blencowe, pastoral care worker Kelly Whittaker and ag and wellbeing teacher Jaynelle LeFeuvre show off their yellow outfits on the school's R U OK? Day activities.



ABOVE: **SMILES ALL ROUND...** Azariah and Adelyn make the most of photo props at Central Yorke School's R U OK? Day.  
LEFT: **STUDENTS...** Anastasia, Kobe and Lilyannah dressed in yellow to support R U OK? Day.



**AWARD WINNERS...**Minlaton District School principal Andrew Dickinson and deputy principal Greg Hackett, accept the school's leadership award.

## Minlaton school recognised with leadership award

MINLATON District School was recognised on Thursday evening with a prestigious state award, celebrating the strength of its leadership and community focus.

The school received the South Australian Area School Leaders Association Best Practice Award, presented on Thursday, September 18.

The awards recognise schools that lead the way in learning, support and community engagement.

"Behind the scenes, staff are continually working to improve outcomes — aligning with the school's strategic learning direction, engaging in professional development, and enhancing classroom practices," principal Andrew Dickinson said.

"Their dedication to growth and innovation is central to the school's continued success.

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Ardrossan Area School and Yorketown Area School also received special mentions on the night, recognised for their ongoing commitment to leadership and learning excellence.

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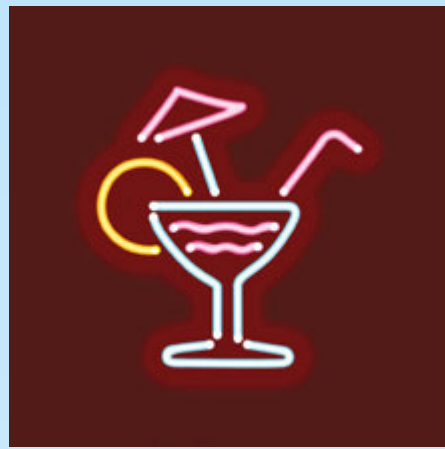




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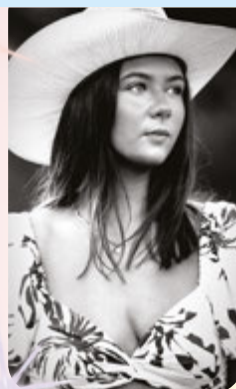
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# Community

## Time capsule to be opened at Kulpara Primary School

A TIME capsule buried at the former Kulpara Primary School will be opened on Sunday, October 5, 25 years after the school's final cohort of students sealed it.

The capsule, which contains letters, photographs and mementos from the school's last students, was laid during a back-to-school celebration in October 2000, following the school's closure on December 8, 1999.

“The upcoming event is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to celebrate the school's proud history and enduring community spirit.”

— Graham Pridham,  
KPS old scholar

The event marks a significant milestone for the Kulpara community and offers a unique opportunity to reconnect with the past, KPS old scholar Graham Pridham said.

“All former students, staff, families and community members are

invited to attend the celebration, which will begin at 1pm at the Kulpara Primary School grounds,” Mr Pridham said.

“The afternoon will feature the official opening of the time capsule, a display of its contents, and a light afternoon tea.

“It will also be a chance for attendees to catch up with old friends and reminisce about their time at the school, while enjoying the recently completed stage one of the school grounds redevelopment.”

KPS was established in 1877 on land partly donated by local farmers, to serve the needs of a growing rural community.

It provided 123 years of learning before closing its doors in December 1999, having educated generations of local families.

“The upcoming event is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to celebrate the school's proud history and enduring community spirit,” Mr Pridham said.

“Guests are welcome to bring along any memorabilia or photographs they would like to share on the day.”

For more information, see this week's YP Country Times Community Calendar listing, or contact David Koch on 0428 273 205 or Graham Pridham, 0408 273 203.



**LAST DAY...** Staff and students on Kulpara Primary School's final day, December 8, 1999 (names not in order): principal Phil Ward, teacher Meredith Daniel, SSO Jill Moritz, Shane Newton, Andrew Newton, Jenna Pridham, Samantha Saxby, Roxanne Brookman, Michael Daniel, Corey Pridham, Michael Newton, Eleanor Daniel, Keith Saxby, Kimberley Daniel, Zach Griffin, Nicole Pridham, Ben Abela, Michelle Treloar, Benjamin Daniel, Phillip Pridham, Tim Millard, Ashley Pridham, Nathan Daniel, Tamika Rayner. A re-enactment of this photo is planned for the time capsule opening event.

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### Wednesday

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### Thursday

7am-10am AM on FM with Sonia; 10am-1pm Sounds of today and yesterday with KMC; 1pm-4pm BBB with Dissident Dave; 4pm-7pm GULF FM Music Mix; 7pm onwards Gulf FM music mix.

### Friday

7am-10am TGIF with Butterfly; 10am-1pm Hitz and Bitz with Kezza; 1pm-4pm GULF FM Music Mix; 4pm-7pm Hughsey Show with Hughsey; 7pm-10pm GULF FM Music Mix; 10pm GULF FM Music Mix.

### Saturday

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

### Sunday

7:30am Good News Breakfast; 8am-11am Keepin' It Country; 1pm-4pm Rock'n'Doll with Tammy Lee; 4pm-8pm GULF FM Music Mix; 7pm-10pm Country Gospel; 10pm GULF FM Music Mix.



# Celebrating 150 years of Coobowie history

A DEDICATED group of volunteers has produced a book capturing Coobowie's 150-year history.

A year in the making, the 56-page book is the result of extensive research, community conversations and contributions.

It will be available for sale during Coobowie's 150th celebrations on Saturday and Sunday, October 11-12.

Creating the book offered the community a unique opportunity to reflect on Coobowie's past, acknowledge its First Nations people, honour the pioneers and look to the town's future.

The book features historical photographs and stories contributed by community members, including Marie and Malcolm Stanton, and Neil Hancock, who shared tales of the Coobowie Sports Days.

The book is designed as a keepsake to be passed down through future generations.

The Coobowie area was surveyed in 1838 and named Salt Creek in 1848. It was the earliest identifiable port on the southern Yorke Peninsula.

From 1848 to 1940, Coobowie — named by the local Nharangga people — thrived as a port exporting grain, wool, lime, salt and timber.

Over the past 150 years, many local businesses, churches, lime kilns and the salt refinery have disappeared.

However, the Coobowie Hotel, built around 1875, still stands and operates today.

Special thanks go to Rob Wiseman for designing the book, and to Marie and Malcolm Stanton, John Coker and Kathy Tape for gathering and collating historical content.

Thanks also to Michael Hoile at the Pioneer Printing Office in Yorketown for his support.

Although not all contributions could be included in the book, the remaining materials will be archived at the Edithburgh Museum for public access.

The history book will be available for purchase at the Coobowie Community Hall during the celebrations on October 11 and 12.

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**ALL ABOARD...** Coobowie's ketch crew Kathy Tape, Marie Stanton, Sheryl Lorenz and Malcolm Stanton have been busy preparing for the Coobowie 150th celebrations. (Absent: John Coker.) Below: **FIRST LOOK...** Kathy Tape, and Michael Hoile from Pioneer Print, Yorketown, have a look at the first Coobowie 150th anniversary books hot off the press.



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# Wombat social club donation supports local line dancers

ECLIPSE Line Dancers have added \$790 to their fundraising total thanks to a generous donation from the Wombat Social Club, presented at the club's meeting in Kadina on Sunday, September 14.

The funds were raised through the sale of Friday night meat tray raffle tickets during July, with Ken Rudd selling tickets on behalf of the dancers throughout the month.

The donation brings Eclipse Line Dancers' current annual fundraising total to \$5629, with efforts continuing until August 2026. This year's

funds will support The Heart Foundation.

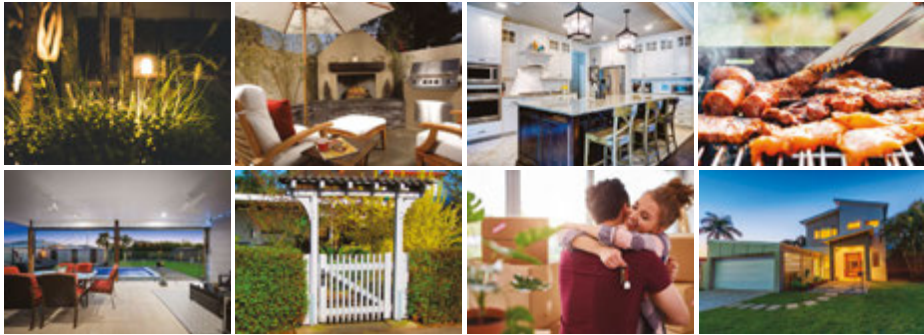
Group member Crystel Rudd expressed her appreciation for the Wombat Social Club's ongoing support, which has helped the dancers raise money for several causes over the years. These include Relay for Life (Cancer Council SA), Stamp Out Suicide Yorke Peninsula, motor neurone disease, and childhood dementia.

The partnership between the club and Eclipse Line Dancers continues to make a positive impact across the Yorke Peninsula community, Crystel said.



FUNDRAISER... Eclipse Line Dancers members Heather Simpson and Crystel Rudd accept a fundraising donation from Wombat Social Club president Tony Harrison.

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### The Spring Home, Garden & Lifestyle Guide lift-out will be published in the Yorke Peninsula Country Times 30th September edition, during the school holidays.

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# YorKON returns with cosplay competition

**DRESS UPS...**  
Glenn Field and Stephanie Field at last year's event.

YORKE Peninsula's popular games and pop culture convention, YorKON, is back in 2025 — and so is the best dressed competition.

The free two-day event will be held at Minlaton Town Hall during the October school holidays, 10am-4pm on Friday, October 10 and 10am-3pm Saturday, October 11.

Cosplayers of all ages are encouraged to bring their best costumes. Prizes will be awarded each day for best dressed and runner-up.

Yorke Peninsula Council community development and engagement officer Sonny Coombs said the competition would be an event highlight.

"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."

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

YorKON also features retro and modern games, arcade machines, tabletop gaming, workshops and collector displays.

The event is free to attend and games are free to play, but tickets are essential.

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

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# SYP Photography Club shines in state competition

SOUTHERN Yorke Peninsula Photography Club has achieved major success at the 62nd South Australian Photographic Federation Annual Exhibition, taking home multiple honours, including a top-three placing in the Club Sets Category 1 and the highest individual award of the event.

Exhibition winners were announced at a special function at the Glenelg Golf Club on August 30.

With 1141 entries from 71 individual photographers and 14 clubs across SA, and an acceptance rate of just 30 per cent, the club's achievements stand out as a significant accomplishment, SYPCC chair Adam Meyer said.

Leading the way was Denise Jackson-Cook, who won the Barbara Mullins Digital Image of the Year for her striking image "Dunes at Sunset", which also secured first place in the Digital — Open Colour category.

Ms Jackson-Cook also received acceptances for her works "Flower of Blood" and "Double the Caper".

Other club members to be recognised for their work include Mr Meyer, who earned a merit award for "Pillars" in the Digital

— Landscape/Seascape category, and an acceptance for "Tracking Colour" in Digital — Open Colour.

His image "Pondalowie Energy" was also accepted in the Special Section: National and Conservation Parks in SA.

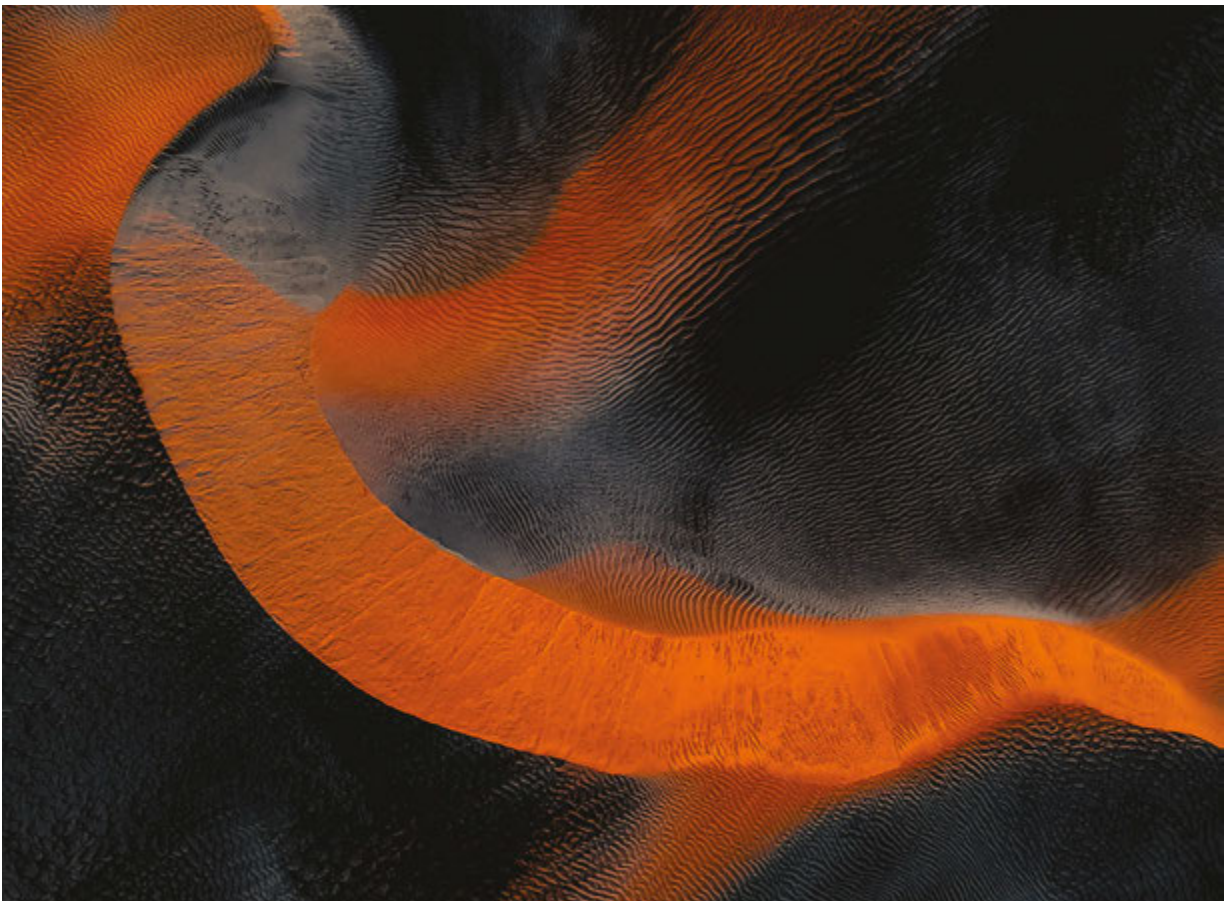
Tim Cook received a merit award for "Snake Lines in the Sand" in Digital — Landscape/Seascape, and Elizabeth Daniels gained an acceptance for "Just Walk On By" in the Digital — Photojournalism/Street Photography category.

