



2024 the year that was

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GREETINGS
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BUSINESSES PLUS A
SNAPSHOT
OF 2024



MOVIE MAGIC... Chad Coombe and Charliene Hans encourage locals to keep seeing movies on the big screen as lack of support threatens the future of Kadina Cinema.



SUNNYSIDE UP... Rupert and Jimmy Farley and George MacKenzie enjoy the sunshine at Moonta Bay, after Yorke Peninsula experienced the full gamut of weather, from record-breaking rains to sustained heat in some areas.

Readers' best friends

Furry reading companions had been supporting school students' learning. Each week during school terms, Story Dog volunteers spend a couple of hours encouraging students to read aloud to the dogs, boosting the children's confidence and literacy skills. The program, founded in 2009, had grown on Yorke Peninsula with more people taking up the call to lend their four-legged friends, and their time, to the cause.

Selected for SA Outbacks

Maitland and West Torrens leg spinner Mackenzie McCauley played for the South Australian Outbacks, the reigning champions, at the Australian Country Cricket Championships — Female Division. The carnival was played in Newcastle, New South Wales, January 4 to 10. It was the 19-year-old's interstate debut; SA finished fifth.

Holey moley!

Heavy rain opened a hole in Randolph Street, Port Hughes, exacerbating an ongoing stormwater management issue. A sinkhole appeared in the street after intense rainfall on Saturday, January 6, with records showing 18.4 millimetres of rain had fallen between 7.30am and 8.30am. The sinkhole appeared to be 1.2 metres long and 35 centimetres deep, and extended under the intact bitumen.

Million-dollar win

An Edithburgh dad didn't sleep a wink after discovering his million-dollar X Lotto win just before bedtime on December 27. The man held one of the four division one winning entries nationally in the Monday and Wednesday X Lotto draw 4351.

Time capsule uncovered

A time capsule was discovered inside a roadside monument on the Augusta Highway. The monument, built in 1988 to commemorate 100 years of the first Nantawarra Wesleyan Methodist Church, had to be shifted to allow for the Augusta Highway Duplication project. Originally sited just south of Hummocks Road, it was moved to Bumbunga Road, Nantawarra. The sealed capsule contained newspapers, coins, a letter and a list of congregation members.

Speed limit trial at Lochiel

A new 60km/h speed limit was trialled 800 metres along Augusta Highway, through Lochiel. It was hoped the reduced limit would improve road safety around the town's tourist hot spot, Lake Bumbunga. Lochiel Progress Association had repeatedly called for a speed reduction, especially after recent upgrades and new amenities were installed, including a viewing platform, toilets, playground, picnic area and car parking.



COOKED OUT... Fisherman Bay Progress Association chair George Blair-Nicholas and secretary Judy Coad take a break from catering duties at the Australia Day breakfast on the foreshore at Port Broughton.

Yalgiri back from extinction

A monitoring team, led by the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board, found yalgiri (also known as brush-tailed bettong) were thriving in Dhillba Guuranda-Innes National Park. Yalgiri had been extinct in the park for more than 100 years before the release of more than 190 there since 2021, which came from Western Australia and Wedge Island. Of the 143 yalgiri captured and released by the team, 82 had been born in the park.

Reprieve reeled in

Yorke Peninsula's commercial fishers won a reprieve in the industry's campaign against a steep increase in State Government fees. Primary Industries Minister Clare Scriven announced a \$1.55 million scheme over three years, to subsidise quota fees for licensed King George whiting, calamari, southern garfish and snapper fishers in Gulf St Vincent and Spencer Gulf. The Marine Fishers Association said the new fee structure would increase fees by more than 400 per cent, forcing fishers out of business.

Miracle escape

An 18-year-old P-plater was lucky to escape serious injury after a single vehicle rollover on Spencer Highway near Tickera at 7am on December 24. The Ford Ranger was extensively damaged when it crashed into trees and became airborne, coming to rest on the driver's side. The driver and sole occupant, a local man, sustained minor injuries and was taken to the Wallaroo Hospital before being flown to Adelaide.

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Wallaroo plan waved in

Copper Coast Council adopted the Wallaroo Foreshore Masterplan after a 12-month consultation and development process. Increased parking, improved pedestrian and cyclist access and green spaces were among ideas in the plan, which covered two zones. Zone one included more ocean viewpoints and safe swimming areas, erosion control and consolidated parking. In zone two, connectivity along Sailing Club Beach, stormwater management and enhancement of local heritage featured.

Free fish at festival

The 10th annual Gynburra festival was held at Port Victoria. The Gynburra fish, also known as butterfish or dusky morwong, has cultural significance for the Narungga. Festival director Garry Goldsmith said the two-day event attracted about 1000 visitors each day and, for the first time, free butterfish was on offer.

Dockside backdown

A Yorke Peninsula Council elected member criticised council's lack of progress on Port Vincent's Dockside development. Councillors opted not to pursue a reclassification of Lot 72 Marina Drive for carparking within the project for a second time, at council's meeting on January 17. Councillor, Dr Naomi Bittner said the decision not to reclassify Lot 72 flew in the face of council's tourism development objectives.



HONOUR... Dr Janine Mohamed (nee Milera), who grew up at Point Pearce and Maitland, the 2024 Australian of the Year for Victoria.

Inaugural Zac Clasohm T20 Cup

Port Victoria and Kadina Cricket Clubs celebrated the life of Zac Clasohm with a hotly contested twenty20 match. Zac, who played for Port Victoria, died in October, 2023.. As Zac's brother Josh played for Kadina, the two clubs will contest the cup each year. The inaugural event was held at Port Victoria and attended by Zac's family; the home team was victorious.

Fatal shark attack

A shark claimed the life of surfer Khai Cowley, 15, of Maslin Beach, who was attacked at Ethel Beach at about 1.30pm on December 28. He was surfing with his father when the tragedy unfolded. Surfer Tim Philip was hailed as a hero for his attempt to save the teenager.

Fury over fires

A 47-year-old man was fined for lighting a fire during fire danger season near Wallaroo Mines. Earlier in the day, Kadina police officers had spoken to people who had set up a camp in the area and Copper Coast Council representatives had served notice demanding the people remove their property. Police, supported by CFS and MFS crews, returned in the evening after one of the individuals lit a small fire.

Boaties not 'appy

Barunga West Council's six-month trial of EasyPark app-only payments for Port Broughton boat ramp fees was reviewed after complaints by angry boaties unable to use the app. Council considered the future of the app at a public information session. The trial, begun in September, was in response to persistent vandalism of permit machines, their high maintenance costs and the end of the 3G network.

Top return by Talbot

Kadina's Stephanie Talbot made a stunning return to the Women's National Basketball League for Adelaide Lightning against Canberra Capitals. It was Talbot's first game of competitive basketball in 11 months, since rupturing her ACL in a WNBL game. Talbot started on the bench but entered the contest almost four minutes in and had an immediate impact, helping Adelaide collect its sixth win of the season.

Great wall collapse

Yorke Peninsula Council unanimously voted to not proceed with a proposed coastal defence structure at Coobowie, after a Friends of Coobowie Foreshore petition, featuring 727 signatures, was presented. YPC had received a Coast Protection Board grant to design defence structures for Port Clinton, James Well, Pine Point and Coobowie. Many Coobowie locals disapproved of the design which they understood would stretch 12 metres from foreshore properties onto the beach.

Move for Marion Bay memorial

Marion Bay residents advocated for a memorial wall recognising former residents. A dedicated group cultivated significant support to potentially see the idea come to fruition. The wall would be erected on the corner of Nelson and Slow Streets. Local resident Sue Lloyd said the idea had been generated decades ago, as there was nothing in Marion Bay, or former communities inside Dhillba Guuranda-Innes National Park, to commemorate loved ones.



DANCE DREAMS... Minlaton's Edward Liebelt, about to head to a week-long dance intensive at the Victorian College of the Arts, Melbourne, while also raising funds for Beyond Dance – Beyond Blue.

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SCHOOL'S BACK... Everley, Jasper, Kaitlin and Jack, are all smiles on their first day at Central Yorke School, Maitland. More than 15 schools across Yorke Peninsula welcomed new and returning students.

CFS stalwart in Honours List

CFS Yorke Valley Group officer Andrew Cadd, of Agery, was honoured with an Australian Fire Service Medal in the Australia Day Honours List. Mr Cadd had volunteered with the CFS for 34 years, had demonstrated distinguished, exceptional service and commitment, the citation read. Roles held over this time included lieutenant, captain, group logistics officer and administration.

Lucy among SACE stars

Kadina Memorial School graduate Lucy Bussenschutt joined year 12 high achievers from across the state at Government House, Adelaide, for the annual SACE merit ceremonies. She was recognised for her work in Stage 2 Agricultural Systems after obtaining an A+ for the subject. Lucy accepted an offer with the University of Adelaide for a custom double degree, combining a Bachelor of Agricultural Science and a Bachelor of Marine and Wildlife Conservation.

Fees fight ramps up

RecFish SA called for the abolition of boat ramp fees, arguing that boat registration fees already covered ramp construction and maintenance. The organisation was to meet with Minister Tom Koutsantonis to propose that the Marine Facilities Fund fully fund ramp maintenance, currently a responsibility of councils (for most ramps) and the Department for Infrastructure and Transport.

