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TO YORKE PENINSULA







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Southern Yorke Peninsula Basketball Association

## SYP BREAKERS READY FOR 2025

Austinn Lane  
JOURNALIST

With just three days until tip-off this Friday, the Southern Yorke Peninsula Basketball Association is set for another exciting season.

Association secretary Lindsay McCulloch said a strong number of teams will be fielded across all grades.

“We have a great representation of teams this year,” McCulloch said.

“Once again, our A grade men’s competition looks strong and should be close, which is always a positive,” he said.

“In the women’s competition over the past few years, there have been two strong sides, and they look to be strong again this season.”

The association has revamped its by-laws.

“We did it mostly to make it easier and give players flexibility to move up and down grades and divisions in the season,” McCulloch said

“It won’t affect play at all.”

One of the association’s goals is to improve interactions between players and umpires, following a few incidents last season.

The association has several new umpires, who have gained their certificates through the SA Country Basketball course.

SYPBA is introducing court supervisors, who will assist the umpires and officials in controlling the players and crowds during games.

“Right now, we have not finished organising or locked in any charity rounds so far, but we are working hard to lock those in soon,” McCulloch said.



**SYPBA A MEN... Mavrik Harper-Zerna, Curramulka, eyes the basket as he leaps to shoot a layup, defended by Shem Crawford, Western United.**

The association once again plans to send teams to the St Clair Christmas carnival, the Starplex January long weekend carnival and the SA Country Championships, held on three weekends towards the end of

the season.

The new Under 10 competition and training will introduce young players to basketball and encourage children to play summer sports, McCulloch said.



**YVBA A MEN... Kye McDonald, Kadina, leaps to attempt a dunk as Wallaroo’s Luke Russel attempts to block the shot.**

Yorke Valley Basketball Association

## YVBA SEASON STARTS STRONG

Austinn Lane  
JOURNALIST

The Yorke Valley Basketball Association season began last week, with 116 teams set to hit the court each round across junior and senior competitions.

Senior games tipped off on Friday night, October 10, while junior competitions started on Monday, following the October school holidays.

YVBA secretary Karen White said an A women’s competition had returned this season.

Last season there was only a se-

nior women’s competition, so having an A grade returning this year was a great boost for female participation in the sport, White said.

The A women will feature five teams, as will the A men and C men, while the B men competition has eight teams.

“Our junior competition is looking very strong again, which is always a good thing to see junior involvement in the sport,” White said.

“Our Under 14 and U16 comps will be in a pool until Christmas, which is the first nine rounds.

“They will then be split into di-

visions I and II for the second half of the season.”

The U10 program has once again proven popular in 2025-26, with 10 boys’ teams and seven girls’ teams filling the courts each week.

YVBA will host its annual Yorkers Carnival on February 21 and 22, one of the last carnivals before the Basketball SA Country Championships on the March long weekend.

“Overall, It will be a great season, the competitions should all be strong and we can’t wait to see what the season holds,” White said.

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Lower Yorke Peninsula Cricket Association

## LYP CRICKET LOOKS SET FOR CLOSE SEASON

Austinn Lane  
JOURNALIST

The Lower Yorke Peninsula Cricket Association season began on Saturday, marking the start of what promises to be an exciting summer of cricket featuring plenty of local talent.

This year's A grade competition includes nine teams, delivering 18 rounds of action-packed matches, with four games scheduled each weekend.

LYPCA president Bradley Twartz said there was a strong focus on junior competitions this season and ensuring they continued to thrive.

"We hope the junior competitions stay successful and hold numbers in the season and maintain participation," Twartz said.



"We have five teams in each junior grade, with Eastern District getting together teams for both senior and junior colts, which is amazing to see."

Twartz said the season was shaping up to be closely contested, with plenty of star players spread across the teams.

"Stansbury will be up there again, they are a good side.

"Eastern District is a young team and can have a good crack and make finals.

"Most the teams will be around the mark, the league is great and competitive.

"This year we really want to promote participation and enjoyment in our association across all our grades."

He said the smaller towns each had teams, and their close proximity made game days more enjoyable for everyone involved.

"Towns like Minlaton and Curramulka are close together so it's something to look forward to, you tend to play the same guys each season.

"It creates a social aspect to the weekend too."

The season grand final will be played on the March long weekend.