"This was an excellent achievement for our rural club that has been around less than five years," Mr Meyer said.

"A special congratulations to Denise Jackson-Cook who not only won the Digital Open Colour category but also the overall best Digital Image of the Year."

Following on from its success at the SAPF exhibition, the club will host its first public exhibition over the October long weekend at Ballara Art and Lifestyle Retreat, Warooka.

The exhibition will be open 10am and 3pm daily, October 4 to 6, showcasing members' photographic talents and providing the public with an opportunity to view award-winning local imagery.



STATE WINNER... Denise Jackson-Cook's "Dunes at Sunset" won the overall best digital image at the statewide SAPF Annual Exhibition.



SEASCAPE... Adam Meyer's "Pillars" earned a merit award.



LANDSCAPE... "Snake Lines in the Sand" won a merit award for Tim Cook.



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# Celebrating service: Leonie awarded life membership



HIGH HONOUR... Wallaroo Probus Club president Geoff Male presents life membership to Leonie Jauczius at a recent club meeting.

# Story Dogs delight at Moonta Probus meeting

AFTER a brief absence, Wendy and Greg Gerblisch were warmly welcomed back by president Helen Colliver at the Moonta and District Probus Club meeting on September 1.

President Helen also acknowledged several members celebrating special occasions during September.

Congratulations went to Jan and Bruce Oxley on their wedding anniversary, and birthday wishes were extended to John Hounslow, Penny Richter, Marlene Thatcher and Shirley Arney.

Richard Bastian shared plans for a three-day trip to Peterborough in late October, with 23 members set to enjoy historical tours of the iconic former railway town.

Lucky number prizes on the day went to Mal Coleman, Denis Healy and Rosina Gould.

The guest speaker for the meeting was Jane McCauley, who gave a heartwarming presentation about her involvement in the Story Dogs literacy program.

Jane spoke passionately about how specially trained dogs help young students gain confidence and improve their reading skills.

Together with her late colleague Sally Hackett and their Labrador Retrievers, Jane began working with reluctant young readers.

The program's early development was supported through sponsorships from the late Lorraine Darling, of Moonta, and the local Lions Club, and soon revealed the calming and encouraging effect of reading aloud to a dog.

Moonta Area School staff have also been strong supporters of the program.

The dogs are carefully trained, with the help of Adelaide-based instructors.

Jane explained that reading to a dog helps children feel less judged and more at ease.

Some students even gain confidence simply by sitting next to the dog and gently pat-

ting it while reading aloud. She emphasised that the safety of both child and animal is paramount.

The program now operates across several Yorke Peninsula schools and involves a team of dedicated volunteers.

Jane shared a video showcasing the dogs, students and teachers in action, giving Probus members a touching insight into the impact of the initiative.

Retired educator Doug Warmington delivered the vote of thanks, describing Jane's presentation as informative and delightful.

The next Moonta and District Probus Club meeting will be held on Monday, October 13, and will mark the club's 33rd birthday. Popular local group Just Mates will provide entertainment.

Retirees interested in joining the club are welcome to contact Marg Bastian on 0417 826 703 for more information.

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# Sport

## Mumford, Trengove stand out at Eagles junior awards

**Peter Argent**  
REPORT BY

Walleroo's Jack Mumford (Under 18) and Bute's Will Trengove (U16) were recognised as two of the standout Yorke Peninsula talents at the Woodville-West Torrens junior awards night, held at the Oval Avenue clubrooms on Friday, September 19.

Mumford's consistency and impact earned him the U18 most improved trophy, and Trengove was the U16 runner-up best and fairest, despite playing only 11 games with the Eagles.

“**He's a ripper lad — popular with his peers and determined to become the best footballer he can be.**

— Shane Reardon,  
WWT U18s coach

Playing a crucial role in attack for the U18s, Mumford kicked 30 goals from 19 games across the 2025 campaign, including a five-goal haul against Norwood and five additional three-goal performances.

A strong-marking key forward, Mumford averaged 5.4 marks and 11.1 disposals per game while playing predominantly at centre half-forward.

Eagles U18s exited the premier-

ship race after a preliminary final loss to eventual premiers Sturt.

Coach Shane Reardon said Mumford's season was a testament to his dedication.

“Jack missed nearly all of the 2024 season with hamstring and back issues — he only played two games late in the year,” Reardon said.

“He committed to a full pre-season, travelling from YP to Adelaide three times a week and attending several optional Saturday sessions.

“He rarely missed a training and built a strong base for a big season.”

Reardon also highlighted Mumford's attitude and game sense.

“Jack has a real drive to improve, he takes feedback on board and applies it to his game.

“He led the league in contested marks and was fifth overall for total marks.

“Jack also had 22 score assists, showing how team oriented his game is; he rotated between deep forward and a roaming forward role throughout the season.”

Reardon added: “On top of that, he's a ripper lad — popular with his peers and determined to become the best footballer he can be.”

### Trengove impresses

Will Trengove — brother of SA U18s women's captain Imogen Trengove — delivered a standout season in a challenging year for the WWT U16s, who finished at the bottom of the ladder.

A busy, ball-winning rover known for his hard work around the contest, he averaged 19.3 disposals, 2.1 marks, 2.8 tackles and 3.8 clearances per game, demonstrating consistent output and effort.



**SANFL U18...** Jack Mumford of Wallaroo has been named Woodville-West Torrens' Under 18 Most Improved player for the 2025 season.

## Klau, Horjus and Austin selected in Diamonds squad

Three South Australian netballers with Yorke Peninsula connections have earned national selection for the Australian Diamonds' upcoming international series against South Africa and New Zealand.

Sarah Klau (NSW Swifts), originally from Yorketown, brings valuable experience to the Diamonds' defensive line-up.

Named in both the South Africa

Series and Constellation Cup squads, Klau will join Courtney Bruce, Matilda Garrett and Ash Ervin in defence.

Georgie Horjus (Adelaide Thunderbirds), who has family connects with Bute and Ardrossan, also features in both squads, highlighting her development as a key attacking option for the Diamonds.

She will be part of a strong shooting circle that includes Kiera

Austin, Cara Koenen and Sophie Garbin.

Lucy Austin (GIANTS Netball), who has family ties with the Bute community, has been selected for the South Africa Series as an elevated invitee and potential debutant.

The South Africa Series begins on Saturday, October 4, in Bendigo, with the Constellation Cup to follow later in the month.



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# A look back at past premiers

Peter Argent  
REPORT BY

As part of Peter Argent's *All the Fives* retrospective, featuring Yorke Peninsula's A grade football premiers over the past five decades, this week's focus is on 2005, when Moonta won its first premiership since 1963.

## YPFL 2005 – Moonta

Moonta Football Club's breakthrough YP Football League A grade flag in 2005 broke a 42-year drought. Coach was Justin "Yoda" Zwar, Clay Elsworthy captained the side and future Mail Medallist (2008) Ricky Mackereth was vice-captain.

Zwar recalls how special the premiership was after overcoming one of Moonta's NYP rivals, Paskeville. "Paskeville beat us three times during the year. We were the underdogs, with Pasky certainly being the team to beat," he said.

Although Moonta lost to Paskeville in the qualifying final, they progressed to the grand final, where they had the advantage of playing at home.

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"We were five goals down on grand final day just before half-time, and things weren't that happy in the coaches' box. The momentum changed just before the break when we kicked a couple of goals."

The Demons seized the ascendancy in the third quarter and went on to win a high-scoring affair, 17.21 (123) to 14.12 (96).

"From my perspective, it was the most nostalgic game for the club and my career — it was a pinnacle for me from a coaching perspective," Zwar said.

"The celebrations went for a couple of weeks.

"It was a unique bunch of fellas who were a pretty tight-knit group.

"We had every player come along to the 10-year reunion (in 2015) and have only lost one of the 20, Pat Liddicoat"

Adam Forth, the Demons' full forward, kicked five goals and was rewarded with best-on-ground honours.

Not far behind him was Zeb Drogemuller across half-back, who stood out as a dashing, running defender in the win.

Rohan Bock, captain of the Moonta senior colts that season, and youngster Tom Ferguson also had an impact in the final.

Derek Newchurch was shifted to centre half-back late in the regular season and proved to be an outstanding performer in that role.

Brad Smith claimed Moonta's best and fairest in 2005; he originally came from Western Australian club Claremont and had AFL experience with Collingwood and Richmond, spending five years on their lists from 1996 to 2000.

Smith played one single senior game in his final year, and also donned a jumper with Glenelg in the SANFL.

"I felt we had control of the result with about 10 minutes to go and could start to enjoy the victory," Zwar said.

"The trio of Lyndon Elsworthy, Gavin Appleton and Jarrod "Jack" Woodward had all been stalwarts of Demons.

"For eight-time Port Adelaide Magpies premiership defender, Paul Northeast, it was his last game of A grade football, so he also went out on a high.

"Trevor Keast was the president at the time.

"That '05 flag changed the culture of the Moonta Football Club."



YPFL A GRADE... YP Football League 2005 A grade premiers, Moonta. Back: B Haylock, I Arthur, D Newchurch, C Story, S Hayes, Z Drogemuller, R Hunter, B Goldsworthy, P Andrew, N Elsworthy; middle row: A Koch, D Shields, C Shields, B Cunningham, T Ferguson, A Forth, T Winstanley, B Smith, R Bock, J East, G Richardson, K Shields; seated: P Liddicoat, L Elsworthy, L Warren, C Elsworthy, J Zwar, T Keast, R Mackereth, G Appleton, J Woodward, P Northeast; front: J Zwar.



YPFL A GRADE... Moonta players and supporters, jubilant after defeating Paskeville in the 2005 grand final — the club's first A grade premiership in 42 years.



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# Basketballers launch jersey fundraiser

Harry Rennie  
REPORT BY

Players in Kadina's Inclusive Basketball program, run in partnership with the Copper Coast Sport and Leisure Centre, are calling on the community to help fund new team jerseys through a bottle and can drive, to be held October 13 to 19.

CCSLC manager Giles Ellis said jerseys cost about \$50 each, with the aim being to provide every player with their own to build pride and a stronger sense of team identity.

"Our plan is to raise funds through a bottle and can drive, and we're inviting the whole community to join in," Ellis said.

"It's a great way to engage the players, raise funds and involve the wider community.

"Most importantly, it gives the players a real sense of ownership and pride."

Bins will be placed throughout the CCSLC to collect eligible bottles and cans. Players will help sort and return containers through the Container Deposit Scheme, with all refunds going directly toward the jersey fund.

Coach Kym Lamshed said the program was created to provide a supportive environment for players who may not otherwise have had the chance to join traditional teams.

"We aim to give them a chance to play as a team and learn simple skills that will not only help in basketball, but also in life," Lamshed said.

"Some of our players couldn't catch a ball when they started.

"Now they're scoring confidently and working together."

The program welcomes players of all ages and meets every Wednesday at the CCSLC.

Each session includes skills development followed by a friendly game.

Team member Jake Glasson, a regular at the sessions, said his favourite part was the game — and the potato crisps afterwards.

"I love to shoot the granny shot from long range," Jake said with a big smile.

"I've made heaps of friends here."

While the program is currently focused on the Copper Coast, Lamshed hopes it can expand to nearby communities and eventually organise semi-competitive games.

"Our players would love the chance to compete, represent their community and just keep growing," he said.

The CCSLC is encouraging all community members to support the drive and help the inclusive team step out in new jerseys.



CCSLC BASKETBALL... Coach Kym Lamshed helps Jake Glasson with the fundamentals of shooting during an inclusive basketball session.

