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Fleurieu Milk now exporting to China



Fleurieu Milk is adding another exciting chapter to its outstanding success story by exporting milk to Shanghai, China – the most populated city in the world.

Geoff Hutchinson and Barry Clarke – codirectors with Chris Royans and their respective wives – said the Mypongabased company planned to initially export 10,000 litres a week starting this month.

Fleurieu Milk will also look to other overseas markets, but Geoff stressed the export push would not impact on its existing local market involving 600 stores. "This is value adding; our local supplies will not be affected," he said.

And the link to China is likely to expose other Fleurieu Peninsula producers to overseas markets.

"The biggest challenge was working through the process with AQIS (Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service) to gain the necessary accreditation to ensure that we are up to export standard," Geoff said. "We are actually on-selling the milk from here."

P12-13: Geoff and Barry tell us why they love Myponga.



Opening new doors to the heart of art

We're ready to move into the fun and entertainment mode from April 11-19 with the presentation of Festival Fleurieu, so bring on more than 90 events at 50 venues.

The front doors on houses, businesses, schools and many other buildings across the western Fleurieu region are being given a splash of bright art to symbolise the opening of something new and very special, while the main street of Normanville will be transformed into a European-like town square.

The remarkable support and enthusiasm among the local communities for this biennial event will attract people from interstate — and festival goers from Adelaide — here for the first time and hopefully equate to long-term financial benefit.

Incredibly, this festival was in serious danger of being canned last June, largely because of a forced cut in local council financial support and some opposition to changing the old Leafy Sea Dragon Festival, from which Festival Fleurieu has evolved.

However, a newly-formed six member board led by Greg Mackie and a 12-member planning group refused to let this event go and now communities across the western Fleurieu Peninsula are excited about presenting what they have to offer – a plethora of artistic and musical talent across valleys of heritage and culture supported by some must-visit eateries and wine stops.

Planning group co-ordinator Jill Langford described the response by the local communities as a wonderful success story and an example of real Australian spirit.

"Yes, the festival was in danger of being cancelled," Jill said. "But we just wanted to do it because everyone is passionate and community minded... the community has been right behind us on this from the moment we started putting the program together.

"We made time on Monday nights to get into a community bus and go to every region from last September to engage with the people and ask them what they would like to do for the festival. It worked really well.

"We went to Cape Jervis, Inman Valley, Myponga, Normanville, Carrickalinga and Second Valley, and here in Yankalilla and surrounding hamlets.

"We had a good group of local people come out to the meetings and they put in lots of event registrations.

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"It was in doubt at one stage, but we now have formed a wonderful partnership with the Yankalilla Council and they are just helping us with so many things.

"The people down here loved the Leafy Sea Dragon name for the festival – it represented and identified the area for over 10 years as their own, but outside of here further afield to Adelaide it was seen as a local festival. Because of that it was perhaps not as attractive as having a broad appeal.

"Winnie Pelz, a community member, came up with the new name Festival Fleurieu, and the board decided to go with that... it is still 99 per cent local festival, but it gives a broader appeal and we have been able to add people and events from outside the area like Bruce Hancock, who is head of jazz at the Elder Conservatorium of Music in Adelaide, and Dave Loew, a cellist with the London Symphony Orchestra.

"The festival has gone to another level with everything. It is still showcasing our local artists, but by bringing a few extra things we hope it will attract more people from Adelaide to see this beautiful part of the state. Something like this is just brilliant for the region."

There will be so much to enjoy at Festival Fleurieu including:

- Artists studio trail... go into the studios of 15 brilliant artists and talk about their art
- Discover the history of the local environment and heritage... take a walk, study the bird life, immerse yourself in a museum
- Enjoy the long list of events with a difference like the Cape Jervis Big Fish competition, a great movie night, groove to jazz, see how beer is brewed and come alive with the free street party in the main street of Normanville on April 11 from 10am-4pm.
- Get a taste of art in so many forms,



like the traditional paintings, jewellery displays, mosaics, the Inman Quilters exhibition at the classic Inman Valley Memorial Hall, and go across the road to the Country Kitchen for a historical photo display and some amazing food

- Literature is a big part of this western Fleurieu community, and be entertained by some clever bush poets. Of course, there are the numerous music performances something for everyone plus a host of events specifically for children of all ages including illustration and street painting workshops
- The western Fleurieu has so much to offer, but it is perhaps best known for its sensational wining and dining you can have a light luncheon with Peter Goers, a Bollywood and fashion show at the Cape Jervis Tavern, and some of the finest foods and wines with entertainment at some special places.

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World War II veteran Ken McWhinnie, 88, of Kangaroo Island, who may be the oldest from the Soldier Settlement Scheme still working his own land. It is the centenary of the scheme as we commemorate the 100th year of the landing at Gallipoli. FULL STORY: P9-11

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Keeping us on the same page

ou wouldn't read about it. These days it's okay to make a little bit of noise in a library, and if you doubted the popularity of our Victor Harbor Library it caters for 600 people – on a quiet day.

And the trendies (find that word in an edition of the English Oxford Dictionary pre-1960) don't even refer to it as a library - it's a lounge space because that is exactly what they have become; a place to lounge around, sip your own coffee and hook up your iPad to the free wi-fi.

Those who still have their

original library card may be horrified at the cultural change that has slowly engulfed libraries around the nation, but according to Ben Footner (pictured), manager of our library and overseer of records for the Victor Harbor Council, it is all about engaging the public and presenting a library for what it has always been for centuries - a place of knowledge. It's just that we now learn through additional forums.

And Ben, plus the other welcoming nine full-time and part-time staff at the Victor Harbor Library, see this as a marvellous thing because it encourages people to learn, even the toddlers with at least 40 on a Wednesday morning being read books with their caring mums. We said the library was no longer

Ben believes libraries remain popular, but the way people are using them has changed. "It used to be pop-in get what you need and you're out, and now a lot of people call them the lounge room of the community. A visit to the library is not a 15 minute thing now; it can be two hours or more. They read the newspaper, browse the magazines, have a wander up the aisles before they have a coffee. It's more of an outing I guess; it's a



community destination.

"We run a lot of programs for all ages, particularly the children. Pre-school literacy programs and story time... we have always had them, but they are more popular now.

"Baby bounce sessions for the real littlies for singing and nursery rhymes... we'll have 40 kids and 20 adults in our space in the library for them every Wednesday, when a lot of our regulars can't get a spot in the car park."

Ben, 34, and his wife Jacki have two children - Chloe, three, and Ashton, nine months and they have read to them since they were born. "Chloe loves reading books, but right now Ashton loves to eat them," he said. "They do know what you are talking about when you read."

Public libraries throughout South Australia are now linked by a one-card network where you can be a member of Victor Harbor and borrow or return a book anywhere in the state. But you won't find a better library in South Australia according to the Australian Library and Information Association, which ran a poll that voted our library the most popular in the state as part of a national award in 2014.

"You can be a member of Victor Harbor

and borrow or return a book anywhere in the state." Ben said. "There is not such an importance on making sure you have something on everything in your own library these days because we can get the book from anywhere within a week or so.

"There aren't as many books in libraries these days, but popularity has not waned. Rather than each library spending a fortune on a limited number of books we can spend less and expand the range and have them available for everyone across the state.

"Biographies are huge here - we have a row of them, whereas most libraries don't have half the number. I think it's because it represents an opportunity to learn from someone else's life or finding out what makes them tick.

"Perhaps when people get towards retirement age they enjoy other people's stories and think more about their own. An older population has seen those who have written biographies grow up so the book becomes more personal to them; they feel that close association.

