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December

This month

December got 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. It has three birthstones – Tanzanite, Zircon, and Turquoise, which share the same colour blue, but in different shades (highlighted in order above). They are probably three of the most precious stones to sprout from the earth's core with Tanzanite only discovered in the late 60s – in Tanzania, where it only exists.

Cover

Dogs love Christmas and the beach also, especially this one, Benny. If you are planning to welcome a new dog to the family this Christmas make sure it is purchased from a registered breeder otherwise it may have come from a horrible "puppy farm" where the dogs are often in-bred and suffer defects. And remember, puppies grow up – love and care for them.



Miraculous Kris Kringle

Okay, will the real jolly fellow wearing the long red hooded gown trimmed with white fur and the bearer of gifts for children on Christmas Eve please give us a 'ho, ho, ho'... is it Father Christmas, Santa Claus, Saint Nicholas, Saint Nick or simply Santa? And who is this Kris Kringle fellow? They are all the same, and Father Christmas, as he is best known, has been very real

since the fourth century when St Nicholas, a wealthy Bishop and the Patron Saint of Children from Asia Minor (now Turkey) delivered gifts to the poor in his hometown of Myra.

English personifications of Christmas were first recorded in the 15th century with Father Christmas himself first appearing in the mid 17th century as the symbol of 'the old days' of feasting and good cheer.

The popular American fellow of Santa Claus, a part of Western Christian culture who brought gifts to the homes of well-behaved children on Christmas Eve, arrived in England in the 1850s and Father Christmas started to take on Santa's attributes.

By the 1880s the new customs had become established, with the nocturnal visitor being known as Santa Claus and sometimes as Father Christmas. In the early years of the 20th century modern dictionaries considered them to be synonymous.

No matter what anyone says, the spirit of Father Christmas has always been very real, and may he continue to be our intercontinental hero who brings joy and happiness to so many.

And Kris Kringle? The name affectionately refers to the main character in the 1947 American Christmas comedy-drama *Miracle on 34th Street* starring Maureen O'Hara, John Payne and Natalie Wood. The story takes

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place just before Christmas Day in New York City when Macy's department store assistant Kris Kringle claims to be the real Santa. It was so good that Hollywood made a remake in 1973, and then a remake of the remake in 1994 and then a musical of the original in 2012.



The gingerbread

In the 17th century we had official gingerbread makers who were part of professional baker guilds, and only they were permitted to bake gingerbread – except at Christmas and Easter when everyone got into the act. It is the logical reason why making gingerbread, especially gingerbread houses in which gingerbread men and gingerbread women live, became a big tradition at this time of the year. Do they cry when you eat them? We're not sure, but if a Gingerbread man hurts his knee try icing. Mrs Eatwave has a recipe for making gingerbread biscuits on page 38.

Good-good crackers

Christmas bon-bons (*bon* is French for 'good') were first made around 1850 by London sweet maker Tom Smith. He had seen the French 'bon bon' sweets (almonds wrapped in pretty paper), and arriving back in London he tried selling sweets that also included a small motto or riddle. However, they did not sell very well. Undeterred, Thomas was sitting in front of his log fire when he became interested by the sparks and cracks coming from the fire. Suddenly, he thought it would be fun if his sweets and toys could be opened with a crack when their fancy wrappers were pulled in half. Our bon-bons also have jokes or riddles inside. Here are the 'Top 5' lamest bon-bon jokes we could think of:
Who says "Oh, oh, oh!?" Father Christmas walking backwards.
Who delivers Christmas presents to cats? Santa Paws.

What do you get when Santa goes down a chimney when a fire has been lit? Kris Kringle.
What did Adam say the night before Christmas? It's Christmas, Eve.
What happened to the man who stole an Advent calendar? He got 25 days.

Blue nose day

A copywriter named Robert L. May (1905-76) invented *Rudolf the Red Nose Reindeer* in 1939 as a marketing gimmick for Montgomery Ward's holiday coloring books. He considered naming the beloved misfit reindeer Reginald and Rollo, and his nose blue – not red because it was viewed as a sign of chronic alcoholism. When he showed the final concept to his boss, he said: "Can't you do better than that?" And while on Christmas trivia... Christmas celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ, but there is no mention of December 25 in the Bible. It was not chosen as the official day until the third century. Also, we think of Father Christmas as a big, jolly man in a red suit with a white beard, but before 1931 he was as anything but that, including a small elf-like figure wearing a tan suit. It all changed in December, 1930 when



artist Fred Mizen painted a department-store Santa in a crowd drinking a bottle of Coke and it was published. The Coca-Cola Company reacted by saying it wanted the campaign to show a wholesome Santa who was both realistic and symbolic. It commissioned Michigan-born illustrator Haddon Sundblom to develop advertising images using Santa Claus – showing Santa himself, not a man dressed as Santa – and the now famous advertisements are valuable collectors' items.

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Let the good times roll

After all these years travelling on the old reindeer and cart and receiving mail by the ancient letter box system (remember that?), Father Christmas is becoming part of new-age digital – for the first time the annual Victor Harbor annual Christmas Pageant he will be streamed live, on Saturday, December 9.

In another boost for the community this festive season, fireworks are returning to Goolwa on New Year's Eve.

The move by the Rotary clubs of both Victor Harbor and Encounter Bay, which are again organising the pageant, to purchase the internet coverage and stream it live enabling the sick and elderly to also see and feel part of the event – some for the first time – is great initiative. To receive the coverage follow the details below.

And with the Port Elliot Lions team joining many other volunteers to lend their support to make this the best pageant here, more than ever it symbolises what this is all about – bringing cheer to the community. Well done, and the outstanding contribution and Christmas spirit is reflected by other volunteers and groups who are putting together a host of festive activities across the Fleurieu Peninsula.