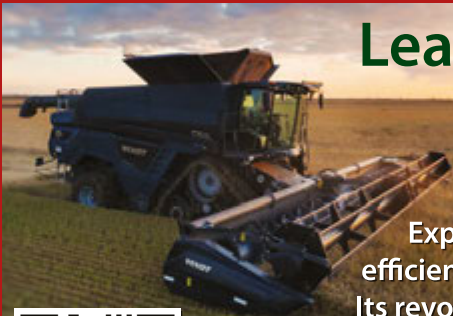


CCSLC BASKETBALL... Inclusive basketball player Jake Glasson about to attempt his signature granny shot from long range.



CCSLC BASKETBALL... Copper Coast Sport and Leisure Centre manager Giles Ellis with inclusive basketball coach Kym Lamshed and player Jake Glasson.

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# On an elevated stage

Peter Argent  
REPORT BY

AFLW

In a controversial finish, a late free kick proved decisive in Port Adelaide's five-point loss to Geelong at Alberton Oval on Saturday afternoon.

With seven minutes remaining, Amelie Borg was penalised for a deliberate rushed behind in a scrappy contest. The free kick set up the final goal of the game to hand the Cats a 6.9 (45) to 6.4 (40) win in wet, wintry weather.

For Port, Shineah Goody (Edithburgh) kicked an early second-term goal but overall had a quieter-than-usual outing.

She finished with eight disposals (seven kicks), a mark, six tackles, three clearances and 140 metres gained.

Last year's preliminary finalists now sit with just two wins from six games at the halfway mark of the season.

They face St Kilda this Sunday at Moorabbin Oval (RSEA Park).

Adelaide stormed home in the final quarter, kicking six unanswered goals to defeat Gold Coast by 16 points in Queensland on Sunday.

Facing a likely loss at three-quarter time, the Crows turned the match around with a dominant final term to secure their fourth win of the season, 7.8 (50) to 5.4 (34).

Port Vincent's Chelsea Biddell was a standout in defence, collecting 14 disposals (11 kicks), a mark, two tackles and 341 metres gained.

Crows now sit in fourth place and will face the Sydney Swans this Sunday afternoon. Meanwhile, Port Adelaide remains at 13th.

VFL

Caleb Poulter (Ardrossan) joined the ranks of VFL premiership players on Sunday afternoon, helping Footscray secure a thrilling 10-point victory over Southport at Ikon Park.

Poulter finished with a goal in the win, while former Bute junior Boyd Woodcock suffered his third grand final defeat in four years with the Sharks.

More on this in next week's edition.

SANFL League

Glenelg and forward Lachlan Hosie (Yorketown connections) fell short in the 2025 SANFL League grand final, finishing runners-up to a dominant Sturt outfit on Sunday afternoon.

The Double Blues secured their 16th premiership with a 31-point win at Adelaide Oval, defeating Glenelg 16.9 (105) to 11.8 (74).

Hosie was a standout in the Bays' forward line, kicking 5.1 as part of a three-pronged attack. The 2023 Jack Oatey Medallist also collected 12 disposals and five marks — including two contested — in a strong solo effort up forward.

WNBA

Steph Talbot (Kadina) saw limited action during the WNBA playoffs, appearing in just one game for the New York Liberty in their first-round series against the Phoenix Mercury.

In the September 17 loss, 60-86, Talbot was on court for nine minutes and did not register any statistics. After an even opening term, the Mercury pulled away to claim a dominant 26-point win.

Talbot did not feature in the other two games of the series, which included a Liberty victory in game 1 and a series-ending loss in game 3.

Since joining the Liberty midseason, Talbot averaged 2.9 points, 2.7 rebounds and 1.7 assists per game from limited minutes.

Originally selected by the Golden State Valkyries in the 2025 Expansion Draft, Talbot is expected to return to the Adelaide Lightning for the 2025-26 WNBL season.

She is set to continue in her role as captain under a refreshed leadership structure.



GRAND FINAL SANFL LEAGUE... Luke Hosie kicked 5 goals for Glenelg.

## Hawkins stands tall in SANFL Futures Game

Peter Argent  
REPORT BY

Broughton-Mundoora ruck Jayden Hawkins delivered a standout performance in the annual SANFL Under 17s Futures Game, played as the curtain-raiser on grand final day at Adelaide Oval on Sunday, September 22.

The match featured the best U17s talent from across South Australia, giving AFL Draft hopefuls a high-profile opportunity to showcase their skills.

Team Blue and Team Yellow were selected by the SANFL talent department, with the game preceding the SANFL reserves grand final.

Team Blue recorded a dominant 66-point win, defeating Team Yellow 14.9 (93) to 4.5 (29).

Hawkins, who played for North Adelaide's U18s this season, kicked two goals and was named among Team Blue's best players.

The SANFL will now select an U18s Academy squad, with Hawkins expected to be firmly in contention as he prepares for the biggest year of his football journey.

Also making an impact in the Futures Game was midfielder Jim Kelly (Bute/Mundoora connections), who led from the front for Team Yellow, playing through the midfield and finishing as his team's top performer.

He split his 2025 season between Norwood's U18s and St Peter's College.

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# Eagles fight hard but Roosters show their class

“Eagle Eye”  
REPORT BY

Broughton-Mundoora B grade faced the undefeated Crystal Brook Roosters in the Northern Areas Football Association B grade grand final at Jamestown on Saturday.

With a couple of key injury concerns, Eagles coach Bart Joyce reshuffled his line-up, hoping to keep the game close and use his side's youth and run on the wide-open spaces of Victoria Park.

In cool but near-perfect weather, the game began in typical B grade fashion, with the first 10 minutes full of stoppages and contested play.

Eagles were well led early by veterans Strath Roberts and Angus Johns, but they missed a couple of chances mid-quarter.

Crystal Brook eventually broke through, moving the ball cleanly to kick two goals in quick succession and take a 14-point lead into the first break.

Broughton-Mundoora lifted in the second quarter, attacking the northern end with a slight breeze. Jordan Townsend was rewarded for a strong tackle and converted truly, before the imposing Tex Sims added another to swing momentum. But injuries to defender Thomas Price

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Results 20-9-25 - Grand Final at Jamestown					
B Grade					
CRYSTAL BROOK	2.4	3.7	10.9	12.10	(82)
BROUGHTON-MUNDOORA	0.2	2.3	3.3	5.3	(33)
<b>Best</b> , Crystal Brook: L Dreaver, J Nicholson, J Clements, L Hargreaves, I Arbon; Broughton-Mundoora: S Roberts, L Fowler, M Turra, A Johns, R Ireland. <b>Goals</b> , Crystal Brook: B Allen 4, L Dreaver 3, J Nicholson 2, J Clements, H Hooper, L Seymour; Broughton-Mundoora: T Sims 2, C Button, S Tod, J Townsend.					

and utility Kienan Sims proved costly, and the Roosters steadied to add their third goal late in the term.

The Eagles trailed by just 10 points at halftime, and the flag remained up for grabs.

The third quarter lived up to its reputation as the premiership quarter. With Max Marchant ruled out after dislocating his elbow, Broughton-Mundoora were left stretched. The Roosters capitalised, piling on seven unanswered goals. The only highlight for the Eagles came from T Sims, who landed a crunching tackle, won a free kick and slotted his second.

Joyce urged his players not to

give in, but the gap was too wide. The final quarter was evenly matched, with both sides adding two goals. For Broughton-Mundoora, Saxon Tod showed his class with a goal, while ruckman Christopher Button surprised with a rare but accurate conversion.

In the end, Crystal Brook's dominance across the season was reflected in a 49-point victory. Liam Dreaver was named best on ground for his quality possessions and three goals.

It capped off a huge day for the Roosters, who also claimed the A grade and Senior colts premierhips to complete a Jamestown trifecta in red and white.



NAFA B GRADE... Broughton-Mundoora's Max Turra makes a theatrical flying leap to take a mark in front of Crystal Brook's Tom Merkel.  
PHOTOS: Meg Roberts



NAFA B GRADE... Broughton-Mundoora's Saxon Tod smothers a kick by Crystal Brook's Beau Allen.

Northern Areas Netball Association	
GRAND FINALS RESULTS 20-9-25	
A GRADE	Orroroo 43 d Crystal Brook 42
B GRADE	Orroroo 34 d BMW 29
C GRADE	Crystal Brook 47 d BMW 44
D GRADE	BMW 52 d Crystal Brook 35
E GRADE	Crystal Brook 67 d BMW 31
F GRADE	Crystal Brook 40 d Orroroo 36
G GRADE	Southern Flinders 39 d BMW 35
H GRADE	Orroroo 29 d BMW 24
I GRADE	Orroroo 34 d Broughton-Mundoora 32
J GRADE	Broughton-Mundoora 18 d Crystal Brook 14

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# CMS Crows dominate YPNA best and fairest vote count

Austinn Lane  
JOURNALIST

Yorke Peninsula Netball Association's 2025 best and fairest count was held at the Moonta Football Club on Monday night, September 15, with each grade's top performers recognised.

The junior count (grades E,

F and G) began at 6pm, followed by the senior grades from 7.30pm as players and supporters filled the venue.

CMS Crows dominated the night, with players taking out the A, B and C grades best and fairest awards — showcasing the depth of talent within their program in 2025.

It was also a family affair for

Moonta, with sisters Summer and Jayme Koch finishing first and second in the E grade count.

Adding to the club's celebrations, younger sister Hallie placed third in the B grade tally.

In the feature award, Lauren McSkimming claimed her second A grade best and fairest medal, leading the count from start to

finish and sealing victory with a seven-votemargin. Meanwhile, Crows duo Erin Hoare and Erin Cock took out the top two placings in B grade.

Jean Gundersen Trophy for the club with the most votes across all games and grades was awarded jointly to CMS Crows and Moonta, with a count of 67.75 per cent each.



YPNA A GRADE... 2025 Team of the Year, back: Bronwyn Farrow, CMS Crows, Georgina Farrow, CMS Crows, Tasmyn Biddell, CMS Crows, Lauren McSkimming, CMS Crows, Teesha Angus, Moonta; front: Breeana McNeilly, CMS Crows, Felicity Kemp, CMS Crows, Monique Manners, Kadina, Lahni Smith, Bute. (Absent: Montana Briggs, Bute.)



YPNA D GRADE... Winner Mackenzie Weltman, Kadina. (Absent: runner-up Corrine Bussenschutt, Paskeville.)



YPNA B GRADE... Runner-up Erin Cock, CMS Crows. (Absent: winner Erin Hoare, CMS Crows.)



YPNA G GRADE... Runner-up Amelia Bugg, Moonta. (Absent: winner Ebony Wheare, CMS Crows.)

## Results

### A GRADE:

- |                                  |    |
|----------------------------------|----|
| 1. Lauren McSkimming (CMS Crows) | 26 |
| 2. Neve Smart (Kadina)           | 19 |
| 3. Monique Manners (Kadina)      | 18 |
| 4. Demi O'Brien (Bute)           | 17 |
| 5. Elle Moss (CMS Crows)         | 15 |
| 6. Montana Briggs (Bute)         | 14 |
| 7. Laura Trenorden (CY Cougars)  | 14 |
| 8. Teesha Angus (Moonta)         | 14 |

### B GRADE:

- |                                  |    |
|----------------------------------|----|
| 1. Erin Hoare (CMS Crows)        | 23 |
| 2. Erin Cock (CMS Crows)         | 19 |
| 3. Hallie Koch (Moonta)          | 17 |
| 4. Bridget Cockburn (Moonta)     | 16 |
| 5. Jade Daniel (Paskeville)      | 14 |
| 6. Amy Lennerth (CMS Crows)      | 14 |
| 7. Cassidy Bowley (Paskeville)   | 11 |
| 8. Amie Price (Paskeville)       | 11 |
| 9. Eleanor Langford (CY Cougars) | 11 |
| 10. Lacey Faulkner (Kadina)      | 11 |

### C GRADE:

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|--------------------------------|----|
| 1. Ebony Wheare (CMS Crows)    | 27 |
| 2. Amelia Bugg (Moonta)        | 24 |
| 3. Ezra Glazbrook (Ardrossan)  | 20 |
| 4. Samantha Blyth (CMS Crows)  | 19 |
| 5. Corrine Mullins (Ardrossan) | 16 |
| 6. Emma Phipps (Kadina)        | 15 |
| 7. Sarah Pridham (Paskeville)  | 15 |
| 8. Emma Prout (Kadina)         | 15 |

### D GRADE:

- |                                      |    |
|--------------------------------------|----|
| 1. Mackenzie Weltman (Kadina)        | 29 |
| 2. Corrine Bussenschutt (Paskeville) | 28 |
| 3. Mellanie Reppin (CMS Crows)       | 24 |
| 4. Shantelle Modra (CMS Crows)       | 17 |
| 5. Joanne Dawkins (Wallaroo)         | 16 |
| 6. Madison McDonald (Kadina)         | 15 |
| 7. Skyler Smith (Kadina)             | 15 |
| 8. Angelique Vanderveen (Bute)       | 14 |
| 9. Rebecca Butler (Moonta)           | 14 |
| 10. Olivia Jones (Moonta)            | 14 |

