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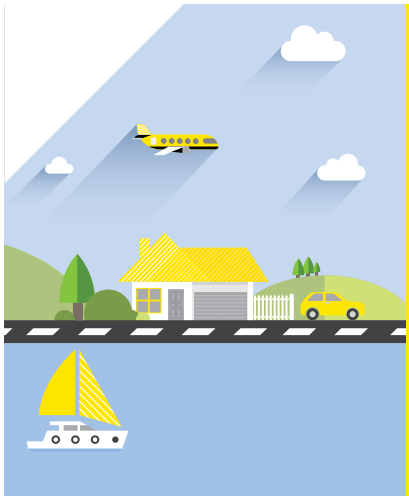

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# COVER STORY

The best thing about the annual visit by the jolly fellow on our front cover is the reminder of the better things in life. The pleasure of giving rather than receiving; the principle of why we actually have Christmas.

Personally, it's also about being grateful for our health while thinking of those either no longer with us or not travelling too well, and appreciating everyone who has supported us over the journey. And there have been many.

Without you, as one of 5000 people who either pick up a copy of Coast Lines, read us online or are one of our amazing followers on Facebook, didn't support us we would not have the backing of our advertisers. We appreciate you all so dearly – and we cannot thank our advertisers enough for their encouragement, particularly their priceless friendship. Being a free publication, they bring you this magazine, not us.

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Most of all, one would not have the enthusiasm to sit at this word piano to provide you with Coast Lines without the love and support of Mrs Eatwave. Jenny is a true marvel if there ever was one. See what Christmas does; it turns a crispy old fruit cake into a marshmallow pavlova.

Merry Christmas, and may we see the positives in the life that we're here to enjoy in the new year. Please drive carefully.

**Ashley Porter**
**Co-publisher / Editor**

## DECEMBER

**For the record, December gets its name from the Latin word *decem* meaning *ten* because it was originally the tenth month of the year in the Roman calendar, which began in March. December is the first month of summer in the southern hemisphere, and the first day of winter in the northern hemisphere.**

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# ♪♪ You better watch out... Santa Claus is coming to town ♪♪

*Hark! The Herald Angles Sing!*... and the Granite Community Band will present us with wonderful music to go with this traditional Christmas song at their second annual Christmas Carols at the Lutheran Church Hall on Adelaide Road, Victor Harbor on Sunday, December 20.

The band is only three years old, but has certainly been seen and heard across the Fleurieu Peninsula come special events. It has also earned enormous praise for encouraging people from all walks of life, including a few who just happen to have a disability and use their once well-hidden music talent to better integrate with the community.

Pictured at one of the many practice sessions for the Christmas Carols concert are (from left at back) Sally Pearce, Laura McLeod, who is one of the members of a hard-working and creative committee, and Lee Walter, nine, and in the front Elizabeth Shepherd and Liam Stoldt.

Tickets for the concert at 2pm and 6.30pm cost just $6, and are also available at RAA in Ocean Street, and Swan's Pharmacy.

# It's going to be a cracker of a NYE

Father Christmas is on his way with pageants that will delight thousands of families lining the streets, while the skies across the Fleurieu Peninsula will light up on New Year's Eve with fireworks at Goolwa, Normanville and Victor Harbor.

There will be Christmas parades at Strathalbyn, Victor Harbor and Goolwa, plus a New Year's Eve pageant at Normanville to see in 2016.

The new festivities promise to be just as exciting and colourful as always, but they will be a little more special at Goolwa with fireworks off the Hindmarsh Island Bridge returning on New Year's Eve thanks to a group of sponsors including the Spirit of Coorong, Kies Home Timber & Hardware, Goolwa Jetty Builders, 90 Mile Wines, Fleurieu Function Centre, Goolwa Kitchens & Wardrobes and Shaw Family Vintners, plus the outstanding support of the Alexandrina Council.

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more give, less take

From P3

Organisers of the Goolwa fireworks off the bridge are inviting you to pack your picnic and make your own New Year's Eve party or float along the Murray River in a boat.

It's all part of the extensive festivities across the Fleurieu Peninsula that will entertain our local communities and tourists alike. Of course, none of them would be possible without the respective sponsors and the numerous volunteers. Well done!

## CHRISTMAS PAGEANTS

**Friday, December 11**

Strathalbyn Pageant – Christmas where the Angas Flows, at Dawson St and Soldiers' Memorial Gardens from 6.30pm.

**Saturday, December 12**

Victor Harbor Pageant presented by the Victor Harbor Business Association from 6.30pm.

**Sunday, December 13**

Goolwa Christmas Festival including pageant, entertainment, carols and fireworks along Cadell St and Arthur Neighbor Reserve presented by Goolwa Lions and Rotary Club of Goolwa plus combined churches from 6.30pm.

## NEW YEAR'S EVE SHOWS

Victor Harbor: Beyond Bank celebrations party at Warland Reserve.

Goolwa: Fireworks off the bridge.

Normanville: The 18th annual Normanville New Year's Eve Pageant with 40-plus colourful floats leaving Katherine Dr at 7.30pm and winding its way through the streets ending at the Normanville foreshore about 8pm. Entertainment by a DJ, amusements, and fed by the local community clubs and groups. The night's festivities are finalised with a fireworks display about 9.45pm.

You are invited to be part of the pageant: contact TJ Marks on 0407 174 262.

The Normanville pageant is a non-profit community organisation run by a very small group of locals, with the District Council of Yankalilla and Yankalilla Foodland providing sponsorship and remaining funds required to stage the event are raised throughout the year. Look out for the girls in pink collecting for next year's pageant.

## CHRISTMAS CONCERT

**Saturday, December 5**

The South Coast Choral & Arts Society Choir will present its annual Christmas concert in the Victor Harbor Town Hall at 7.30pm, plus a matinee the following day at 2pm.

The feature will be *Night Of Miracles*, a delightful, staged cantata depicting the traditional nativity happening with soloists and the SCC&AS Choir.

Also on the program will be the ever-popular Victor Harbor City Band as well as brilliant local pianist Peter Tillett and Imala Kony, an accomplished young soprano from the Adelaide Conservatorium of Music.

Once again, the overall performances are expected to be exceptional entertainment. Tickets at $15 are available from Swan's Pharmacy, Victoria St, Victor Harbor or at the door.

## P6: New Year's Eve celebrations at Victor Harbor

**Top left: A family getting right into the fun of things at a previous Normanville New Year's Eve pageant. Above: The brilliant Goolwa New Year's Eve fireworks poster designed by SA Design & Print.**

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# They'll be partying beyond midnight

An estimated 40,000 people will see our fifth Leap Year in the 21st century under a sky of fireworks as part of the Victor Harbor New Year's Eve celebrations.

And this is on top of the fireworks further down the coast off the Hindmarsh Island Bridge, and over St Vincent's Gulf with the festivities at the Normanville NYE Pageant.

The City of Victor Harbor can continue its long-running tourist drawcard because of a new major sponsorship by Beyond Bank.

"It's always the biggest night of the year here," said Greg Wiese, the bank's Victor Harbor branch manager. "And with community at the heart of everything we do at Beyond Bank, it made perfect sense to get involved."

Victor Harbor Mayor Graham Philp believes the event has become a highlight of the local calendar. "We are expecting more than 10,000 people to welcome in the New Year at Warland Reserve, while an estimated 30,000 spectators are likely to take up vantage points along the coast," he added.

"Locals, holiday-makers, children, parents and grandparents all come along for what is arguably the happiest night of the year and best of all, it's free."

Aside from the traditional midnight fireworks, there will be an earlier display for families, and a superb array of entertainment in the lead-up to the annual countdown, including free face-painting, give-aways and an animal nursery for the children.

The Warland Reserve festivities will start at 7.30pm with firework displays at 9.45pm and midnight.

Road closures will be in place around the event area while the event will be alcohol free.

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# Playing a uke and laughin'

Some of us are old enough (sigh!) to remember a high-pitched Tiny Tim singing his hit *Tiptoe Through the Tips* on a ukulele on that American show *Laugh In* (1967-73). A strange bod he was, but he revived enormous interest in this small guitar-like instrument that was developed in Hawaii during the 1880s.

It's obviously popular again along the south coast – the Hawaiian shirts are a dead give-away on a Thursday morning with more than 60 members of the Ukulele Group of Goolwa meeting over the past three years to strum their stuff.

And at these Goolwa gatherings – now in the new Anglican Church Hall – it's very much about personal achievement at your own pace with many not having played an instrument before, and being like our old mate Tiny by tip-toeing through life playing the ukulele and loving every moment.

The real fun comes during the Tour Down Under festivities in Adelaide in late January when the Ukulele Group of Goolwa (UGG) descends upon the city to join other South Australian players in an attempt to break the Guinness World Record for simultaneous ukulele participation of 4792 set on a Tahiti Nui TV show at the Toata Arena, Papeeta, French Polynesia on April 11 this year. Of course, you remember this moment in history.