Call for help

With only three members, Balgowan CFS called for community support. Brigade Second Lieutenant Ian Marschall said closure would have a huge impact. "Response times to an incident would be much greater because we would have to wait for volunteers from Maitland or Port Victoria, which are about 40 minutes away," he said. "In life-or-death situations, that is a very scary prospect."

Jetty funding at sea

The LGA's Value of Jetties report urged the State Government to assume greater responsibility for jetty maintenance. Yorke Peninsula Council budgeted \$200,000 annually to maintain the 12 state-owned jetties in its care, with the estimated \$16 million price tag for Edithburgh jetty repairs alone highlighting the inadequacy of the State Government's \$20m jetty maintenance fund.

School enters virtual reality

Ardrossan Area School entered a new realm of educational possibilities with the opening its virtual reality learning space. The school's Lumination Learning Lab smart classroom utilises virtual and augmented reality technology to create immersive learning experiences. The space has three virtual reality stations, each with a projector which streams the perspective of those operating the headsets, allowing students to collaborate.

End of an era for bayside hall

Fisherman Bay Progress Association sought an interim venue as the hall it had called home since 1964 had been listed for sale at \$275,000 by its owner, Fisherman's Bay Management Pty Ltd. FBM had notified FBPA in 2023 of its intention to sell the property at 37 Snook Road as part of the freeholding of the Fisherman Bay settlement.



I GOT THIS... Tyson Wapper competes in the high jump at the Little Athletics Yorke Peninsula Country Championships, hosted by NYP Little Athletics at Kadina Memorial School Oval.

Green light for upgrades

Key upgrades would soon begin on Wallaroo's eastern entrance roads. An agreement between Copper Coast Council and the State Government to upgrade a section of the Copper Coast Highway from Beare Road to East Terrace, and seven other main roads, had been approved at council's February meeting. However, a solution to the town's notorious five-way intersection would have to wait until at least 2026.

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RESPECT... Nharangga Aboriginal Progress Association chair Michael Wanganeen welcomed the decision by Barunga West Council to retain the Acknowledgement of Country at its monthly meetings.

RnB back at the 'Burgh

THE team behind the popular A Day at The 'Burgh festival was to bring an expanded Twilight Rhythm and Blues festival to Edithburgh on March 10. The free event at the tidal pool lawns would feature live music from Lily and The Drum, Cruiz'n Blues, Urban Cover, Rokustika and Race the Dawn. Event committee member John Weekley said it was hoped the festival would continue the trend of bigger events each year.

Reuther's third five-wicket haul

Coobowie quick James Reuther claimed five wickets for West Torrens for the third time during the 2023-24 season. He played a key role in the Eagles' win against top-of-the-table Glenelg in the round 8 SACA Men's First Grade Division I two-day match, helping his team to a 15-run win.

Cooking up milestones

Meals on Wheels SA Moonta branch celebrated 55 years of service. The kitchen opened in 1968 and meal production started in 1969. Kadina and Wallaroo branches opened in 1971, and the three merged in 2017, based in Moonta. The branch provides 80 meals a day to the Copper Coast. Longstanding member Faye Rose had recently been appointed to the only paid position, branch coordinator.

Port Vincent roads get the works

YORKE Peninsula Council made the entrances to holiday hotspot Port Vincent smoother and safer, with upgrades of Lime Kiln and Port Vincent Roads. Works included road shoulder stabilisation, bitumen resealing and drainage rectification, as a part of council's town rehabilitation program.

Seller's market

House prices on Yorke Peninsula continued their relentless rise since the Covid-19 pandemic, increasing by more than 10 per cent in the past year. Latest PropTrack figures revealed some area values on YP had jumped about 25 per cent in the past year, while some districts remained steady or had fallen slightly, averaging out at a 10.8 per cent rise across the region.

A tower of good work

Ardrossan craftsmen led the charge to save South Australia's endangered osprey. The local men's shed had received a commission to build four more osprey nesting towers, bringing its total to 15. Bird conservation groups expressed delight with the 7.5m and 8.5m towers already built and strategically placed across the state, including on Yorke Peninsula.



GIRL GROUP... Zoe Brown-Holten, Jada Narkle, Caleena Sansbury, Shana O'Brien and Jordan O'Davis perform the opening number at the on-Country preview of theatre show Guuranda in Dhillba Guuranda-Innes National Park. Narungga songwoman Sonya Rankine and songman Warren Milera were supported by the Narungga Family Choir to tell the Narungga people's creation stories. The show was to premiere at the Adelaide Festival.

Freak breeze hits Alehouse

Outdoor furniture on the deck of Wallaroo's Coopers Alehouse was tossed about by a freak whirlwind. General manager Carly King, who witnessed the event, said benches fell like dominoes, wine barrels overturned and broke, and most of the umbrellas were damaged. Nobody was hurt.

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SKYDIVING RECORD... SA Skydiving's Zack Rosser and Ariel White set a state record at North Beach. The pair completed the first Extreme Relative Work, or XRW, dive in South Australia, whereby a canopy jumper flies in formation with a wingsuit jumper at freefall speed of about 200km/h.

Securing Wallaroo Hospital

Wallaroo Hospital's full-time security measures were extended until May while an external review to determine future protocol was completed. Around-the-clock guards had been put in place in September 2023 for a six-month trial, after a violent incident. Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation SA branch chief executive Professor Elizabeth Dabars said she welcomed the review, stressing the importance of constantly engaging with local workers about their concerns, rather than taking a set and forget approach.

Road funding "not enough"

The State Government committed \$600,000 to patching damaged sections of the notorious Upper Yorke Road between Bute and Port Broughton. Member for Narungga Fraser Ellis said the funding was "not enough to do a proper job". The road's Kulpara to Maitland stretch received a one-star safety rating from the RAA in 2023.



INSPIDERED... A Davoren Park man completed a 190-kilometre trek on foot from Adelaide to Port Vincent dressed in a Spiderman costume to raise awareness and funds for a rare brain tumour. Rodney French, 57, was inspired to take on the challenge by his friend's son, Sam Scully, 8, of Andrews Farm, who had been diagnosed with diffuse intrinsic pontine glioma cancer.

Inaugural SA Voice to Parliament

Nominations were declared for the first South Australia's First Nations Voice to Parliament elections. There were 13 candidates for Yorke and Mid North, including Narungga Nation Aboriginal Corporation chief executive Doug Milera, who ran for Labor at the 2018 state election. Mr Milera said there was a long way to go to improve outcomes for his community. Joy Makepeace emerged as the successful candidate.

Wool Bay a national winner

The Wool Bay water tank and shed mural was announced the best rural art in the country at the 2023 Australian Street Art Awards. Painted and designed by Sam Brooks, Harley Hall, Mark Harding, Rachelle Plazeriano and Gary Nowlan, the mural features local flora and fauna, and Wool Bay's historical lime kiln, and traces the history of the town from its First Nations custodians through to European settlement.

Day of the outages

Several Wool Bay residents expressed their frustration over more than 30 momentary power outages on January 25, which reportedly damaged appliances, adding to a steady stream of blackouts for the small township over multiple years. Locals said between the power first going off around 12.30pm and being restored around 9.30pm that night, power flickered on for five to 15 seconds every 10 to 15 minutes before turning off again.

Scorcher of a weekend

Unseasonable temperatures in the 40s were recorded across the region during the Adelaide Cup long weekend. Edithburgh broke its record March high with a top of 41.7 degrees Celsius. The not unprecedented, but unusual, forecast prompted a severe heatwave warning for Yorke Peninsula alongside much of South Australia and Victoria.

Minlaton OGs reunite

Minlaton District School's first students from 1954 returned to their old haunt to mark 70 years since the group set foot in what was then Minlaton High School. Old scholars returned from as far as Adelaide, Port Lincoln and Encounter Bay, with Stansbury's Rob Tonkin phoning each of his former peers to invite them.

Kudos for foster carers

Uniting Country SA celebrated the generosity of Margie and Gary Ferrett, who retired from being foster carers after 30 years. The couple adopted two children and went on to care for 107 children in SA and 200 in the NT. Margie, 67, and Gary, 71, recalled two young girls excited about the smell of fresh bedsheets as a powerful moment for them as foster parents.



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Road funding to fix it real good

Tens of millions of dollars was announced for upgrades to Upper Yorke Road, following a determined five-year campaign by locals. State Minister for Regional Roads Geoff Brock said the 35 kilometre section between Kulpara and Arthurlton and a 25km stretch between Port Broughton and Bute would be improved to at least a three-star safety rating. Sunnyvale farmer Simon Westbrook said he hoped the improvements would make the road less fatiguing to negotiate.

Rowan Ramsey calling it quits

After six election victories, 17 years in government and countless hours driving around Australia's third-biggest electorate, Member for Grey Rowan Ramsey announced he would retire at the next election. Mr Ramsey said he still had unwavering enthusiasm for the job but was ready for the next chapter of his life.