"When selecting what books to have in the library we tend to judge what is popular... you have to get a vibe what your community wants and we share the selection process amongst the staff, plus we take customer requests."

And well done to the book worms of this town. According to Ben, they are very good at bringing their books back. "Most just genuinely forget sometimes," he said. "It is interesting how people don't associate a value to the books; some people may have \$500 worth of books overdue but don't think of the value."

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Dwellings over looking the ocean need to be able to stand up to the harsh coastal weather conditions. When a local builder took on this project 20 years ago, they instantly identified this and designed the house to have additional protection to stand the test of time. Using a solid masonry construction and marine grade materials became a must. This was also the case designing the entrance set back; cleverly protected from the sea air and prevailing winds. The result was to create a tough exterior shell with an open, light-filled interior.

Downstairs comprises three good sized bedrooms (two of those overlook the ocean) and one large bathroom with spa bath, separate toilet and laundry. Upstairs is a second toilet and powder room with a large living area; open plan kitchen and meals with a side entrance on to the generous balcony. The large windows create a light and bright area enjoying the smell, sounds and sights of the waves and beach. This non-intrusive, conservative sized home has retained the beautiful land area of 750m2, fully landscaped and green it has a secure backyard for the children to enjoy or room to extend if you wish.

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Helping the Victor Harbor Library be the best it can is an exceptionally active Friends of the Library group, which boasts more than 100 financial members.

"They raise significant amounts for us," Ben said. "It can be \$10,000 a year which is substantial, and their help and impact is profound. As an example, with our children's area it was okay, but with their help we took it up a notch and has been a huge positive impact for the community.

"A library is about individual stories really... they come in and because of their experience in the library they have managed to secure a job or explore a new career path or learnt something knew. Who knows? It is a place where anything is possible. I believe the library has become an even more enjoyable experience.

"It's a house of mental stimulation. Some people are so precious about what people do in libraries, but what do you think people do at home with the books? They read them while they are having a coffee or eating." And then there is Ashton.

We said you wouldn't read about it, but you just did. ■





Aquafest to make big splash at Goolwa

After a brilliant SA Wooden Boat Festival Goolwa will come alive again on the water with the fourth annual Aquafest on Saturday and Sunday, April 11-12.

Presented by the Goolwa Aquatic Club, the Saturday program includes a 'test and tune' day with spirited demonstrations, while on the Sunday from 9.30am there will be speedboats old and new, race and classic boats, hydroplanes, skiffs and outboards. There will also be a spitfire flyover, classic and vintage cars on display, BBQ breakfast and catering. The Goolwa Aquatic Club will be open with full restaurant and bar facilities. The Aquafest is for everyone – you are welcome to participate with any type of speed boat, new or old, inboard or outboard, race boat, ski boat or pleasure craft. Visit: www.goolwaaquaticclub.com.au or contact Neil on 0414 313 322.

Best of British luck with rare cars

The best of British in classic motor vehicles will return to the South Coast for the fourth annual British Classics Tour on Sunday, May

Organised by the Historic Motor Vehicles Club of Victor Harbor, with support from the City of Victor Harbor, the event has already attracted rare cars, motorcycles and even trucks which will arrive in Victor Harbor for the start of a coastal tour and finishing with a grand display at Warland Reserve.

More than 150 vehicles and their proud owners are taking part starting at 11am through a giant archway at Albert Place, which will be closed off (adjacent to the Hotel Victor).

Spectators can see the cars from 9.30am as entrants assemble in the foreshore public car park. A Scottish pipe band will welcome the entrants.

This year the Tour has been expanded to give local residents and visitors the opportunity to see the vehicles in a special parade of cars which will go through the nearby coastal towns. From the 11am start cars will travel along the Victor Harbor Road to Port Elliot and Middleton, turning into Flagstaff Hill Road, Airport Road then right to Goolwa and returning to Victor for displays at Warland Reserve for spectators to get a closer look at their favourite British car.

Popular British style music of the era will be provided by the Goolwa Concert Band with the Goolwa Ukulele Group moving through the vehicles.

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First-prize winners Wendy Hodge (left; photographic) and Inta Alanda (art).

Until Monday, April 6

The Rotary Club of Goolwa has again produced a magnificent Goolwa Art and Photographic Exhibition – definitely worth seeing – at the Signal Point Gallery, Goolwa. The third annual event with \$16,750 prizemoney features 774 entries and is open daily 9.30am-4.30pm. The entries are outstanding in both categories, especially those submitted by the main winners, Inta Alanda for her oil/acrylic entry Goolwa, and Currency Creek photographer Wendy Hodge for her image Icelandic Horses.

Other winners were: Art — Second prize: Maslin Pigface by Gail Kellett; third: Over the Hill & Dale by Suzie Riley; fourth: Coorong Impressions by Jenni Mumford; Judges merit awards: The Moose is Loose! by Eva Elliot, and High and Dry by Eva Jager; Young artist (U18): Silent Forest by Oscar Chambers; Judges merit certificates: Stay Golden by Hannah Bailey, and Tranquillity in the Country by Zoe Sotiropoulos.

Photography – Second: Hartley by Paul Johnson; Best black & Vwhite: Icelandic Rivers by Brad Hodge; Landscape/winterscape: Gifted Sands by Paul Johnson; Nature: Black & White Puffin by Brad Hodge; People: Waiting for the Bus by Yvonne Hill; Structuire: Farm Stay by Dana Fatchen; Open: Tender is the Night by Evan Bailey; Creative: Steam Ranger by Alice Bell; Young photographer (U18) Encounter Bay by Jacob Ditter; Judges merit certificate: PS Marion by Jonathon Armstrong.

April 11-13

The Inman Quilters are holding their fifth Biennial Quilt Exhibition in the Memorial Hall, Inman Valley. The 35-member club will display 80 quilts plus wall-hangings and bags, etc. A judging panel from the SA Quilters



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Guild will select Best of Show winners and runner-Up. This year's challenge has a strong Anzac theme, and after the exhibition the quilts will be distributed by the Southern Fleurieu Legacy Group to Legacy widows in the Southern Fleurieu. Well done!

April 11-19 / every Tuesday

The highly-creative Tuesday Art Group at Mount Compass has got into the spirit by painting a door which will be displayed at the Cherry Farm, Pages Flat, during Festival Fleurieu. It's just one of the community projects the group gets involved with, and you are welcome to join this wonderful group any Tuesday from 11am-3pm. Cost is just \$5 (hall hire). Contact Anne 8556 8701 or Adrienne 0410 305 216.

Sunday, April 12

The Australian Plants Society Fleurieu Group & Friends of Nangawooka are holding a plant sale and open day at Nangawooka (off Waterport Road) from 11am-4pm. Buy Australian native plants — and a great morning & afternoon tea. Free tour 2pm.

April 12-18

A Life in Art, a retrospective of the work

of George Tetlow, will be opened by Greg Mackie, chair of Festival Fleurieu, at 11.30am. For more than 20 years George exhibited at his gallery Studio 13 in Normanville, and he returns with a comprehensive summation of 50 years of work. All welcome to official opening; exhibition daily 11am-4pm in Jubilee Hall, next to Yankalilla Area School, Main South Rd Yankalilla.

Tuesday, April 14

Women of the Fleurieu Dinner, Fleurieu Function Centre, Barrage Rd, Goolwa. Guest speaker Dr Denice Higgins, a forensic dentist who assisted with identification after the tsunami in Indonesia and again in the Ukraine air crash. Starts 7.30pm. Tickets \$30 each supporting Royal Flying Doctor Service, Bookings essential; contact 0408 039 057.