More than anything, this record attempt highlights the fun that these uke sessions generate, and Ronny Feist, who organises them ast Goolwa, says it's something special. "The Ukulele Group of Goolwa is not made up of professional musicians but people who seek happiness through music and fellowship," Ronnie said. "They come along to strum chords and sing along to a large range of music from the 50s to the 1990s... their song list has over 870 tunes.

"We perform on average three shows a month and the highlight to date is sharing equal stage performance with the Australian Girls Choir."

Ronnie, along with John Carter and John Duffield, are the teachers at the Thursday classes, and with Derik Maxted are recognised as masters. Also, under the guidance of John, a few call themselves the *Cockle Pickers Ensemble* and do other overtures including light jazz, Latin classical and folk using the finger-picking playing method.

The great thing about these sessions is that learners are encouraged and never made to feel inadequate. "We have all learned at some stage, and we all encourage good fellowship," Ronnie said.

And everyone is welcome to attend a weekly practice session in the hall in Crocker Street, Goolwa from 9.30am-2.30pm to find out more about this fabulous group. Ronny & Co. would love to see you tip-toe there. ■

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# Giving them their daily bread

For seven years now Pastor Lew Saunders, with the help of his volunteers, has called into Baker's Delight and the Port Elliot Bakery three nights a week to pick up the leftover bread.

He takes it back to his South Coast Christian Community Care (SCCCC) office, sorts it out and delivers it among the homeless and needy. It's the work that teams at the local Baptist Church, Encounter Centre, Salvos, St Vinnies, ADRA and others do too; in this delivery game there is no distinction or denomination, just devotion.

You sense that a lot of despair has worn on to Pastor Lew's face over the years, but as much as he confirms it has taken its toll he says it doesn't compare with the look on the faces of kids, and that of their mum and/or dad too when he walks up to the homeless and the needy with a loaf of bread. "They think it's Christmas every day," Pastor Lew (pictured) said.

It is at this point where we thank you for continuing to read this story, because many tend to turn the pages when it comes to something concerning the less fortunate; they feel uncomfortable. But given it's Christmas time, maybe we should all think about others.

Pastor Lew delivers bread to 18 families along the south coast, and there another 20 that come in on a Tuesday night or Wednesday morning to pick it up.

"The part I do love is delivering the bread and seeing their gratitude," Pastor Lew said. "I usually go inside with a selection of foods; it's not just bread, it may be cakes or pies those sort of things. Sometimes kind people give us left over fruit and veg so we add that to families we have been working with.

"In some cases, I have been working with the same families for 18 months or more; every week just popping in. I have seen babies born, kids get married, I have buried parents and buried children out of these relationships because this is my community. I guess I can be a part of bringing them hope into their life; this is what I try to do.

"Up to this year the South Coast Christian Community Care has helped out with Christmas hampers or a food pack as well. If we know that there is family involved we try to put toys or gift cards in according to the ages of the children, but this year because of


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"But that is for a day. There is always Boxing Day, New Year's day and the long school holidays, so South Coast Christian Community Care this year decided to spend the $4000-odd dollars we used to spend on the Christmas hampers across December, January and February. This way their day-to-day needs are met rather than just spoiling them on Christmas Day with a one-off meal and that's it. We do not like doing it this way, but financially that's the way we decided to go.

"To go to a family and say, here's your bread for Tuesday and Wednesday and have a great Christmas is appreciated by them, but we try to do more; there is a bigger picture and it is not always nice.

"You know, even in these tough times it is remarkable what we as a community can still do. I'm talking about being able to apply the principle of Christmas every day of the year – the importance of giving and sharing.

"The receiving part comes with the look on the faces of the kids; it is so special. In some cases their present is the bread. It is the true spirit of Christmas.

"There was one day prior to Christmas when a shop owner, who wanted to remain nameless, rang and said he had plenty of hot chickens and more in the fridge that were left over, and asked whether I knew any families who would like them. I went over straight away and picked up 14 chickens and took them around to various families.

"It really was Christmas to them, oh yes it was. It wasn't bread, pies or leftover Kitchener buns, it was real chicken. And they were hot. You could not imagine the reactions; there was a mother who just broke down crying uncontrollably.

"We dropped a grocery parcel around to a lady the other day; there was toilet paper and toothpaste in the pack, not just food. She burst into tears too. She said, we've finally got toilet paper again, and I thought, really? In this day and age there is not enough money to afford toilet paper? The little things in life that we take for granted... that rocked my heart."

Like every situation Pastor Lew deals with, there is no judgement. "Just under the surface is a lot of homeless or risk of homelessness with rising rent plus cost of living and unemployment," he said. "On top of this, there are breakdowns in relationships making it all pretty difficult for people to maintain a lifestyle they were used to.

"I would say it's about 50-50 when it comes to whether the situation is largely their own fault, but it is not for me to judge. Some of it is drug related, unemployment, choices of lifestyle. Some of it simply just happens; rents go up, the landlord doesn't want to renew a lease for whatever reason, you can't find affordable accommodation even for a week or a month; you become homeless.

"Each case is individual and there are so many slants and stories. We are seeing a lot more of it.

"It still concerns me most when children are involved. In 2014 we did a survey for March across the south coast and we identified there were 144 homeless people, and of them 52 were children under the age of 12. That's just us; the other organisations would know of a lot of others.

"As a father and grandfather that rips my heart out, and whether they be single mums or single dads or married couples where they had a situation that in the month of March, it is frightening."

The plight of the homeless and the needy is a far cry from the cows he milked at Macclesfield for 22 years in his early days before walking into a church for no particular reason and realising he could use his psychology studies to help the youth and those with homelessness issues.

If you would like to drop off pantry food or grocery items, or perhaps make a tax deductible donation, the SCCCC's distribution point is the Church of Christ office in Seaview Road, Victor Harbor, and from the Open Door at the Goolwa Uniting Church, in Collingwood Street.

Come Christmas Day, Pastor Lew will conduct a one-hour service and then go home and be surrounded by his family.

"But every minute of the day I will be mindful there are people in our church who may not have anywhere to go, so they will probably be at our place too," he added. "That's how we operate. Merry Christmas."

And Merry Christmas to Pastor Lew, and especially the gems at Baker's Delight and the Port Elliot Bakery, who share their Christmas spirit every day. ■

## Thank you NAB

**The brilliant NAB team at the Victor Harbor branch has again showed its true Christmas spirit with its annual collection of gifts and food items to be presented to a local charity group - this year Vinnies.**

**Staff have placed a list of gift/food suggestions inside the branch and on the front window in Victor Central to help those unsure what to donate.**

**Donations will be gratefully accepted until Friday, December 18.**

**NAB's goal is to collect 26,000 items within SA/NT, and will distribute the items between The Alannah and Madeline Foundation, Vinnies and Hutt St Centre.**

**Well done to the Victor Harbor NAB team... Merry Christmas!**

# THE BEST 50 Christmas jokes

Who says 'Oh, Oh, Oh!'? Father Christmas walking backwards. Yes, the big fellow is coming back, which means we may get some lame one-liners inside the bon-bons again. The only good thing about them is they make the jokes on our normal Laugh Lines page sound funny. Anyway, here are another 49 of the weakest, er best, Christmas jokes. Read them at your peril (he, he, he).