PURE JOY... Bute Early Learning and Primary School student Hazel tackles the monkey bars with dad Jeff Carroll and sister Georgina at the official opening of the school's new playground. Gleeful squeals rang out as students broke in the equipment, designed to challenge their capabilities as they grow.

Maitland Vinnies rededicated

After relocating across Robert Street in mid-2023, the Maitland Vinnies centre was officially rededicated by Archbishop Patrick O'Regan DD from the Archdiocese of Adelaide. More than 30 people attended. Uncle Ian Harradine from Wurrtoo Cultural Services delivered the Welcome to Country and led a smoking ceremony. Narungga MP Fraser Ellis and Vinnies SA CEO Eveyln O'Loughlin also spoke, highlighting the vital role Vinnies played in supporting the local community.

Don't touch the dolphin

Concerned members of the public called on local and state governments to stop people interfering with a lone dolphin, nicknamed Eric, which had been seen along the Port Broughton foreshore. National Parks and Wildlife Service conservation ecologist for Yorke Peninsula and the Mid North Matthew Heard said frequent and close interactions with humans put dolphins at risk, as it discouraged them from following their natural behaviour.

Verdict due in July

The trial of Narungga MP Fraser Ellis, charged with 23 counts of deception related to alleged misuse of the Country Members Allowance, neared its conclusion. Magistrate Simon Smart was expected to deliver a verdict in July, following closing arguments from the prosecution and defence. The prosecution alleged Mr Ellis made 78 false claims totalling \$18,000, while the defence attributed the claims to honest mistakes and flaws in the claiming system.

Bagging the big fish

National big fish records were firmly in the sights of junior spearfishing champion Dakoyta Hopgood-Davis, 14. Dakoyta equalled an open national record with a 1.95 kilogram rock flathead she caught in the Yorke Peninsula Classic competition. She was the first junior and first female to win the title. "My favourite thing is being able to catch my own food and not have to buy it," she said.

Curry Speed Shear

The 2024 Hanson Curramulka Speed Shear drew in another big crowd, as some of the best shearers descended on southern Yorke Peninsula to compete. Open category winner was Lindsay Meaney from Kapunda with a time of 22.65 seconds, runner-up was New Zealand's Whanake Whare. Samantha Baxter, of Manoora, took home first prize in the women's division, intermediate winner was Yorketown local Daniel Micheltmore and Will Gearing won the veterans' category.

Sounds of the SYP

Southern Yorke Peninsula Community Hub hosted the inaugural SYP Sounds Youth Festival at the Yorketown RSL and Sports Club. The free event featured live music by local performers, tabletop and lawn games, mental health and wellbeing stalls, henna, collaborative art, group activities, market stalls and a chill-out space. Local counsellor Carlee Fowles said young people in the region had been crying out for more youth-focused things to do locally.



ROLL UP ROLL UP... On Saturday, March 16. Hundreds of adults and children came through the gates to enjoy all the fun of the fair.

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THE HEAT IS ON... Mary Abrey leaps towards the sandpit in the 70-plus age group long jump at the Copper Coast 2024 Masters Games. She was one of more than 1000 competitors to participate in the games, which were held in the region for the third year in a row.



DAY OUT... Cara McLaren and Talitha Ryan enjoy Port Broughton's annual Feast on the Foreshore on Good Friday. More than 2000 people attended the event, which featured food trucks, live music and lawn games, and the Easter Saturday Seaside Market was held the next day.



WINNERS... Zali Kerley and Mason Townsend from Port Broughton Area School celebrated the school's win at the Yorke Peninsula Secondary Schools Athletics Carnival with the YP Country Times Shield. It was the first time since 2021 the event was held in its entirety, uninterrupted by poor weather or COVID-19 restrictions.

Forecast: melted chocolate

Easter was unusually warm, with maximum temperatures in the 30s and high humidity across the peninsula. Edithburgh's top across the weekend was 27.4 on Saturday, March 30, while Minlaton hit 34.6 and Kadina 32.1 the same day. Relative humidity was also high with Edithburgh reaching 95 per cent at 9am on Saturday.

Port Hughes jetty in limbo

Funding negotiations for essential repairs to the Port Hughes jetty were continuing between Copper Coast Council and the South Australian Government. As part of the government's Jetties Renewal Program, council had been offered \$491,000 to fund jetty infrastructure repairs but was yet to formally accept the proffered amount. Council chief executive Dylan Strong said the matter had been held in confidence pending further discussion with the Department for Infrastructure and Transport.

Wallaroo Shores afloat

Construction officially recommenced at the \$42 million Wallaroo Shores resort, almost a year since Felmeri Homes, the previous builder appointed by project developer Monopoly Property Group, had been liquidated. The developer had engaged Edwardstown-based commercial construction company Tonkin Schultz Design Build in January and the company had now started work at the site. More than 25 individual stakeholders worked together to raise the additional \$25m required to restart the project after Felmeri's demise.

Wheelie good news

Yorke Progress Association announced plans for the development of a skate park on its Facebook page, along with a survey seeking community input on three proposed designs. "For about the past 30 years, I've been wanting to see something like it around the area, because there's always been a lack of that kind of thing for the kids," YPA member Craig Loechel said.

Millions for local jetties

Six Yorke Peninsula jetties earmarked for repairs were allocated a combined \$4.18 million from the South Australian Government's Jetties Renewal Program. Yorke Peninsula Council received \$197,000 for the repair of Port Vincent fisherman's jetty and \$3.5m for a piling program to potentially include Ardrossan, Port Victoria, Edithburgh and Stansbury jetties. Copper Coast Council was yet to formally accept \$491,000 for Port Hughes jetty.

Ardrossan Hospital closed

The Ardrossan Community Hospital board passed a resolution to formally close its accident and emergency and acute care services and surrender its private hospital licence. Remaining aged care services at the facility were set to operate under the name Ardrossan Seaview. The closure meant all patients, even those with private cover, would need to travel to Maitland, Wallaroo, Gawler or sometimes Adelaide to receive hospital treatment.

CCTV proposed for boat ramps

Copper Coast Council was considering installing CCTV cameras at the Wallaroo and Port Hughes boat launch sites. Councillor Brent Walker said he proposed the idea for compliance, safety and vandalism reasons. Infrastructure services director Tim Neumann said, apart from vandalism to ticket machines (which were removed from the sites last year, replaced by an online system), he was not aware of any reported incidents of criminal activity at the boat ramps.

Big night for Yorkes Emporium

Cars lined the streets around Moonta's Queen Square as hundreds attended the third Yorkes Emporium food festival. First held in 2019 as a private event by Taste the Yorke owner Jo Gibbons, the past two had been run by the Moonta and District Progress Association. Ms Gibbons, who was vice-chair of the association at the time of the event, spearheaded the planning but was unable to attend due to a broken ankle.

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Bid to cut road costs

Landowners would have to pay 50 per cent of costs for unprogrammed repairs to existing roads near their properties under a policy proposed by Barunga West Council. Fisherman Bay resident John Jones said the draft policy was "ridiculous". "People are suffering enough in these economic times — this draft policy is absurd," he said. "We already pay fuel tax, car registration, and council rates for governments to maintain infrastructure."

Hitting cancer for six

Excitement was at an all-time high on the final day of term 1 at Moonta Area School. MAS raised more than \$1300 for the Childhood Cancer Association via a staff versus student cricket match. "We currently have a younger student going through treatment at our school and we thought that it would be a great way to show our support," school captain Kloe said.

Snapper set loose

The release of a new batch of 20,000 young snapper attracted more than 50 interested onlookers to Black Point boat ramp during a chilly dawn. The snapper fingerlings release was part of a State Government program to help repopulate the fish in South Australian waters. State Primary Industries Minister Clare Scriven helped release some of the small fish from buckets, as did several children who braved the cold water.

Growing more than minds

Yorke town Area School installed an on-site hydroponic greenhouse from national food security and education program Food Ladder. The greenhouse was funded by a State Government food security grant of just under \$45,000, shared between YAS and Stirling North Primary School. While Food Ladder had more than 30 greenhouses in schools across Australia, the YAS greenhouse was one of the first for South Australia.

Olympic effort a stitch in time

A lovingly restored 1956 Melbourne Olympics silk scarf, which had stayed in Minlaton for three generations, was part of a new exhibition at the Jam Factory in Adelaide. The frayed and torn scarf, handed down as a family heirloom to Minlaton resident Heather Eldridge, was painstakingly put back together by textile artist Sera Waters for the University of South Australia's Transformative Repair exhibition.

Jamie Tape honoured

Woodville-West Torrens Football Club honoured former player, the late Jamie Tape, of Coobowie, by naming the player race at the club's upgraded facility in his honour. Tape (1974-2003) was a member of the inaugural WWT premiership team in 1993 and went on to play for Richmond and Collingwood. Members of the Tape family, including his mum and dad Kathy and Peter, were present to witness the race's unveiling.

Oakwood's outstanding result

Oakwood Red Poll cattle stud, Brentwood, had a great result at the 16th Southern Grassfed Carcase Competition presentations in Naracoorte. Alan and Marilyn Wilson, son Peter, and daughter-in-law Kristen, said they were thrilled to claim the prestigious grand champion carcase trophy from a field of close to 1600 entries. "Our win shows Yorke Peninsula is not only a top cereal-growing area but also produces some great beef," Alan said.