As in previous years, the Victor Harbor Pageant will start from Bridge Tce, assembling at 5pm and setting off at 6.30pm, concluding with Father Christmas at Warland Reserve



The Christmas and New Year's Eve celebrations across the region are community events and alcohol bans may apply.

There will also be a strong SA Police presence on our roads throughout the holiday season so please do not drink and drive.

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at 7.45pm, and followed by the traditional Carols by the Sea.

Goolwa will also get right into the festive spirit the following night, December 10, when it holds its annual Christmas Festival which includes a pageant starting from the oval at 6.30pm and down Cadell St.

The celebrations in a safe, family environment will continue on Goolwa Oval (previously held on the reserve) with children's entertainment, carols and fireworks at 9.15pm. Of course, it's also not a show without Santa.

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Christmas Photo Stand

Don't forget to stop by and take a photo as your favourite Christmas characters this festive season!

Christmas Trading

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From P4

The regions will light up again with more fireworks on New Year's Eve in Goolwa, Victor Harbor and Normanville.

After a highly successful display two years ago, the fireworks in Goolwa off Hindmarsh Island Bridge promise to be bigger than ever thanks to a grant from Alexandrina Council.

Local cafes, bars and restaurants plan to celebrate the night with special functions leading up to midnight, and you are invited to view the fireworks from Goolwa Wharf. (No BYO alcohol).

Access to Hindmarsh Island will be restricted by both road and walkway between 11pm-12:30am with a total road closure on the bridge from 11.30pm-12.30am. Boats will also be restricted from entering the 4-knot zone around the bridge between those same times.

Victor Harbor presents a great family night from 7.30 with free fun entertainment on Warland Reserve, and fireworks for the kids at 9.45pm, followed by a midnight fireworks spectacular. Each year these New Year's Eve celebrations attract more than 10,000 spectators enjoying the festivities, plus 30,000 locals, families and visitors relaxing along the Victor Harbor foreshore to watch the fireworks. It is a drug and alcohol free event. Dry zone restrictions apply.

To receive live streaming of the Victor Harbor Christmas Pageant on Saturday, December 9 from 6.30pm:

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Strathalbyn set for another big festive season celebration

When it comes to celebrating Christmas few regional towns do it better than Strathalbyn with its Christmas Where the Angas Flows.

More than 3000 people are expected to attend this fabulous community event on Friday, December 15 celebrating the festive season, the end of school, and an opportunity for local businesses to thank the community for their support. The host of events start with a stunning pageant presented by the Strathalbyn and Lakes Tourist Association.

Floats start lining-up in Rowe St from 6pm, and at 6.30pm meander through the town finishing at the Soldiers Memorial Gardens.

Carols by Candlelight, organised every year by the Strathalbyn Church Inter-Council along with the children's rides and entertainment, is extremely popular, as is the big fireworks display.

Overall, the event embraces the community and its spirit, and is a great family event – covered by a total 'Dry Zone' from 7am-7am to encourage a fun and safe atmosphere. The effort by so many volunteers has already been magnificent.

* The annual Victor Harbor Food & Wine Festival has been scheduled for Sunday January 14 from 11am-5pm.

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Coffee beans & human beings



Mark Potter has a PhD in biochemistry and for years worked at the University of Adelaide as a plant pathologist. One day in 2002 he just gave it all up because he despised his genetic modification work – food that we eat – to do a 10-day course in cheesemaking. Some may suggest he had brain fade with sizeable economic impact, but this whim to dare to play a role in changing how we go about life says a lot about his character. For that, our little world is a better place. The irony is that he began earning more from cheesemaking, initially as the founder of Blessed Cheese in the main street of McLaren Vale, and teaching the art. It also led to trying to make the perfect cup of coffee in cafes, including 3 Monkeys Fine Foods in Willunga, and as a volunteer teaching these skills to 13-17 year-old kids in the region. However, this wasn't about money, but a self-discovery that people today are looking for a real purpose in life. "I have found myself meeting more and more people who want to give up their job that is quite high financially because they are just sick of only working for money," Mark said. "They want more, something that has a sense of purpose and in return a sense of heart." For Mark, 46, a father of two, it has been a remarkable crusade. He doesn't see himself as a hero, but importantly he feels good about himself inside, which is a vast difference from when he stared at the bottom of test tubes. Change needs a catalyst, and in this case it was a few years ago when one of the kids came in for his barista class in McLaren Vale showing self-harm cuts up his arms. He was bristly; he struggled to communicate and he was the only boy in the class with seven

14-year-old girls. Within 15 minutes he settled in, and Mark likes to believe the fact he was treated on par with everyone was why he fitted in very nicely. "That was the benefit for him; to be treated well," Mark said. Family and Children's Services heard how this lad from an incredibly confronting background pinned his homemade barista certificate on his wall and then set about getting a job, so they approached Mark to take on more just like him. The Bendigo Bank came on board, sponsoring a troubled kid for an 'every-day' one who joined the class. That is special.

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Then, out of the blue, Mark was recently approached by a philanthropist who essentially built a not-for-profit cafe-training centre in Whitmore Square in the city called Outside the Square, which was officially opened several weeks ago. It's the space currently used by St Vincent de Paul as a soup kitchen where every night 60 homeless people – here they are referred to as companions – have dinner. Reality hits terribly hard in this environment. Mark will hold his barista classes in St Vinnies up to 3.30 most afternoons before returning to continue his work in McLaren Vale. The concept is, the profit he makes from his cafe

work and barista training essentially goes back into helping these companions and others in need to find a way of opening the doors that have long been shut on them. "I want to harness the dollars of people with means and over-deliver their expectations on what they are getting, whether it be food or training, and the profits then directed into providing exactly the same experience for the underprivileged," Mark said. "The barista classes are expanding daily, not only for kids, but adults. I have been working in close contact with Vinnies, but it's not only them we will be supporting. I hate pay-up front concepts where people that pay for a coffee are expected to also leave a donation. There is a degree of guilt with it, and I don't want to put that on anyone. I just want people to have the bonus of feeling good about what they are doing opposed to the pressure of what they should do.