**What do you call people who are afraid of Santa Claus?** Claustrophobic.
**Why does Santa have three gardens?** So he can ho-ho-ho.
**Why was Santa's little helper sad?** Because he had low elf esteem.
**What do call Santa when he stops moving?** Santa Pause.
**Why do mummies like Christmas so much?** Because of all the wrapping.
**Where do reindeer go to dance?** Christmas balls.
**Who hides in the bakery at Christmas?** A mince spy.
**What does Santa do with fat elves?** He sends them to an elf farm.
**What kind of motorbike does Santa ride?** Holly Davidson.
**Who delivers presents to cats?** Santa Paws.
**What did the sea say to Santa?** Nothing; it just waved.
**Who delivers presents to baby sharks at Christmas?** Santa Jaws.
**Who is Santa's favorite singer?** Elf-is Presley.
**What do Santa's little helpers learn at school?** The elf-abet.
**What do you get if Santa goes down the chimney when a fire is lit?** Krisp Kringle.
**How long do a reindeers legs have to be?** Long enough to touch the ground.
**What do reindeer hang on their Christmas trees?** Horn-aments.
**Why are Christmas trees so bad at sewing?** They always drop their needles.
**What's worse than Rudolph with a runny nose?** Frosty the snowman with a hot flush.
**Why did the Christmas turkey join the band?** Because it had the drumsticks.
**What did Adam say on the day before Christmas?** It's Christmas, Eve.
**What carol is heard in the desert?** O camel ye faithful.
**What do angry mice send to each other at Christmas?** Cross Mouse cards.
**What is the best Christmas present in the world?** A broken drum; you can't beat it.
**What do you get if you eat Christmas decorations?** Tinsilitis.
**What do sheep say to each other at Christmas?** Merry Christmas to ewe.
**What did the shepherd say to his two sheep?** Merry Christmas to ewe too.
**What do sheep say to shepherds at Christmas?** Season's bleatings.
**Why did the family cry at Christmas?** Someone said something Santa-mental.
**What's the best thing to put into your Christmas dinner?** Your teeth.
**What did one Christmas bon-bon say to another bon-bon?** My Pop is bigger than yours.
**Knock, knock Who's there? Arthur Arthur who? Arthur any Christmas mince pies left?**
**What happened to the man who stole an Advent calendar?** He got 25 days.
**What do you get if you cross Santa with a duck?** A Christmas quacker.
**What do you call a cat in the desert?** Sandy Claws.
**How many letters are in the Christmas alphabet?** 24. There's noe-L.
**What do you get if you cross a bell with a skunk?** Jingle Smells.
**What's green, covered in tinsel and goes ribbet ribbet?** Mistle-toad.
**What did the stamp say to the Christmas card?** Stick with me and we'll go places.
**Why did no one bid for Rudolph and Blitzen on eBay?** Because they were two deer.
**Why don't you ever see Father Christmas in hospital?** Because he has private elf care.
**How did Mary and Joseph know that Jesus was 7lb 6oz when he was born?** They had a weigh in a manger.
**How much did Santa pay for his sleigh?** Nothing, it was on the house.
**Christmas tree with an iPad?** A pineapple.
**What do you call an elf who sings?** A wrapper.
**What do you call the elf that comes in after the other 11?** The twelf.
**What goes Ho Ho Whoosh, Ho Ho Whoosh?** Santa going through a revolving door.
**Who rules at Christmas?** The stoc-king.
**What do you give a train driver for Christmas?** Platform shoes.

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# The left / right Christmas game

*In this game sent to us by an avid reader in Mount Gambier everyone buys a uni-sex present to a chosen value. You sit at the table or form a circle and you pass the present in your hand to your left or right every time your host or member of your family says the word 'left' or 'right' as they read at moderate pace the following:*

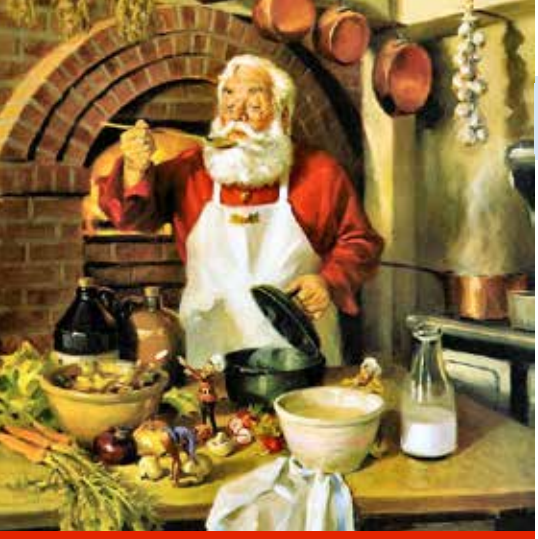
The **Right** family Christmas story was almost here with not much time **left**. Mother **Right** was busy finishing what was **left** to do with the Christmas baking. She did not want any **left** to do at the last minute.

Father **Right**, Susie **Right** and Billy **Right** returned from their last minute Christmas shopping. "There is not much **left** to be done," said Father **Right** as he saw Mother **Right**, who was still busy working on the **left** side kitchen bench. "Did you leave the **right** gift baskets at all the **right** churches for me?" asked Mother **Right**. "I **left** them all **right** where you told me to," answered Billy **Right**. "I don't have any money **left**, but I'm sure I have bought all the **right** pressies for all our **Right** family and friends."

The hall telephone rang, and Susie **Right** **left** to answer it. She rushed back and told the family: "Aunty Tilly **Right** **left** a package for us **right** on Grandma **Right's** porch. I'll go over there **right** now and bring it back." She **left** in such a rush.

Father **Right** **left** the kitchen and brought in the Christmas tree he had **left** at the back gate. By the time Susie **Right** had returned, Mother **Right**, Father **Right** and Billy **Right** had began decorating the tree. The entire **Right** family then sang Christmas carols as they put all the finishing touches on the tree. They all **left** their Christmas pressies, arranged just **right**, under the Christmas tree and went off to bed in their **right** beds, hoping to have the **right** pressie for the **right** people.

Now I hope you have the **right** pressie in your hand for yourself, **right** now because that's all that is **left** in our story, except to with you a very Merry Christmas, isn't that **right**? ■



## Simple tips to make your Christmas lunch cooking easier...

**Roast vegetables: To add crunch to roasted potatoes, sprinkle lightly with polenta, about 10 minutes before they are cooked.**

**Coat sliced parsnip pieces in maple syrup before roasting.**

**Potatoes... roast potatoes are a must with your Christmas roast, but they can take a long time to peel and chop – so do it the night before. Just make sure that you keep them covered in a covered water container in the fridge so they don't go brown.**

**Parsnips and carrots... You can boil them and keep them in the fridge for up to a day before to reduce the cooking time on Christmas Day. Alternatively, you can freeze them.**

**Gravy: Don't wait until the hot meal is out the oven to prepare your gravy... make it long before the event and freeze it. To add even more flavour, after defrosting the gravy in the morning add some juices from your roast and stir it in just before serving.**

**Stuffing: This also freezes well – even in an oven dish, so once defrosted well – slowly in the fridge is better – you can pop it straight into the oven.**

**Christmas pudding... of course, it can be made months ahead: simply steam it for a few hours on Christmas Day til reheated. Make sure any other desserts are simple and don't require oven space. Cold desserts that can be made ahead and served straight away, like a chocolate mousse or a frozen dessert, are ideal.**



# White Chocolate Panna Cotta

*A panna cotta is one of the most inexpensive dessert dishes that you can make - and one of the nicest. Dare not make too little for the demand is great! Enjoy...*

**Ingredients**
**Panna Cotta**
2 level teaspoons edible gelatine
1½ cups cold milk
1 cup thickened cream
100g white chocolate
¼ cup caster sugar
few drops vanilla essence
fruit to decorate

**Chocolate Sauce**
100g dark chocolate
½ cup dollop cream (or thick cream)

**Method**
Place ¼ cup of milk in a small bowl and sprinkle with gelatine. Set aside for five minutes. Place cream, chocolate pieces and sugar in a saucepan and stir continuously over low heat until chocolate has melted and sugar has dissolved. Remove immediately from heat. Add gelatine mixture and whisk until dissolved. Whisk in the remaining milk (1¼ cups), and vanilla essence. Pour into serving dishes and refrigerate until set.

**Chocolate sauce:** Place chocolate pieces and cream in a saucepan. Stir over low heat until smooth. Remove from heat and set aside.

**To serve:** Top with fresh fruit of choice - e.g. raspberries, strawberries, kiwi fruit, or passionfruit. Serve with chocolate sauce (may need to warm it a little if it has thickened). Plastic wine glasses are ideal to serve panna cotta in, if catering for a group.

**Serves 6.**

# Festive Antipasto Wreath

**Ingredients**
Fresh sprigs of rosemary
Ham slices
sundried tomatoes
small cocktail onions
marinated mushrooms
olives
hard cheese, cubed

**Method**
On a large platter arrange sprigs of rosemary in a circle. Lay other ingredients around the circle of rosemary (inside and out) to form a brightly coloured wreath. Include above ingredients, or ingredients of your choice. Platter can be topped up as needed. Serve with crusty bread or cracker biscuits.

# Christmas Cake Truffles

**Ingredients**
1 x 700g dark fruit cake
1 x 200g block milk or dark chocolate, melted
¼ cup fresh orange juice or brandy
½ cup white chocolate melts
red glace cherries and spearmint leaves (or green icing strips) for decorating

**Method**
Crumble the cake finely using a food processor if you have one (in two batches), or by hand. Place chocolate pieces in a saucepan, and stir over very low heat until melted. Combine cake mixture and melted chocolate in a large bowl (warming the cake mixture slightly in the microwave will make mixing easier). Stir in enough orange juice (or brandy) to make mixture just moist. Roll the mixture into walnut-sized balls.
Cut glace cherries in half and slice spearmint leaves into small sections. Melt the white chocolate melts and spread over the top of each ball. Place a quarter of a glace cherry and two spearmint leave pieces on top of the ball to resemble holly. It is best to decorate one ball at a time as chocolate sets fairly quickly. Green glace cherries can be used in place of spearmint leaves, or green icing, but are often difficult to find.
Store in refrigerator.

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**Welcome to our Great Southern coast. It's for those who love the outdoors, it's arts and culture, tracing the fabulous food and wine trails through to McLaren Vale and to Langhorne Creek, and experiencing memorable family time.**

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**Please enjoy.**

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There is much to see, but perhaps the highlight that embraces this sensational region most is a guided tour through the sandhills that takes you to the heart of Indigenous history, particularly with cockle shells spreading across the dunes almost as far as you can see.