April 16-June 21

Alison Mitchell and Harry Sherwin Exhibition, Signal Point Gallery, Goolwa Wharf. Many decades of collective experience and dedication to their arts practise go into this exhibition. Mon-Fri 11am-4pm, Sat-Sun 10am-4pm. Opening event Sunday, April 19, 2pm. Contact 8555 7289.

Friday, April 17

Steve Ashley at The Supper Club, Mount Compass War Memorial Hall, 8pm. The Fleurieu Peninsula-based singer-songwriter-guitarist will play acoustic, new folk and country with Chris Parkinson, Paul Turner and Richard Bennett. Tickets \$15 from Sip'n'Save Mount Compass. Drinks, cake, tea and coffee available or BYO.

Saturday, April 18

The Encounter Centre at 42 Armstrong Road (opp Encounter Bay Oval) is having a car boot sale and open day from 9am-1pm. Also sales of wooden toys, budget plants, pottery and BBQ. Car boot registrations by Thurs, April 2; contact 8552 2995. Proceeds to Encounter Bay projects and general funding.

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Saturday markets

Inman Valley Art Craft & Produce Market: First Saturday of the month, 9am-1pm. Inman Valley Memorial Hall.

McLaren Vale Market: First Saturday of the month, 9am-2pm. McLaren Vale Institutional Hall, Main Road, McLaren Vale.

Mount Compass Market: First Saturday of the month, 8.30am-1pm. The Wetlands off Nangkita Road, Mount Compass.

MypongaWholesaleCountryMarket:WeekendsandPublicholidays(excludingChristmasDay)10am-4pm.OldMypongaCheese Factory, 46 Main Sourh Rd.Myponga.

Port Elliot Market: First and third Saturdays of the month, 9am-2pm. Lakala Reserve, Rosetta Street. Port Elliot.

Victor Harbor Farmers' Market: Every Saturday, 8am-12-30pm. Grosvenor Gardens, Torrens St, Victor Harbor (opposite Victor Central shopping centre).

Victor Harbor Indoor Craft & Plant Market: First Saturday of the month 9am-3pm at the RSL clubrooms, Coral Street, Victor Harbor.

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Willunga Quarry Market: Second Saturday of the month, 9am-1pm. Aldinga Rd, Willunga.

Yankalilla Craft & Produce Market: Third Saturday of the month, 9am-1pm. Agricultural Hall, Main Road, Yankalilla.

Sunday markets

Cape Jervis Market: Second Sunday of the month from September to May, 9am-1pm, in and around the Cape Jervis Tavern.

Goolwa Wharf Market: First and third Sundays of the month, 9am-3.30pm. Located at reserve

by the Goolwa Wharf.

Kangaroo Island: Penneshaw Farmers' Market and Penneshaw Community Market: First Sunday of the month, 9am-1pm. Penneshaw Oval (October-April). Penneshaw Lloyd Collins Reserve (May-September).

The Vale Market (McLaren Vale): First and third Sunday of the month (September-May), 9am-1pm. McLaren Vale & Fleurieu Visitor Information Centre, McLaren Vale.

Myponga Wholesale Country Market: Weekends and Public holidays (excluding Christmas Day) 10am-4pm. Old Myponga Cheese Factory, 46 Main South Rd, Myponga.

Strathalbyn Market: Third Sunday of month 8am-2pm, Lions Park, South Tce, Strathalbyn.

Victor Harbor Country Market: Second and fourth Sundays of the month, 9am-4pm. Soldiers Memorial Gardens, The Esplanade, Victor Harbor.

Victor Harbor Natural Resource Centre's Market of Earthly Delights: A veggie/produce swap market. First Sunday of the month 1pm-3pm at The Encounter Centre, Armstrong Rd, Victor Harbor.

From P7

Friday, May 1

Our local Zonta club will hold a quiz night with Ian Milne as quiz master at Christian Gospel Centre, 2 George Main Rd, Victor Harbor at 7pm. BYO supper and drinks (no alcohol). Tables of eight. Tickets \$10 p.p. can be bought at Sinclair Florists. Funds raised support local and international Zonta projects which aim to empower women through service and advocacy.

Sunday, May 10

Country performer Adam Harvey Up Close & Acoustic with guest Dave Prior at Encounter Bay Football Club on Mother's Day from 7pm. Concert seats and group table bookings \$30 p.p. BYO supper; bar facilities available. Contact: 8554 5236



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Monday, May 4

The Fleurieu Peninsula region has established a new group ADFAS — Australian Design & Fine Arts Society — that will see outstanding international speakers come to Victor Harbor. ADFAS is an international organisation across the United Kingdom, Europe and New Zealand plus 34 member groups in Australia. It began here in Sydney and then Adelaide, and the new Fleurieu membership is only the second in the state.

Anne Butcher (pictured) of Encounter Bay has been the driving force of the Fleurieu group, and has been encouraged by the fact more than 60 booked early for the first of a series of lectures featuring Richard Heathcote, the director of Carrick Hill, a historic house and garden in Adelaide, at McCracken Convention Centre on Monday, May 4.

"ADFAS is about presenting a series of lectures on a wide variety of arts," Anne said. "For instance, there is literature, photography and jewellery. It's about widening our knowledge of the arts for pleasure and fellowship, and taking art in all forms to the public. It is for everybody. It opens up venues that you have never dreamed about.

"We are a not-for-profit organisation with any proceeds supporting youth arts in the form of grants, school children or local artists."

The encouraging support locally is likely to see up to eight guest speakers next year, but right now the group is focusing on presentations this year including those by Russian Dr Alexey Makhrov speaking on St Petersburg 18th-19th century on July 6, and Anthea Streeter on London's changing skyline on September 7. Membership cost (four lectures) is \$40, or \$25 per lecture including morning tea. Contact Anne on 0408 267 511 for more details.



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Just one year into the First World War where the Anzac tradition was born settlement land was offered to discharged soldiers under schemes administered by the state governments, and within a decade we had new towns sprouting and 23,000 new farms over 9 million hecatres.

It continued after the Second World War, and now a century on, able seaman Ken McWhinney, a frail 88-year-old working his 750 hectare property in a remote part of Kangaroo Island off the South Australian coast, is possibly the last of the working settlement soldiers.

There were numerous recipients of the scheme, but most, if not all have passed their farms on to their sons, sold, or passed way. But not Ken. He still tends to his flock of sheep that has dwindled by almost two-thirds to 1500 because of spiralling costs, barely bringing enough income to run the farm and pay for the groceries his wife Dianna collects at the end of their 5km corrugated driveway from the mailman.

This year marks their 60th year on the farm, and the 70th anniversary on September 7 that Ken witnessed Lieutenant General Masatane Kanda of the Imperial Japanese Army board the HMAS Diamantina in previously untold extraordinary circumstances to surrender the Bougainville campaign.

Life has been tough for Ken and Dianna on the farm, but they don't complain. Not even right now with their daughter, Wendy, who lives at Kapinnie on the West Coast, battling terminal lung cancer despite having never smoked. They have another daughter, Trina, who lives in Queensland and a son Bill, who occasionally does a 1000km-plus round trip from Coobowie on Yorke Peninsula to help Ken do the extra-tough jobs.

"I was one of the lucky ones to get some land," Ken said. "Now they've all gone from around this neck of the woods. There used to be 174 soldier settler farms here on the island; now there are only seven left including me, but the other six have been taken over by their sons."

The Soldier Settlement Scheme started in Murray Bridge and Kangaroo Island in 1915,



Above: Ken and Dianna at their home on Kangaroo Island with the old Ford in the carport. Right: Ken at 17 years when he enlisted with the navy "to get some action".

expanded to New South Wales and Victoria a year later, and Queensland in 1917. Recipients were virtually given land with peppercorn rent under the proviso they worked the land for a minimum five year term, but most of the early land packages were so inhospitable many veterans walked off their dust bowls distraught. The conditions changed after World War II, but the challenges remained arduous.