"I guess where I am coming from is that these troubled kids have come from a challenging environment. No one is born bad; people just get caught up in a bad environment and you do the wrong things and round and round it goes. "The ability to provide them with a reflection that everyone has the ability to be as good as anyone else is one of the strongest ways to bringing them back. It allows their self-respect and ego to come back, and it takes away that negativity so they can get on with living. "This experience hasn't really changed my opinion on today's young people. I have huge respect for them. I have worked with troubled kids before, and I have always been open as to where they are coming from, and that's why this works so well. "People make mistakes, get caught up and poisoned in their environment. Their bad choices lead from that, like sticky tar. "Even at their worst, should they run you down and hurt you it is simply a manifestation of their pain. At their best they will be grateful that you are helping them out of their tar. "At their worst they might push that hurt out at you. You just need to be aware that the



hurt is theirs not yours, and you don't need to pick it up. You can contend it any way as long as you are providing light in a dark place."

The work at Whitmore Square has already opened Mark's eyes almost beyond belief. The day we met there was a hint of trembling in his voice as he spoke of a man he had met hours earlier on the footpath.

"It was out the front of St Vinnies," Mark said. "This guy was 28 and he had an eye physically removed and not all that cleanly. You could see in the socket.

"With his cane I'd say he must have been 90% blind; he couldn't find his way into the homeless shelter, to the gate or the button to press. I saw him and took him in there.

"He stunk, he was dirty and he was clearly a brawler and that was how he lost his eye. His teeth were knocked out. But do you know what? He was a good fella; I mean that. It didn't hurt me to walk him down and have a yarn with him.

"I guess these experiences become the equalisation. It is premised on the fact 95% of life is chance; he could have been born into a different place, had a different life experience and been a doctor or anything. I have a lot of trouble allaying blame to that

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Mark Potter on making a great cup of coffee...

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They say the art of making a great cup of coffee is 10% the blend of the bean, 10% of the quality of the milk and 80% who is pouring it. It is a matter of having an actual skill; it is not something that you can just stand behind a machine and expect to make a great coffee.

“I like the chemistry of it all personally. I teach on the premise of the protein, the fat, sugar levels, milk and casein (protein in milk) and how it dissipates at a certain temperature. It is an appreciation of chemistry and understanding the process.

“You don't get bad beans anymore. The blends don't have all the nasties. For most part the beans are pesticide-free because most of them come from third-world countries and primarily the producer cannot afford to use pesticides that would taint the beans.

“Good beans and good milk is a crucial part of making a great cup of coffee. Personally, it is more important to have beans appropriately sourced – not through pillaging the third world. I also use local-sourced milk.”

sort of environment.

“I guess there are some people in gaol who are probably not bad people either; they just got wrapped up in bitterness that's gone around and around them and they feel there is no way to unravel that.”

Obviously, Mark's journey is not all about the immense satisfaction of discovering what it means for a kid from the hard school of knocks to earn a barista certificate. He said there were nights when he went home feeling a sense of helplessness, only to be reminded the next morning no effort is in vain.

“I feel good about teaching, particularly working with those disadvantaged, not necessarily just kids,” Mark said.

“I am excited about my next stage in all of this, putting together some courses on the premise that if you are aged between 12-18, and even if you're doing well or have a job, you probably won't get your mum's lasagne recipe.

“If we can teach young people some basic kitchen husbandry – how to go to the supermarket and buy stuff that is going to fill the pantry and allow them to cook rather than buying snack packs, and how to cook a meal that you can break down to five or six lunches rather than go to McDonald's every day – then I think a lot of problems will be resolved.”

Mark said he has been encouraged to do this work through the help of good friends and multiple businesses getting behind a concept and donating time coffee and venues. There has been the networking through the Fleurieu Future Leaders Group,

which is also sponsored by Bendigo Bank. It has also joined quality people from places like local coffee supplier Villeré, LJ Hooker Aldinga, Beach Road Wines, and Blessed Cheese. There is room to grow this list.

“Among the many things to come out of the Fleurieu Future Leaders Group is that in order to be happy in a work-life balance and happy as you work, if your money is covering your basic bills then giving you more money doesn't lead to happiness,” Mark said. “It has been proven scientifically; I have done the assessments.

“Enjoying your work is about having a level of autonomy, a level of mastery, the ability to improve, and it having purpose. It is almost

a revolution that is happening; people are so fed up with soleless careers and they are looking for that purpose.

“If you follow any futurism on what life is going to be like in 20 years it is nothing compared with the expedience in change over the past 20. Most white collar jobs will go. Artificial intelligence will even take over lawyers. Already there are thousands of people in America with a law degree who cannot get a job because we are now using Google Law.

“There is going to be this shift, and the philosophers suggest the next stage is really going to be about finding meaning because we are going to run out of work. It just seems to be a seeding point at the moment where we are heading towards critical mass. Maybe Generation C sees that and it never happens. “The need to care for each other a lot more has never been greater.”

As we all live in hope, more than likely this weekend Mark will make some cheese at home, probably a washed rind from goat's milk, or maybe a blue. There is also the chance of catching another five squid in his canoe like he did a few weeks ago off Aldinga. The point is, the life about this inspirational man, a future leader, is all about doing things that he likes and helping others less fortunate to once again want to like doing things.