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The weather is not always perfect everywhere, but the great thing playing this 18-hole gem is that when it is a windy day you feel as if you are experiencing what it would be like at a Scottish links course; it becomes part of the experience, not a disappointment.

The fact the South Lakes Golf Club has been inducted into the Fleurieu Peninsula Tourism Hall of Fame and the SA Great Regional Awards Hall of Fame says it all.

This is not just about playing a very good golf course, the home of national junior championships this year, but being made to feel welcome and enjoying the hospitality in the bar and bistro.

And while you are here, ask about the great membership deals. For a course this good they are tremendous value.

## VICTOR HARBOR GOLF CLUB

**Inman Valley Rd, Victor Harbor**
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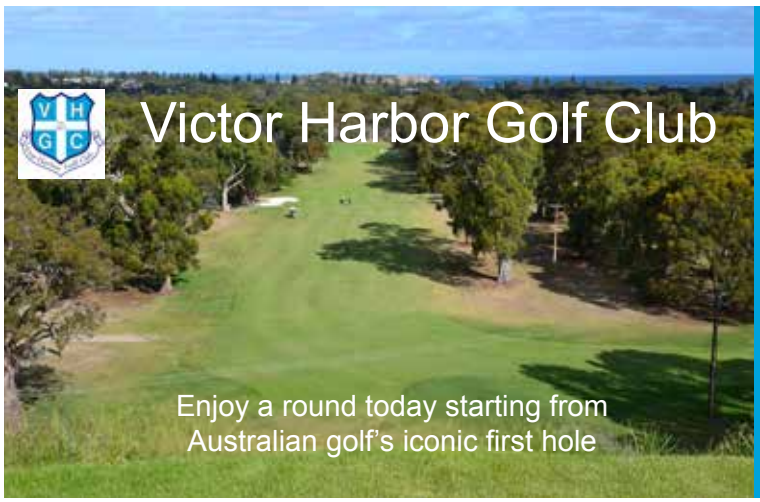


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Off the field the Goolwa-Port Elliot Magpies were in disarray; almost to the point extinction. It took a bloke who has never played the game and has two daughters to achieve a...

# A most unlikely comeback

Shaun Durward had never played football. He had never seen the Goolwa and Port Elliot Magpies play a game, and with two young daughters he had absolutely no interest in this footy club. Yet, when he was asked to join the committee he didn't hesitate, and the reason was simple.

For 17 years with Woolworths and Coles it was his job to go to their poorest performing supermarkets and turn things around, and when he learned of the diabolical trouble his local football club was in he just knew that with his business experience he could help. “I'm not one to walk away from someone or something in trouble,” he said.

A mess actually, and there is no blame game here. It happens at clubs, but Goolwa-Port Elliot has a history of things not being done properly. More than a decade ago it was discovered it had operated without a liquor licence for seven years, but the situation was so farcical there was no retribution. In recent years there was no money so bills were shoved into a drawer with the hope they would go away, but businesses start asking about 18-month-old accounts when they total more than $15,000.

Yet, after losing $8K in 2014, with Shaun part of that committee, they made a $17K profit this year after he took over as president – and after paying off the $15K debts. It represents a $32K turnaround. Amazing stuff.

After holding committee meetings without a quorum of members in 2014 the club now has 14 – all exhausted from an incredibly busy year yet excited that the 2016 season is only four months away. Maybe the excited bit is exaggerated for now.

This comes after the 2014 season when Shaun bravely asked the Alexandrina Council to lend the club $25K over four years, only to be berated and humiliated by a particular member with cruel claims the football club committee was made up of “brass necks” for asking for money. “Why don't you stop paying your players?” she shouted.

Shaun took a hit for the team that night, but he was certainly not deterred by the uneducated ravings, and encouraged by added support by the mayor. “Who is going to watch us if we are getting thumped by 40 goals every game? Shaun asked. “Think of the income lost. We shaved $24K off that expense line... but you can't just wipe that expense off.

“You want your junior and senior colts players to stay around and watch the senior guys who are their idols. A footy club is so important to the culture of a town. Studies have shown that towns without a footy club have a massive crime rate because the kids don't have anything to do.”

Amidst growing ridicule from far beyond the Magpies' clubroom came the first step in Shaun's plan to turn the financial mess around, and it is a lesson for all. It was to actually have a plan, and this one included purchasing a till for the bar.

Yes, there were issues, but like Shaun said, the first thing the Goolwa & Port Elliot FC committee needed to be told at the start of the 2015 season was not to dwell on what had happened in 2014 and before that.

“I told them don't focus on it; don't focus on what went wrong because if you worry about it the situation will eat you alive,” Shaun said. “We need to worry about what we are going to do about getting the club back into shape.

"Okay, last year (2014) was horrendous. The wheels had fallen off, and it was really, really bad. No structures, no procedures... no one following anything.

"If we had a committee meeting some would just go up to the bar and help themselves. When your finances are critical, and the committee members are going up for a free drink, you are in trouble. That is perhaps a small issue, but in the scheme of things it showed where everyone's head was at. That worried me.

"I started to get more involved halfway through the 2014 season, and I thought, gee, we need to put some structures in place. If you get into financial trouble it is not okay, but if you have plans to get out of it you are half alright. There were just no plans there.

"This is a footy club, but the nuts and bolts of it all is that it is a business. Country clubs are no longer footy clubs they are businesses and you have to run them as one otherwise they won't be around for long. Passion doesn't pay the bills any more.

"This time last year I was going into the Middleton Tavern and the Goolwa Hotel with bills up to $4000 that we had not paid to them and saying, I'm sorry, but we've got no money. Fortunately, they were both fantastic; incredibly understanding, and we won't forget that.

"I made it a priority to get those accounts paid off, and when their bills came in this year we ignored the 30 days notice and got the treasurer to pay them that day. All of the other debts were paid off too.

"I said to the committee at the start that 2015 was not going to be an easy year, and it wasn't. Now most of them are still so exhausted from working so hard.

"It was not a perfect year, but we know we will learn. Every time something happened we wrote it down and said, okay, this is what we can do better next year. A mistake became a new opportunity.

"From this, someone suggested that we needed a players' handbook to give to all the parents, and next year we will have new policies and procedures that will all be in there.

"If someone has a grizzle there are procedures to sort it out and move forward. Like any business, if you don't have policies and procedures in place it is just a dog's breakfast.

*"... Country clubs are no longer footy clubs they are businesses and you have to run them as one otherwise they won't be around for long. Passion doesn't pay the bills any more."*

**– Shaun Durward, Goolwa-Port Elliot Football Club president**

"Fraser Cooper is going to be our first junior development manager next year; he's just one of a number of people here with plenty of passion. Laura Gane is our first child safety officer making sure the juniors are looked after.

"Josh Koop is our vice-president, a young lad who's also passionate about the club and he wants to learn and be a future president. It's a matter of educating these guys."

Imagine that, the Goolwa Port Elliot Football Club having a succession plan. Shaun's wife, Claudia, will be thrilled to hear this, and their daughters, Charlotte, 11, and Tara, 10, may see their dad more at their basketball club, the Goolwa Magic, where he is already a committee member and a coach. There is no end to this guy's commitment to the community. Oh, and there is his work with Goolwa Primary.

Shaun admitted that on the eve the AGM last month he stressed over there being enough numbers for a quorum. No need; a club record 30 attended and every one of them praised the work of the current committee, especially its president.

Typically, Shaun acknowledged the outstanding efforts of many before him, and the support of so many quality people in the town. He couldn't speak more highly of those from the brilliant local service clubs Rotary and Lions, plus the RSL Goolwa Sub-Branch, especially its knock-about manager Paul Menner, his equally likeable side kick Jeff Rainsford and the many other members there who have raised funds to help support the Magpies' junior programs. And, of course, the sponsors who stuck by the club through the turmoil.

"It's never been about just me," Shaun says. And it hasn't been any magic from his daughters' basketball club, merely his experience of making things better in supermarkets, albeit his fruitless attempts to fix their trolleys with crooked wheels.

And, according to Shaun, as much as the dramatic turnaround within the club has coincided with it finishing third in 2015 – its best-ever result as a combined club since 2001 – it is not just about the lads who proudly wear the wharf pylon or prison bar guernsey on a winter's Saturday.

"The Goolwa-Port Elliot Magpies are not just about individuals or a team," Shaun said. "We're about being a club, and there's still a long way to go to be a much better one."

Fair enough. But maybe when Brett Ebert brings his Magarey Medal form and his 166 AFL games experience with Port Adelaide to Goolwa next season the local Magpies will be better on the field too under new coach Vinnie Rigalo.

And, for the record, Brett is joining the club purely to play alongside his great mate, former coach David Leys, and for petrol money only. That's character. You always find some in football clubs no matter the darkest moments of despair. ■


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## Until Sunday, Dec 6

Round three of the Classic Holidays' National Kiteboarding Championships at Goolwa Beach.