"It's been a good life on the farm; pretty hard though with wool prices going up and down," Ken said. "We switched to cattle for a while but things went bad in the market. For three years we didn't really have an income.

"We don't get droughts like they get on the mainland, but I always reckon you get the impact of a drought over here every year by the time you pay your freight costs on the

"The worst was back in '59 I'll tell you. We had only 15 inches of rain - we had 35 the previous year – and we got eaten out by crop chasers... grubs. They're beetles that fly. They

eat the pasture and our place was nearly like a gravel park. I had to put my sheep out on adjustment and sell what I could. But over here you learn to recover."

However, not even a hard day's night by the beetles, or a bone-crunching daily drive in his 1990 EA Ford - it's rusted out from the sea spray, badly needs new shock absorbers and Ken reckons it's the oldest car on KI - can be compared with his memories of war.

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Ken, who was born in Melbourne and moved with his family to Sydney because his father, Alex, was a manager with the original Rosella Foods company, recalled the fear when Pearl Harbor was attacked by the Japanese on December 7, 1941. Amazingly, he knows every key war date; he says you never forget them.

"I was 14 and it was frightening," Ken said. "The Japs were going their hardest and people were scrambling to get out of Sydney. Many just sold up and got out.

"We were made to look like we were scared too when we left on the 29th of January, 1942 because of dad's work, but it wasn't like that. My dad was wounded twice in France during World War I, and he wasn't afraid.

"Just after we left Sydney Singapore fell to the Japanese, and when we arrived in Adelaide on the 19th of February, 1942 Darwin was bombed. I was 15 when I spent my first month at school in Adelaide digging out bomb shelters across the road from the Royal Adelaide Hospital.

"I got a job making power alcohol (ethanol) at a distillery for the war; brewing sugar and water in fermenting tanks. I could see the war was winding down a bit and my best shot at seeing some action was joining the navy when I was 17... you had to be 18 to enlist in the army and the training was too long for the RAAF. I guess I saw it as an adventure.

"I was on the (HMAS) Diamantina doing a few bombardments and a bit of patrolling off New Guinea. The Japs were shelling our headquarters of the Army; their 18 pounders were out of range so they gave us the job of trying to quieten the Japs down. We'd fire a couple of hundred shells and go back to Torokina and stock up with ammunition. On our days off we'd go surfing - we loved it.

"The Japs were bottled up on the north east side of Bougainville and on the 6th of August we couldn't understand why our mission was postponed. Then we heard on the radio they had dropped the atom bomb on Hiroshima and everything changed. Blokes were doing a Congo line on the beaches... we used to get two bottles of beer a week when we were in port, and this day they gave us an extra two. "On the 7th of September one of our corvettes was supposed to pick up Lieutenant General Kanda and take him to Torokina for the surrender ceremony, but when he saw

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it he wouldn't go aboard. He said he'd lose face if he didn't have a bigger ship, so with the Diamantina (now in the Queensland Maritime Museum, Brisbane) being twice as big it was our job.

"Another time we had to pick up Lieutenant-General Stanley Savige, who led our campaign, and it was rare for one ship to have transported two of the biggest-named opposing generals.

"To get Kanda, we had to send a barge you wouldn't give two bob for to bring him to the ship, and it did well to get through a mine field."

Ken then gave a chilling account of seeing Lieutenant General Kanda face-to-face; his steely eyes. He said you could feel the hatred among the Australians, especially by those who had brothers or mates in the prisonerof-war camps. And then the imaginable happened to such a high-ranking and proud leader of the Imperial Japanese Army in a time of profound tension.

"As Kanda stretched to get on board our ship the top button of his pants went flying and he suddenly found himself trying not to fall overboard and to stop his pants from falling down," Ken said.

"We got him on board; he was holding on to his pants for dear life.

"We had to take him down to the sick bay to get him a safety pin to fix his pants before we could go to the surrender ceremony."

Yet, for all this somewhat embarrassment for someone so important, no one laughed; not even a snigger. "We could only think about what they (the Japanese) had done to our

blokes in the camps," Ken said. He recalled how the coming days they transported Australian POWs in Singapore and Malay with many having had their feet blown off from the mines they had set in sandy tracks, and those from Changi so close to death. "The poor beggars were like skeletons with skin stretched over them," he said.

"I discovered war wasn't the adventure I thought it would be."

Kanda was sentenced to 14 years for his war crimes, but served only four. He died in 1983, aged 92.

Ken said war taught him a lot of things about life - even surfing which seems so obscure in the bigger picture. Incredibly, it was only a heart attack two years ago that forced him to stop body surfing in the big waves off KI. He is known as a legend to all the young surfers on the island.

"War teaches you to make the most of life," Ken said. "It makes you appreciate what we have. I had just turned 19 when the war ended so I didn't go through anywhere near as much as so many others.

"I have seen a lot of braver people than me in my life time, but then Dianna and I have never known anyone gutsier than our daughter (Wendy). Like a lot of cancer sufferers; she has gone through her own hell."



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why I love my town

Myponga is one of these towns people drive through on their way to somewhere else. They see the former milk and cheese factory and sense there is nothing much here, but they miss the amazing sense of adventure and will to keep going no matter the odds.

Myponga

eoff Hutchinson stood in second slip alongside his mate Dave Wenham during a local A-grade cricket final at Myponga last month, turned to the wicketkeeper and said: "Do you realise that there are 120 years between the three of us?" And the lad looked at them and said: "But I'm only 18."

It's the dry humour around this place. Geoff, 49, says you play sport, share a laugh with your mates from both sides and enjoy the moment. And when you're hit for six in real life you band together to somehow find a way to get on with it all.

Geoff is co-director of Fleurieu Milk Company, and much of this rang true last October when one

of his workers, Brett Pearce, aged 38 and a father of three, died in a vehicle accident on the way to work.

"The whole town took it hard, yet Brett only worked here – he lived in Willunga," Geoff said. "We organised his wife Krissy to stay in the Intercontinental for a weekend while unbeknown to her 60 of us did one of those complete make-overs of her house."

Barry Clarke, 53, another co-director with Chris Royans and Geoff - with their respective wives Merridie, Karen and Louise - said: "This is what Myponga is like. "But it hasn't been easy. Gawd it hasn't been easy." The necessity to keep going is reflected in so many ways at this beautiful spot on the western Fleurieu Peninsula during times when it felt like someone had shut its doors. The former dairy milk company that made some of the world's finest Edam and Gouda cheeses was bought-out by Dairy Vale in 1975 and then sold to Dairy Farmers and ultimately shut down. A decade ago the general store closed leaving just the local deli, but now both are open, plus there's a tempting bakery and the milk factory has been turned into a giant market with a fabulous boutique brewery at the rear.

Add this to a recently-completed housing



sub-division and another two on the way and Myponga is doing well, thank you. But most of all, this attitude of refusing to be beaten is reflected by the Fleurieu Milk Company – and we make no apologies for the brazen plug.

The long-term impact of losing the milk and cheese factory, plus the harsh reality the dairy farmers in this once thriving farming region were going broke because the bigger milk companies were paying them 25c per litre for their milk and it was costing them 30c to produce, brought gloom.

"It wasn't rocket science," Geoff said. "We were slowly going bust.