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The KI connection

There is a new player in the ferry game to Kangaroo Island, and it's been a long warm-up. It's also about competing for the right reasons – for the love and heritage of this gem of an island across Backstairs Passage.

Most mainlanders visualise Kangaroo Island as one big spectacular playground, an astonishing national park with masses of penguin and kangaroo colonies while seemingly obese seals laze beneath the stalactite formations. However, beyond the breathtaking views there have always been challenges here, ever since a 16-year-old kid named Charles Newman was dropped off in 1838 on his voyage from England, and with his supervisor and a mate shared the job of looking after two sheep.

Almost every piece of building material, every pot of fertiliser and bag of flour has needed to be shipped here. The supply trail has remained endless, along with the frustration of nearly 5000 Islanders, especially the farmers who have had more to worry about than fighting over who misses out on shearing a sheep.

Recent news that a new passenger ferry – Kangaroo Island Connect, simply branded as *kic* – will operate from early this month has brought a wave of excitement, indeed relief. It is seen by many as a challenge to

the monopoly SeaLink continues to enjoy as it approaches its 30th year of service to KI, and continues a struggle to meet passenger demand.

The new operation involves a \$1.6 million, 25-metre Crowther designed, high-speed, wave piercing Tasmanian catamaran carrying a capacity of 95 passengers between Cape Jervis and Penneshaw within 30 minutes – 15 minutes quicker than SeaLink. There is the option for tourists to hire a car at a low rate. The first and last trips are from American River, adding life into near-by Kingscote.

As with many new tourism-linked ventures, some may choose to search for a sense of showmanship and the chase for dollars among the investors, but this is not what *kic* is about; nothing could be further from the truth. Behind this new KI challenge is the third-generation Cowell family whose passion and 50 per cent share of the equity in the project is based purely on their 100-years-plus farming heritage at Parndana, 40km west of Kingscote. Islanders would understand.

At the forefront as *kic* managing director is highly-successful businessman David Harris, and his wife, Jane, whose mother, Anthea Cowell, still lives on the Island. The project's catamaran is named after her late husband; James Cowell, who died in 2003 after 40 years farming on KI.

The KI family connection comes with David also having been a farmer there, and his impressive accomplishments in business include his business AgriPartners Pty Ltd which, among many things involves vineyards, a winery and wine-marketing



services.

The firm has also developed a hugely successful yacht charter and events management business in Hong Kong, and David's amazing zest for sailing is reflected by having been part of five Sydney-Hobart campaigns.

David and Jane's daughter, Jessica Hargraves, is currently assisting the *kic* project with her marketing expertise, and as managing director of Hong Kong Yachting, a company she created with her parents and in 2014 purchased from them, obviously also has that KI, business and love for sailing engrained.



Images of Kingscote courtesy of SA Tourism by photographers (left) Julie Fletcher, (right) Brett Sheriden and (bleow left) Adam Bruzzone.

Jessica has lived in Hong Kong for 11 years, and her business adapted to the needs there – motorboats hosting parties, corporates and weddings. One of her boats *Tarzan* has a 50ft inflatable waterslide from the roof, and of course there needs to be *Jane* to complete the fleet.

Yet, for all the frivolity and ritzy connotations that *Tarzan* and *Jane* and the business may generate, Jessica, a mother of a young daughter, is very much like her parents with her feet firmly planted on the ground. Another silent achiever despite the environment.

"The *kic* project is genuinely about our family's heritage and passion for Kangaroo Island," Jessica said.

"My grandfather was a fierce critic of the current operator's monopoly that led to him starting the Sea Highway Action group in 2001. He wanted to do this with my dad more than 17 years ago, and it is so appropriate that we named the catamaran after him, the *James Cowell*. He was so loved and respected on this island until he passed away (in 2003). "It was so frustrating for them when the licenses were completely tied up. Dad has just waited patiently and did other business. He found this opportunity, and everything happened in four months. We found the boat, and brought in all the investors. It has been really exciting.

"Dad is extremely entrepreneurial and he is a doer. He sees opportunities and takes risks, and most of them pay off. He has silent investors and he has done something like this multiple times with success. He is low key; he

doesn't like the limelight.

"I know other boat or ferry operators have tried before and failed. We are conscious of that, and the opinions of people saying, 'oh just another boat'. We are confident, and while we are planning to start slowly and build it up we know the demand is there to ultimately ferry up to 800 people a day.

"We are going to keep it simple as possible. Book your ticket in the car, or on the mobile website; it's going to be friendly and easy. We'll have ferry cars on both KI and Cape Jervis, and have scenic flights and tours operating."

The vessel is highly seaworthy with passengers in luxury touring coach-type seats. There will be four cabins, a small premium cabin on the flybridge, a kids fun and play area, and a snoozing zone or quiet area. Everyone sits at the back instead of the front bobbing around, which makes you sea sick.



Jessica said the plans for *kic* were also long-term, and they don't lack imagination. The investment includes the Island's second airport, the American River Airpark with an opportunity for people to operate their own planes and scenic flights. Her dad is also a keen pilot.

So far it has been about materialising the dream of David and his late father-in-law, and it doesn't stop there. Once the ferry service is fine tuned there are plans to tackle an even greater challenge – a better freight system for KI.

Kic wants to launch another ship specifically for containerised freight, alleviating the frustration and high cost Islanders have faced bringing goods and supplies back-and-forth. Regrettably, it's just the way things have been since the days Charles Newman tried to send the wool across Backstairs Passage. A lot of frustration. ■



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Anti-Poverty Week a big success in Alexandrina

Residents of the Alexandrina Council region have shown enormous support and generosity to the Anti-Poverty Week Food Drive, donating over 2,500 items for distribution to emergency relief centres across the region. All donations collected are used to help support disadvantaged people within our communities.