Lullaby to play in New York

A lullaby written by a Yorke Peninsula mother for parents across the world was selected to be performed in Carnegie Hall, New York. Katie Hughes, social worker at the Southern Yorke Peninsula Community Hub and group facilitator of New Mama Meet Up, was one of 20 residents who joined local artists to write songs for children as part of the Yorke Peninsula Lullaby Project late last year.

Vintage vehicles rule Saltwater Classic

Vintage boats, cars, motorbikes and caravans took centre stage in Stansbury and Port Vincent as fans flocked to the Yorke Peninsula Saltwater Classic. The event, which featured a wooden sailing boat regatta and vintage vehicle displays, had more than 10,000 hits on its Facebook page in one day as tourists researched what was going on at the start of the school holidays. An estimated 500 people enjoyed the festivities.

Bute win for people power

Bute residents had a major win in the battle over the future of the town's rest centre, with Barunga West Council voting to lease it to the local progress group. The association proposed to upgrade the centre and use it for a variety of purposes, including as a venue for meetings of local groups, NDIS therapy classes, Bute Men's Shed health checks and workshops, and for the Bute Veggie Swap Barrow.



FAREWELL, OUR MATE... Port Broughton RSL sub-branch members Alan Stead and Craig Borland remember World War II veteran, the late John Atkinson. Mr Atkinson, 98, died on the way to an Anzac Day dawn service after suffering a medical episode. He had featured on the front page of the YPCT just days before.



KICK IT... Annika Kengike enjoys training, alongside over 100 other players registered for the 2024 Yorke Peninsula Soccer Association. The process of player selections for the SAJSA state titles in June and country championships in Whyalla during September had begun, club secretary Marie White said.

Handbrake on YP roads

Banning trucks longer than 30 metres from driving at night was among a range of proposals from Yorke Peninsula Council as it sought to improve safety on its roads. Other possible measures for heavy vehicles outlined in its report included speed reductions to 30km/h, daylight-driving-only permits, and no permits to be issued during wet weather. The proposals were slammed by Grain Producers South Australia and the South Australian Road Transport Association.

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Mineshaft rescue

A 23-year-old Adelaide man was rescued after falling down a mineshaft at Hughes Enginehouse, Moonta Mines, while trying to save his adventurous dog. After four hours, emergency services pulled Alex Clark and his Staffordshire terrier cross from the eight metre drop, and Mr Clark was taken to hospital as a precaution.

Fund our roads

The YP Country Times launched a campaign to pressure all levels of government and industry to adequately fund Yorke Peninsula roads. The campaign was to feature stories highlighting the need for improved roads, including farmers and truck drivers' concerns, the State Opposition's call for increased state funding, and Narungga MP Fraser Ellis's advocacy for more local investment.

Narungga food a hit

Narungga chef Louisa Wilson delighted Adelaide diners with a four-course Tasting Australia feast showcasing Yorke Peninsula bush foods. The Moonta-raised chef created a menu highlighting the local ingredients at A Prayer for the Wild at Heart restaurant.

Housing hopes

Hundreds of homes were planned for farming land on Kadina's eastern edge following State Government rezoning. Lasopail, owner of the 28 hectare Daddow Court property since 1996, was preparing a development application with Mosel Surveyors for Copper Coast Council to approve.

Wool Bay petition

Wool Bay residents delivered a unanimous petition, signed by all 161 residents, to Yorke Peninsula Council demanding road safety improvements. The petition called for bitumen surfacing and verge maintenance, along with a new phone tower to address the town's lack of mobile service. Petition leader Grace Duthie said the non-existent phone coverage was a big challenge for the town.



RURAL CARE... Mary Carroll with daughters Georgina and Hazel, Tamara Gill, Bute Playgroup coordinator Imenka Gill, Veronica Trengove and daughter Alice utilise Bute's Rural Care Program.

Aurora Australis

A spectacular Aurora Australis, or Southern Lights, display lit up southern Australia's night sky. The vividly coloured natural display was the result of an extreme geomagnetic storm, the level of which had not been seen since 2003.

Auskick returned

Auskick's return boosted junior football participation on Yorke Peninsula, with Kadina, Wallaroo and Moonta among the clubs experiencing increased numbers. Statewide, the SANFL anticipated exceeding 2023's record of 63,892 junior and senior players. Kadina Football Club junior secretary Ian Monger expressed his delight at the rising participation and the children's development.



PINK ROUND... Michelle Venning and Brooke Morris from CY Cougars were among those across YPFL grounds who collected donations for the league's Pink Round. Inset: Paskeville G grade netballers Asta Secker, Zoe Meier and Indi Gardner wearing pink bibs and hair ribbons.



The end of the road

Close to a decade in the making, stage 2 of the North Coast Road upgrade neared completion, at \$400,000 under budget. The recent works on the road, which runs between Point Souttar and Point Turton, included about 1.8 kilometres of drainage and footpaths. The third and final stage of the road upgrade was due to start in December, but this would be subject to availability of grant funding.

Cougars' cry for courts

Central Yorke Netball Club needed \$350,000 to resurface its unsafe courts. Despite applying unsuccessfully for grants, the club has raised only \$2000, leading president Sam Holmes to suggest that country clubs were being overlooked by the government due to their towns' smaller populations.



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CELEBRATION... Wallaroo Swimming and Aquatic Committee's Julie Donnell, Chris Wall and Jan Paull, and Copper Coast Council chief executive Dylan Strong and mayor Roslyn Talbot and excited supporters celebrate funding for a new Wallaroo aquatic facility.



Ramp fees scrapped

Port Broughton and Fisherman Bay boat ramps would be free to use from July, reversing recent fee increases. Barunga West Council scrapped the fees —previously \$8 per day or \$95 annually — following boatie backlash and difficulties with the electronic payment system.

Great white close call

A Balgowan fisherman got the surprise of his life when his underwater camera captured a great white shark seemingly "smiling" beneath his boat 30 kilometres offshore. Balgowan Fishing Charters owner Glenn Jones estimated the shark to be between three and 3.5 metres long.

Walking safely

Students across Yorke Peninsula joined millions of Australians in celebrating the 25th National Walk Safely to School Day, promoting healthy habits and road safety. Pedestrian Council of Australia introduced the nation-wide event in 1999.

Lotto win

A Moonta man was \$4.8 million richer after winning the Set for Life lottery with a ticket bought at Kadina's Newbery Chemist. The win, the fourth in the lottery for the year to date, was set to pay him \$20,000 each month for two decades. The man was the 129th Set for Life division 1 winner nationally since the game began in 2005.

\$40k for charity

Caitlin Galbraith and Ben Whale, of Kadina, and their loved ones raised more than \$40,000 for Ronald McDonald House Charities in memory of their daughter, Mackenzie. Mackenzie and her parents spent many months at Ronald McDonald House, North Adelaide, during her chronic illness, before she died in July 2015, aged 17 months.

Uni Hub for Minlaton

A new Uni Hub outreach service in Minlaton began, boosting university access for Yorke Peninsula students. The hub offers in-person support with administration, tutoring, placements and employer connections for all regional university students.

Walking for charity

The Walk the Yorkes for Charity event more than doubled in size this year, with 24 participants raising more than \$40,000 for the Southern Yorke Peninsula Royal Flying Doctor Service Support Group and Backpacks 4 SA Kids. Participants covered the walk from Ardrossan to Stansbury across two days.



NIGHT LIGHT... Ophelia and Lippe Taubers, of Wallaroo, get into the spirit of Kadina's Flaming Fiesta at the 2024 Copper Coast FLAME Festival.

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Parkview secures \$3.3m

Moonta's Parkview Aged Care received a \$3.3 million grant from the Australian Government to increase its capacity by nine beds to 81. Parkview also received funding to renovate and expand its eight-room Memory Support Unit and renovate three dining rooms.

Arthurton smashes May 50k

Team Arthurton smashed its fundraising record, raising \$15,000 for multiple sclerosis research during its May 50k campaign. With a record 29 participants, the team brought its total fundraising since 2019 to \$56,127, team leader Tessa Colliver said.

Australia's oldest woman

Australia's oldest person, 110-year-old Lorna Henstridge (nee Paterson), fondly remembered her childhood on a Willamulka farm with her parents and two siblings. Although the family left when Lorna was 7, the family retained the property until her late teens, and she expressed a wish to have stayed in the country longer.

Childcare access

A Mitchell Institute study found the Grey electorate to have Australia's worst childcare accessibility, classifying it as a "childcare desert" with over three times more children under 5 than available childcare places. Kadina Child Care Centre alone had 105 children on its waiting list.

Swell for jetties

South Australia's jetties would receive an additional \$5 million in the 2027-28 State Budget for repairs, on top of the \$20 million allocated last year – half of which has already been used for urgent repairs, Infrastructure Minister Tom Koutsantonis said.

Reconciliation Week

Central Yorke School's Point Pearce campus celebrated Reconciliation Week with a community event featuring activities led by the South Australian Aboriginal Secondary Training Academy and Connect students, a SAPOL-provided barbecue, a Welcome to Country by Elder Ian Harradine Senior (Uncle Bob) and a smoking ceremony.