### D2 GRADE:

- |                                      |    |
|--------------------------------------|----|
| 1. Nakyah Elliott-Karpany (Kadina)   | 18 |
| 2. Anastazia Nedelkovic (Wallaroo)   | 18 |
| 3. Hayley Cranwell (CMS Crows)       | 18 |
| 4. Ashlea O'Shaughnessy (Paskeville) | 17 |
| 5. Chante Cook (CMS Crows)           | 15 |
| 6. Monique Amos (Bute)               | 14 |
| 7. Zoe Weir (CMS Crows)              | 13 |
| 8. Emily Sternicki (Moonta)          | 13 |

### E GRADE:

- |                                    |    |
|------------------------------------|----|
| 1. Summer Koch (Moonta)            | 34 |
| 2. Jayme Koch (Moonta)             | 25 |
| 3. Caitlyn Wheare (Ardrossan)      | 25 |
| 4. Maggie Walsh (CMS Crows)        | 22 |
| 5. Jada Clasohm (Southern Eagles)  | 20 |
| 6. Ruby Gardner (Paskeville)       | 20 |
| 7. Jorja Bennett (CMS Crows)       | 19 |
| 8. Lily Thompson (Southern Eagles) | 18 |

### F GRADE:

- |                                     |    |
|-------------------------------------|----|
| 1. Olivia Adams (CY Cougars)        | 34 |
| 2. Savannah Wandel (Bute)           | 31 |
| 3. Amani Summerton (Moonta)         | 25 |
| 4. Na'delle Matz (Moonta)           | 23 |
| 5. Blair Williams (Southern Eagles) | 21 |
| 6. Eloise Johns (Bute)              | 20 |
| 7. Poppy Craggs (Southern Eagles)   | 19 |
| 8. Abby Elsworth (Ardrossan)        | 18 |

### G GRADE:

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|----------------------------------|----|
| 1. Delilah Tutthill (Moonta)     | 40 |
| 2. Ruby Thompson (Paskeville)    | 32 |
| 3. Ella Detmar (Southern Eagles) | 30 |
| 4. Marley Brown (Ardrossan)      | 25 |
| 5. Skylah Sansbury (Ardrossan)   | 23 |
| 6. Eliza Ackland (CY Cougars)    | 22 |
| 7. Macy Mumford (Wallaroo)       | 22 |
| 8. Ayla Cranwell (CMS Crows)     | 18 |





YPNA A GRADE... Winner Lauren McSkimming, CMS Crows, and runner-up Neve Smart, Kadina.



YPNA G GRADE... Winner Delilah Tutthill, Moonta, and runner-up Ruby Thomson, Paskeville.



YPNA... Joint winners of the Jean Gundersen trophy were Moonta and CMS Crows. Pictured are representatives Kara Rendell, Moonta, and Lee Blyth, CMS Crows.



YPNA D2 GRADE... Joint winners Anastazia Nedelkovic, Wallaroo, and Hayley Cranwell, CMS Crows. (Absent: joint winner Nakyah Elliott-Karpany.)



YPNA E GRADE... Winner Summer Koch, Moonta, and joint runners-up Caitlyn Wheare, Ardrossan, and Jayme Koch, Moonta.



YPNA F GRADE... Winner Olivia Adams, CY Cougars, and runner-up Savannah Wandel, Bute.

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**Ardrossan Tuesday: Results 16-9-25** — Tuesday was round 6 of the Captain's Stableford. Winners: division I, Karen Minks; div II, Carolyn Clift. Ball winners: Karen Minks, Tracy Watson, Carolyn Clift, Di Griffin. NTP: 8 (Ardrossan Post Office), Doreen Barwell; 12 (SIMEC), Karen Minks; 16 (Moonta Crash Repairs), Tracy Watson. "LCD"

**Moonta men's open: Results 20-9-25** — Moonta Golf Club hosted its men's 18-hole open on the weekend. Overall winner Matt Finch scored 69 off-stick. A grade, off-stick: winner Noah McDonnell 71, runner-up, Craig Davis 73; net: winner Tony Jamieson 70, r-up Darren Riddle 72. B grade, off-stick: Lynton Pearce 80, Tony Wall 86; net: John Zimmerman 70, Michael Crkounzk 73. C grade, off-stick: S Stinger 35, Gavin Gilles 32, Tim Finch 29, Brian Searle 27. Ball winners: Steve Evans 74; David Wall, Grant Keating, Mark Cook 76. NTP: 9, Geoff Tapps; 7, Michael Daly; 16, Glyn Meredith; 13, Geoff Richardson. Long putt: 18, Geoff Richardson. Long drive: A grade, Chris Whittaker; B grade, Tom Daly; C grade, Trevor "Blue" Arthur; over 75s, David "Doc" Holman. Thank you to event sponsors, especially major sponsor Roady's Towing. MGC

**Stansbury Thursday: Results 18-9-25** — Eleven players participated in the 12-hole social competition. Winner Luke Dutschke 67/42, r-up John Patterson 62/44 c/b Di Forrest. NTP: 7/16, Gary Granfield. Least putts: Ash Hodge 16. Long putt: Richard Wheeler. Chipping challenge: Luke Hillier. Birdies: Ash Hodge. "Trinny"

**Wool Bay: Results 13-9-25** — Winner of Tuesday's 12-hole competition was Joy Leathley 45, runner-up Steve Goodall 46. Most fairways: Peter Woods 7. Least putts: John Jansen 14. NTP: 5, Peter Woods. **Results 20-9-25** — Wool Bay hosted Stansbury golfers in the second round for the Ruxton/Tucker Trophy; 13 players competed and enjoyed unreliable weather, from sun to drizzle, to cold. Winner John Jansen 37 c/b Guido Varricchio. NTP: 5, Scott Golding. Birdies: Guido Varricchio, Sue Wall, Scott Golding. Chip-outs: Herb Voelker, John Jansen, Ron Hillier, Jan Henery, Steve Goodall, Scott Golding. Stansbury won the Ruxton/Tucker Trophy for 2025. Congratulations to all the players involved, look forward to the competition next year! WBGC

**SHOOTING**

**SYP Gun Club Minlaton (clay target shooting): Results 13-9-25** — Central zone 25tgt point score, AA: Adrian Mattschoss 69/75, Rito Borzillo 68/72; A: Rob Damin 74/75, Donald Peters 73/75; B: Ian Hopton 68/75, Dennis Ryan 70/78; C: Steve Haggerty 77/81, Neil Marsh 76/81. Overall high-gun: Rob Damin 74/75; junior, Tiger Lewis 69/75. Central zone 25tgt single barrel, AA: Rito Borzillo 26/28, Adrian Mattschoss 22/25; A: Michael Sutton 44/45, Donald Peters 41/44; B: Dennis Ryan 23/25, Ian Hopton 18/25; C: Tracey Haggerty 23/25, Alex Souter 23/26. Overall high-gun: Michael Sutton 27/28; junior, Tiger Lewis 21/25. Central zone 25tgt double barrel, AA: Adrian Mattschoss 44/46, Rito Borzillo 43/46; A: Troy Johnson 30/31, Michael Sutton 34/35; B: Dennis Ryan 31/31, Barry Duncan 24/25; C: Rob Umbuck 24/25, Sue Byrnes 25/28. Overall high-gun: Dennis Ryan 31/31; junior, Xander Leong 19/25. **Results 14-9-25** — 25tgt point score graded, AA: Rito Borzillo 70/75; A: Michael Sutton 74/75, Donald Peters 65/78; B: Ian Hopton 65/75; C: Neil Marsh 70/75, Tiger Lewis 65/75. 50tgt double barrel graded, AA: Rito Borzillo 48/50; A: Michael Sutton 49/50, Donald Peters 47/50; B: Dennis Ryan 47/50; C: Tiger Lewis 48/50, Bill Cripps 44/50. Central zone 25tgt double barrel handicap: 1st Tiger Lewis 25/25, 2nd Steve Haggerty 24/26, 3rd Troy Johnson 28/31, 4th Donald Peters 27/31, 5th Rito Borzillo 24/28. Central zone two-day overall high-gun: men, Donald Peters 144/150; women, Tracey Haggerty 122/150; veterans, Rito Borzillo 137/150; juniors, Tiger Lewis 133/150. Next club shoot: 75tgt champion of champions from 18m, 15 pair Deauville Doubles (drawn partners); Sunday, October 19, 10am start. "Traky"

**Wallaroo Pistol and Shooting Club: Results 16-9-25** — Air pistol/600, women: Michelle Sieben 508, Colleen Angel 398; men: Terry Wall 384. Action/480, rimfire production: Phillip Knight 320; centrefire production: Gregory Chittleborough 147. **Results 21-9-25** — Air pistol/600, women: Michelle Sieben 505, Susan Buckham 257. Action/480, rimfire production: Stephen Penney 456, Scott Gibbs 453, Michelle Sieben 442, Greg King 386, Dakota Videon 342, Stephen Allen 285; rimfire modified: Peter Cook 424; centrefire production: Stephen Penney 426. Field rifle, open sights 25m/250: Stephen Penney 236, Greg King 230, Michelle Sieben 228, Carmen Woods 215. The club thanks sponsor Bee Entertained. MS

# Arthurton annual women's fours

Arthurton Bowling Club hosted its annual women's fours event on Thursday, September 18. Sixteen teams from Ardrossan, Bute, Curramulka, Kadina, Maitland, Minlaton, Moonta, Paskeville, Port Hughes, Port Vincent, Stansbury,

Wallaroo and Yorketown attended, filling the green. After a close contest, Port Vincent's Merrilyn Lovelock, Julie Darling, Trish Baum and Lyn White claimed the tournament title with 81 points, just edging out Curramulka's

Cindy Thompson, Yvonne Dodd, Sue Short and Sandra Wescombe on 80. ABC life member Joy Kitto presented the tournament winners their prizes. Congratulations to Port Vincent

and well done to all clubs and players who took part in our tournament and made the day such a success. Also a big thank you to all our club members who helped on the day. A fantastic day of bowls.

S Davey



ARTHURTON FOURS... ABC life member Joy Kitto presents winners Merrilyn Lovelock, Julie Darling, Trish Baum and Lyn White from Port Vincent with their prizes.



ARTHURTON FOURS... ABC life member Joy Kitto congratulates the runners-up, Cindy Thompson, Yvonne Dodd, Sue Short and Sandra Wescombe from Curramulka.

# Yorke Peninsula harness racing news

Owned and bred by Tara-Shae Linke and trained by her brother Tyson Linke in Kadina, Coco Mia added another win to her record in the Raging Bull NZ @ Lauren Eggins Veterinary Services Pace (1800 metres) at Globe Derby on Saturday evening, September 20. Driver Wayne Hill guided the 6-year-old mare to victory, though he was far from satisfied with his own performance. "It was a shocker," Hill said, apologising to the Linkes despite steering Coco Mia to a narrow half-head win over Sunstar, with Euro Beat finishing third. After settling one-out, one-back, Hill elected to take the sprint lane, urging Coco Mia home in a grinding finish. "If I had stayed in the running line and come wide, she would have won easier," Hill said. "She didn't appreciate going inside and took a lot of driving to get there." Tyson Linke said it was the



GLOBE DERBY RACE 5... Driver Wayne Hill and horse Coco Mia cross the finish line in first place. Coco Mia is owned by Tara-Shae Linke and trained by Tyson Linke. PHOTO: Walter Bulyaga

first time in Coco Mia's 30-start career that she had used the sprint lane. "When Wayne went inside I wasn't sure how she'd handle it.

"She took some driving, but we got the right result." Looking ahead, Linke said Coco Mia's rising rating is making race placement tricky. "She has to either take on

open-class pacers or start from the back row in easier races," he said. "Perhaps we'll look at the upcoming cup races, drive her with a sit and see how she

finishes. "We've decided not to retire her for breeding yet — she'll have another year on the track."

Graham Fischer

# Cross Roads cush bowls

The end of the Cross Roads indoor cush bowls season is fast approaching, with the finals to start this week. In the last minor round games at the Moonta Uniting Church hall on Friday, September 19, only one game was close. Old Bags and Triple A's had a tight and entertaining game with top team Old Bags coming out on top 19-14. Cousin Jacks 19 defeated Rubies 6, who were without their captain. Cobalts had an easy two points with Swifties forfeiting. Unfortunately, it wasn't enough to scrape Cobalts into the four, but they certainly had an excellent second half of the season. Mascots gave Roulettes a les-

son with all Mascots players performing well to win convincingly 22-9. Mascots only missed the four by one point and the way they have played their past few games would've given those top teams a scare. Final premiership points tally: Old Bags 34, Rubies 29, Cousin Jacks 27, Roulettes 22, Mascots 21, Cobalts 16, Swifties 12, Triple A's 7. Finals will be played on September 26, 7pm start. Old Bags will take on Rubies and, on the other mat, Cousin Jacks will meet Roulettes. After a short break the winner of Cousin Jacks and Roulettes will meet the loser of Old Bags and Rubies; Phillip Shields and Ursula Langley are the umpires.

It would be nice to see everyone come Friday night to support the teams in the finals — let's make it a great atmosphere! The grand final will be played on October 2, 7pm start. The club's wind-up is on Friday evening, October 10, at the Royal Hotel, Moonta. Players are reminded to confirm their attendance to Kaylene. Good luck to all teams in the finals and hopefully we will see you all there!