**LYPCA A GRADE...**  
**Matthew Barlow and Cale Elefsen, Yorketown, had a 263-run partnership against Corny Point on February 1 with both players making a century.**

Yorke Peninsula Cricket Association

## YPCA LOOKING STRONG

Austinn Lane  
JOURNALIST

The YP Cricket Association 2025-26 A grade men's season got underway on Saturday, October 11, marking the start of a great season ahead.

Association president Nathan Wright said, although there was a decrease in A grade numbers, the standard was still high.

"We have had a reduction in teams unfortunately, due to numbers in the smaller towns, but the standard will still be high across both senior grades, it should be promising and exciting," Wright said.

"All teams look strong this year.

"Coming off a premiership,

Paskeville/Boors Plains looks the side to beat right now, while the other four teams (Kadina, Moonta, Wallaroo and Arthurton-Weetulta) are all on that next rung to compete."

The B grade competition starts this weekend and has seven teams, with Ardrossan, Bute and Port Broughton-Mundoora joining Paskeville/Boors Plains, Wallaroo, Kadina and Moonta.

Two LYPCA v YPCA association matches are scheduled this season, creating a home-and-away feel and adding a more competitive edge to the rivalry.

"The senior colts will remain playing on Tuesdays after school this year," Wright said.

"They have five teams and they will get underway on October 21.

"The junior colts will start on Saturday morning, before the B grade games get underway.

"The junior colts competition is more of a way to learn the game for our younger players and keep them interested."

Wright said it is not too late for clubs to nominate junior colts teams and encouraged anyone interested in playing to contact their local club.

In a first, the YPCA will run a girls' program later in the season, with the hope of gaining enough interest for the association to take a team to Adelaide to compete in the Country Carnival early next year.

For more information on the girls' program, contact Nathan Wright.



YPCA A GRADE... Luke James, Paskeville/Boors Plains, about to catch a throw as Moonta's Josh Ritter makes his ground for a run in one of last season's semifinals.

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**NYP LITTLE ATHLETICS...**  
Little Athletes line up for their shot at long jump.

Northern Yorke Peninsula Little Athletics

## LITTLE ATHS WARM UP FOR BIG SEASON

**Austinn Lane**  
JOURNALIST

The Northern Yorke Peninsula Little Athletics Centre's new season starts on Friday with a big year planned.

With registrations still open, centre president Adonica Lee said athlete numbers were on track to rise again in 2025-26.

"We have had increases each year for the past few years, it will be great to continue that trend this year," Lee said.

"From messages and general in-

terest, I think we will have an increase," she said.

This season will again feature the YP Country Championships — a highlight for many young athletes.

However, it's yet to be confirmed whether the NYP centre will host the event as it has for the past two years.

"We are open to hosting and welcoming new athletes all the time," Lee said.

"There are two free come-and-try sessions, which can be used to see if the kids enjoy their time here before

signing up.

"We create a friendly atmosphere, the kids love making new friends and being outside, it's just a great place to be."

NYP Little Athletics Centre will have a Christmas break-up night on December 5, for all parents and athletes to attend to celebrate the early part of the season.

"We then will return with school on January 30, and go through until mid-March, where we will end our season before presentations two weeks later on the 27th."

Southern Yorke Peninsula Tennis Association

## NEW TEAM STRENGTHENS SYP TENNIS

**Austinn Lane**  
JOURNALIST

Southern Yorke Peninsula Tennis Association 2025-26 matches got underway on Saturday, with some exciting news being the highlight of the season ahead.

SYPTA secretary Josh Coombe said Maitland had joined the association, bringing a new challenge and strengthening the competition.

"Maitland joining will be a new look for the association," Coombe said.

"It will be great for the SYP teams to travel to Maitland for their home games.

"Our hope is, as a result of this season, some more Mid Yorke sides will filter

down into our competition in following years."

The competition will retain its five-team format from last season, with Maitland replacing one of the two Minlaton sides.

"Minlaton will still be a strong side this season and Yorketown, which won the competition last season, will also be strong.

"Curramulka is always at the top end, so it is shaping as a great competition."

The only rule change for the season is an amendment to the hot weather policy to help care for players.

The association is looking to submit teams into the January country championships, with teams yet to be finalised.