"If you wind the clock back to the early 80s our football side went top two years running, and of the 25 players in the team photos 15 were dairy farmers. Now there is not a dairy farmer who plays for the club. That is quite significant; it is evolution and displacement. "Land has been split down for hobby farmers and it has become too expensive to farm this close to Adelaide. In our instance, starting this made our farms viable, and that was the whole idea. Now they have taken on a new life as a result of the factory.

"We have also made two of our mates' farms viable and they are at least 10 cents a litre better off than they would be with bigger companies. Hopefully with exports, it may allow us to take on another farm. For us, having been involved in the community all of our lives, dairying has been such a big part of us and it would be nice to see it keep going and get back to the stage of having a cooperative of local farmers like it used to be. "Fleurieu Milk employs 15 in the factory, but indirectly associated there are 40 from distribution, processing, to farming and accounting. We take on three farms and part of a fourth. It goes on (milk) volume more than farms, and we are currently doing 80,000 litres a week and four-five tonne of yoghurt.

"The biggest issue you have taking on farms is they are contracted to bigger factories and the next local farmer to target does more than 2 million litres a year. You have to find a market for that volume of milk. If you don't, you are stuck with a lot of milk."

Geoff is fourth-generation Myponga, married a dairy farmer's daughter (as you do), and his passion for the land largely stems from his great-grandparents who were market gardeners here through the 1950s and '60s growing peas and beans in the summer and Swedes and turnips in the winter.

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Significantly, it led to Italian fruit pickers from the Riverland forming a circuit to the Myponga region to pick the fruit and vegetables, and because they worked hard many now own the properties.

According to Geoff, Myponga is special because it is very community orientated. "A lot of that has to do with the fact we don't have a pub in the town," he said. (Imagine that; a town with no pub).

"We have a brewery now, and our central meeting spot is the community centre with a cross-section of people from 15-90 years old having meals there.

"I caught up with a lad there last week who moved back to the town to play footy for us again and said the people here were just the salt of the earth; they are genuine people, he said. It was nice to hear that from someone so young... it was a reminder there are no airs and graces here.

"I admit I take the scenery for granted. Go up the hill and some of the views of the ocean are the most magnificent in the country. I see that every day; how good is that?"

With a wry grin, like he had just caught a mouse in the cheese factory, Barry said the downside was the wet and cold winters that strike Myponga. "You see," he said as the grin grew, "They didn't like to play footy against

us here until we put in a lot of drainage in 1993.

"We always played in mud; that's why they call us the Mudlarks. Teams hated playing here and we loved that... mentally we had 'em before we tossed the coin. They'd stand there watching the juniors and the Bs and they'd be shivering and whinging about the oval, and the more they complained the better we felt."

Obviously, these blokes enjoyed it. Barry played a Great Southern Football League record 558 A-grade games and Geoff is second on the list with 334. Then there are the reserves matches and, as ridiculous as it may seem, still a kick and a catch with the old blokes in Super Rules, all of whom think they're still 21.

"The town has always been held together through sport because for so long there wasn't anything else here," Barry said. "We farm and we do sports, and enjoy the hell out of it.

"But we're not unusual to any other town. If you walk in with an ego you get shot down fairly quickly; we don't take ourselves too seriously. The community is like that."

Visit Geoff and Barry in their office (Chris, who dives for abalone, is a silent partner in the business) and you don't see them captured in oil and bronze like the football legends at Adelaide Oval who wouldn't have survived in the mud, and there is certainly no mention of how great they are for creating Fleurieu Milk and shaking some life back into the town. In fact, Geoff admits it's a pretty ordinary office, and he was being kind.

The real give away what these blokes are really like lay in just a small sticker for the Little Heroes Foundation, which works closely with like-minded charities and medical institutions to fulfil the unmet needs of seriously ill children.

When asked why the sticker they said they were proud supporters. It seems they donate more than \$30,000 to the Foundation every year, taking their tally to well over \$100K. They also do a lot of other little things like buying sick kids tickets to the circus, movies

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Population: 596 of which 299 are male and 296 female (2011 Census) History: Myponga Beach actually settled in 1844 - before Myponga the town. The town gained international attention in when 15,000 fans - plus countless thousands who jumped the fences - attended a pop festival featuring Ozzy Osbourne's Black Sabbath, plus top Australian groups including Daddy Cool and Billy Thorpe and the Aztecs. The Myponga dam was opened in 1962 - it is 220 metres long and 17m thick at the base, and holds 6 billion gallons of water.

and other shows. It's just what they do. "Money is always good, but it's not the be-all and end-all," Geoff said. "If it were, things would be structured a little bit different here. We're happy in this office." As Barry said: "How could you argue with that when it comes to donating to help save little children?"

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'Saving was not meant to be easy'

The sad passing of former Australian prime minister Malcolm Fraser revived his famous quotation: *Life was not meant to be easy.* Perhaps it is not, but it doesn't mean we cannot try to make things easier.

This is certainly the case with the current interest rates across every bank. The reality is that they are not good, but the situation can be made easier or the financial pressures lifted slightly by actually looking at other options.

We often hear reactions to changes in housing interest rates, but surprisingly there are far more people who do not have a mortgage than those that do.

The area affecting or concerning most is the interest rate on your savings, particularly term deposits. If you have, for example, \$100,000 on a term deposit you may be getting around 2.75% for six months and 2.8% for 12 months. An online account at call may be just 2%. This has been the normal saving situation for many retirees for some time, and frankly the current rates have made it tougher to live off.

However, there may be far better options to suit you. The key thing to remember is that one scenario does not fit all, but generally there are ways to bring better returns. For example, a retirement account is tiered meaning that the first \$48K may be at 1.75% and beyond that it may increase to 3.25%. Of course, there are different conditions to consider with the retirement account that may not suit your particular circumstances, but perhaps most likely there are options that will.

The team at the Goolwa & District Community Bendigo Bank has been well trained on these matters, and importantly has an outstanding support network to call upon to lead you to you making choices.

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through the Global Financial Crisis or Great Depression, and it was one of just a handful of Australian financial services providers to weather the GFC without freezing redemptions to customers from any of its funds.

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As mentioned, interest rates on your money are not the best in this current climate. It is what the market dictates. But there is no doubt it is very much worth your while to at least take another look at your investments to see if there is something better out there that presents a better option.

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The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel

(PG) Comedy, drama starring Richard Gere, Bill Nighy, Maggie Smith, Judi Dench, and Dev Patel. Sonny has his eye on a promising property now that his first venture, The Best Exotic Marigold

Hotel for the Elderly and Beautiful, has only a single remaining vacancy — posing a rooming predicament for fresh arrivals. Fri, April 3: 6.25pm; Sat, April 4: 4.05pm, 6.30pm; Sun, April 5: 5.25pm; Mon, April 6: 5.25pm; Tues, April 7: 6.15pm; Wed, April 8: 1.15pm.

Insurgent

(M) Sci Fi, action movie starring Shailene Woodley, Theo James. The Divergent Series: Tris searches for allies in the ruins of a futuristic Chicago. Tris and Four are fugitives on the run, hunted by the leader of the power-hungry Erudite elite. They must find out what Tris's family sacrificed their lives to protect, and why the Erudite leaders will do anything to stop them. Fri, April 3: 8.50pm; Sat, April 4: 8.50pm; Sun, April 5: 7.55pm; Mon, April 6: 7.55pm; Tues, April 7: 8.35pm; Wed, April 8: 1.30pm.

Cinderella

(G) Adventure, family, fantasy, romance movie starring Lily James, Cate Blanchett. The story follows the fortunes of young Ella (Lily James) whose merchant father remarries following the death of her mother. Ella welcomes her new stepmother (Cate Blanchett) and her daughters Anastasia and Drisella into the family home.