K Osborn

**CUSH BOWLS...** Ivan Hayes, Elizabeth Kemp, John Osborn and Phillip Shields wait while Kaylene Osborn delivers a bowl.





# Season concludes at Port Victoria

A good field was brought together for the final round of the Port Victoria Golf Club winter season on the club's iconic links-style course, on Sunday, September 21.

The day's Ambrose carried a deeper purpose — honouring the #DoingItForJarrod initiative, a fundraising drive for Challenge supporting kids with cancer, held in memory of Australian professional golfer Jarrod Lyle.

Players embraced the call to don yellow, lighting up the course as much with their attire as their enthusiasm.

The competition was

fierce, with the winning team — Ben Groombridge, Maitland visitors Steve and Cooper McInnery, and Josh Heddle — carding an impressive 55.8 net.

They edged out runners-up Michael Hornby, Todd Schulte, Ian Sulley and club sponsor Graham Mattschoss from Halcyon Wines, who posted a commendable 58.4.

Mick Crkovnik and Ben Groombridge took nearest the pin honours on the no. 6 and no. 10 holes, respectively.

Power was rewarded too, as Cooper McInnery launched a drive "out of sight" to take the men's longest drive, while

Maitland's club champion Ketrice Hann claimed the women's longest drive title.

After the round, the clubhouse filled with members, supporters and visitors.

A hearty meal and warm conversation set the scene for recognition of the 2025 club champions: A grade Bill Williams, B grade Brett Milkins and C grade David Field.

Club legend Paul Schulz led members in a moment of remembrance for stalwart Peter Stone, whose presence and spirit shaped generations at the club.

Vale Peter.

I Sulley



**PORT VICTORIA CHAMPION...** Life member Denise Sly presents A grade champion Bill Williams with his award, with Paul Schulz.



**PORT VICTORIA CHAMPION...** C grade champion David Field (right) receives his award from Denise Sly and Paul Schulz.

# Yorketown golfers head north

Yorketown Golf Club members travelled to Copperclub at The Dunes Port Hughes for their annual end-of-season event on Sunday, September 21.

They contested the Brenton Cup and the first leg of the Dunetown Cup.

The day began with a light drizzle but ended under beautiful sunshine.

There was strong participation from both clubs, with 56 entries.

Not accustomed to playing on greens, Yorketown members found the conditions a bit challenging.

Shane Bishop won the Brenton Cup; he triumphed in a three-way countback against Clint Loechel and Henry Kielpinski, all on 31 pts.

The current Dunetown Cup scores are Copperclub 30.2 pts to YGC's 25.4. Let's hope we can turn it around on the sand scrapes in October.

Thank you to the Copperclub for hosting the day.

This week, the veterans will play at Wool Bay, featuring the championship.



**BRENTON CUP...** Shane Bishop won Yorketown Golf Club's Brenton Cup at Port Hughes on Sunday.

This Saturday, Yorketown players return for a normal round at home; check-in 11.30am, tee-off noon.

On Saturday, October 4

(long weekend), we will have our regular competition at the same times. Everyone is welcome to join us!

TFM



**MID NORTH CHAMPIONSHIPS...** Team Maitland competitors and supporters: Gary Thomson, John Will, Craig Brennan, Matthew Hicks, Ian Hicks, David Porter, Lynton Wakefield, Leon Taylor and Howard Linke. (Absent: Sheree Brennan and Jim Stock.)

# Interclub shooting competition at Minlaton

SYP Target Shooting Association hosted the 2025 Mid North Championships on Sunday, September 21.

The Minlaton-based club was well prepared with generators in full force early in the morning due to the scheduled power outage, so the targets were operating and the urn was boiling.

Teams from Balaklava, Blanchetown and Maitland turned up bright and early while unfortunately teams from Cookes Plains and Elizabeth were unable to attend.

The weather was cool with the usual wind and some light showers but this didn't dampen the enthusiasm of the 30 or so shooters who always love the annual catch-up with their like-minded competitors and friends.

Competition was hot during the morning, with shooters completing 50m pistol and rapid-fire events.



After all competitors and supporters had enjoyed a catered lunch, the centrefire and standard gun events were contested.

The Minlaton club put on a lavish afternoon tea and presentations concluded the day.

President Stewart Cook presented the trophy shields to the Maitland club for centrefire and 50m pistol, and to the Minlaton club for rapid-fire and standard gun.

Maitland also won the four-

**MID NORTH CHAMPIONSHIPS...** Maitland Pistol and Shooting Club captain Craig Brennan receives the four-match aggregate trophy from SYP Target Shooting Association president Stewart Cook.

match aggregate trophy.

Top off-gun prizes went to David Chapman (Balaklava) for rapid-fire, centrefire and standard gun and to David Porter (Maitland) for 50m pistol.

This event has been running

since 1976, making next year its 50th anniversary — a significant milestone and a cause for celebration.

Mary Smith and David Porter  
Maitland Pistol and Shooting Club

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# Excitement building for the peninsula's biggest event

**Michelle Daw**  
JOURNALIST

THERE'S only a week to go before the start of the 2025 Yorke Peninsula Field Days — the region's biggest event — and the huge site at Paskeville is a hive of activity.

Volunteers and staff are busy preparing for the biennial event, to be held from Tuesday, September 30 to Thursday October 2.

To help find your way around, today's YP Country Times includes the 96-page official souvenir guide to the YP Field Days, including maps, programs, and information about exhibitors and the many free events and attractions on offer.

Just over 500 exhibitors will showcase their goods and services in categories covering all aspects of the grain industry, through to trucks, tractors and tools to general interest categories such as automobiles, arts and crafts, education, clothing, and general merchandise.

The Guest Speaker Centre will offer fashion shows and cooking demonstrations and appearances by children's author and literacy advocate Mem Fox, local novelist Tricia Stringer, and internationally recognised rose expert Gavin Woods.

Learn the story of wool in the Murray Allen Wool and Sheep Pavilion, where you will find shearing demonstrations, junior sheep and wool judging competitions, activities for younger children and wool fashion parades.

The Green Plains Track is a great way to discover family-friendly exhibitors, for a day of fun and exploration.

Children can collect exclusive giveaways at each of the 16 participating exhibitors, including the SES and SA Police.

Also participating will be the Yorke Peninsula Country Times at site 11 in the Grant Pavilion, where you will be able to buy next week's edition, pick up extra copies of the YPFD Official Guide or Yorke's Magazine, and see samples of commercial printing by YPCT Print.

A must-see on the Green Plains Track will be the Ag Learning Centre, coordinated by Kadina Memorial School and ag teachers from across the state, offering hands-on and virtual reality experiences to spark interest in future careers in agriculture.

The youngest visitors to the field days can enjoy the all-new Little Farmers Zone, where they can connect and play through activities such as earning a "tractor" licence, digging for fresh potatoes, milling their own grain from local wheat, or throwing a fleece like a roustabout in a shearing shed.

Other free attractions with a strong rural flavour will include demonstrations by the YP Blacksmiths and Lost Skills Association, a tractor pull run by Munderoo Progress Association, displays at the Malv Haynes Vintage Machinery Centre, and even a rare 1909 steam traction engine, which will slowly move into action to reach a top speed of 5 kilometres an hour.

Some of Australia's much admired working dogs and their handlers will test their skills in daily trials by putting three sheep through a series of obstacles within 15 minutes.

Tickets to the field days can be bought online for \$22 per adult for one day and \$5 for children; tickets will also be available at the event, via cash or credit card, for \$25 per adult for one day and \$5 for children.

People are encouraged to buy online to save lining up at the gates. For ticket sales, go to [www.ypfielddays.com.au](http://www.ypfielddays.com.au).



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# Annual Hart Field Day attracts big crowd

MORE than 600 farmers, researchers, industry representatives and students converged on the Hart field site near Blyth on Tuesday, September 16, for the annual Hart Field Day.

Hart Field-Site Group chair, Snowtown farmer Glen “Chip” Wilkinson said the event provided an excellent opportunity for people in the grain industry to see and hear about the latest agronomy trials, and gather with like-minded people.

“The general attitude for the day was just fantastic,” he said.

“After the season we had last year, I think people are keen to get off the farm and see what the rest of the state has got on offer, and they’re very aware that they need the social interaction.”

Mr Wilkinson acknowledged that, while not all areas of South Australia had received rain, growers across most of the local area were cautiously optimistic about the upcoming harvest.

“It could go anywhere from here this season, we’re not out of the woods, but if it’s going to turn out alright, we’ve got everything we need so far,” he said.

“I’ve stated we still need 50 millimetres of rain, and I’ll stick by that.

“But we’ll certainly get a harvest

this year, the headers will run for the better part of the Mid North or the Hart catchment area, that’s nearly a given now.

“There’s a lot of things going in our favour, as long as it stays cool and the weather keeps moving, it looks like we’re going to be okay.”

Visitors packed into 20 rolling sessions across the trial site, with researchers and industry experts sharing updates and answering questions, while static displays provided further insights.

Good weather for the event was a welcome relief after the hot and windy weather on Monday, September 18, when the site was being set up.

“To back it up with the full-day field day on Tuesday, I know it did take a lot out of people and we’re just really grateful for their work,” Mr Wilkinson said.

Growers won’t have to wait long to have another look at the Hart trial site, with the Spring Twilight Walk scheduled for 5pm on Tuesday, October 21.

“It’s a great chance to see how the trials are faring about a month down the track — right on the dawn of harvest,” Mr Wilkinson said.

For more information, go to [hartfieldsite.org.au](http://hartfieldsite.org.au).



**LOOK SEE... Luke Marshall, of Katanning, Western Australia, with Jack Weckert and Pieter Steyn, of Barunga Grains, Bute, at the Hart Field Day. Left: TRIAL SHOWCASE... A crowd converges on a trial plot for one of the rolling sessions at the annual Hart Field Day.**  
PHOTOS: Gabrielle Hall



**THREATS... Agronomist Steven Tilbrook says two of the greatest risks to Australian grain markets are weed seed contamination and chemical residues.**  
PHOTO: CBH Group

## Kill weeds and stay below residue limits

AUSTRALIAN farmers must remain vigilant to ensure grain is produced within chemical residue limits, CBH Group agronomist Steven Tilbrook says.

He said Australia had an excellent reputation for producing clean, nutritious grain, with up to 65 per cent of the 47 million tonnes produced each year being exported.

However, weed seed contamination and chemical residues remain the two biggest risks to export markets.

“Farmers are doing a great job on both fronts,” Mr Tilbrook said.

“As new products and use patterns come to market, it is important that growers and agronomists continue to follow label requirements to avoid residue issues in grain for human or animal consumption.

“When grain is residue-free, marketers can access more markets and often attract premium prices.”

Testing for residues occurs at multiple points in the supply chain, with equipment sensitive enough to detect 0.01 milligrams per kilogram — about 10 grains of wheat in a 50-tonne truckload.

Every chemical registered for use in Australia has a maximum residue limit (MRL), but those limits may differ from importing countries.

“Adhering to herbicide label instructions and avoiding spray drift is the best way to minimise the risk of contamination and having a load rejected overseas, which could cause extensive damage to the industry,” Mr Tilbrook said.

Labels now include specific residue management restraints in addition to directions for use.

He encouraged growers to adopt the WeedSmart Big 6 integrated weed management framework to keep weed numbers low and make

it easier to deliver grain with low or nil residues.

As an example, Mr Tilbrook pointed to the European Union’s decision to halve the MRL for haloxyfop in canola.

While most canola delivered to CBH in Western Australia was meeting the national standard, some loads would have exceeded the EU requirement. CBH advised growers to adjust their practices, such as limiting haloxyfop use, reducing application rates, and applying only at the two-leaf stage.

By the time the new standard took effect, all stocks in the supply chain were compliant.

In another case, the EU MRL for paraquat in lupins is one-fiftieth of the Australian limit.

Paraquat can be an effective seed sterilisation tool, but Mr Tilbrook urged growers to use it only when necessary and with care to avoid yield impacts and residue breaches.

He said applying paraquat at higher rates or too early to target weeds could raise the risk of exceeding the EU MRL and reduce lupin yields. If wild radish was present, alternative herbicide options should be considered.

He also advised avoiding paraquat spray drift onto nearby canola crops, particularly in spring, and ensuring sprayers are thoroughly cleaned after use.

When paraquat is used as a harvest aid, he recommended applying the lowest label rate and delaying application until 80 per cent leaf drop to protect yield and keep residue levels within the EU MRL.

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**BULK BUY...** Volume buyer at the annual Jandebrey White Suffolks sale, Roger Johns (right), of Tiparra, with stud co-proprietor Tania Stock, Julian Burke from Nutrien Ag, Harrison Stock from Jandebrey and Tony Clark from Wardle Co.

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# Full clearance and solid average at Jandebrey

Michelle Daw  
JOURNALIST

JANDEBREY White Suffolks stud achieved full clearance of all 56 rams at its annual sale last week and an average price of \$998, despite tough seasonal conditions.

The sale was held on September 17 at Maitland Showgrounds and attracted 17 registered buyers.

The top-priced ram was bought for \$1500 by Malcolm Redding from Redding Family Trading.