Anti-Poverty week ran from 15 October to 21 October in 2017. It is a week where all Australians are encouraged to organise or take part in an activity to highlight or overcome issues of poverty or hardship.

Alexandrina Council worked collaboratively with a number of local community groups, schools and businesses throughout September and October to support our Anti-Poverty Week Food Drive by having collection points for donations of non-perishable goods.

Alexandrina Mayor Keith Parkes commended the community's sense of generosity and community spirit. "Alexandrina Council would like to sincerely thank all members of the community who supported and contributed to this initiative, further highlighting the kind and caring spirit that exists throughout our region. These donations help make a difference to those who need a hand, and remind us all to continue to help support those in our community who are disadvantaged" he said.

Donations of non-perishable goods can be at any time of the year by contacting one of the emergency relief centres in our region.

Strathalbyn DPA Open for Feedback

Council has prepared a Strathalbyn Township & Environs Development Plan Amendment (DPA) to amend its Development Plan and this document is now open for public consultation. Copies of the DPA are available for inspection during office hours at the Strathalbyn Library and Community Centre, 1 Colman Terrace, Strathalbyn, the Goolwa Library, 11 Cadell Street, Goolwa or on the Alexandrina Council website at www.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/strathdpa and mysay.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/strathdpa

Written submissions regarding the DPA should be received no later than midnight Friday, 19 January 2018. Submission forms can be accessed via mysay.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/strathdpa or from the Council offices. A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, 23 January 2018 at the Strathalbyn Football Clubrooms, Coronation Road, Strathalbyn at 6.00pm at which time interested persons may be heard in relation to their submission. The public hearing will not be held if no submissions are received, or if no submission makes a request to be heard.

'Have Your Say', visit
mysay.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/strathdpa



Council leads the way with water

Alexandrina Council owns and operates one of the largest water-sewerage retailer industries in South Australia. Through its Community Wastewater Management System (CWMS), Alexandrina Council captures, treats and reuses over 650 megalitres of water-sewerage per year.

The scale of infrastructure includes millions of dollars' of sophisticated automation technology and a highly-specialised operations team looking after all strategic, planning and maintenance responsibilities. Five treatment plants receive and treat wastewater through a series of methods, storing treated water in lined lagoons for use in the summer months. Treated water is then used for a number of beneficial applications including recreation, economic development and primary production.

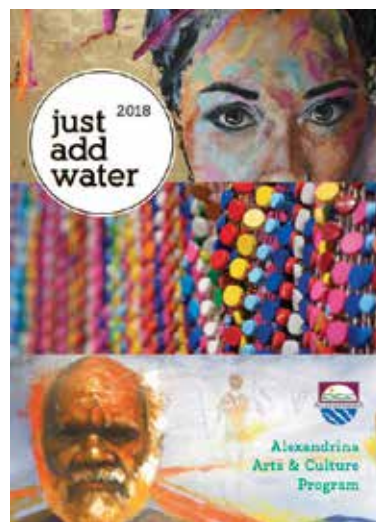
Alexandrina Council's Chief Executive Officer Glenn Rappensberg praised the CWMS for its environmental and economic benefits. "The CWMS reduces pollution of ground and surface water, protects the local environment from overflows and leakages, and increases water security. It also has significant economic advantages in the form of community development and job creation.

"We live in a region where water security is crucial for many sectors including agriculture, the environment and primary industry. It is through the CWMS that Alexandrina Council does not discharge any domestic wastewater into waterways" he said.

With recent expansion and upgrades, the Alexandrina CWMS is leading the way with efficient and environmentally sound methods of wastewater treatment.

For further information visit www.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/cwms

Just Add Water program has something for everyone!



It's time to pull out the highlighters and get set for the much-anticipated release of the 2018 Just Add Water (JAW) Program.

The 2018 program presents shows in all major towns of the district including Goolwa, Mount Compass, Port Elliot, Langhorne Creek and Strathalbyn and is set to spark the interest of all

age groups and backgrounds. The program will be launched at 2pm on **Saturday, 9 December** at Signal Point Gallery, Goolwa.

Two exhibitions will also be launched on the same day at the gallery - James Dodd - Shed Wizard and Vitrified - Collaboration in Glass and Clay. James Dodd will also be giving a 'floor talk' and demonstration of his hand-made magical art device.

The 2018 JAW Program presents 35 individual performances, concerts, workshops and school holiday activities; and numerous more visual art exhibitions and installations at venues and galleries across the Alexandrina region.

The program also includes culturally significant Council events including the Australia Day Citizenship Ceremony and NAIDOC and Reconciliation Week activities.

Mayor Parkes is excited to be able to present a diverse selection of arts and culture opportunities to the region.

"Just Add Water offers every member of the community, whatever their culture, age or ability, an exciting chance to discover new experiences, express themselves in new ways and gather to celebrate our diverse community," he said.

So, with the 2018 program currently under lock and key until 9 December, be sure to come along to the launch and be the first to flip through the pages and pick your favourites. To wet your appetite, how does a Johnny Cash or Bee Gees tribute sound?