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But, when Ella's father unexpectedly passes away, she finds herself at the mercy of a jealous and cruel new family. And then there is the dashing stranger she meets in the woods... her fortunes may be about to change when the Palace sends out an open invitation for all maidens to attend a ball.

Fri, April 3: 2.20pm, 8.40pm; Sat, April 4: 12.20pm, 4.30pm, 8.40pm; Sun, April 5: 1.30pm, 7.40pm; Mon, April 6: 1.30pm, 7.40pm; Tues, April 7: 8.25pm; Wed, April 8: 10.30am*, 4pm, 6.30pm; Fri, April 10: 4.30pm, 9pm; Sat, April 11: 4.30pm, 9pm; Sun, April 12: 3.30pm, 7.30pm; Mon, April 13: 4.30pm, 6.40pm; Tues, April 14: 4.30pm, 9pm; Wed, April 15: 4.30pm, 6.40pm; Thurs, April 16: 2.15pm, 9pm; Fri, April 17: 2.15pm, 6.40pm; Sat, April 18: 4.30pm, 9pm; Sun, April 19: 3.30pm, 7.30pm; Mon, April 20: 4.30pm, 9pm; Tues, April 21: 2.15pm, 6.40pm; Wed, April 22: 10.10am, 2.15pm.

The Spongebob Movie: Sponge Out of Water

(PG) Animation, family movie starring Antonio Banderas, Clancy Brown. SpongeBob goes on a quest to discover a stolen recipe that takes him to our dimension, our world, where he tangles with a pirate. Fri, April 3: 2.30pm; Sat, April 4: 10.15am, 2.05pm; Sun, April 5: 11.20am,

1.20pm; Mon, April 6: 11.20am, 1.20pm; Wed, April 8: 4.15pm; Fri, April 10; 2pm; Sat, April 11: 10am, 12.15pm, 2pm; Sun, April 12: 11am, 3pm; Mon, April 13: 10am, 12.01pm, 2pm; Tues, April 14: 10am, 12.15pm, 2pm; Wed, April 15: 10am, 12.15pm, 2pm; Thurs, April 15: 10am,

16: 10am, 12.15pm, 2pm; Fri, April 17: 10am, 12.15pm, 2pm; Sat, April 18: 10am, 12.15pm, 2pm; Sun, April 19: 11am, 3pm; Mon, April 20: 10am, 12.15pm, 2pm; Tues, April 21: 10am, 12.15pm, 2pm; Wed, April 22: 10am, 12.20pm, 2pm; Thurs, April 23: 11am; Fri, April 24: 11am; Sat, April 25: 12.15pm; Sun, April 26: 12.15pm.

What we did on our Holiday

(PG) Comedy, drama starring David Tennant, Rosamund Pike, Billy Connolly. Doug and Abi and their three children travel to the Scottish Highlands for Doug's father's birthday party. When it comes to keeping a secret under wraps from the rest of the family their children are their biggest liability. Fri, April 3: 4.40pm, 6.45pm; Sat, April 4: 2.35pm, 6.45pm; Sun, April 5: 3.45pm, 5.45pm; Mon, April 6: 3.45pm, 5.45pm; Tues, April 7: 6.30pm; Wed, April 8: 10.45am*, 6.40pm.

Home

(PG) Animation, adventure, fantasy, sci-fi starring Jim Parsons, Rihanna, Jennifer Lopez. When Earth is taken over by the overly-confident Boov, an alien race in search of a new place to call home, all humans are promptly relocated, while all Boov reorganises the planet. Fri, April 3: 4.25pm; Sat, April 4: 10.25am, 12.10pm; Sun, April 5: 11.30am, 3.20pm; Mon, April 6: 11.30am, 3.20pm; Sat, April 11: 10.15am; Sun, April 12: 11.15am; Mon, April 13: 10.15am; Tues, April 14: 10.15am; Wed, April 15: 10.15am; Sat, April 18: 10.15am; Sun, April 19: 11.15am; Mon, April 20: 10.15am; Tues, April 21: 12.01pm; Wed, April 22: 6.45pm.

A Little Chaos

(M) Drama starring Alan Rickman, Kate Winslet. Sabine is a strong-willed landscape designer who challenges sexual and class barriers when she is chosen to build one of the main gardens at King Louis XIV's new palace causing her to become professionally and romantically entangled with the court's landscape architect.

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Fri, April 10: 2.15pm, 6.45pm; Sat, April 11: 2.15pm, 6.45pm; Sun, April 12: 1.15pm, 5.45pm; Mon, April 13: 2.15pm, 8.50pm; Tues, April 14: 2.15pm, 6.45pm; Wed, April 15: 2.15pm, 8.50pm; Thurs, April 16: 4.30pm, 6.45pm; Fri, April 17: 4.30pm, 8.50pm; Sat, April 18: 2.15pm, 6.45pm; Sun, April 19: 1.15pm, 5.45pm; Mon, April 20: 2.15pm, 6.45pm; Tues, April 21: 4.30pm, 8.50pm; Wed, April 22: 4.25pm.

The Longest Ride

(M) Drama, romance starring Britt Robertson, Melissa Benoist. Based on a bestselling novel, the movie centers on the star-crossed love affair between Luke a former champion bull rider and a college student. Fri, April 10: 4pm, 6.30pm, 9.10pm; Sat, April 11: 4pm, 6.30pm, 9.10pm; Sun, April 12: 5pm, 8pm; Mon, April 13: 4pm, 6.30pm, 9pm; Tues, April 14: 4pm, 6.30pm, 9.10pm; Wed, April 15: 4pm, 6.30pm, 9pm; Thurs April 16: 4pm, 6.30pm, 9.10pm; Fri, April 17: 4pm, 6.30pm, 9pm; Sat, April 18: 4pm, 6.30pm, 9.10pm; Sun, April 19: 5pm, 8pm; Mon, April 20: 4pm, 6.30pm, 9.10pm; Tues, April 21: 4pm, 6.30pm, 9pm; Wed, April 22: 4pm, 6.30pm, 9pm; Thurs, April 23: 8.55pm; Fri, April 24: 8.55pm; Sat, April 25: 7.40pm; Sun, April 26: 7.40pm; Tues, April 28: 8.50pm; Wed, April 29: 10.45am*.

The Book of Life

(PG) Animation, family starring Diego Luna, Zoe Saldana and Channing Tatum. The journey of Manolo, a young man who is torn between fulfilling the expectations of his family and following his heart. Sat, April 11: 12.01pm; Sun, April 12: 1pm; Mon, April 13: 12.15pm; Tues, April 14: 12.01pm; Wed, April 15: 12.01pm; Thurs, April 16: 12.01pm; Fri, April 17: 12.01pm; Sat, April 18: 12.01pm; Sun, April 19: 1pm; Mon, April 20: 12.01pm; Tues, April 21: 10.15am; Wed, April 22: 12.01pm; Thurs, April 23: 11.15am; Fri, April 24: 11.15am; Sat, April 25: 12.30pm; Sun, April 26: 12.30pm.

Avengers: Age of Ultron

(CTC) Action, adventure, sci-fi, fantasy starring Aaron Taylor-Johnson, Robert Downey Jr.. When Tony Stark tries to jumpstart a dormant peacekeeping program, things go awry and Earth's mightiest heroes, including Iron Man, Captain America, Thor, The Incredible Hulk, Black Widow and Hawkeye, are put to the ultimate test. Wed, April 22: 8.45pm; Thurs, April 23: 1pm, 3.20pm, 6pm, 8.20pm; Fri, April 24: 1pm, 3.20pm, 6pm, 8.20pm; Sat, April 25: 2.15pm, 4.40pm, 7.25pm; Sun, April 26: 2.15pm, 4.40pm, 7.25pm; Tues, April 28: 6pm, 8.25pm; Wed, April 29: 10.30am*, 1.45pm, 4.15pm, 7pm.