**SYPTA...** Michael Preedy, Minlaton Maroon, runs in to hit a forehand against Warooka.

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**MYPJTA... Caitlyn Tape, Maitland Panthers, stretches to hit a forehand shot against Sandilands Eagles.**

Mid YP Junior Tennis Association

## MID YORKE TURNS FOCUS TO JUNIORS

Austinn Lane  
JOURNALIST

The focus on mid Yorke Peninsula tennis has shifted to junior development, with Maitland fielding a senior team in the SYP Tennis Association for the first time this season.

However, a social tennis competition was held in Maitland on Friday to encourage community participation and keep locals involved in the sport.

Mid YP Junior Tennis Association president Jess Schultz said the competition had great numbers this season, with three clubs fielding nine teams.

Teams have been decreased to four players, allowing for greater depth.

“We are also bringing back our divisions I and II system, which we haven’t used for seven or eight seasons,” Schultz said.

Division II will serve as a beginner grade,

using what’s known as a green dot ball — a low-compression ball that’s easier to hit and ideal for developing players.

“The idea is to make the game easier and more enjoyable for people who are just beginning in tennis, and to introduce young players into the tennis scene.”

MYPJTA is also running its Red Ball Rumble for a second season, after introducing the program in 2024-25.

The six-week initiative begins this month and is designed for children aged 5 to 8, helping them get started in tennis from an early age.

“It is a highly modified program, with modified balls and court sizes, but it is a great introduction into tennis for the young players as it is our equivalent of Auskick,” Schultz said.

“Overall, our goal this season is to encourage people to get involved and to promote summer sports, which is a great way to meet people and keep fit in the warmer months.”

NYP Tennis Association

## NEW TEAM ENTERS NYP TENNIS COMP

Austinn Lane  
JOURNALIST

The NYP Tennis Association has carried strong player numbers into the 2025-26 season, with most competitors returning for another year.

While this is fantastic news for the association, it isn’t the best news it received in the offseason.

For the first time in years, Port Broughton coming back to compete in the NYPTA.

“They are bringing back some old players to give them a hand,

but we are over the moon they are joining us again in the NYP tennis for 2025-26,” association secretary Jane Whiteman said.

“It means we remain with 11 senior teams from 10 clubs, with Kadina dropping one of its senior sides for this season to help with numbers.”

The association hasn’t had any major rule changes, with only minor tweaks featuring preseason.

“A focus for this season is female participation at each club, just getting the female numbers up and encouraging young fe-

males to come and play as well,” Whiteman said.

The top two players in each team are particularly strong again this year — something both the association and spectators can look forward to in 2025-26.

“Ultimately, we’re looking forward to another great season of NYP tennis.

“Right now, we’re just hoping for mild weather — in some seasons we’ve lost up to four weeks due to heat or rain.”

The NYPTA finals will take place in March.



**NYPTA... Duncan Bussenschutt watches Cunliffe Blue teammate Matt Correll hit a volley at the net against Moonta.**



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Wallaroo Sailing Club

## WALLAROO SAILING TO HOST NATIONALS

Austinn Lane  
JOURNALIST

Wallaroo Sailing Club opened its 2025-26 season on Sunday, marking the start of an action-packed calendar, to be headlined by the Tasar state and national titles.

Rear Commodore Maria Carius said 20 to 25 members took part in the season opening, with many more social members helping make the club the place to be on a Sunday.

"We sail every Sunday at the club from about 1.45pm

and we will soon start up our Sunday trainings in the morning," Carius said.

"A highlight is the Friday dinners, lots of people come to the club and it makes for a great evening.

"This year, we are hosting the 51st Tasar Sailing National Championships, which will bring sailors from all around Australia to Wallaroo in January."

The Wallaroo Sailing Club will also hold the Tasar Sailing State Championships in November.

At the end of the 2024-

25 season, the club repainted its external walls, giving the building a brighter look and helping it stand out to passers-by.

The club encourages anyone interested in sailing to get involved, highlighting the many benefits the sport offers.

"If you're thinking about joining, come and see us," Carius said.

"It's a great sport, affordable, and we provide all the equipment you'll need.

"Drop in on a Friday night and have a chat with some of our members."



**TASAR HEATS...** Maria and David Woodforde give a wave as they prepare for the start of the first race of the Tasar state heats at Wallaroo earlier this year.

Port Vincent Sailing Club

## PORT VINCENT SAILING READY FOR BUSY SEASON AHEAD

Austinn Lane  
JOURNALIST

Port Vincent Sailing Club has a full calendar of events planned for the 2025-26 season, with the first races held on Sunday, October 12.