Events

James Dodd - Shed Wizard Exhibition

8 December 2017 - 21 January 2018
Location: Signal Point Gallery, Goolwa
Enquiries: 8555 7000
www.visitalexandrina.com

Goolwa Christmas Festival

10 December 2017 at 6.30pm
Location: Cadell Street & Goolwa Oval
Enquiries: 0417 854 409
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Christmas Where The Angas Flows

15 December 2017 at 6.30pm
Location: Dawson Street and Soldiers Memorial Gardens, Strathalbyn
Enquiries: ingo@slta.asn.au
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Port Elliot Carols

19 December 2017 at 5pm
Location: Town Square, Port Elliot
Join in a Christmas carols sing-along with the Port Elliot community. Refreshments and family activities available.
Enquiries: 8554 2351
www.visitalexandrina.com

GrAphika

11 January - 18 February 2018
Solo exhibition by Lars Heldmann
Enquiries: jaw@alexandrina.sa.gov.au

Goolwa Regatta Week

20 January - 27 January 2018
Location: Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club
Milang to Goolwa Freshwater Classic.
Enquiries: 8555 2617
www.goolwaregattaweek.com.au

Break, Graff n Beatbox

16 January 2018
Location: Strathalbyn Show Hall
The day will consist of a series of workshops exploring the various elements of hip hop culture. Participants can choose to try just one element or book for all three. Limited spaces.
Bookings: 8555 7000

Silver Clay Workshop

Rei Minohara Starke
18 and 25 January 2018
Location: Goolwa and Strathalbyn
Enquiries: 1300 466 592
www.visitalexandrina.com

Yesterday's Power Rally

20 January - 21 January 2018
Location: Milang Oval
Enquiries: 8297 4715
<http://milangrally.info/>

Vivaldi Mozart Paganini Chamber Philharmonia Cologne

21 January at 3pm
Location: St Andrew's Church, Strathalbyn
Returning to Australia this summer with a powerful new program.
Bookings: 1300 007 842

Compass Cup

27 January 2018 at 11am
Location: Mount Compass Oval
Australia's only cow race! A great day of entertainment for the whole family with crowd participation events, food stalls, bar facilities, farm animals, sideshows and after race concert.
www.compasscup.com.au

At the Wharf

Last Friday of the month in January, February, March from 5pm - 8pm
Location: Signal Point Gallery Deck, Goolwa Wharf Precinct
Free community event. Enjoy live and local music, wine and food.
Enquiries 0438 660 653
www.cittaslowgoolwa.com.au

Cars of Australia

28 January 2018
Location: Strathalbyn Oval, Strathalbyn
A celebration of Australiana featuring cars, iconic foods, bush poet and childrens entertainment.
Enquiries: 0407 729 681
www.anangukuarts.com.au

Karumapuli - My Country

1 February - 4 March 2018
Location: Signal Point Gallery, Goolwa
Jacob Stengel solo exhibition
Enquiries: 1300 466 592
www.visitalexandrina.com

Summer Swell Outdoor Cinema, Port Elliot - Finding Nemo

20 January 2018
Location: Horseshoe Bay, Port Elliot
FREE outdoor cinema event.
Picnic starts at 6.30pm with movie commencing at dusk.
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Adelaide Symphony Orchestra

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Summer Swell Outdoor Cinema, Langhorne Creek - Ghostbusters

10 February 2018
Location: Alfred Langhorne Park
FREE outdoor cinema event. BYO picnic, cushions, rugs or low chairs. Picnic at 6.30pm with movie commencing at dusk.
Enquiries: 8555 7000
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The Palette of My Location Exhibition

23 February - 2 April 2018
Location: South Coast Regional Art Centre, Goolwa
Enquiries: 8555 7000
www.visitalexandrina.com

Night Fever - The Bee Gees Tribute Show

24 February 2018
Location: Centenary Hall, Goolwa
Bookings: 1300 466 592
www.visitalexandrina.com

Keep up to date with upcoming and new Council events by visiting Council's website or via the tourism website:
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www.visitalexandrina.com

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Langhorne Creek wine region

It's one of the great regions in South Australia where eight wineries produce some of the finest wines along the trail just south of Strathalbyn and 30km from Goolwa. Perfect for afternoon day-trippers; call through Clayton Bay and Milang and see the spectacular water life on the way to this region, and you must call into Newman's Horseraddish farm and winery. Each winery is special, but don't miss Lake Breeze on Step Rd, Langhorne Creek, and have a bite to eat at The Winehouse, Langhorne Creek Rd. www.langhornecreek.com

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The Big Duck. Image: SATC

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The Big Duck boat tours

Jump on board The Big Duck – it's safe and exciting. See sea lions, fur seals and dolphins at Seal Island and absorb some spectacular scenery around Granite Island and surrounds. Duration 45 mins, departs 1pm Saturday, Sunday, Wednesday departing from the Granite Island Causeway. Cost is just \$40 for the Seal Island Tour. Watch the seals bask in the sun, observe the seabirds and on most occasions dolphins in the vicinity sometimes racing the boat. www.thebigduck.com.au Bookings 8555 2203 or e: bookings@thebigduck.com.au

Encounter Bikeway

The bikeway is an on-road and shared trail that links Goolwa and Victor Harbor. The total distance is 30km, but a range of riding distances have been clearly marked to cater for all ages and levels of fitness. The bikeway is used by cyclists, walkers, skaters,

rollerbladers and wheelchairs. Contact Goolwa or Victor Harbor visitor information centres for bike hire details.