## Until December 31

Moments in Time art showcasing versatility by gallery artists at Victor Harbor Regional Gallery.

## Saturday, December 5

Band of the South Australian Police will perform its annual Christmas Concert at Centenary Hall, Cadell St Goolwa at 2pm. Adults $25, under-17 $20, discounts for groups.

## Saturday, December 5

It's "light up night" for the many residents who decorate their houses and gardens with Christmas lights, including the home of Barrie Ninnes at 28 Morrison Ave, Middleton until December 31 with donations to the Middleton Town & Foreshore Association.

## Monday, December 7

The 37th Rotary Club of Victor Harbor Art Show will be held at Warland Rserve from January 15-23, and the closing date for entries is Monday, December 7. It is one of the best and biggest rural art shows in Australia with a $12,500 Best Show Prize award, as part of the overall $34,500 prizemoney on offer.

## December 12-January 10

Exhibition by brilliant artist Tom O'Callaghan at Signal Point Gallery, Goolwa Mon-Fri 11am-4pm and Sat-Sun 10am-4pm.

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*Just a thought...*

**Some people's noses and feet are built backwards: their feet smell and their noses run.**

## Tuesday, December 15

Get into the Christmas spirit at the annual Port Elliot Carols in the Port Elliot Town Square, The Strand, from 5pm. Free.

## Sunday, December 20

The 2016 Fleurieu Film Festival has been launched and the closing date for entries is December 20. There are some excellent prizes – and it represents a great opportunity to have your film seen. You may enter any film under 10 minutes with the theme of Landscape.

There is no entry fee. This is a chance for all film makers, especially those starting out in film to get their work out there.

Set in two beautiful locations on the Fleurieu Peninsula, the festival will be a held over a weekend in February. Finalists will be shown on Friday, February 5 at an exclusive event, with winners announced the following evening. Contact Alison 0409 980 378 or e: fleurieufilm@bigpond.com Visit: www.fleurieufilmfestival.com


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A shutter bug's image of shutter bugs... members of the South Coast Camera Club at an end-of-year presentation.

## December 5-6

This is one event that shouldn't have trouble getting a photographer to capture the special moments – the South Coast Camera Club is celebrating its 40th anniversary with a public exhibition of award-winning and favourite photographs taken by its members.

The club, which has more than 50 members across the Fleurieu Peninsula from Yankalilla to Currency Creek, will present some of their work at Signal Point Gallery, Goolwa Wharf this weekend (December 5-6) from 10am-4pm.

According to South Coast Camera Club president Andy Mitchell, its members range from very experienced photographers to those who have only just caught the bug, and the photographic styles cover the spectrum from classical landscapes and portraits to creative images produced by digital processing.

"The aim of the club is to provide an environment that enables members to enjoy and improve their photography in the company of like-minded enthusiasts.

"New members are always welcome, and we are keen to help beginners develop their skills."

Guests at the exhibition will see a display of photographs entered in the club's 2015 image of year competition, a selection of members' favourite images (A3 size and larger, some framed or printed on canvas), a digitally projected slide show, and an exhibition of the work of members in the club's foundation year.

There will be a $50 gift card for a visitor who votes in the "People's Choice" award, and a raffle for a canvas image by renowned Australian photographer, Darren Leal. Some of the photographs will be for sale, as will be a variety of greeting cards featuring members' images.

Visit: www.southcoastcameraclub.com.

## Monday, December 28

Harness racing returns to Victor Harbor at Morgan Park presented by the Victor Harbor Harness Racing Club. Visit www.vhhrc.com.au closer to the event to confirm race times, etc, and details and the January 25 meeting to follow.

## Sunday, January 17

The annual Lions Food & Wine Festival at Grosvenor Reserve, Victor Harbor. It has developed into a fabulous, well-organised event presented by the Victor Harbor Port Elliot Lions Club with all proceeds to communuity projects.

Small businesses in the Southern Alexandrina region are...

# TOO BIG TO IGNORE

A day hardly goes by without state-wide news of more retrenchments – often in their hundreds in the far north mining region – resulting in communities suffering from the worsening impact.

It is grim, but for many it is not something they think too much about. 'Sad, but it doesn't affect us' they say.

Actually, it does, and the same thing could happen across the Fleurieu Peninsula if its own residents did not support their local small businesses representing by far the nation's biggest employment sector. Without them tourism and hospitality would also suffer.

The solution is simple; support your local business, but amidst these campaigns they themselves have also needed to reassess their own operation and become better at what they do and in particular be more professional.

This has been the strong emphasis by the Southern Alexandrina Business Association or SABA in recent years with regular forums and workshops held with the support of the Goolwa & District Community Bendigo Bank to take the state's economic ills and unemployment head-on and in the process deliver something better for the community.

The 'buy local' campaigns have been around for many years, but this latest one by SABA doesn't come with the onus directly on to the consumers, but the need by its members to also deliver something better to help retain the strength of this region. And for that, they deserve even greater support.

As SABA president Andrew Stewart says, we've all heard the 'buy local' words, but questions the meaning and the true benefits. "The meaning can be interpreted in several different ways," Andrew said. "Some may think it means spending your money in any business that trades with a shop front in your local geographical area, whilst others may see it as shopping in local shops that are truly locally owned, and who put back into the community.

"Whatever way you interpret the situation, it generally means to spend your money, wherever possible, in the local economy, so it stays there. I am unsure

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- Put our taxes to better use: local businesses in town centres require comparatively little infrastructure investment and make more efficient use of public services as compared to nationally owned stores entering the community
- Offers better service: local businesses often hire people with a better understanding of the products they are selling and take more time to get to know customers
- Reduces environmental impact: locally-owned businesses can make more local purchases requiring less transportation and generally set up shop in town or city centres as opposed to developing on the outer fringe.

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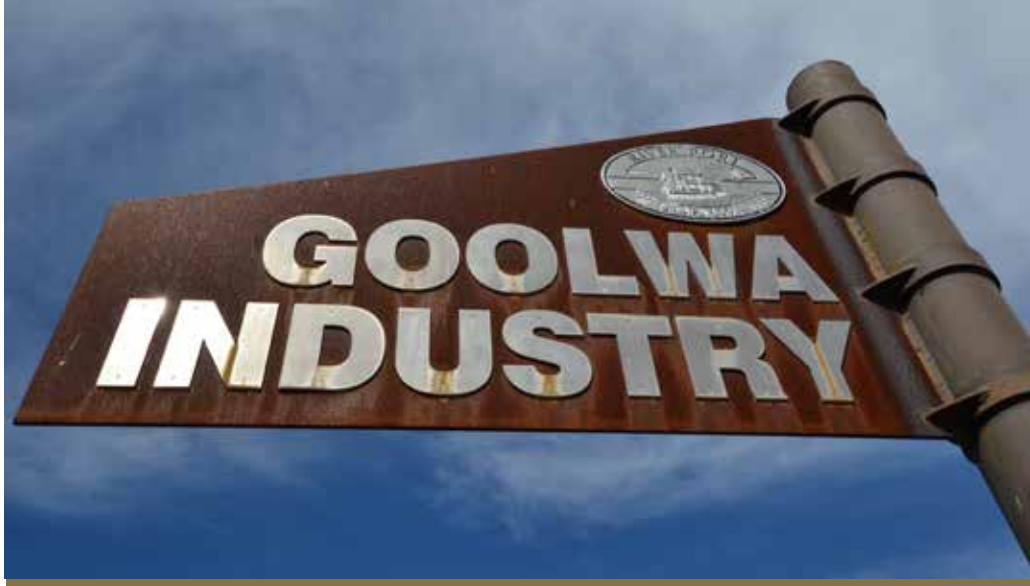


## What is the Southern Alexandrina Business Association?

**The Southern Alexandrina Business Association Inc (SABA) was established in 2000 to support the activities of businesses in Port Elliot, Middleton, Goolwa, Hindmarsh Island and Currency Creek.**

**SABA aims to promote and develop business and commerce in this region. SABA members are encouraged to foster civic pride, develop networks and promote consultation, cooperation and coordination amongst their businesses. SABA advocates the use and patronage of local produce and helps to raise awareness of issues that affect local operators.**

**The 2015 committee: Andrew Stewart (president), Peter O'Brien (vice-president), Karen Lume (secretary), Robyn Pike (treasurer), Debbie Drew, Shaun Durward, Kaarel Lume, John Clark.**

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- Encourages local prosperity: national trends show that in an increasingly global economy, entrepreneurs and skilled workers are more likely to invest and settle in communities that preserve their one-of-a-kind businesses and distinctive character
- Keeps our community unique: Where we shop, eat and have fun makes our community our home. Our one-of-a-kind businesses are an integral part of the distinctive character of our area. Our tourism businesses also benefit- When people go on vacation they generally seek out destinations that offer them the sense of being some place, not just any place.
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Andrew said buying local was about supporting yourself.