Boy Choir

(PG) Drama starring Josh Lucas, Dustin Hoffman,. A demanding choir master at an elite east coast boarding school pushes a gifted but troubled orphan to fulfill his true potential. Thurs, April 23: 1.15pm, 3.55pm, 6.15pm; Fri, April 24: 1.15pm, 3.55pm, 6.15pm; Sat, April 25: 2.30pm, 5.15pm; Sun, April 26: 2.30pm, 5.15pm; Tues, April 28: 6.15pm; Wed, April 29: 2pm, 4.45pm, 7.15pm.



Law and order

Lenny the lawbreaker finally gets caught red handed for robbery and he goes to court to face the meanest of meanest judges. The only question is how many years goal Lenny will get.

The judge says: "Fifteen years and two years parole."

Lenny just smiles and shrugs it off, which upsets the judge. The judge says: "I've changed my mind; no parole."

So off Lenny goes to goal and his new cell mates asks: "Why are you looking so happy; you won't get out for 15 years?"

Lenny says: "Don't you worry about that, my wife will get me out in no time."

The other guys says: "You're mad; no one can help you now." And Lenny says: "Look mate, all my married life my wife has never allowed me to finish a sentence."

Take this...

An chap in his late 90s goes to the doctor feeling ill so the doctor gives him a prescription for a bottle of medicine.

The doctor says: "This is no ordinary bottle of medicine; it's potent stuff and it will cure your illness. It's so potent that I want you to take it one day and then skip a day. Take it again and then skip another day. Get it? Don't take it every day; skip a day."

Months later the doctor sees the chap's wife and enquires about his health. "Oh he died from a heart attack," says the wife. "I think it was all that skipping..."

In a word...

A truck loaded with thousands of copies of Roget's Thesaurus crashes on the Southern Expressway and all of the books are strewn across the road. According to Australian Associated Press, witnesses were stunned, startled, aghast, taken aback, stupefied, confused, shocked, rattled, paralysed, dazed, bewildered, mixed up, surprised, awed, dumbfounded, nonplussed, flabbergasted, astounded, amazed, confounded, astonished, overwhelmed, horrified, numbed, speechless and perplexed.

Boom, boom...

A rich-looking bloke walks into a bar and this gorgeous woman says: "Hey buddy, you like like my fifth husband." The bloke says: "How many times have you been married?" And she says: "Four."

Two skeletons used by the professor of anatomy find themselves stowed away in a dusty closet. After several weeks of boredom

one turns to the other and asks: "What are we doing shut up in here anyway?" The companion says: "Got me... but if we had any guts we'd bust out of here."

A doctor at Norfolk House in Victor says to his patient: "You're in good health. You'll live to be 80." The patient says: "But doctor, I am 80 right now." And the doctor says: "See, I told you so."

It's early morning and a police officer calls the chief at Victor Harbor station. "We have a case here," the officer says. "A woman has shot her husband for stepping on the floor she had just mopped clean." The chief asks: "Have you arrested the woman?" And the officer replies: "No, the floor is still wet."

Your pulling my leg

Sam is worried about a friend Bruce who always seems to lean slightly to the left so he suggests that he sees a doctor and have his legs checked out.

Bruce just ignores him, but for years Sam keeps begging until finally he gives in and sees a doctor.

After a close examination the doctor says: "Yes, your left leg is half an inch shorter than your right."

The doctor takes Bruce in for surgery, and after a four hour operation both legs are the same length and he no longer leans.

Sam is waiting there smiling: "So, you didn't believe me when I told you a doctor could fix your leg."

And Bruce says: "I stand corrected."

Dad jokes...

What happens to a refrigerator when you pull its plug? It loses its cool.

What clothes does a house wear? Address. Which knight is never killed in battle? Sir Vivor.

Which knight invented the round table? Sir Cumference.

Useless trivia

(but you will read it anyway)

The electric chair was invented by a dentist. It is impossible to lick your elbow.

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Bats always turn left when exiting a cave.

The microwave was invented after a researcher walked by a radar tube and a chocolate bar melted in his pocket.

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A goldfish has a memory span of three seconds.

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Golf club changing its grip

oyal Adelaide – the most exclusive golf club in Australia – created the Victor Harbor Golf Club 104 years ago to provide somewhere for its members to play while on at one of the state's favourite holiday destinations.

This club connection is no longer there, and Victor Harbor is now taking a full swing by establishing far more positive links with the community and region. It is very much inclusive, and it wants people to know they're welcome.

The refreshing approach comes with Gavin Stratfold officially taking over as the club professional late last year, enormously-respected accountant and auditor Robert Niederer being elected as president, and now Daniel Loveridge appointed as general manager.

According to Robert, golfing people around Australia know the quality of the course with the first hole earning iconic status because of its spectacular views, but the real message that needs to get out is the club's finest asset – it's membership.

"We also need this club to be part of the wider community, and we need to properly engage with it by using local suppliers and getting them to become incorporated with a feel for the club," Robert said.

"That may be as sponsors or us doing reciprocal business. We need to be better at making sure everyone is welcome here."

Daniel, 31, joins the club with club management experience at Kooyonga and more recently Blackwood where he was house marketing and events manager. And he can play a bit too, being a scratch golfer and having played at state level and on most courses around the state in Vardon Trophy events.

Robert said Daniel brings a lot to the VHGC, especially a strong sense of value in club membership and what makes a very good golf course.

"Daniel has a smile on his face and has credentials," Robert said. "We think he will



Equipped to lift the Victor Harbor Golf Club, new president Robert Niederer (left) and new general manager Daniel Loveridge.

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be good at bolstering the membership which is clearly something we need to do. Just to break even is to be stagnate; we want to be better than that. We are too close to the break-even point in terms of number of members for us to feel comfortable so we need to get out and spruce up our income streams."

Daniel recently attended a meeting of Golf

SA club managers, and said there were huge challenges facing every club, particularly declining membership. "Victor Harbor was one of the few to turn that around last year – but only slightly," he said. "Previously, we experienced the downturn.

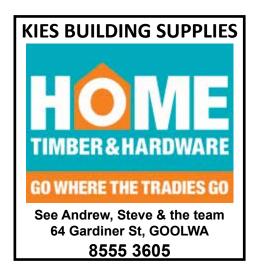
"Most clubs are experiencing a lot more people trying to take up the membership specials so you have members going club-to-club instead of being loyal to the one club. They are finding more people are loyal to their group of friends than they are to their club per say.

"There is a lot more competition between the clubs now opposed to waiting for people to come and knock on your door to join. Clubs are having to go out there and actively seek members which presents a lot of challenges. "Clubs are also experiencing a decrease in events through their club. A lot of golf club people I talked to were having 50-60 weddings a year going back eight or nine years ago, but now they are having 15-16. It's common among the bigger clubs in the metropolitan area.

"There is so much more competition. There were days when if you wanted to have a reception in a classy establishment it was at a golf club, but now there are so many places like wineries, surf clubs and bowling clubs opening their doors to those kind of events. You have to look at so many other things to try and attract that business."

This high level of competition for members and visiting players between clubs is particularly high across the southern Fleurieu Peninsula with seven quality courses within a 30km radius of the VHGC — South Lakes at Goolwa, which is extremely popular, Fleurieu at Mount Compass, Willunga, Yankalilla, Links Lady Bay at Normanville, Wirrina and McCracken. Visit www.golfsa.com.au for information on all clubs.