A key highlight will be the home regatta, the Vincent Classic, on the January long weekend, which is expected to attract a strong fleet of trailable boats from Adelaide and nearby regions.

"We will also host the Mosquito Catamarans state titles in March, which will attract boat crews from all around SA," secretary Greg Hackett said.

"Each year we support the King of the Gulf Regatta, which is mostly for large vessels.

The Regatta (February 11-12), will also attract interstate boats."

Ahead of the new season, the club completed major renovations to parts of its facilities.

"We've fully rebuilt the women's changerooms, and we'll hold a grand opening in a few weeks," Hackett said.

The club has also purchased a new rescue dinghy, which will improve safety and support more on-water activities.

"We've had a great off-season working at the club and we can't wait for the season ahead," Hackett said.

"We've put in a lot of work and we can't thank our volunteers enough."

The club does not expect the algal bloom to affect racing.



**VINCENT CLASSIC...** Amante, with spinnaker flying, skippered by Andrew Slater and crew Ian Dreckow and Andrew Litster, races at Port Vincent.

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SYPBA SATURDAY DIV I... Yorketown players Colleen Duncan, Harry Maas and Kimberley Rickard watch as Stansbury's Rob Natt gives his skipper instructions.

SYP Bowling Association

## SYP BOWLERS EAGER FOR BIG SEASON

Austinn Lane  
JOURNALIST

With five competitions and 500 players ready to have a roll in 2025-26, the Southern Yorke Peninsula Bowling Association is shaping to have another successful campaign.

Most competitions kicked off last week, with the women's Thursday and open Saturday matches getting underway.

The Wednesday (men's) competition is set to begin this week, timed to avoid a clash with the popular SYP Show on October 8.

Secretary Vanessa Germein said the SYPBA season would be shortened by Bowls SA events.

"We only have 16 rounds this season, to work in the Bowls SA events that we will take part in," she said.

"We will have our Blue Round in the first week of November, the same as the NYPBA."

Saturday games will start 30 minutes earlier with

the hope this will help avoid play during extreme heat.

"This year we are going to have a final on the Sunday too, just to change things up a bit," Germein said.

Port Victoria will host the SYPBA champs of champs matches.

Minlaton will host the annual SYP v NYP matches; the women's match is on Friday, November 7 and the men on Sunday, November 9.

From the interassociation games, the selectors will pick sides to represent Region 2 (Yorke Peninsula) for matches later in the season, including against Region 3 (Upper Northern).

As always, there will be a break for the holiday period, beginning in mid-December.

"Our Thursday competition will start their break from December 11, while our Saturday comp will be the same week, from December 13," Germein said.

"Our Wednesday comp will go one week later and finish on the 17th."

NYP Bowling Association

## NYP BOWLS READY FOR A NEW SEASON

Austinn Lane  
JOURNALIST

A popular sport on Yorke Peninsula, the NYP association summer lawn bowls season rolled off last week.

NYP Bowling Association secretary Bob Bradley said there had been an increase in teams in lower divisions, a great result for the competition.

"In our midweek Wednesday (men's) competition, we have Wallaroo Mines and Arthurton who have added sides for this season, and on Saturday (open competition) we have a few clubs entering two sides in lower divisions," he said.

Again, there is one division in the men's comp, while the

Thursday (women's) comp has two.

Saturday has three divisions, packing plenty of action into one day of bowls.

The first round in November will mark Blue Round across the NYPBA, raising funds to support the fight against prostate cancer. It forms part of a two-year rotation with Pink Round, which supports breast cancer research and awareness.

The association has implemented some rule changes to create another exciting season.

"We have made a change to Saturday's division II," Bradley said.

"Sides will play one round against each other, then we will split them into two sub-

divisions for the remainder of the season.

"Another change we made was to divisions II and III, is that they will have 21 ends in their matches this season."

One of the highlights of the bowls calendar is the annual Country Week held in February.

"The men's and women's Country Weeks are always a great event," Bradley said.

"There's strong competition and it's great to be involved."

There are also several round-robin state events scheduled throughout February.

All scores can be viewed on the Bowls Link app, and at [bowlssa.com.au/association-pennants/](http://bowlssa.com.au/association-pennants/).



NYPBA SATURDAY DIV II BROWN... Maitland's Cecelia Button, Catherine Hibbard, skipper Marie Burrows and Shannon Hamilton ponder the head against Moonta.

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