"When you buy from an independent, locally-owned business, in contrast to a nationally-owned one, significantly more of your money is used to make purchases within your local business and service provider community," he said. "It continues to strengthen the economic base of the overall community."

It was the hard-working SABA committee, particularly Andrew, that organised and pushed the need for this media promotion to further drive the 'buy local' message. All voluntary, of course.

"The advertisements you see around this feature are from local businesses who know the first hand benefits of shopping local," Andrew said.

"They are all members of the Southern Alexandrina Business Association, and they shop locally whenever they can. They are also keen for you to as well, so you can experience friendly, helpful service, and enjoy the convenience of being served by someone who genuinely appreciates your custom. "Someone who treats you as a valued customer, not just another few dollars walking in the door."

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Amazingly, it is part of the $180 million the Bendigo Bank group has returned to communities throughout Australia over the past 17 years, and this pledge to support them will not change. It is one of the core values of the bank.

However, how the monies are distributed by the G&DCBB to our community and sporting bodies has changed. There is more focus on the basic aim of the scheme – supporting those who support the bank, so the bank can support them more.

Valued volunteers representing community and sporting groups met last month to find out how they may share in the $25,000 made available by the G&DCBB in grants. Sessions were presented by G&DCBB chairperson Carol Gaston AM, business manager SA/NT for community sector banking at the Bendigo Bank's Adelaide head office Josie Chapman, and G&DCBB customer relationship officer Dee-Anne Farrow.

They explained that, for the G&DCBB to grow and make an even stronger impact on helping our community it needed to expand its suite of products like basic accounts, home loans and insurance products.

The G&DCBB is a franchise of the Bendigo Bank – which provides the same guarantees and safety nets as any other bank – owned by 240 investors trading as Alex Investments. Under the model for all Bendigo Bank franchises, 50 per cent of profit goes to the Bendigo Bank, and the other 50 per cent goes to the G&DCBB overheads like office rental and staff (directors are volunteers), and no more than 20% of that 50% goes to the shareholders. The remaining 80% is allocated to helping the community.

The key in the model is to attract every-day people and every-day businesses to bank with the G&DCBB, and under the new distribution of community funds it was felt that those who should get the slices of the capped cake are those who are G&DCBB members and help our community bank.

**Ready to help your organisation or club... (from left) Carol Gaston AM, Josie Chapman, and Dee-Anne Farrow.**

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The whole scheme is simplified by G&DCBB staff being available to help community groups and clubs through the process, especially how they and their members may benefit. The processes have been simplified.

For every new product the group steers through the G&DCBB – the actual banking may be done at another branch but the account must be at G&DCBB – the group is rewarded. For example, if a club member went to the G&DCBB and specified they were applying for a $300,000 home loan because they were recommended by their club, and the loan were approved, the club would receive $1050 in return.

There is a scale for a range of products including a business loan, Rural Bank loan, financial plan, personal loan, transactional banking (personal or business) and a general insurance policy.

It is important to remember that with all of these products, the Bendigo Bank's rates are extremely competitive. And it doesn't hide the bottom line, like offering a percentage rate and then you find out all of the fees have gone onto that loan and you are paying interest on them for 25 years.

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Walking the dogs... (from left) Julian and Rebecca Strudwick with Beau and Pippa, Dakota and his mum Steph Kluske with Darlin and Lochie, and Hazel Douglas with Binky.

Santa's Little Helper, who was adopted by television's *Homer Simpson* in a 1987 Christmas Special upon being abandoned by his owner after running last from box eight, is by far the best known greyhound in the world. Absolutely useless as a racing dog, albeit fictional, he was, but indeed loveable.

And it seems Victor Harbor has its own little helpers when it comes to walking greyhounds, and they must think it's Christmas.

It is part of a growing trend by genuine dog lovers to save the lives of tens of thousands of greyhounds retired from racing every year who were destined to be shot. It is a cruel money game, and sadly forgotten by many is that greyhounds make a wonderful pet – they're incredibly gentle, clean, hardly leave any fur around the household, and they're amazingly loyal.

Scottish-born Hazel Douglas, of Victor Harbor, feels so strongly for the plight of retired greyhounds that she is encouraging people in the region to adopt a greyhound and walk one when a group meets at the Yilki Store on Franklin Parade on the last Saturday morning of the month.

The passion stems from Hazel's work with the RSPCA in Cheshire, England, and helping animals in Africa.

Taking the chase out of the greyhounds is not as simple as it sounds, according to Hazel, but the assistance by those at the Greyhound Adoption Program at Angle Park is wonderful. "They do a marvellous job," she said. "They send the greyhounds to foster homes for six to eight weeks, and are then tested with things like safety with a hand in their food bowl, not being food or toy protective, and making sure they are okay with children.

"The greyhounds during their racing days are told fiercely this is what you will do with the first three years of their life, and to encourage that out of them is not always easy. Some greyhounds are just not suitable for a house; you will never train them, so they are put down.

"When people adopt a greyhound one of the first things they notice is that it has a bare bum. It's from sleeping on concrete in kennels. The means of cruelty varies.

"Most are not good with small fury creatures, but some are cat friendly. They get tested walking, and how they react to living at a house because they have always been in a kennel. Ultimately, they get adopted, and people discover they are the sookiest dogs in the world."

Hazel gathered a few greyhound owners in the area to start a walking group about three months ago, and she said it was often interesting to see people's reactions.

"Their perception is that a greyhound is big, and with a long snout it makes the jaw look a bit threatening," Hazel said. "Unfortunately, with some being in muzzles you can see mothers pulling the children away and saying that's a dangerous dog.

"I have never heard of a greyhound attacking a person. A cat? Yes. Anything small and fury? Yes, but never people. We are just hoping people get greyhounds out in the community more so people can see them more often and take notice of their kindness."

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Hazel, who settled in Victor Harbor last year, said the unwanted greyhounds were usually under five years old when they were put down. "There are between 17,000 and 20,000 put down in this country every year, and in the UK it is 30,000," she said.

Among those on death row was Hazel's Binky, at only three years old. She was racing at Angle Park earlier this year, but her trainer and owners said she was no good.

The reality was that Binky made Santa's Little Helper look a champion as Hazel's loveable greyhound with black freckles won a miserable $80 throughout her whole racing career. A dud as a racing greyhound she was, but to Hazel, Binky is priceless when you peer into her big eyes.

***For more information on the Greyhound Adoption Program call 8243 7124 or visit: www.gapsa.org.au***

Trained for the fire danger season... (from left) Chloe Hautop, Paris Saundry, Adrienne Scott, Judy Sweetman, Pat Lake and Kaisu Vartto.

# Firey women of the Fleurieu

We mustn't get these pleasant ladies confused with the fiery kind. They are firey women; those who have attended a Country Fire Service course learning what to do should they be alone at home and there is a bushfire.

It's the old story: who saves the family and the house of the firefighter while he/she is out fighting other fires?

The new fire season has started, and many of the outstanding information sessions or programs created by the CFS have already been held in preparation. In fact, everything is about planning – making sure you actually have a plan.

The CFS asks that you have a written – and practised – bushfire survival plan, and one workshop still to be held is at the Clayton Bay Fire Shed on Alexandrina Road on Sunday, December 6 from 1.30-4.30pm. To book, contact Vanessa Geerts on 0428 817 186 or e: geerts.vanessa@cfs.sa.gov.au

Adrienne and Neville Scott have worked their vineyard at Hindmarsh Valley for 26 years, and like so many of us they had not fully considered what to do if a fire was suddenly coming their way. Now, the transformation of their home and property in readiness of a fire may save their lives, thanks to Adrienne organising a CFS Firey Women training session at their residence also attended by 10 women living nearby in August.

According to Adrienne, they were stunned when realising that simple preventative measures

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and the implementation of a plan could save them and everything else.

"We learnt so much, especially about preparing your property and how to communicate," Adrienne said. "Even though we have rapid numbers instead of street numbers, they want us to go by a grid number.

"We were told the importance of having a plan, like whether you will go or stay if there is a fire, and if you stay what you will do. They showed us things like the importance of being covered in clothes, gloves and a mask. Even leaving a sign on your gateway so your neighbours know whether you have gone or you are still home.

"They have asked us to meet again as neighbours to work out which way we can escape should a fire come from a particular direction.

"There was focus on gardens; what trees are dangerous and how you grow them. For us, it meant digging out our lavender bush because it was with other trees making it three different heights like steps and then there is the roof. We have to make sure there is a gap so the fire cannot jump to the roof so easily.

"Even putting wire over the vents of the house so embers cannot get inside was something we didn't think of, and there was the obvious reminder of cleaning your gutters.

"I thought it was good that we learned how to understand reports when they were on the radio, and not to think that you can get in your car and race it because the fire can race you."