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Delicious fruit – you can't beat it at your local market or a really fresh fruit 'n veg shop like Jetty Foods at Port Elliot.

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The best time to prepare the soil, order your tree and plant is right now. Find out what stone fruit suits your conditions — soil, sun and wind.

Generally, it's best to plant more than one of the stone fruit of your choice, and an ideal spot is in the open where they receive all-day sunshine and away from frost spots. If you can, plant rows in a north-south direction, and try to avoid over-crowding to reduce risk of disease.

Before planting, soak the roots of bare-rooted trees in water for 30 minutes. Stake the new tree and water well.

There are numerous varieties sold as virus-free grafted trees. They flower from late winter to early spring.

Remember, fruit trees are prone to fungal diseases, so if you are new to this again ask some advice on when and how to protect your trees the best possible healthy way. Don't just buy the cheap products that may harm the environment.

Stone fruit trees prefer sandy or loam soils. Good drainage is best, and they love rich compost. If you have clay soil, don't despair

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because you may improve it annually with gypsum. Plums and cherries tend to tolerate clay soil best.

Once your trees start to take shape, remove dead or crossing branches. Prune to a V-like shape in late summer or autumn.

Feed annually after flowering using an organic fertiliser, then monthly using either a seaweed or a flower and fruit fertiliser.

Spray with lime sulphur in autumn as the leaves start to fall, and again come winter as the flower buds swell to control brown rot, leaf curl and nasties like mites, aphids and mealybugs.

When your beautiful fruit emerges use 4cm square netting to protect it from birds and fruit bats, but avoid the standard 1cm square netting that may injure or kill birds.

As you can see, autumn is a busy time for fruit tress, but the rewards are great. Fruit trees are really a wonderful hobby — not hard work.

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Ingredients

4 cups broccoli florets, washed (approx 1 large head of broccoli) 1 tablespoon olive oil 1 medium yellow onion, diced 2-3 cloves garlic, minced 400g tin of cannellini beans, rinsed & drained 3 cups vegetable (or chicken) stock 1/2-1 teaspoon dried chilli flakes ¼ cup freshly grated parmesan cheese 1 teaspoon lemon iuice

½ teaspoon salt ½ teaspoon black grated/shaved parmesan cheese for topping

Method

pepper

Cook broccoli either by steaming or simmering in a saucepan of water on stove top, until broccoli is bright green and just tender. Remove from heat, drain and set

BROCCOLI & WHITE BEAN SOUP

aside.

In a large saucepan, heat olive oil over medium heat. Add onion and sauté until softened and translucent. Add minced garlic and sauté for one more minute, then add the beans and stock and bring to a simmer. Add broccoli and dried chilli flakes and stir. Simmer slowly for a few minutes, then remove from heat. Allow to cool slightly, then blend in batches, using a blender or stab mixer. Return soup to the saucepan and stir in the

parmesan cheese, lemon juice, and season with salt and pepper (more or less can be added, depending on taste). Reheat gently before serving. Serves 4.

Note: Chilli flakes can be substituted with ½ teaspoon Paprika if desired. May also be served with a dob of Greek or Natural yoghurt.

Pineapple Delight

250g Butternut Snap biscuits 2 x 440g tins crushed pineapple in natural juice 300m thickened cream vanilla essence

Method

Whip cream until it just starts to thicken, adding a few drops of vanilla essence towards the end of beating. Place a layer of biscuits in a flat-bottomed serving dish

- if you don't have one suitable, a baking tin can be used, such as a loaf tin. Strain pineapple. Sprinkle a little of the juice over the biscuits, then cover with some of the crushed pineapple and top with some of the whipped cream. Place a layer of biscuits on top, and repeat with pineapple juice, pineapple and cream. Most dishes allow two layers, but if dish is small, more layers may be added. Serves 6-8.

Note: Gingernut biscuits can be used in place of Butternut Snaps, and canned fruit salad in natural juice, drained and slightly mashed, can be used in place of pineapple.

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This Anzac Day, April 25, we commemorate the 100th anniversary of the landing at Gallipoli, and here is a chance for children to get into the spirit by making these Anzac biscuits – we suggest with supervision. There are numerous theories on the origin of the biscuits, and the recipe has been adjusted over the years, but they continue to be a symbol of what this special day represents.

Ingredients

1 cup rolled oats
½ cup raw sugar
1 cup plain flour, sifted
¾ cup desiccated coconut
125g butter
2 tablespoons Golden Syrup
½ teaspoon bicarbonate of soda
3 tablespoons boiling water

Method

Preheat the oven to 160°C fan-forced (or 180°C without fan). Line a baking tray with baking paper.

Combine the oats, flour, sugar and coconut in a medium sized bowl.

Place the butter and golden syrup in a

saucepan and place on low heat until butter has melted. Remove from heat. Combine bicarbonate of soda and boiling water in a cup, then stir into the butter/golden syrup mixture (it should froth). Pour this mixture over the dry ingredients and stir until combined. Roll teaspoonsfuls of the mixture into balls, and place on the prepared baking tray about 5cm apart. Slightly flatten balls with the back of the spoon. Bake for 15 minutes, or until biscuits are golden. Remove from oven and allow biscuits to cool on tray for about 10 minutes, then remove from tray and enjoy! These biscuits keep well, stored in an airtight container. These are chewy; for a crisper biscuit slightly reduce the amount of water, and bake for a little longer time.







BRAVEHEART



Footy's back – and so is Grant

Grant Levy runs one of the best recycling businesses in the state – and now he's one of three A-grade football coaches "recycling" themselves for the new Great Southern Football League season beginning Saturday, April 11.

And Grant (pictured) knows his squad at Victor Harbor well having coached more than a dozen of his players at junior level in recent years.

Also returning to coach the same club is Todd Butler at Encounter Bay, while Anthony Murgatroyd is welcomed back into the local fold to take on Willunga for the first time.

This is Grant's third stint as a senior coach at Victor Harbor. A club life member, he coached the Kangaroos from 1998-2001 including their last senior premiership in 1999, and from 2005-06. Over the past decade he also coached the junior and

senior colts, and was president from 2011-13.

"I am excited about coaching the seniors again," Grant said. "I coached the last five games of last season and I got a taste of it again.

"We implemented a good youth policy in recent years, and it is pleasing to see so many from our junior teams earn their places at senior level. It's not just about playing – our club looks to create a sense of belonging and security for the younger players within a strong family environment. To some people here, the club is their family.

"We have had the junior policy, but now those who have come through are ready for senior footy. If you play A-grade you are a man; you're not young anymore."

The GSFL features four night matches in the opening four rounds, including two on Anzac



Day when the host clubs will be working with their local RSL subbranches to present a fabulous top day of local football. The grand final will be played at Victor Harbor Oval on Saturday, September 19.

It is also the start of netball, with Willunga entering the competition which will add to the challenge Victor Harbor is facing to retain its amazing run of success.

GSFL opening rounds Round 1, April 11

Encounter Bay v Strathalbyn (N) Yankalilla v Myponga-Sellicks Goolwa-Port Elliot v Willunga Langhorne Creek v Victor Harbor McLaren v Mount Compass

Round 2, April 18

Willunga v Strathalbyn Myponga-Sellicks v Goolwa-Port Elliot

Yankalilla v Encounter Bay Mt Compass v Langhorne Creek Victor Harbor v McLaren

Round 3, Anzac Day

Victor Harbor v Encounter Bay Goolwa-Port Elliot v Yankalilla Langhorne Creek v Strathalbyn (N) McLaren v Willunga (N) Myponga-Sellicks v Mt Compass