Wakefield transformation

Port Wakefield's CBD and Edward Street was set for a \$2.8 million upgrade thanks to joint federal, state and local government funding. Improvements were to include an Indigenous art trail, landscaping, upgraded ramps and enhancements to the tidal-pool precinct.

Save our SOS

Local suicide prevention organisation SOS Yorke's urgently needed volunteers to avoid closure. With numbers dwindling to four, the group issued a social media plea for at least eight additional volunteers. While the appeal generated some interest, SOS Yorke's continued its search for more support.



PICTURE PERFECT... Mariette Rups-Donnelly, Orlando Mee, Liang Luscombe, Gulsara Kaplun and Kim Munro will develop a short film about Copper Coast's historical post offices, such as the now Moonta Mines Sweet Shop.

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Healing through history

Edithburgh residents John Edwards and Roger Hogben, with support from Yorke Peninsula Council and the local community, secured the maximum \$150,000 Australian Government Saluting Their Service Commemorative grant – the only recipients across Australia to do so – for their Vietnam War Memorial Walk, to be sited near Edithburgh.



SERVING YOU... Volunteer Glenice Johnson and ministries assistant Sharon Foyle serve up homemade soup at The Salvation Army Copper Coast in Kadina.

Agri-tourism demand

With Australia's agri-tourism sector projected to reach \$18 billion by 2030, Yorke Peninsula residents attended a workshop led by Susan Lee, author of "Booked Out! How to Start and Grow a Successful Regional Tourism Business", to hear how to capitalise on the growing demand.

Lobby for care

Following the closure of Ardrossan Community Hospital, a newly formed action group advocated for improved local health services. The Healthy Ardrossan Action Group aimed to maximise the use of the Ardrossan Community Health Centre and was gathering information from locals and visitors about healthcare needs via a Yorke and Northern Local Health Network feedback form.

Heartkid Heroes

Moonta saw superheroes in action as Drakes employees and fundraisers teamed up for a HeartKids Australia street stall. Local resident Lauren Litchfield, participating for the third year, sold donated goods and raffle tickets to support the charity.

Road to recovery

Copper Coast Council was to receive a nearly \$3 million allocation in Australian Government Roads to Recovery funding for 2024-29 – a near \$1m increase on the previous year – for road construction and maintenance. This multi-year allocation was incorporated into the council's Long Term Financial Plan.

Wallaroo's drive

Wallaroo Golf Club's membership had nearly doubled since the December opening of its revamped course, the culmination of a five-year fundraising project. Its new santa ana grass greens replaced black slag putting surfaces, making it the only course on Yorke Peninsula with 18 holes of all-grass putting surfaces.

Narungga on screen

Two short films showcasing Narungga culture, "Gynburra" and "Black Time White Time", were featured in Country Arts SA's Nunga Screen, a free annual showcase of Indigenous filmmaking, with some screenings coinciding with NAIDOC Week.

Fighting heart

Moonta resident Cheryle Chalmers shared her grandson Tatum Marshall's story during Heart Failure Awareness Week. Born in October 2023 with no heartbeat, Tatum has faced significant health challenges including Tetralogy of Fallot, hernias, brain surgery and a rapid heart rate, impacting his growth.



RAINBOW... Copper Coast Gay Straight Alliance celebrated five years of providing a safe space for over 50 LGBTQIA+ youth and allies, with member Sian expressing gratitude for the group's positive impact.

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SLOW DOWN... Ready to do their duty are crossing monitors Madeline, Rory and Ava, with assistant principal Wendy Williams. Moonta Area School students and staff are pleading with motorists to observe the school zone speed limit on busy Blanche Terrace.

Rex hits the road

Construction began on the first phase of the Pine Point Road realignment, a key part of Rex Minerals' Hillside Project copper mine. The first stage of the realignment was due to finish by Easter 2025, after a summer holiday break. It would take two years to realign the road around the site, including moving the Minlaton turn-off south to near Pine Point, Rex Minerals chief operating officer Jason Schell said.

What the fog?

Dense fog significantly impacted commutes across Yorke Peninsula, a result of weekend rainfall followed by calm conditions, according to the Bureau of Meteorology. The lack of wind and sunlight caused the fog to persist into the late morning and reappear in the evening.



CELEBRATING NAIDOC... Wallaroo Primary School student Tony has his face painted with ochre at an on Country excursion to Minlagawi Gum Flat Reserve, Minlaton.

Ospreys forever

More than 50 people turned out for the official opening of the osprey mural on Fowler Terrace in Price. The mural is a nod to a successful year-long conservation project, which resulted in a small but significant population boost for Yorke Peninsula's osprey population. Kylie Correll from the Price Progress Association said, as well as celebrating art, the real celebration was about community spirit.

From rivals to allies

RIVAL football clubs Kadina and Wallaroo crossed boundaries to unite for a special charity event, Beers for Borlases. Emma Borlace, 25, had been diagnosed with leukaemia in 2022, and after being in remission for the previous nine months, had relapsed in March. Representatives from both clubs said the Borlases had been heavily involved across the years, so they returned that support in the family's time of need.

Acknowledgement of Country altered

A revised Acknowledgement of Country at a Copper Coast Council meeting drew criticism from an Aboriginal Elder who called the changes "inappropriate". Mayor Roslyn Talbot's revised statement included an additional sentence: "I'd also like to acknowledge and celebrate the contribution that every Australian makes to our contemporary and dynamic nation, and I respect that as a nation we are free to follow our own beliefs, customs and traditions."



GROWING CHANGE... Maeve was one of the many community members who came out and helped put the finishing touches on the Minlaton childcare centre so it was ready to open.

Felling sparks fury

Trees in protected area Rocky Bend Reserve, just south of Moonta, were illegally chopped down, sparking outrage from a heritage body, a Narungga Elder and others from the local community. "It's got a lot of unique plants in there, different bush foods, orchids, and to be going cutting trees down is just out there," Narungga Elder Peter Turner said. "It's got a 'conservation reserve' sign right there."

Growing Wallaroo

It was proposed to rezone 110 hectares of privately owned rural land on the outskirts of Wallaroo — bounded by Spencer Highway and Bowman and Rosslyn Roads — for housing and an industrial estate.

Mine walking trail

A 3.2 kilometre walking trail connecting major sites within Moonta Mines was in the works. The Elders Loop Trail would start at Moonta Mines Museum, head east to Richmans Enginehouse and onto Taylors Shaft and Hughes Enginehouse, before looping back up to the museum. The trail was expected to be finished by the end of the year.

RDA back in the saddle

Riding for the Disabled's Yorke Peninsula centre was saved from closure thanks to a \$10,000 Federal Government grant. The Kadina-based program, which faced closure due to post-pandemic volunteer shortages, was set to resume operations, with horses returning to the centre during the upcoming school holidays.

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WIRED...Yorke Peninsula Field Days chief executive Peter Anderson with electricians Flynn Cockshell and Fraser McCracken, of Baden Napier Electrical and Solar, working on the new office building at the YP Field Days site.

Making things official

Following a decade-long wait for native title recognition, the Narungga Nation swiftly moved to unite its communities. A July 25 memorandum of understanding, signed by Narungga Nation Aboriginal Corporation chair Cyril Katinyeri and Point Pearce Aboriginal Corporation chair Eddie Newchurch, aimed to ensure all community members benefit.

Kick in the guts

Yorke Peninsula commercial fishers said they were being discriminated against by a new fee regime which they said could send them out of business. The fees would be based on a quota system aimed at making fishers pay the full cost of government management for King George whiting, garfish and calamari, in Gulf St Vincent and Spencer Gulf only.

Dual appeals lodged

Narungga MP Fraser Ellis's initial acceptance of his four deception convictions, handed down by Magistrate Simon Smart on July 1 and related to the Country Members Accommodation Allowance, was overturned by the Director of Public Prosecution's appeal of his acquittal on 19 other charges. Mr Ellis has now also appealed his convictions.

Hooded plover numbers take flight

Intensive fox and feral cat control within a 17,000 hectare Marna Banggara zone on the southern Yorke Peninsula significantly improved hooded plover breeding success, resulting in higher chick survival rates.

Scan fees rise

X-rays and other diagnostic services provided at Wallaroo and Yorketown Hospitals became more expensive for some patients, after Jones Radiology changed its bulk billing policy. Patients whose doctors requested bulk billing due to hardship were only given a 50 per cent discount of the gap between full fees and the bulk bill fee.



SCHOOL SPIRIT... St Columba's Memorial School, Yorketown, students Leo, Beau, Lukas, Lottie, Jedd and Alexandra participate in the school's casual day to raise funds for their principal's son Fletcher after he was diagnosed with childhood diabetes.

Healthcare overload

Projected population growth on Yorke Peninsula – including a potential 10,000 increase and over 500 new homes on the Copper Coast – intensified calls for significant upgrades to the region's healthcare system. Concerns were raised about Wallaroo Hospital's capacity to handle increased demand if further after new rezoning plans were recently proposed in Wallaroo.