Adrienne said the Firey Women program was not being about heroes, but thinkers, and Neville added that you should never assume that you won't have a fire. "I guess it was something that we never wanted to think about," Neville said. "You may need to come to terms with the fact that with a fire you may have to walk away from your property."

Judy Sweetman, who also attended the course, said she would be home during a fire because her husband was always out on the fire truck.

"We always thought that he would be able to tell me when it was time to go or leave the property, but the reality we were told was that he may not have a chance to tell me because he would be too busy," Judy said.

"You have to know what you are going to do, and how you are going to handle the situation. There are also different situations like having children or visitors at the scene, or having livestock."

Adrienne said there were girls at the course who owned horses, and learned for the first time what to do in case of a bushfire.

"You keep the outside fences in tact, but open all the internal ones so they can get around," Adrienne said. "And don't put them in a stable or a shed... let them out and they will look after themselves.

"We were told how during a grass fire there were horses in the paddock, and the biggest horse was stomping out stubble fire protecting the other horses. There was another case where alpacas had herded all the goats by a dam."

Among the youngest attendees was Chloe Hautop, who said she gained a lot from the program. "I thought it was good because a lot of younger people may be home by themselves," she said.

"It's good to know what to do, like removing all the things that could catch embers, closing all the doors, blocking all the holes, filling up your sinks with water, having mops ready to dampen the embers and straping your windows so they don't shatter."

Kaisu Vartto, who lives on a farm across the road from the Mount Billy Conservation Park, was always aware of the dangers of living in a high bushfire area, but not every precaution that needed to be taken.

"Even though we have the CFS truck on our place, if there is a fire the truck is not going to necessarily be there," Kaisu said.

"My husband has done a lot since the course because it really inspired us and gave us the knowledge about fire behaviour. It made me much more aware about reducing the fire load and knowing what kind of behaviour they have.

"The bottom line message they drove home to us was don't be a hero. If it is a catastrophic fire day and there is a fire in your area, leave early; a lot of people have died because they have left too late.

"I thought it was a fantastic course, and the CFS should he congratulated for putting on such an excellent program."

And you know how the emphasis was on planning, well the CFS runs these Firey Women courses outside of the fire danger season, so plan to attend one.

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*These markets are listed alphabetically. Please note that some usually held only on weekends have special mid-week markets because of the holiday season. Check our website for updates: www.coastlines.com.au*

**Cape Jervis Market:** Second Sunday of the month from September to May 9am-1pm, in-and-around Cape Jervis Tavern, Main Rd. Special market/car boot sale Dec. 13 (calling for interested traders for the Dec 13 market ). Enquiries: 0437 284 386

**Goolwa Wharf Market:** First & third Sundays of the month, 9am-3pm @ the reserve by Goolwa Wharf. The market will be every Sunday from Dec. 20 to Feb. 7. Enquiries: Rotary Club of Encounter Bay 0459 786 469 or ebrotarymarkets@gmail.com

**Inman Valley Art Craft & Produce Market:** First Saturday of the month 9am-1pm @ Inman Valley Memorial Hall. Enquiries: Kate 8558 8242

**Kangaroo Island: Penneshaw Farmers Market & Penneshaw Community Market:** First Sunday of the month 9am-1pm @ Penneshaw Oval.

**McLaren Vale Market:** First Saturday of the month 9am-2pm. No market Jan. 2 - special market (Tour Down Under) Sat. Jan. 23, 10am-3pm @ McLaren Vale Institutional Hall, Main Road. Enquiries: 0432 835 932

**Mount Compass Market:** First Saturday of the month 8.30am-1pm @ The Wetlands off Nangkita Rd. No market Jan. 2. Enquiries: John 0419 845 909

**Myponga Wholesale Country Market:** Weekends & public holidays (exc. Christmas Day) 9.30am-4pm @ Old Myponga Cheese Factory, 46 Main South Rd. Check out the new café.

**Port Elliot Market:** First & third Saturdays of the month 9am-2pm @ Lakala Res, Rosetta St. The market will be every Saturday from Dec. 19 through to Feb. 6. Enquiries: Rotary Club of Encounter Bay 0459 786 469 or ebrotarymarkets@gmail.com

## Matthew sells strawberries

**Definitely the best strawberries you will ever taste. Meet Matthew East, of Mt Jagged, who grows them with his family and sells them at markets at Victor Harbor, Willunga, the IGA store at Mt Compass, and through Scoop which distributes them to restaurants across the Fleurieu Peninsula.**

**And then there's his mum Gina with her lemon honey biscuits, gingerbread men, crackles and assorted cakes, and what fruit and veggies she doesn't sell at the stalls she uses to make her scrumptious and fresh pies and pasties. Then there is her quiche, chutneys, jams, spinach slices and lemon juice for good measure.**

**Absolutely delightful goodies, the lot of them, but it's the strawberries that makes this stall special. The secret? "The soil and water, and caring for your fruit," according to Matthew. It's also about hard work and teamwork with his dad Ian and brother Paul, who also work the 200-acre property – with help from Matthew's partner Jodie.**

**"This is our seventh at the markets and we really enjoy the atmosphere," Matthew said. "You meet so many nice people. The hard part is keeping up with the demand."**

**We won't tell you to look out for the boys on the left side of Adelaide Rd from Victor Harbor before the turn-off to Goolwa and Mount Compass this month because we want to make sure we can buy all of their cherries. We thought the strawberries were good...** ■

**Shipwrecks & Sunsets Market:** Horseshoe Bay, Port Elliot on Saturday Dec. 19, Jan. 2 & 16, 4-8pm.

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

**The Vale Market:** Jan. 22, 4-8pm @ McLaren Vale & Fleurieu Visitor Information Centre, McLaren Vale.

**Victor Harbor Farmers' Market:** Every Saturday, 8am-12-30pm. Twilight market Wednesday, Dec. 23, 3-7pm @ Grosvenor Gdns, Torrens St (opposite Victor Central shopping centre). No market Dec. 26. Enquiries: Lea 0427 542 743

**Victor Harbor Country Market:** Second & fourth Sundays of the month @ Soldiers' Memorial Gardens, The Esplanade 9am-4pm. The market will trade every Sunday in January. Enquiries: 8556 8222

**Victor Harbor Indoor Craft & Plant Market:** First Saturday of the month 9am-3pm @ RSL clubrooms, Coral St. Special market Saturday, Dec. 12 from 9am-3pm. No market Jan. 2.

**Victor Harbor Natural Resource Centre's Market of Earthly Delights:** A veggie/produce swap market. First Sunday of the month @ Soldiers' Memorial Gardens, The Esplanade, 1-3pm.

**Willunga Artisans' Market:** Second Saturday of the month, 9am-1pm @ Old Show Hall, Main St, Willunga (opposite Willunga Farmers' Market).

**Willunga Farmers' Market:** Every Saturday, 8am-12.30pm @ Willunga Town Square. Special Twilight Market Wednesday, Dec. 23, 5.30-8.30pm. No Market Dec. 26. Enquiries: 8556 4297

**Willunga Green Light Eco Market:** First & third Saturdays of the month 9am-1.30pm. Cnr Aldinga & Main Roads, Willunga. Enquiries: greenlightnetworkwillunga@gmail.com

**Willunga Quarry Market:** Second Saturday of the month 9am-1pm @ Aldinga Rd, Willunga. Enquiries: 0408 897 393

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

## Cruise Ships

**Kangaroo Island: Penneshaw:** Coinciding with visits by cruise ships to Penneshaw. Sunday, Dec. 6; Tuesday Jan. 5; Wednesday, Jan. 14 @ Penneshaw Oval 9am-1pm.


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## *Spectre*

(M) Action movie starring Daniel Craig, Christoph Waltz, Ralph Fiennes. A cryptic message from Bond's past sends him on a trail to uncover a sinister organisation. While M battles political forces to keep the secret service alive, Bond peels back the layers of deceit to reveal the terrible truth behind SPECTRE. **Fri, Dec 4: 8.10pm; Sat, Dec 5: 8.10pm; Sun, Dec 6: 7.30pm; Tues, Dec 8: 8.10pm; Wed, Dec 9: 1.15pm; Fri, Dec 11: 8.10pm; Sat, Dec 12: 8pm; Sun, Dec 13: 7.20pm; Mon, Dec 14: 8.10pm; Tues, Dec 15: 8.10pm; Wed, Dec 16: 8.10pm.**

## *The Hunger Games - Mockingjay Part 2*

(M) Action, drama movie starring Jennifer Lawrence, Josh Hutcherson, Liam Hemsworth. With the nation of Panem in a full scale war, Katniss confronts President Snow (Donald Sutherland) in the final showdown. Teamed with a group of her closest friends Katniss goes off on a mission with the unit from District 13 as they risk their lives to stage an assassination attempt on President Snow who has become increasingly obsessed with destroying her. The mortal traps, enemies, and moral choices that await Katniss will challenge her more than any arena she faced. **Fri, Dec 4: 1.30pm, 8.55pm; Sat, Dec 5: 3.40pm, 8.55pm; Sun, Dec 6: 2.45pm, 5.20pm; Tues, Dec 8: 8.55pm; Wed, Dec 9: 4.15pm; Fri, Dec 11: 1.50pm; Sat, Dec 12: 3pm; Sun, Dec 13: 1pm; Mon, Dec 14: 3.35pm; Tues, Dec 15: 3.35pm; Wed, Dec 16: 3.35pm.**