The impressively large ram was a late May 2024 drop sired by Wingamin 20/2707, purchased by Jandebrey proprietors Geoff and Tania Stock at the 2021 on-property sale

at Wingamin White Suffolks, Karoonda.

“He is a big, roomy ram and well grown,” Mr Redding said.

“I have been buying Jandebrey rams for 15 years — they are good value buying.”

Volume buyer of the sale was Roger Johns of ST Johns and Sons, Tiparra, who took away a dozen rams, despite not registering as a buyer initially.

“I didn’t intend to buy today, but the rams presented so well, we decided to buy some,” he said.

The rams will go to Glendinning Station, north of Hamilton, Victoria, where Mr Johns’s son Nick produces prime lambs.

“We have run White

Suffolks as terminal sires in the past, then we brought in Dorsets,” he said.

“We don’t have any White Suffolks at the moment but we have decided to try them again.”

Jandebrey co-proprietor Tania Stock said she and her husband Geoff were very pleased with the sale result.

“We had a full clearance and a solid average price,” she said.

“We presented an even line-up of rams throughout the sale and the prices reflect that.

“Coming off a dry year, that’s a really pleasing result.

“Obviously, there are people in the lamb business who are still confident about lamb prices.”



**TOP RAM...** With the top-priced ram sold at the annual Jandebrey White Suffolks sale are Harrison Stock from Jandebrey, buyer Malcolm Redding, Julian Burke from Nutrien Ag, Tony Clark from Wardle Co, and stud proprietors Tania and Geoff Stock.

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# Highest ever average at Anna Villa

**Michelle Daw**  
JOURNALIST

ANNA Villa White Suffolks at Weetulta achieved an average price of \$1242 — its highest ever — at its 63rd annual on-property ram sale on Friday, September 19.

The top priced price ram sold for \$2600 to Wayne and Samuel Young, of River Park Farming, who run about 4000 Merino crossbreds at Butlers Bridge, south of Port Pirie.

The Young family have been customers of the stud for more than 10 years and Samuel said they chose the ram for its impressive size, conformation and growth rates.

The May 2024 drop ram was the heaviest of the 88 rams up for sale, weighing in at 137.5 kilograms and measuring in the top 5 per cent of 2025 Lambplan figures for weaning weight and in the top 10 per cent for post weaning weight.

The biggest volume buyer was Kuruman Pastoral

Company of Bowmans, which took home a dozen rams.

All but three of the 88 rams penned sold at auction.

Anthony and Suzanne Ferguson donated the sale proceeds from one of their Anna Villa rams to the Royal Flying Doctor Service and Heartkids.

The donation was made in recognition of the care provided by Heartkids to their granddaughter, Madeline Litchfield, who had two major heart operations as a newborn, and the services provided by RFDS to other family members.

The charity ram was bought by Clements Farming Group, Narridy, for \$1800.

Mr Ferguson said the sale went exceptionally well and had attracted some new clients from beyond Yorke Peninsula, as well as those on the peninsula who had not bought rams for the past two years.

“It went beyond our expectations because with the

limited numbers of sheep on Yorke Peninsula, we didn’t know how we would go,” he said.

“I think having a smaller number of rams in the shed and a better-quality line-up probably made a big difference because there was not a ‘tail’ that we’ve had other years.”

Mr Ferguson said there had been a dramatic fall in flock numbers around Australia because of the drought and trend towards cropping only.

The resulting lack of supply meant current strong lamb prices looked set to continue.

The National Trade Lamb Indicator shows lamb prices are 1150 cents/kilogram for mid-September, compared with just under 850c/kg at the same time in 2024 and under 450c/kg in 2023.

“Anybody who has managed to stay in sheep and keep their ewe numbers up will make money out of lambs over the coming two to three years,” Mr Ferguson said.



**SALE TOPPER...** Anthony Ferguson of Anna Villa White Suffolks (second left) holds the top-priced ram at the stud’s annual sale. With him are Daniel Hill from Nutrien Hill Livestock, buyers Wayne and Samuel Young, and Matt Ward from Elders Yorke Peninsula.



**GOOD CAUSE...** Anna Villa White Suffolks donated the proceeds from the sale of this ram to the Royal Flying Doctor Service and HeartKids. With stud proprietor Anthony Ferguson (second left) and Daniel Hill from Nutrien Hill Livestock (who purchased the charity ram on behalf of Clements Farming Group, Narridy) are Anthony’s grandchildren Fletcher Kubisch, former Heartkids patient Madeline Litchfield and Liam Kubisch.

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“Set on a generous 1023-square-metre block, the property provides ample room for future extensions if desired,” Len says.

“The extensive shedding — four bays with a concrete floor — is fitted with solar panels, battery storage and rain-water tanks to help reduce utility bills.”

The property will be offered via online auction at 7pm on Tuesday, October 8, with opening bids starting at \$830,000.

An open inspection will be held from 2.30pm to 3.15pm on Sunday, September 28.



### FEATURE PROPERTY

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We're looking to secure our coaches for the 2026 season. Coaching positions for all grades for football and netball are open.

Each coach will work closely with the football and netball committees and possess the following qualities and skills.

- Knowledge of consistent and best practice coaching policies
- Manage the on-field/court performance and wellbeing of our players while also providing strong leadership
- Understand, abide by, implement and monitor the Club Code of Conduct for coaches and players.
- Outstanding leadership, communication and interpersonal skills
- Lead a healthy, thriving, inclusive club culture

#### How to apply:

If you're keen, we'd love to hear from you.

Apply now with your CV and covering letter addressing the above selection criteria to; Wendy Ault (Secretary) at [southerneaglesfnc@gmail.com](mailto:southerneaglesfnc@gmail.com).

Enquiries can be directed to Jack Barlow (President) on 0430 490 900

Playing and non-playing coaches will be considered for the roles.

## Positions Vacant



### Coaching Positions 2026

#### Football

A Grade, B Grade and Senior Colts

#### Netball

All Senior Grades

We have vacancies for coaches for the above football and netball teams for the 2026 season.

We are looking for coaches who will invest in the development of players and create a culture of excellence and high expectations.

#### You will have:

- A passion for coaching/teaching and mentoring with strong communication skills
- Demonstrated leadership skills
- A sound understanding of modern trends and game styles
- Commitment to, and experience in, player welfare and wellbeing

Expressions of interest and applications addressing above criteria can be sent to: [kadinafootballclub@bigpond.com](mailto:kadinafootballclub@bigpond.com) by Friday, 3rd October, 2025.

#### For further information contact:

Football president, Tim Neumann, 0419 828 306

Netball president, Taylor Chalker, 0408 318 511



### Wallaroo Football Club Inc Coaching Positions Season 2026

Wallaroo Football Club is seeking candidates for the following coaching position for the 2026 season. Under 9s, 11s, Junior Colts, Seniors Colts, B Grade and A Grade.

High regard is given to successful candidates who possess the following.

- Be passionate, reliable, respectful and promote our club at every opportunity
- A willingness to foster relationships with the playing group, especially our young players moving into senior footy
- Work closely with management committee and other coaches with a common goal
- A club-first approach, we are all in this together

Enquiries and applications can be sent to [admin@wallaroorfc.com.au](mailto:admin@wallaroorfc.com.au)  
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Closing Sunday, 28th September, 2025.

### MAITLAND SHOW SOCIETY

The Maitland Show Committee is looking for a community-minded person with computer and organizational skills to join our team as our new show secretary.

Together our aim is to arrange a fun-filled local event where people of all ages come together to showcase all that our region has to offer.

If you would like to be involved, please contact us for a chance to share how we can work together to see this come about.

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Northern YP	Northern YP	Central YP	Southern YP
<b>Rotary Market</b> <b>Saturday</b> <b>27th September</b> <b>8.30am-12.30pm</b> Victoria Square Kadina Help Rotary to help our community	YP VETERANS AND COMMUNITY CENTRE, KADINA <b>Dinner Dance</b> <b>Friday</b> <b>3rd October</b> <b>6pm-10pm</b> Music by Making Tracks Bookings appreciated <b>Vicki 0415 569 796</b>	PRICE PROGRESS ASSOC INC <b>AGM</b> <b>Wednesday</b> <b>15th October</b> <b>7.30pm</b> Community Club Parnell Terrace, Price ALL WELCOME <b>Enquiries: Karen</b> <b>0408 804 467</b> <b>priceprogress@gmail.com</b>	YORKETOWN GOLF CLUB <b>AGM</b> <b>Monday</b> <b>13th October</b> <b>7.30pm</b> Yorketown Golf Club All community members welcome
WALLAROO COMMUNITY SPORTS CLUB <b>AGM</b> <b>Sunday</b> <b>28th September</b> <b>10am</b> at WCSC 2a Cornish Terrace Wallaroo Vacancies to be filled: President, Secretary and Events Coordinator <b>Nominations and enquiries to:</b> <b>Mark Miller, Secretary</b> <b>markmiller@live.com.au</b> All members welcome	KULPARA PRIMARY SCHOOL <b>25 Year Time Capsule Opening</b> <b>Sunday</b> <b>5th October</b> <b>1pm</b> Time Capsule opening 1.30pm Kulpara Memorial Hall Light afternoon tea supplied	MAITLAND HEALTH CENTRE INC <b>AGM</b> <b>Monday</b> <b>20th October</b> <b>7pm</b> 69 Robert Street Maitland Board positions available ALL WELCOME	SOUTHERN EAGLES FOOTBALL & NETBALL CLUB <b>AGM</b> <b>Tuesday</b> <b>14th October</b> Yorketown RSL Club Netball Club 6pm Football Club 7pm Committee positions vacant <b>Nominations and enquiries to:</b> <b>Wendy Ault, Secretary</b> <b>southerneaglesfnc@gmail.com</b>

Public Notice

ARDROSSAN PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Wednesday, 29th October, at 7pm

Ardrossan Small Hall

Nominations for committee members close 24th October, 2025

If you want to make a contribution to Ardrossan, nominate to be voted onto the Ardrossan Progress Committee

Nomination forms are available from Margie Gaisford in the Ardrossan Information Centre or by request from:

**Margie Gaisford, 0419 322 188**  
**progress@ardrossan.sa.au**  
**PO Box 44, Ardrossan SA 5571**



CENTRAL YORKE FOOTBALL CLUB INC.

**AGM**

**Tuesday**  
**21st October**  
**7pm**

Central Yorke Football Club, Rogers Terrace, Maitland

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# HOME Garden & LIFESTYLE GUIDE

**Bookings close Friday**

## The Spring Home, Garden & Lifestyle Guide lift-out will be published in the Yorke Peninsula Country Times 30th September edition, during the school holidays

Covering topics including purchasing property, holiday rentals and building services, as well as home, yard, outdoor entertaining and interior design projects, the Spring Home, Garden & Lifestyle Guide will have a focus on projects around the garden.

Spring is the perfect season for those yard and garden projects, so what better time to advertise your services and help people make their outdoor lifestyle and landscaping dreams a reality – as well as take advantage of the influx of visitors on YP?

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# Entertainment

## What's been Trending

**OPTUS OUTAGE:** Three people died and hundreds of emergency calls failed during an Optus Triple Zero (000) outage. In South Australia, a 68-year-old Queenstown woman and an eight-week-old Gawler West baby died, but SAPOL has said the latter death was unlikely to have been caused by the outage.

**PALESTINE:** Australia has formally recognised Palestine as a sovereign state, joining the UK and Canada, and more than 150 other nations. The recognition is conditional on Hamas not governing, Palestine recognising Israel's right to exist, and commitments to elections and governance reform.

**FREE SPEECH:** Former Washington Post columnist Karen Attiah says she was fired over posts on gun violence and racial inequality after US conservative activist Charlie Kirk's death. Jimmy Kimmel's show was suspended for his commentary on the assassination, while an SA Police officer is under investigation for a related social media post.

## 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](mailto:editorial@ypct.com.au), post to PO Box 246, Kadina SA 5554, or drop in to 31 Goyder Street, Kadina.

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27**  
**Seventh Day Adventist**  
Kadina (Port Road):  
10am-11am,  
bible study;  
11.30am-12.45pm,  
worship service; Faith  
FM Christian Radio  
87.6FM.

**Catholic**  
Walleroo: 6pm.  
Edithburgh: 6pm.

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28**  
**Salvation Army**  
Kadina (Copper Coast):  
10.30am.

**CRC Churches International**  
Moonta: 10am,  
[www.lmmchurch.com.au](http://www.lmmchurch.com.au).

**Crosslink Christian Network**  
Kadina: 10am,  
10 Pannan Street,  
[www.hopechapel.com.au](http://www.hopechapel.com.au).

**Baptist**  
Walleroo: 10am,  
[www.facebook.com/CopperCoastBaptistChurch](http://www.facebook.com/CopperCoastBaptistChurch).

**Catholic**  
Kadina: 6pm.  
Maitland: 11am.  
Moonta: 8.30am.  
Port Broughton: 10.30am.  
Warooka: 8.45am.

**Anglican**  
Edithburgh: 9.30am, HC.  
Kadina: 10am, MP.  
Minlaton: 9.30am, MP, Robert.

**Lutheran**  
Kadina: 9.30am, HC.  
Maitland: 9am, HC.  
South Kilkeran: 11am, HC.  
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**Uniting**  
Ardrossan: 10am.  
Curramulka: 9.30am.