Play golf

There are eight golf courses across the Fleurieu Peninsula, and they include: Victor Harbor Golf Club – the sensational experience starts on *Australian Golf Digest's* Iconic First Hole, named in Australian golf's Hall of Fame. The first tee is 39m above sea level or the height of a 13-storey building with a magnificent view of Victor Harbor. Turn at roundabout by Encounter Bay Oval to 126 Inman Valley Rd heading for Yankalilla and discover this spectacular course. Casual bookings available, pro-shop and dining facilities. T: 8552 2030. www.victorharborgolf.com.au

Links Lady Bay, near Normanville. A stunning links course that offers its challenges to the best of golfers. Well-designed and overall a great golf experience. Casual bookings available, pro-shop and dining facilities. T: 8558 0600. www.linksladybay.com.au

South Lakes Golf Club at Billabong Rd, Goolwa is a well-designed course that also offers its unique challenges. Casual bookings available, pro-shop and dining facilities. T: 8555 2299. www.southlakesgolf.com.au

Oceanic Victor

Dive into the clear, clean waters of Encounter Bay by Granite Island and experience swimming with tuna and diverse fish species. There is a children's marine touch tank and watch from an underwater observatory. Adult (16+) \$85, 5-15yrs \$65, family (2 adults, 2 children) \$275. Book online www.oceanicvictor.com



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The spectacular view from above the first tee at the Victor Harbor Golf Club. Image: ADA - Airborne Data Aquisition.

Milang Railway Museum

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Stand up paddle boarding

Encounter Bay water sports presents a new and exciting water experience. Introductory lessons are conducted in the safe waters of Encounter Lakes. After a full safety briefing you will be given instruction on correct paddle grip and technique plus self-rescue. Then it's time to hit the water and have fun. Great for single or family groups. Call Andy on 0414 521 475 for more details and bookings.

Canoe the Coorong

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Play mini golf

The Dunes mini golf park by the Granite Island causeway entrance is all about great family fun. Open every day (except Christmas Day) from 9.30am. A game takes about 30 minutes (dad may take longer); it's challenging and enjoyable. Open nights throughout the summer.

Cost: \$7.50 for children 12 & under, \$8 students/concession; \$8.50 adults. T: 8552 8911 or 0407 187 267. www.dunesminigolf.com.au

Goolwa Motor Museum

An outstanding exhibition of classic cars from all over the world from the 1920s-70s including some unique one-off vehicles. T: 8555 3338.

At the Wharf

Goolwa is a Cittaslow town and puts on a fabulous summer season of At The Wharf – a free event from 5-8pm at Signal Point Gallery

Deck on the last Friday of each month with December 29 and January 26 earmarked for the holiday season. Local wine is on sale by the bottle and by the glass. Local food vans on site – Olaf's Pippis, Boombox Kitchen and more. There are top local dance bands. You're welcome to bring your own snacks, chairs etc, although seating and tables are provided. No BYO alcohol.

River Dolls of Goolwa

One of the best displays of antique dolls,

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Heritage Walks

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Surfing lessons

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Goolwa Animal Farm

It's a great place for kids – getting up close to the emus, kangaroos, pigs and donkeys and so many other creatures. Cuddle the rescued joeys, rabbits and lambs, just to name a few. Pony rides and free trailer rides. Cafe facilities. Open seven days a week 10am-4pm. Please note: the farm is closed when the forecast temperature is above 35 degrees and in extreme weather conditions. Located just outside Goolwa on Boettcher Rd. M: 0451 502 858. www.goolwaanimalfarm.com.au

Southern Fleurieu Historical Museum

A superb display of times gone by with a huge range of historic equipment and goods, including a special display of the old milking days. There are some classic pieces very well displayed. Located at the Port Elliot Showgrounds, Tottenham Court Rd. Open Thurs-Sun 10am-3pm or by arrangement. M: 0497 805 379. Adults \$5, U12 \$2.

South Australian Whale Centre

Discover three floors of interactive and informative exhibits, plus a 3D theatrette, a kids zone and whaling artifacts. 2 Railway Tce, Victor Harbor (by Warland Res). Open 10.30am-5pm every day except Christmas Day. Adults \$9, concession \$6.50, child \$4.50, family \$24. T: 8551 0750. www.sawhalecentre.com



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Cruise the lower River Murray on this unique wood-fired heritage paddle steamer celebrating its centenary. Departs the historic Goolwa Wharf. Watch the stokers fire the boiler and see the original steam engine at work. Feel the heat of the huge boiler and the vibrations as the paddle wheels turn. Wonderful experience. Check the bookings office for times for the one hour cruise. Adults \$20, concession \$15, children 5-15 \$8, family \$48. Bookings: Goolwa Visitor Information Centre 1300 466 592. goolwavic@alexandrina.sa.gov.au www.oscar-w.info

Alexandrina Cheese farm

Come and taste some award-winning cheese and learn how it's all made at Sneyd Rd, Mount Jagged (off Victor Harbor Rd between Mt Compass & Victor Harbor). Free entry, but you must try the milkshakes. Weekends noon-5pm, weekend & public holidays 10am-4.30pm. Closed Christmas Day.

Climb The Bluff

Explore the Bluff by walking the 800m Rosetta Trail to the top of the Bluff, the most visible sight of Victor Harbor. A dog and child-friendly walk, explore the beaches and headlands between Petrel Cove and Kings Beach (dangerous swimming area). Understand the landscape, geology and European and Aboriginal history through the interpretive signage along the trail. Extend this walk by starting in central Victor Harbor, or Kent Reserve near central Victor Harbor, or walk further along the Heysen Trail to Waitpinga Cliffs.

Inman River Walk

An easy 8km stroll starting at Kent Reserve, Victor Harbor and following the banks of the Inman River. It traverses through natural bushland, and although the path is mowed good walking shoes are recommended – and be alert for snakes. Carry at least 1lt of water per person. There are some really good walking trails across the Fleurieu – inquire at the visitor information centres and obtain maps.

Encounter Bikeway

The bikeway is an on-road and shared trail that links Goolwa and Victor Harbor. The



Port Elliot. Image: David Hancock - Hypervision

total distance is 30km, but a range of riding distances have been clearly marked to cater for all ages and levels of fitness. The bikeway is used by cyclists, walkers, skaters, rollerbladers and wheelchairs. Contact Goolwa or Victor Harbor visitor information centres for bike hire details.