Council listens to feedback

Following community feedback, Yorke Peninsula Council reduced a proposed primary producer special rate from 5 per cent to 4 per cent after a lengthy debate. A split vote gave Mayor Darren Braund the deciding vote, resulting in the option he deemed most beneficial for the community.

Happy campers, mostly

Yorke Peninsula Council's new bush camping booking system received largely positive feedback, though some campers suggested improvements to the site-specific booking process. Nick Perry, YPC economic development manager, advised booking early during peak season.

A century and a half of footy

Custom-designed guernseys, reminiscent of the hessian sugar bags worn in the first match between Yorke Peninsula Football League's two oldest clubs Wallaroo and Moonta in 1874, marked the clubs' 150th anniversary clash. Wallaroo wore light blue, and Moonta wore pink.

Smiles dominate day one

Parents of 29 Southern Yorke Peninsula children breathed a sigh of relief when Minlaton's new family centre finally opened its doors to the community. The demand for child care in the SYP has exceeded expectations, with about 50 families signing up to the Minlaton Family Centre in its first week. There are about 120 places available at the new centre, and there was much excitement at dropoff on Monday (July 22) morning when parents realised help had finally arrived.

Decaying shop bulldozed

A dilapidated building in Kadina's CBD is slated for demolition. Copper Coast Council purchased the former Prendergast Lawyers building at 10-12 Hallett Street for \$239,000, with demolition expected by year's end. The council would explore development options, potentially including a carpark to address the CBD's parking shortage.



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Mud and dust

Nearly 2000 people attended Mundoora's Mud and Dust Vintage Tractor Pull, a resounding success that almost doubled the 2022 event's attendance. The two-day event featured 73 competitors (including a record eight women) from across Australia and showcased live entertainment and historical displays celebrating Mundoora's 150th anniversary.

Early preschool by 2026

The South Australian Government has committed \$715 million over five years to implement early childhood education reforms recommended by the Royal Commission, including universal preschool for 3-year-olds from 2026. This major investment aimed to reduce the number of developmentally vulnerable children entering school.



FAMILY TIME... Blue Lime Café and Deli's Julieanne Peterson and Kirsty Anderson worked hard on the cafe's new interior, which incorporates a nod to the Stansbury fire station, after a fire destroyed the premises in September 2023.

Road machinery blaze

Police investigated a suspicious fire that destroyed a grader and roller on Sheoak Flat Road near Curramulka, causing an estimated \$300,000 in damage.

Millions for road upgrades

Wakefield Regional Council's 2024-25 budget prioritised four key projects: a \$1.5 million Koolunga Road rebuild, over \$500,000 for a Balaklava roundabout realignment, collaboration on a \$2.8m Port Wakefield upgrade, and \$70,000 for paving two key streets in Owen.

New generation of caretakers

Yorke Peninsula's Indigenous Protected Areas were expanded significantly, encompassing land and sea from Bird Islands Conservation Park (north of Moonta Bay) to Parsons Beach, as well as 20km out to sea. Eight new rangers were trained to support conservation efforts, community, and cultural preservation.

Maitland shows caring side

State cabinet minister Emily Bourke officially opened a new \$150,000 suite, the Karinya Suite, at Maitland Hospital. Finance came from the Yorke and Northern Local Health Network (close to \$100,000 to pay for the new ensuite bathroom) and community fundraising (more than \$55,000 for the room and outdoor area).

Vandals strike leisure centre

A vandal attack that cut power to the Copper Coast Sport and Leisure Centre, Kadina, forced the cancellation of a planned disability and ageing expo. The Catalyst Foundation's event, scheduled for July 31 and August 1, was postponed to later in the year after a suspected copper theft attempt.

Peninsula on the podium

Kadina's Stephanie Talbot helped Australia's Opals women's basketball team secure a bronze medal at the Paris Olympics, playing a key role in their 85-81 victory over Belgium despite a recent injury.

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Concerns over disability reform

Concerns were raised by Yorke Peninsula's disability community regarding recent federal government reforms to the National Disability Insurance Scheme, including \$14 billion being cut from the scheme over the next four years. While acknowledging the need for financial sustainability, local support coordinator Ali Axford noted significant plan cuts and the need to advocate for reasonable and necessary support.

Moo-ving away from plastic

Moonta's Taste the Yorke café moved to reduce plastic waste by using the Fleurieu Milk Company's milk keg refill system, ranking among the top five refill locations across the state. The café had already diverted more than 5300 single-use plastic bottles from landfill. Owner Jo Gibbons said the system was a great investment in sustainability.

ANZAC spirit restored

A \$5000 Saluting their Service Federal Government grant was awarded to the RSL Kadina sub-branch to restore plaques on the Memorial Arch and Kadina Memorial Gun in Victoria Square.

Local health professional recognised

The Yorke and Northern Local Health Network celebrated outstanding healthcare professionals at its third annual Excellence Awards, recognising individuals, teams and projects across the Yorke Peninsula and Mid North. Wallaroo Hospital speech pathologist Matilda Whittaker received the Rising Star Award for her work with rehabilitation patients.



HE'S THE GOAT... Kadina Memorial School student Braydon and goat, Steve Irwin, are ready for the livestock handlers' competition at the Copper Coast Show.

Health falling behind

Concerns were rising about the state of Yorke Peninsula's three public hospitals, at Wallaroo, Maitland and Yorketown, with no major funding upgrades announced by the SA Government despite significant investments in other regional facilities. Narungga MP Fraser Ellis criticised the lack of funding, highlighting Wallaroo Hospital's limited capacity, only 21 beds, despite the large population it serviced.

Moving ahead on roads

Yorke Peninsula Council's decision to allow higher-productivity heavy vehicles on its unsealed roads was welcomed by farming and transport groups. The decision followed a public consultation regarding road safety that received 789 submissions. It allows A-doubles of 30 metres or more to operate without permits on all unsealed roads gazetted by the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator.

Big wins at eisteddfod

Yorke Peninsula students from Maitland, Yorketown, Minlaton, Ardrossan and Moonta achieved two first places at the 2024 Balaklava Eisteddfod: the Open Band (their second consecutive win) and the YP Vocal Ensemble. Maitland Lutheran School secured first place in the Junior Choir category.

Protecting a coastal gem

Previously nominated as Australia's fourth-best beach, Flaherty's Beach had recovered from significant damage caused by increased off-road vehicle use outside designated areas. This was thanks to a dune restoration project by Prince Alfred College students.



STILL HAVING FUN... After 60 years of married life, Stansbury couple Ray and Claudia Agnew recreate their wedding photo.

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Staying power

Regardless of a July conviction on four counts of deception related to the Country Members Accommodation Allowance, Narungga MP Fraser Ellis would remain in State Parliament. Speaker Leon Bignell cited the charges as minor indictable offences, and both Mr Ellis and the DPP have indicated they would appeal. The government and opposition agreed to await the outcome of the appeal. Mr Ellis expressed his intention to continue serving his constituents.

Oasis in Grey's childcare desert

Minlaton's time to celebrate arrived with the official opening of the long-awaited Minlaton Family Centre. The ribbon was proudly cut by Member for Grey Rowan Ramsey, and the three women who started it all: Katie Hughes, Anna Phasey and Amy Honner. Yorke Peninsula Council mayor Darren Braund said this was one of his proudest moments from his six years in the role.

Island returns to Narungga Nation

Scotch College was to vacate its Mayibarrdu/Goose Island campsite after a 58-year run, returning the island to the Narungga Nation. The school's licence agreement with the Department for Environment and Water had expired.



GLOBAL BID... Copper Coast Council mayor Roslyn Talbot and National Trust of South Australia Moonta branch chair Graham Hancock in front of Hughes Enginehouse, Moonta Mines. After years of hard work, the Moonta Mines Cornish mining site was added to Australia's UNESCO World Heritage Tentative List.



BE PREPARED... Barley Stacks Wines managing director Lyall Schultz, OAM ESM, says Covid-19 hasn't affected the business long term, but he had noticed a downturn in visitors during the current cost-of-living crisis.

RAAF founder honoured

A portrait of the founder of the Royal Australian Air Force by Moonta artist Anne Stock was unveiled at the RAAF Edinburgh Air Base. Air Marshal Sir Richard Williams, KBE, CB, DSO was born and raised in Moonta and he is commemorated with a statue in Queen Square, Moonta, which was installed to mark the RAAF centenary in 2021.

School expansion celebrated

Maitland Lutheran School officially opened its \$3.4 million senior school centre. The building — which includes four classrooms, a science laboratory, learning commons, as well as space for students to study outdoors — had been in use for 18 months, but was formally acknowledged with a ceremony.

Moonta loyal lads

Moonta Football Club's A grade boasted 11 players who had played junior football together. The team achieved premiership success without using any Approved Player Points. Captain Ryley Maitland, who transferred from Kimba in 2022, won his first YPFL A grade Mail Medal, adding to his two Eastern Eyre Football League Mail Medals.

Sand drags roar on Copper Coast

The Copper Coast's first sand drag racing track, a 30-year vision of Copper Coast Motorsports president Paul Dayman, officially opened on September 6. A week later, at the inaugural meet, competitors vied for top speeds on the dirt track sited on Betts Road, on Mr Dayman's property.

Can we fix it?