Edithburgh: 9.30am.  
Kadina: 9am.  
Maitland: 10.30am.  
Minlaton: 10am.  
Moonta: 9.30am.  
Moonta Mines: 11am.  
Port Vincent: 10am.  
Price: 9.30am.  
Stansbury: At Warooka.  
Walleroo: 10.30am.  
Warooka: 11am.  
Weetulta: 9am.

**Church of Christ**  
Kadina: 10.30am.

**Community Church**  
Stansbury: 10.30am.

**Gospel Church**  
Minlaton: 10am,  
33 Main Street,  
[gospelchurchminlaton.com](http://gospelchurchminlaton.com).

**Australian Christian Churches**  
Kadina: 10am,  
[www.facebook.com/FuturesChurchCopperCoast](http://www.facebook.com/FuturesChurchCopperCoast).  
Ardrossan: 2pm,  
Light Church.  
Minlaton: 10am,  
Eternity Chapel,  
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, SEPTEMBER 29**  
**Catholic**  
Kadina: 9.30am.

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30**  
**Catholic**  
Moonta: 9.30am.

## Starscopes

**♈ ARIES—March 21-April 20**  
You can be a shade too independent now. If you don't share your problems, you can feel all alone. Mysterious news on the weekend may be stranger than you think.

**♉ TAURUS—April 21-May 22**  
Concentrate on new things and try to promote yourself. For the unattached, it's a marvellous time to develop new relationships. In fact, joint ventures of all types are favoured.

**♊ GEMINI—May 23-June 21**  
It's a little easy for tempers to start flying, so keep your own in check and stay out of any fray, at work or at home. There are good opportunities this week to make extra money.

**♋ CANCER—June 22-July 22**  
The focus this week is on home entertainment and recreation. A financial dilemma is solved more easily than you could have guessed. Avoid risks on the weekend.

**♌ LEO—July 23-August 22**  
Your sense of humour brightens everyone's week. Peculiar happenings make the weekend offbeat. Financial gains may be likely Thursday, Friday. Friends can be a little touchy now.

**♍ VIRGO—August 23-September 22**  
Friendship and sharing are the themes this week. You may have some anxieties over a goal that seems elusive. The weekend may turn out to be very unpredictable. Diet, health and your physique may require attention.

**♎ LIBRA—September 23-October 22**  
You are in an aggressive mood, but try not to come on too strong with loved ones. Good bargains are in the offering, so make the rounds of flea markets and those bargains online.

**♏ SCORPIO—October 23-November 21**  
This is a sociable week, as old friends introduce you to their acquaintances. You could find yourself in the limelight near the weekend. You may find yourself rather absentminded Thursday, Friday.

**♐ SAGITTARIUS—November 22-December 22**  
Diet and fitness are the current themes. You may find yourself at home alone. Relax by potting plants, not by baking brownies. A surprise on the weekend shakes you out of the doldrums.

**♑ CAPRICORN—December 23-January 20**  
You are bursting with energy and emotion and the week has an almost electric feeling. Share your interests with youngsters now because you are a wonderful source of inspiration.

**♒ AQUARIUS—January 21-February 19**  
This week seems to be lacking continuity. You are involved in financial matters, but then your attentions turn to romantic concerns. The simplest plans can now become too complex.

**♓ PISCES—February 20-March 20**  
You may have to justify a few recent expenditures. Make sure you have ample documentation. It seems a race is on to complete a number of jobs. You win but you are exhausted.

**BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK**  
The good news: You are kind and sensitive, with a potent imagination. The bad news: You are touchy and easily flattered. Use your imagination in creative enterprises and the praise you receive will be honest and wonderful. Success is practically on your doorstep.

## Sudoku

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

**HOW TO SOLVE SUDOKU!**  
Fill the grid so every row and every 3x3 square contains the digits 1-9

Solution No. 1900								
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4	5	8	7	1	6	9	3	2
9	6	3	8	2	4	5	7	1
8	1	2	4	7	9	3	6	5
3	4	5	2	6	1	7	8	9
6	7	9	3	5	8	2	1	4

# Entertain Us

by Austinn Lane

## AFL's night of nights

LAST night (Monday), the AFL held its Brownlow Medal count, recognising the league's best and fairest player.

As an avid AFL fan, I enjoy tuning in each year to see which players poll surprise votes, and which miss out despite strong performances.

The Brownlow night also celebrates other season awards, including Mark and Goal of the Year, the Rising Star award, and the Jim Stynes Community Leadership Award, given to the player making the biggest impact off the field.

This year, Western Bulldogs forward Sam Darcy won Mark of the Year while Gold Coast captain Noah Anderson claimed Goal of the Year.

Brisbane Lions defender Harris Andrews won the Jim Stynes Community Award for his work with Beyond DV, supporting people affected by domestic and family violence.

The count itself was dominated by Gold Coast star midfielder Matt Rowell, who surged to an early lead with 20 votes in the first nine rounds, including six best-on-ground performances.

He went on to finish with 39 votes, seven clear of runner-up Collingwood midfielder Nick Daicos. As always, attention also turned to the red



carpet, with viewers weighing in on the fashion of the night.

Mardi Dangerfield was a standout in a green dress alongside husband Geelong midfielder Patrick Dangerfield.

Arlette Amor, partner of favourite Daicos, wore a look styled by Lana Wilkinson, fresh from New York Fashion Week.

Charli Wheeler wore a dress made of grey feathers, attending with her partner, Gold Coast Suns captain Noah Anderson.

Geelong midfielder Bailey Smith, already a headline-maker in 2025, drew more attention by wearing sunglasses on the red carpet.

## #Throwback

This day in history

**September 23, 1846:** Astronomer Johann Gottfried Galle became the first person to observe the planet Neptune, the existence of which had been mathematically predicted by John Couch Adams and Urbain-Jean-Joseph Le Verrier, in September 1845 and June 1846, respectively.

**September 23, 1980:** Jamaican musician Bob Marley, especially known for popularising reggae, performed his last concert in Pennsylvania. He died of cancer the following year.

**September 23, 1993:** The International Olympic Committee selected Sydney to be the site of the 2000 Summer Olympics.

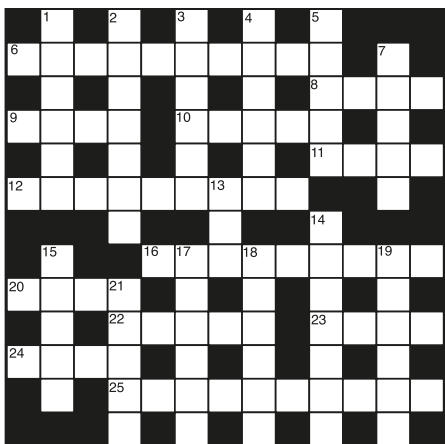


**SOCIALMEDIA**  
*Spotlight*

does anyone know if we have first amendment tomorrow

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## Crossword



- Across**
6. Olympic swimmer of 7. Island (Sydney Harbour) the 60's (4,6)
8. Just (4)
9. Unattractive (4)
10. Well founded (5)
11. Blunders (4)
12. Impoverished (9)
16. Plenty (9)
20. Weakling (4)
22. Bedclothes (5)
23. Drizzle (4)
24. Ballet costume (4)
25. Desert (10)
- No. 2158**
13. Flightless bird (3)
14. Vegetables (7)
15. Less (5)
17. Twaddle (6)
18. Number (6)
19. Customer (6)
21. Luxurious (5)

- Down**
1. Bargain (6)
2. Enduring (7)
3. Nonsense (6)
4. Hymns (6)
5. Wear away (5)

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Deaths

**FERRES, Raeleen.**  
Passed away peacefully on Friday, 12th September, 2025, aged 76 years, after a long, very brave battle with leukemia.

Dearly loved and loving wife of Graham (deceased) and Trevor (deceased).

Adored mum and mother-in-law to Kerry and Gavin, Andrew (deceased), Gregory (deceased), Vanessa and Tony.

Special nana to Luke, Shanille and Ethan, Kasey, Tyler, Ashleigh and Zac.

Loving great-nana to Mackenzie and Xavier, Max, Aliya and Ellie, Azaliyah.

Privately cremated.

A special thanks to all of the staff at Estia Health Kadina and Wallaroo Hospital.

Your life was a blessing to us all.  
May your beautiful soul rest in peace.

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Deaths

**KENNETT, Keith Nathan.**  
Passed away 15th September, 2025, aged 91 years.

Husband of the late Yvonne.

Father to David, Gaynor, Roger and Tim, and their families.

Beloved Grampy and Great-Grampy.

Awaiting the Resurrection.

Privately buried.

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**PALMER, Charmaine Daphne.**  
Passed away peacefully on 13th September, 2025, at Ardrossan Seaview, aged 94 years.

Loved Mother and Mother-in-law of Malcolm (deceased), Lindsay and Lesley.

Adored Gran to James and Sarah, Sam, and Olivia.  
Loving Great-Gran to Lachlan and Lilly.

*So dearly loved,  
so sadly missed.*

Deaths

**SCHULZ, Roma Ella.**  
Late of Port Victoria and The Village, Maitland.

Born in Laura 18th April, 1925.

Passed away peacefully in The Village, Maitland on 21st September, 2025, aged 100 years, 5 months.

Loved and loving wife of Hedley (deceased) for 66½ years.

Loved mother and mother-in-law of Lyall and Cynthia; grandma and great-grandma of Scott and Nicola, Callum and Lucas; Brett; Luke; Tim and Jacki, Cooper and Harvey.

Loved mother and mother-in-law of Greg and Meredith; grandma and great-grandma of Dylan and Jess, Riley, Archie and Oscar; Jane and Phil Hannemann, Jesse, Ethan and Jack; Erin and Brett Copeland, Judah, Charis (deceased), Eli and Hope.

Loved mother and mother-in-law of Christine and Ken McDermott; grandma and great-grandma of Christopher and Rhiannon, and Ronan.

*Continued...*

Deaths

*Continued...*  
**SCHULZ, Roma Ella.**  
Loved by her siblings and their families, Harold Klemm (deceased), Margaret Scholz (deceased), and Helen Zwar.

Special acknowledgement and appreciation to the staff of The Village, Maitland, for their care and compassion, and the residents who have been part of Roma's extended family for the past (nearly) three years.

Now at peace in God's care.

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**STONE, Peter Crawford.**  
29-3-1939 - 16-9-2025  
Cherished husband and soulmate to Carlene (deceased).

Much-loved Dad and respected father-in-law of Wendy and David, Lynette and Chris, Andrew and Caz, Sonya and Richard (deceased) and Scott.

Treasured Papa and Pop to 11 wonderful grandchildren and their partners, and adored Old Pop to 5.5 great-grandchildren.

*Keep your hat on and remember your name!*

Memorial Services

**STONE.** The family and friends of the late Mr Peter Crawford Stone are warmly invited to attend his memorial service to be held at the Port Victoria Bowling Club on Monday, 29th September, 2025, commencing at 11am.

For those unable to attend you are invited to join us via the live stream link, <https://bit.ly/PCStone>

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**SPARKS.**  
Malcolm and Margaret thank the SES for their assistance with storm damage at North Beach on the evening of 29th August, 2025, due to storm damage.



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
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**GARAGE SALE:** Saturday, 27th September, 8am-1pm, at Kadina Girl Guide Hall, Lane 6, opp McDonald's drive through. Variety for everyone, plenty of bargains, all welcome. Thanks for your \$504.50 support to RFDS.

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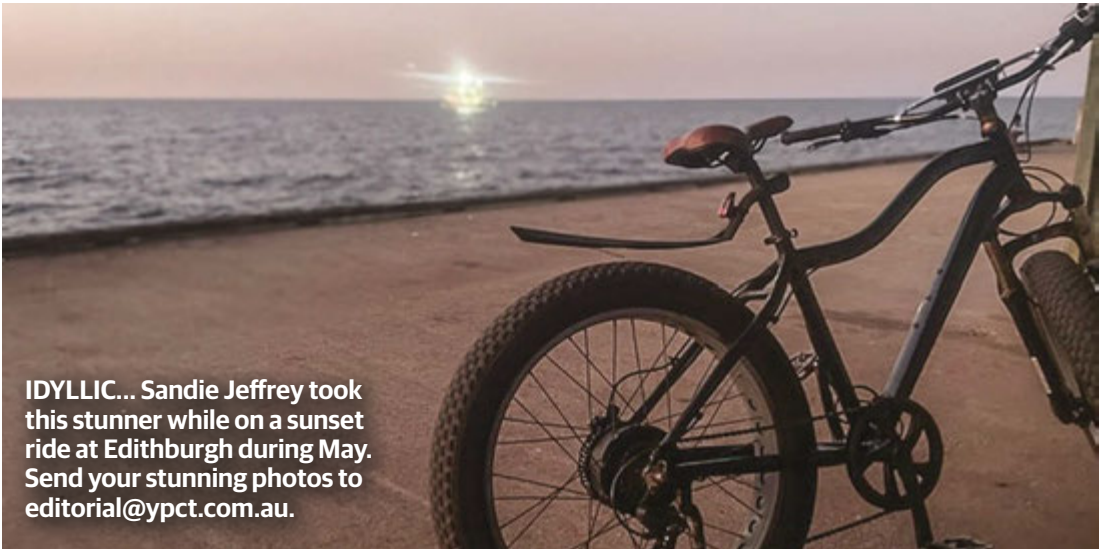


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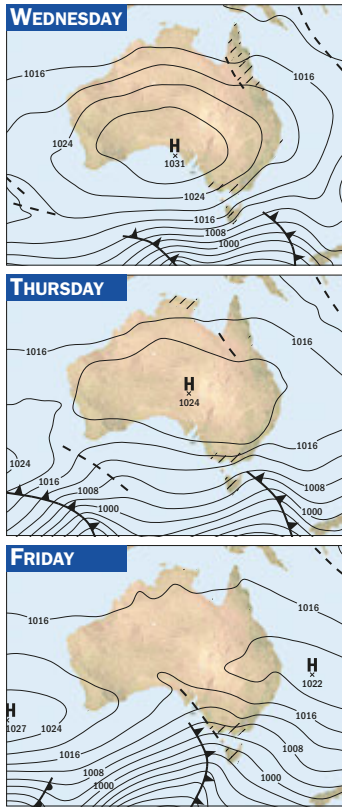
# Information



IDYLLIC... Sandie Jeffrey took this stunner while on a sunset ride at Edithburgh during May. Send your stunning photos to [editorial@ypct.com.au](mailto:editorial@ypct.com.au).