***Victa Cinemas screens some movies in 3D – the times are indicated in red***

## *The Secret in their Eyes*

(M). Crime movie starring Nicole Kidman, Julia Roberts, Chiwetel Ejiofor. A tight-knit team of rising FBI investigators along with their District Attorney supervisor is suddenly torn apart when they discover that Jess's teenage daughter has been brutally and inexplicably murdered. Now, 13 years later, after obsessively searching every day for the elusive killer, Ray finally uncovers a new lead that he's certain can permanently resolve the case, nail the vicious murderer, and bring long-desired closure to his team. **Fri, Dec 4: 4.05pm; Sat, Dec 5: 1.55pm; Sun, Dec 6: 3.25pm; Wed, Dec 9: 10.45am*, 1.30pm.**

## *Hotel Transylvania 2*

(PG) Animation, family movie starring Adam Sandler, Andy Samberg. Everything seems to be changing for the better at Hotel Transylvania... Dracula's rigid monster-only hotel policy has finally relaxed, opening up its doors to human guests. Little do they know that Drac's grumpy and very old, old, old school dad Vlad is about to pay a family visit to the hotel. And when Vlad finds out that his great-grandson is not a pure blood - and humans are now welcome at Hotel Transylvania - things are going to get batty. **Fri, Dec 4: 4.30pm, 6.15pm; Sat, Dec 5: 11.45am, 1.45pm, 6.15pm; Sun, Dec 6: 12.45pm, 5.35pm; Tues, Dec 8: 6.15pm; Wed, Dec 9: 6.50pm; Fri, Dec 11: 4.25pm, 6.15pm; Sat, Dec 12: 11am, 1.05pm; Sun, Dec 13: 1.15pm, 3.40pm, 5.30pm; Mon, Dec 14: 11.50am, 2.10pm, 6.15pm; Tues, Dec 15: 11.50am, 2.10pm, 6.15pm; Wed, Dec 16: 11.30am, 2.10pm, 6.15pm; Thurs, Dec 17: 11.30am, 4.15pm, 6.30pm; Fri, Dec 18: 11.30am, 4.15pm, 6.30pm; Sat, Dec 19: 11.30am, 4.15pm, 6.30pm; Sun, Dec 20: 3.40pm; 5.50pm; Mon, Dec 21: 11.30am, 4.15pm, 6.30pm; Tues, Dec 22: 11.30am, 4.15pm, 6.30pm; Wed, Dec 23: 11.30am, 4.15pm, 6.30pm.**

## *In the Heart of the Sea*

(M) Drama starring Chris Hemsworth, Tom Holland, Cillian Murphy. Directed by Ron Howard. In the winter of 1820, the New England whaling ship Essex was assaulted by something no one could believe: a whale of mammoth size and will, and an almost human sense of vengeance. The real-life maritime disaster would inspire Herman Melville's Moby-Dick. But that told only half the story. As their captain searches for direction on the open sea and his first mate still seeks to bring the great whale down. **Fri, Dec 4: 2pm, 6.30pm; Sat, Dec 5: 11.30am, 4.05pm, 6.30pm; Sun, Dec 6: 1pm, 8pm; Tues, Dec 8: 6.30pm; Wed, Dec 9: 10.30am*, 3.50pm, 6.30pm; Fri, Dec 11: 4.05pm, 8.35pm; Sat, Dec 12: 12.50pm, 8.15pm; Sun, Dec 13: 3.10pm, 7.35pm; Mon, Dec 14: 11.40am, 4.05pm, 8.35pm; Tues, Dec 15: 11.40am, 4.05pm, 8.35pm; Wed, Dec 16, 11.45am, 4.05pm, 8.30pm; Thurs, Dec 17: 2pm, 8.55pm; Fri, Dec 18: 2pm, 8.55pm; Sat, Dec 19: 2pm, 8.55pm; Sun, Dec 20: 12.45pm, 7.45pm; Mon, Dec 21: 4pm, 8.55pm; Tues, Dec 22: 4pm, 8.55pm; Wed, Dec 23: 4pm, 8.55pm.**

## *Freeheld*

(M) Biography, drama starring Ellen Page, Julianne Moore, Steve Carell. Diagnosed with terminal cancer, a decorated New Jersey detective wishes to leave her pension benefits to domestic partner. Denied by local county officials, Laurel receives help from a hard-nosed colleague and an activist, who unite to rally fellow police officers and ordinary citizens to support the couple's fight for equality. **Fri, Dec 11: 2pm, 6.30pm; Sat, Dec 12: 3.15pm; Mon, Dec 14: 6.30pm; Tues, Dec 15: 6.30pm; Wed, Dec 15: 1.25pm.**

## *Learning to Drive*

(M) Comedy starring Grace Gummer, Ben Kingsley, Patricia Clarkson. Wendy is a fiery Manhattan author whose husband has just left her for a younger woman; Darwan is a soft-spoken taxi driver from India on the verge of an arranged marriage. As Wendy sets out to reclaim her independence, she runs into a barrier common to many lifelong New Yorkers: she's never learned to drive. **Sat, Dec 12: 11.10am; Sun, Dec 13: 5.40pm; Mon, Dec 14: 1.40pm; Tues, Dec 15: 1.40pm; Wed, Dec 16: 6.35pm.**

## *Star Wars: The Force Awakens*

(CTC) Action, Sc-Fi movie starring John Boyega, Daisy Ridley, Carrie Fisher and Harrison Ford. Continuing the Star Wars saga where *Return of the Jedi* left off, Luke Skywalker aims to restore the Jedi Order while Leia and Han Solo work with the New Republic against the remnants of the Galactic Empire and a new potential threat. **Thurs, Dec 17: 11.15am, 1.30pm, 6.15pm, 8.30pm; Fri, Dec 18: 11.15am, 1.30pm, 6.15pm, 8.30pm; Sat, Dec 19: 11.15am, 1.30pm, 6.15pm, 8.30pm; Sun, Dec 20: 1pm, 3.10pm, 7.30pm; Mon, Dec 21: 11.15am, 1.30pm, 6.15pm, 8.30pm; Tues, Dec 22: 11.15am, 1.30pm, 6.15pm, 8.30pm; Wed, Dec 23: 11.15am, 1.30pm, 6.15pm, 8.30pm.**

## *Oddball*

(G) Family movie starring Shane Jacobson, Alan Tudyk, Sarah Snook and Deborah Mailman. To save his daughter's job and keep her from moving away, an eccentric chicken a farmer teams up with his granddaughter to implement his controversial idea - to protect an endangered penguin colony using a troublemaking dog. **Thurs, Dec 17: 4.30pm; Fri, Dec 18: 4.30pm; Sat, Dec 19: 4.30pm; Sun, Dec 20: 5.35pm; Mon, Dec 21: 2pm; Tues, Dec 22: 2pm; Wed, Dec 23: 2pm.**

## *Alvin and the Chipmunks 4: The Road Chip*

(CTC) Animation, family movie starring Jason Lee, Tony Hale, Justin Long. Through a series of misunderstandings, Alvin, Simon and Theodore come to believe that Dave is going to propose to his new girlfriend in New York City… and dump them. They have three days to get to him and stop the proposal. Commences December 26.

## *Joy*

(CTC) Drama starring Jennifer Lawrence, Bradley Cooper and Robert De Niro. The wild story of a family across four generations centred on the girl who becomes the woman who founds a business dynasty and becomes a matriarch in her own right. Betrayal, treachery, the loss of innocence and the scars of love, pave the road in this intense emotional and human comedy about becoming a true boss of family and enterprise facing a world of unforgiving commerce. Commences December 26.

## *The Good Dinosaur*

(CTC) Animation movie starring Raymon Ochoa, Jeffery Wright and Steve Zahn. The generations-old question: What if the cataclysmic asteroid that forever changed life on Earth actually missed the planet completely and giant dinosaurs never became extinct? The film is a humorous and exciting original story about Arlo, a lively 70-foot-tall teenage Apatosaurus with a big heart. After a traumatic event rattles Arlo's tranquil community, he sets out on a quest to restore peace, gaining an unlikely companion along the way - a young human boy named Spot. Commences December 26.

## *Daddy's Home*

(CTC) Comedy starring Mark Wahlberg, Will Farrell and Linda Cardellini. When a divorced guy's ex-wife re-marries someone way more uptight, he re-enters her life and wreaks havoc. The two competing dads suddenly find themselves in a heated competition for affection. One brings home a dog; the other brings home a pony. And this war only escalates from there. Commences December 26.


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