Kadina would soon have a repair cafe. The Copper Coast Repair Cafe and Bazaar, run by the Kadina AH&F Society, would offer free repairs for small appliances, bikes, jewellery and more, promoting sustainability and community connection. President Chris Bretag said he was inspired to bring the free service to the Copper Coast for environmental reasons.





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YPNA A GRADE... Kadina's Monique Manners, Yorke Peninsula Netball Association A grade best and fairest for 2024.

\$4.75m for Maitland paddock

A 107 hectare Maitland paddock (Section 210, Pine Point Road) sold for \$4.75 million, potentially setting a new Yorke Peninsula record at \$44,393/ha or \$17,992 per acre.

Venning to stand for Grey

Bute's Tom Venning was preselected as the Liberal Party candidate for the federal seat of Grey, succeeding retiring MP Rowan Ramsey. Addressing more than 400 party members from across the electorate in Port Augusta, Venning pledged to prioritise cost-of-living relief if he was successful at the upcoming election.

Three premierships

Broughton-Mundoora secured three grand final victories in the Northern Areas competitions, in front of a home crowd at Port Broughton. The Eagles won the J grade netball, and senior colts and A grade football premierships – 16-year-old Charlie Dickeson played in both footy wins.



YPFL A GRADE... Moonta players Jayga Warmington, Matthew Appleton, Dylan Mansell, Matthew Altmann, Braden Aldridge, Patrick Fry, Harrison Hatcher, Brodie Maitland, Alex Elsworth and Tom Hancocks, and supporters, celebrate after their grand final win. Moonta made the most of hosting the YP football and netball association grand finals, also winning junior colts footy, and E and G grades netball premierships.

Kadina firie back from US

Kadina CFS volunteer Justin Baxter returned to Australia after a 35-day deployment to the US, where he led a strike team battling major wildfires as part of a 67-strong Australian contingent. He assisted with dozens of major fires across Oregon and was deployed as a strike team leader for the Homestead Complex fires.

Lawn mower racing

Arthurton's inaugural lawn mower race drew over 1000 spectators and 40 competitors from across South Australia, exceeding expectations. The event, was a collaboration between the SA Lawn Mower Racing Association and the Arthurton Progress Association. APA president Sam Colliver said he was pleasantly surprised with the turnout, especially with the event coinciding with local grand finals.

Klau best on court

Yorketown's Sarah Klau was named player of the match in Australia's opening 70-57 netball Test victory over England, contributing two intercepts, six deflections, and enduring 16 penalties in a strong performance.

Rare cancer

Kadina mother Madeleine Morphet, who was diagnosed with an extremely rare and aggressive, inoperable sarcoma in June 2023, had just started a six-month course of toxic oral chemotherapy, facing significant side effects. It wasn't until six months from her diagnosis she had her first MRI, after months of pushing for one. It showed her tumour had grown from 5cm to 7.5cm. Ms Morphet advocated for earlier and more comprehensive testing for sarcoma patients.

Pigeon problem at an impasse

Wallaroo residents protested the lack of progress on a fire-damaged, pigeon-infested building in the town's main street, despite recent boarding-up efforts. Owner Kent Newbery said further action depended on the neighbouring property, which shared a roof structure and wall.



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FLOWER POWER... Georgia, Ayla and Milly enjoy the annual Minlagawi Nature Festival in Minlaton. The event was all about connecting with nature while learning about Nharangga culture.

Dogs leashed at Wallaroo golf course

Following a request from Wallaroo Golf Club, Copper Coast Council implemented new dog access restrictions on the course to address issues with unruly dogs and aggressive owners. The new rules allow dogs on the course only during specified times and require them to be always leashed.

YP tourism surges

Yorke Peninsula tourism exceeded expectations in 2023, with visitor expenditure reaching \$384 million – \$25m above target, representing a significant increase from 2022's \$354m. There were 530,000 visitors who spent 1.6m nights on YP, and 664k people made day trips, supporting 1.6k direct jobs in tourism and a 12:1 direct employment ratio (one in 12 jobs on YP related to tourism).

Bute bowlers mark 100 years

A great day of celebrations was had for Bute Bowling Club's centenary, attended by about 150 people. A motorcade of 27 vintage and veteran cars met at the Bute Oval at 11.20am, led by club member Kate Brokate, who had dressed up and was riding her old-style bike to emulate the girl featured in the Bute silo murals.



UP AND OVER... Wayne Barrie, Tiddy Widdy beach, competed in pole vault at the World Masters Athletics Championships, in Gothenburg, Sweden. He also competed in high jump, and the 4x100 metre relay. PHOTO: Lubos Novacek

Elsworthy signs on

Kadina's Sarah Elsworthy signed with the new Women's National Basketball League team, Geelong United. The 26-year-old, who played four seasons with Adelaide Lightning (2016 to 2020), said she worked hard to secure her new contract.

Targeting road issues

Yorke Peninsula Council voted to allocate nearly \$800,000 from its Heavy Industry and Primary Production levy to address priority road issues, shifting funds from the planned sealed and unsealed road network renewal.

Haylock's AFL Merit award

YP Football League president Bradley Haylock received an AFL Merit Award for his outstanding volunteer service, recognising his more than 28 years on the YPFL board, including around 20 years as president. The award is given annually to one man and one woman in South Australia.

\$150k needed for new courts

The Minlaton District Community and Sports Centre faced a \$150,000 shortfall in funding for its \$450,000 third-stage upgrade, which was to include four new tennis courts and three netball courts.

SA Government takes aim at bow hunting

A ban on bow hunting in South Australia angered local hunters, including Brett Raymond, Australian Bowhunters Association branch controller (SA). The ban, effective December 1, prohibits the use of bows and crossbows to hunt all animals except carp, with fines up to \$1000 for violations.

Fast track for appeals

Appeals by the defence and the Director of Public Prosecutions in the case of Narungga MP Fraser Ellis were expedited to the South Australian Court of Appeal. Following a July ruling by Magistrate Simon Smart, Mr Ellis was found guilty on four counts of deceit related to the Country Members Allowance but acquitted on 19 other similar charges.

Windy Copper Coast Cup

Two-day cycling event Copper Coast Cup, part of the 2024 Cervelo Super Series, was held in Kadina and Moonta. The first day's road races at the Copper Coast Airport were cancelled after the first three categories due to the strong wind.

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Recovered treasures

Pine Point's 150th anniversary celebration unearthed the town's centenary (1974) time capsule containing items including a letter from Andrew Clift's mother, polaroids of the progress committee, a Muloowurtie memorial plaque stencil, and coins and letters.

Chill and chat

The Kadina AH&F Society launched a weekly community event, Chill n Chat, to combat social isolation. It was aimed at providing a welcoming space for community members, especially newcomers, to connect, share hobbies and socialise, at the Kadina Showgrounds Exhibition Hall every Tuesday. Activities were evolving based on participant

Port Hughes water woes

A dispute between a developer and SA Water over water supply delayed the proposed Riverbend housing development at Port Hughes, prompting Narungga MP Fraser Ellis to raise the issue in State Parliament. The project, by Metacap, would include 680 residential allotments, an over-50s village and a five-star motel.



CHAMPION... Stephanie Talbot's journey inspired young basketballers, like Moonta's Harriet and Meg, as she showed them her Olympic bronze medal at Adelaide Lightning's coaching clinic on October 27, when it was announced that Court 1 of the Copper Coast Sport and Leisure Centre, Kadina, would be renamed the Stephanie Talbot Court.



ANIMAL ADMIRATION... Gracie tightly holds a goat kid during the Southern Yorke Peninsula Show at Minlaton. The show attracted more than 2400 people and had a record number of competition entries for its 144th edition.



FAMILY... Gemma Willis Duckford with her daughters Layla, Talana and Evie, who are on the autism spectrum, after the South Australian Government announced more support was on the way for school students with autism.

Fix it

Locals Arty Glazbrook and Ivor Carter were fed up with the condition of Maitland's main drag, Robert Street, and were hopeful Yorke Peninsula Council's application for a \$4.5 million grant was successful so the road could be remade.

First plover fledgling

A hooded plover chick successfully fledged on the southern Yorke Peninsula – the first of the breeding season – prompting a reminder from the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board for beachgoers to help protect these endangered birds.

Rex driving new pathways

Over 160 Yorke Peninsula high school students experienced heavy machinery hands-on at Rex Minerals' annual Ardrossan immersion day. The all-day event covered the full scope of opportunities the resource industry has to offer, including exploration, mining, mineral processing, automation, administration, scientific research, innovation and engineering.

YP welcomes women's football

Women's football returned to Yorke Peninsula after a four-year hiatus with a six-week competition launching at Moonta Oval. The program, divided into open women's, under 16s, and Superkick (ages 8-12), marked a second attempt at establishing female football in the region after the Covid-19 pandemic.

Huge turnout for men's mental health night

More than 150 southern Yorke Peninsula men came together for a men's mental health night at Watsacowie Brewery, Minlaton. The night was headlined by guest speaker, Cricket Australia's pitch adviser and former Adelaide Oval curator Les Burdett.