Weather forecast issued at noon, September 23, 2025

Supplied by Bureau of Meteorology



**STATE**  
**Wednesday:** Dry apart from isolated light showers about southern coastal districts. Cold at first with isolated frost about the agricultural area and possible fog in the west. Maximum temperatures near average. West to southwesterly winds about the agricultural area but southwest to southeasterly winds elsewhere. **Thursday:** Dry apart from isolated showers about southern coastal districts. Possible early fog and frost about Eyre Peninsula. Maximum temperatures above average. Winds becoming west to northwesterly. **Friday:** Dry apart from isolated showers about southern coastal districts. Maximum temperatures above average. Northwest to northerly winds ahead of a southwesterly change moving over the west and south. Outlook: Isolated showers about southern coastal districts at first, increasing and extending over agricultural areas and into the south of the Pastoral districts later in the period. Maximum temperatures remaining above average across the north, grading to near average for southern coastal districts. Northwest to southwesterly winds, with southwesterly winds freshening and extending throughout early next week.

**YORKE PENINSULA DISTRICT**  
**Wednesday:** Partly cloudy. The chance of morning fog in the north. Winds west to southwesterly 15 to 20 km/h becoming light in the late afternoon. **Thursday:** Partly cloudy. The chance of morning fog in the north. Winds north to northwesterly 15 to 20 km/h tending west to northwesterly 15 to 25 km/h during the day. **Friday:** Mostly sunny. Winds northwesterly 20 to 30 km/h shifting south to southwesterly 15 to 25 km/h during the afternoon.

**SPENCER GULF**  
**Wednesday:** Winds: Southwesterly 10 to 15 knots tending southeast to southwesterly in the middle of the day then becoming variable about 10 knots in the evening. Seas: Around 1 metre. Swell: South to southwesterly around 1 metre, increasing to 1 to 2 metres south of Cowell to Wallaroo. Weather: Partly cloudy. **Thursday:** Winds: West to northwesterly 10 to 15 knots. Seas: Below 1 metre. Swell: South to southwesterly around 1 metre, increasing to 1 to 2 metres south of Cowell to Wallaroo. Weather: Partly cloudy.

**GULF ST VINCENT**  
**Wednesday:** Winds: Southwesterly 10 to 15 knots becoming variable about 10 knots in the middle of the day. Seas: Below 1 metre. Swell: West to southwesterly below 0.5 metres. Weather: Partly cloudy. **Thursday:** Winds: Northwesterly 10 to 15 knots. Seas: Below 1 metre. Swell: South-east to southwesterly below 1 metre. Weather: Partly cloudy.

## WEATHER

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### Kadina

**WEDNESDAY** ▼7° ▲19° Mostly cloudy  
**THURSDAY** ▼6° ▲22° Mostly cloudy  
**FRIDAY** ▼9° ▲25° Mostly sunny  
**SATURDAY** ▼7° ▲19° Fog then sunny  
**SUNDAY** ▼5° ▲19° Possible shower  
**MONDAY** ▼8° ▲19° Late shoer

### Maitland

**WEDNESDAY** ▼9° ▲18° Mostly cloudy  
**THURSDAY** ▼9° ▲21° Mostly cloudy  
**FRIDAY** ▼12° ▲23° Mostly sunny  
**SATURDAY** ▼8° ▲18° Mostly sunny  
**SUNDAY** ▼7° ▲19° Possible shower  
**MONDAY** ▼9° ▲18° Showers

### Warooka

**WEDNESDAY** ▼12° ▲17° Mostly cloudy  
**THURSDAY** ▼11° ▲18° Mostly cloudy  
**FRIDAY** ▼14° ▲19° Mostly sunny  
**SATURDAY** ▼9° ▲16° Mostly sunny  
**SUNDAY** ▼10° ▲15° Possible shower  
**MONDAY** ▼11° ▲17° Showers

## 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 16, 2025, to 9am Tuesday, September 23, 2025. Issued mainly by the Bureau of Meorology South Australian Regional Office, and from some other statistics.

	WEEKLY TOTAL	SEPTEMBER TOTAL	2025 TOTAL	SEPTEMBER AVERAGE	ANNUAL AVERAGE
Arthurton	3.0	4.0	218.0	52.3	475.5
Bute	4.8	36.2	200.1	40.7	393.2
Curramulka	0.0	0.0	44.0	44.2	423.6
Edithburgh	6.0	15.2	256.4	41.8	383.2
Kadina	3.8	57.4	205.8	31.2	319.2
Maitland	8.2	42.6	266.3	48.9	502.3
Minlaton	6.3	25.8	299.3	42.9	427.1
Moonta	0.0	26.2	184.5	36.1	369.2
Paskeville	3.2	27.2	187.2	40.1	386.6
Pine Point	1.8	15.0	237.2	37.5	373.1
Port Broughton	0.0	21.6	127.8	35.9	349.1
Port Victoria	3.8	21.2	212.4	37.0	379.1
Port Vincent	2.8	10.6	191.1	38.3	359.4
Price	2.0	14.3	124.9	32.3	325.2
Snowtown	1.4	23.8	213.0	37.0	367.2
Stansbury	2.2	15.3	216.0	43.2	403.0
Stenhouse Bay	3.8	26.8	351.4	44.9	451.0
Wallaroo	3.6	66.8	207.0	34.5	356.8
Warooka	4.0	11.0	239.0	45.4	442.5
Yorke town	5.0	27.8	238.8	43.6	416.6

## TIDE TIMES

### Port Adelaide (Outer Harbor)

Time	m	Time	m	Time	m
23	0507 2.41	26	0602 2.59	29	0023 0.54
	1114 0.36		1222 0.44		0658 2.46
TU	1714 2.38	FR	1809 2.10	MO	1322 0.72
	2314 0.38		2356 0.46		1854 1.80
24	0521 2.51	27	0622 2.57	30	0037 0.62
	1134 0.34		1243 0.52		0718 2.33
WE	1731 2.31	SA	1826 2.00	TU	1345 0.89
	2327 0.38				1904 1.62
25	0541 2.57	28	0009 0.50	1	0043 0.77
	1158 0.37		0640 2.53		0737 2.10
TH	1751 2.22	SU	1302 0.61	WE	1409 1.17
	2341 0.41		1840 1.90		1833 1.40

### Wallaroo

Time	m	Time	m	Time	m
23	0527 1.42	26	0005 0.59	29	0009 0.65
	1149 0.50		0626 1.64		0746 1.60
TU	1740 1.37	FR	1313 0.57	MO	2310 0.65
	2348 0.59		1831 1.09		
24	0545 1.53	27	0011 0.60	30	0815 1.54
	1216 0.49		0651 1.65		2200 0.59
WE	1758 1.29	SA	1347 0.64	TU	
	2357 0.59		1848 0.97		
25	0605 1.60	28	0014 0.63	1	0843 1.45
	1243 0.52		0718 1.64		2202 0.52
TH	1814 1.20	SU	1434 0.71	WE	
			1903 0.85		

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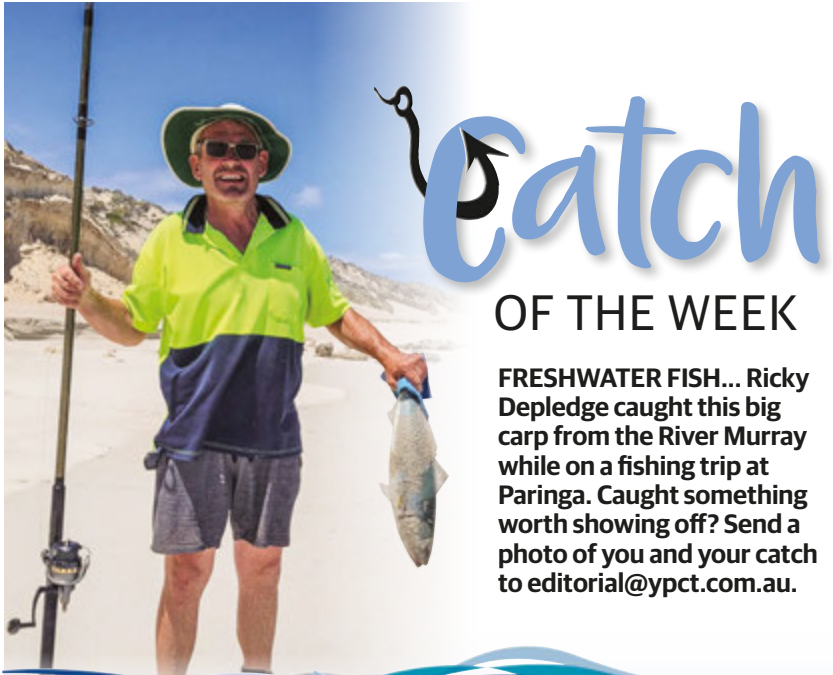
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## HOT FISHING TIPS

with Greg James [www.gregjamesfishing.com.au](http://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](mailto:greg@gregjamesfishing.com.au).

**Wallaroo:** Jetty-based anglers picked up a couple of small squid and salmon trout before the strong northerlies set in last week, with light showers on Sunday. Gar and sprat tommy ruff (Australian herring) are north of Point Riley, and legal-size King George whiting are reported at the Ballast grounds.

**Moonta Bay/Port Hughes:** Squid made a very welcome return to local waters, especially when the winds turned west around the 10-12 knot mark. Blue swimmer crabs are yet to appear as fishers adopt a wait-and-see attitude regarding the ongoing algal bloom. Whiting catches remained slow but steady from the clear, deep-water drops off Cape Elizabeth.

**Port Victoria/Point Turton:** The Balgowan, Port Victoria and Hardwicke Bay grounds are producing KG whiting in the late afternoon with last week's very high tides. Fresh, soft squid is the bait of choice, and a berley bomb is recommended. Small leatherjackets and early trumpeters are also active. Local jetty and shore-based fishing remains slow. Garfish are off Point Souttar and The Pines.

**Stenhouse Bay/Marion Bay:** Big salmon (4kg-5kg) are being caught from Wanna and Sleaford beaches at Port Lincoln, and these fish are expected to move into the bottom end soon. Beaches with a sandy, deep drop-off from shore are the best starting point. Browns and Richards beaches hold salmon trout, while boat crews heading out for red nannygai, KG whiting and big flathead.

Tight lines and see you next week!





**SANFL UNDER 18...** Mitchell Harris takes a great defensive mark for Woodville-West Torrens against Sturt, earlier this month. Harris has been selected for this year's elite AFL National Futures Boys match.  
PHOTO: Peter Argent

## Harris joins top SANFL talent for MCG showcase



**Peter Argent**  
REPORT BY

KADINA footballer Mitchell Harris has been selected to play in the under 17 AFL National Futures Boys match at the Melbourne Cricket Ground on AFL grand final day this Saturday, September 27.

The match will feature two teams comprising the most talented U17 players from across the nation.

Players selected for this match are considered prospects for the 2026 AFL Draft, although future selection is not guaranteed.

Harris's call-up came yesterday (Monday, September 22).

"It is very exciting news, I'm stoked," Harris told the YP Country Times.

"I received a message on my phone from AFL national talent manager Tarkyn Lockyer telling me to give him a call after my classes.

"When I rang him back, he gave me the good news."

The 194cm, 82kg Yorke Peninsula product has played primarily as a marking defender this season.

"It has been a consistent season, especially the back half of the year from a personal perspective," Harris said.

"Back at Kadina I played through the midfield, but since I've been in town I've played in defence for both the Eagles and Prince Alfred College."

Harris is currently in year 11 at Prince Alfred College and preparing for exams in week six of next term.

The AFL Futures squad will gather for a two-day camp in Melbourne from Friday, September 26, with the match to be played at 9.35am on grand final day.

Players were nominated by state talent programs, national selectors and AFL club recruiters. Some participants will go on to be selected for the 2026 AFL National Academy.

Past SANFL representatives in the Futures match include Tom Luck (Central Yorke) and Kade Herbert (Bute), who played in the 2023 edition before the AFL grand final between Collingwood and Brisbane.

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