Sharks start debut season

Newly formed Port Hughes Sharks debuted in the Northern Yorke Peninsula Bowling Association, narrowly losing to Ardrossan in the open gender division I competition.

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SLOW BURN... Nharangga cultural burns practitioner Peter Turner demonstrates how fire should be used. After about a 200-year hiatus, Narungga Nation cultural burning practices have returned to Guuranda (Yorke Peninsula) to help bring back balance to a landscape traditionally shaped by fire.

Animal cruelty conviction

A Paskeville man who pleaded guilty to five counts of animal ill-treatment was sentenced, with his three-month, two-week jail term suspended on an 18-month good behaviour bond. The charges related to four dogs found with serious medical issues. Leslie James Bates, 66, was allowed to retain one dog on condition he take it to the vet at least every six months but was otherwise prohibited from owning any animals.

Sentencing adjourned

Sentencing for Narungga MP Fraser Ellis on four deception charges was adjourned until May 21 to allow time for Supreme Court appeals by both the defence and prosecution. The appeals are scheduled for April 14. Mr Ellis was found guilty in July but acquitted on 19 other charges, relating to Country Members Accommodation Allowance claims made from 2018 to 2020.

Halloween horrors

Six-year-old Kai Clarke of Tickera won the YP Country Times Halloween costume competition, despite spending Halloween in hospital after a snake bite. Hospital nurses created a ghostly costume for him.

CFS life membership

Northern Yorke Peninsula Group Officer David "Bussy" Bussenschutt was awarded CFS life membership after nearly 45 years of service, including 20 as Group Officer.

A community brought together

The first commemoration was held at Port Clinton's new veterans' memorial. Close to 100 people attended the town's Remembrance Day service, which memorial proponent, veteran Michael "Dusty" Millar, led.



CRUISING TO CANBERRA... SYP 2-year-old Fletcher Buchanan takes the wheel for the seat of Grey all the way to Parliament House to advocate for funding to help cure Type 1 diabetes, with 7-year-old Penelope Kokar right behind him.

Terror at hospital

Following a knife threat against two nurses at Yorketown Hospital, the nurses' union demanded an urgent review of patient admission criteria and security measures. The union said a verbally abusive patient, allegedly armed with knives from the staff tearoom, forced the nurses to barricade themselves in a safe room for 45 minutes until local SAPOL officers arrived.

Wallaroo swim centre

Wallaroo's aquatic facility, previously delayed, was expected to be completed by December 2026, Copper Coast Council chief executive Dylan Strong said. Federal and State Government grant funding documentation was now in order, allowing contract negotiations to begin.

Bike business goes back-to-back

Moonta's Copper Trails Bike Hire claimed consecutive SA Tourism Awards wins in the Tourism Retail, Hire and Services category. Owners Anne and Colin Minion said they started their business with the goal of sharing the region's beauty through biking and self-guided tours to immerse travellers in the region's history and scenery.



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Remembering those who served

Jan Staples proudly wore the medals of her late husband, Vietnam veteran Michael Staples, at Moonta's Remembrance Day service. She has done so every year since his passing in 2007. The Royal Australian Air Force's 83rd Squadron provided the catafalque party for the event, and there was a flyover by a RAAF P-8A Poseidon afterward.

New sign for (Port) Clinton

Resident Doris Story was happy to unveil the new "Welcome to Clinton" sign after a two-decade wait, although she and other locals would argue the town's name should definitely be Port Clinton.



PREMIER VISIT... Celebrating Moonta Mines and Burra Cornish mining sites securing a place on Australia's UNESCO World Heritage Tentative List are Copper Coast Council chief executive Dylan Strong, Goyder Regional Council mayor Bill Gebhardt from Burra, Deputy Premier Susan Close, Copper Coast mayor Roslyn Talbot, world heritage consultant Barry Gamble, GRC chief executive David Stevenson and National Trust chief executive Simon Ambrose, at Hughes Enginehouse, Moonta Mines.

Health inquiry goes ahead

A long-awaited Parliamentary Inquiry into health services on Yorke Peninsula was launched. The inquiry was triggered by a petition instigated by Narungga MP Fraser Ellis and signed by almost 11,000 people.

Ramsey farewells parliament

After 17 years as federal Member for Grey, Rowan Ramsey gave his valedictory speech in the Australian Parliament, ahead of his retirement at next year's federal election.

One week, six drink drivers

Six men were caught drink driving on Yorke Peninsula over the space of a week. Their blood alcohol readings ranged from 0.0507 to 0.157.

Take it easy Shorty

Port Vincent Aquatics Centre was about to say goodbye to one of its water safety educators, Mark "Shorty" Short, who had been with the facility since its beginnings about 40 years ago. He and partner Dee Finlay were to move their stud, Alpacas Chaparral, to Hindmarsh Island.

Red Hen returns

The Red Hen 406 railcar was back on the ground at Bute. It had previously been owned by the Lions Club of Yorke Peninsula Rail, which operated a tourist train between Wallaroo and Bute, which closed in 2009.

Palliative care scholarship

Star of the Sea Home for the Aged, Wallaroo, was to establish a palliative care scholarship fund in memory of Father Raymond Pope. Father Pope had died earlier in the year, aged 99, at Star of the Sea, the home he helped found in 1978. The fund will go towards providing palliative care training to nurses.

Harry hits his stride

Moonta 6-year-old Harry took the initiative to raise funds for the Stroke Foundation. With the support of his parents, Kara and Nick Rendell, he had already raised about \$1500 for the Stride 4 Stroke initiative. The Rendell family was also preparing to travel to Melbourne for a five kilometre fun run, with Harry training for the event alongside his parents.



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SANDY SKYDIVE... Santa Claus ditched the sleigh and reindeer in favour of a light aircraft and parachute when he made a spectacular landing at North Beach, Wallaroo. Greeting Santa after he landed are Makayla, Santa's helper Bri Wood holding Hamish, Isla, Darcy, Bailey and Jakobi.

Narungga artists awarded

An exhibition featuring works by two Narungga artists was recognised with a statewide award. Saltbush Country, a Country Arts SA curation of seven regional Indigenous artists' works, won the Outstanding Regional Event or Project at South Australia's major arts accolades, the Ruby Awards. Narungga sisters Deanna Newchurch and Lynette Newchurch worked together to create a major element of the exhibition – a possum-skin cloak thought to be the first of its kind made in more than 100 years.



Point Turton's Hugo "Rockstar" Taheny was named South Australia's most inspiring future leader at the SALIFE Awards presented by Brand SA. With Hugo at the awards are his father and mother, John and Louise.

Accolades galore

Yorke Peninsula female athletes celebrated a week of major accolades: Olympic basketball bronze medallist Steph Talbot (Kadina) was named SA Sports Institute Female Athlete of the Year; Adelaide Thunderbirds player Georgie Horjus (with ties to Bute and Ardrossan) received the Australian Super Netball Player of the Year award, while teammate Lucy Austin (with Bute connections) was recognised as the Fast5 Netball World Series Player of the Series. Adelaide Crows footballer Chelsea Biddell (Port Vincent) earned AFLW All-Australian honours for the third consecutive year, and Port Adelaide's Shineah Goody (Edithburgh) was runner-up for the AFLW Rising Star award.

Growing a space for culture to bloom

Landcare Australia joined the Narungga Science Culture Garden project partnering with Point Pearce Aboriginal Corporation to establish the community-led education project. The garden is located at the Central Yorke School, Point Pearce Campus

Meals on Wheels life members

Meals on Wheels SA honoured more than 300 volunteers with a combined 7660 years of service at its annual Awardee Day. Among those celebrated were Joan Bavington and Kay Koerber from Kadina, and Coralie Bowley and Maureen Ireland from Port Broughton, each marking 45 years of service.

Tyler's tree-rific win

Yorketown's Christmas Tree competition featured one of its youngest entrants yet: 9-year-old Pokémon Master Tyler, who crafted a tree from his treasured Pokémon cards – and won the town's annual Christmas Tree Festival.

Lighting transforms Civic Square

Barunga West Council has added more gobo discs for holiday and event lighting at Port Broughton's Civic Square. New artistic light projections included snowflakes and baubles for the festive season, and a red poppy for Anzac Day.

Mines train on the right track

Moonta Mines continued its hot streak of milestones with the tourist railway marking its 40th anniversary. There were speeches, cake and a train ride.

Council complaints

Councils on Yorke Peninsula amassed a combined 62 complaints made to the Ombudsman in the 2023-24 financial year. Barunga West Council had seven complaints, Copper Coast Council had 16, and Yorke Peninsula Council had 39. This is compared with 11, eight and 19 in the 2022-23 financial year, and four, four and six in 2021-22.

Central Yorke academy wins again

Students from the Maitland-based Central Yorke SA Aboriginal Secondary Training Academy once again finished the year with multiple awards, including Academy of the Year. Year 12 student Jareth also won Student of the Year, as well as the Empowering Futures Award.



With the historical backdrop of Hughes Enginehouse, Moonta Mines, are Moonta Area School students, embracing local history with their old-fashioned clothing, back: Madeline, Rodriana, Zayne, Chayce, Leo, Talicia; front: Brodie, Izzabella, Liana, Savannah, Ava, Amber, Clover.



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