Mount Compass Produce Trail

Mount Compass and its surrounding region including the picturesque hidden valleys of Nangkita and Tooperang are part of a superb food and produce trail. Pick your own strawberries at Harvest the Fleurieu on the main road and enjoy a coffee, or pick your own cherries at the nearby Fleurieu Cherries on Pages Flat Rd. There are so many other delights to be discovered and devoured on this trail, not to mention the splattering of art galleries and pottery wares. A wonderful experience. Visit: www.visitalexandrina.com/region/scenic-trails-and-drives/mount-compass-produce-and-tourist-trail

Playgrounds

There are some great and safe as possible playgrounds across the Fleurieu, especially the Bristow Smith Reserve Nature Playground on Barrage Rd, Goolwa. Best of luck getting your children to leave the wooden boat and beach-like play areas. Great place for a picnic as you watch the birdlife on the River Murray.

Enjoy the beaches

There are some spectacular beaches along our sensational coastline, but some can also be dangerous with the rips. Make sure you swim where lifesavers are in attendance, and between the yellow flags. The Goolwa Beach is stunning with its crashing waves, by the beach at Second Valley on the western Fleurieu region is much calmer and absolutely beautiful – worth visiting.

Watch a movie

Victor Harbor is one of the few rural centres which still has its original movie theatre.

It's Victa Cinema is located in Ocean St, and the facilities are very good – all with the character of an old-time theatre. And if you go at night, the whole theatre is lit up on the front with a laser show. They always have the latest movie releases here. Coast Lines has a comprehensive guide in this issue, but visit the website for session times: www.victacinemas.com.au

Strathalbyn antiques

Like McLaren Vale, Strathalbyn is a gateway to the Fleurieu region and among many things this beautiful, friendly town is known throughout Australia as being the “antique capital”. Stroll through the clean and wide streets on a history trail and discover something special in every shop. You will need extra time in the bakeries, and you must visit the Garage Motorcycles shop.

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Cockle Train (Graham Scheer SATC)



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SteamRanger Heritage Railway

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Skateboarding

If you or the kids are into skateboarding you must go to the skateboard park in North Pde, Strathalbyn. It is incredibly well designed and challenging.

Art Galleries

Goolwa has a host of art galleries and there are always exhibitions, but a great place to see a stunning cross-section of art and gifts from across the region is at Artworx Gallery & Gifts at 12 Hays St, Goolwa. Gallery owners

John & Liz Francis always have new pieces on display in the gallery; very impressive and well priced. Open most times, but check the website. T: 8555 0949. admin@artworxgallery.com.au

One of the best regional art galleries is The Strand Gallery, 41 The Strand, Port Elliot. Superb exhibitions by internationally acclaimed local artists, and exceptional works by gallery owners Ron Langman with his amazing photography skills and his wife Sonya Hender with her exquisite printmaking. The new dining facility also makes it a unique experience. M: 0419 501 648. www.strandgallery.com.au

Urimbirra Wildlife Park

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Where to graze on your holidays

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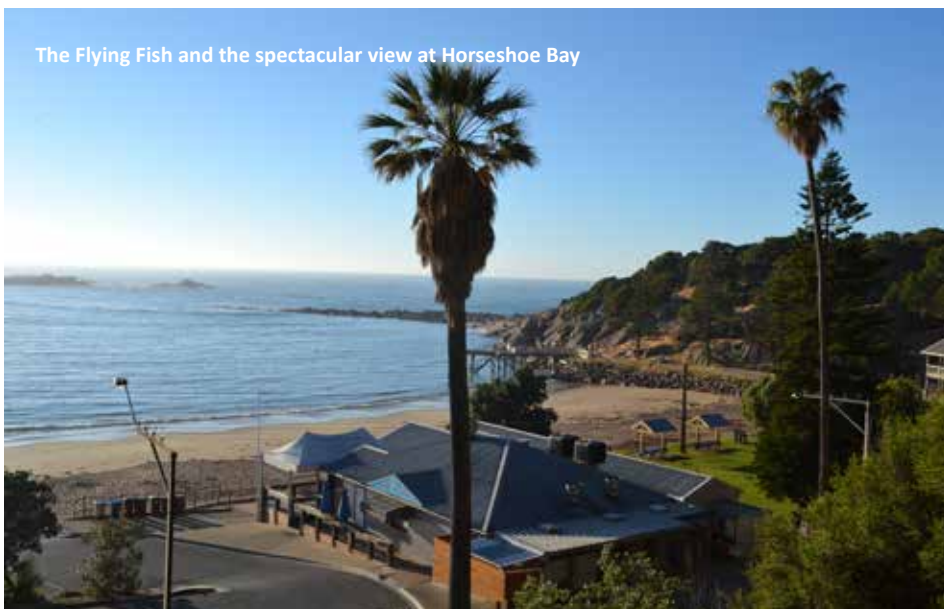
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... it's off to market we go!



** Markets subject to change; please check details.*

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Second and fourth Sundays of the month, 9am-1pm at Jeralde Park, Goolwa Wharf. Extra market New Year's Eve & Good Friday. Enquiries: Jane 0419 855 148.

GOOLWA WHARF MARKET:

First and third Sundays of the month, 9am-3pm; at the reserve by Goolwa Wharf. Enquiries: 0459 786 469 or ebrotarymarkets@gmail.com

INMAN VALLEY COMMUNITY MARKET:

First Saturday of the month 10am-2pm at Inman Valley Memorial Hall. Enquiries: Kate 8558 8242.

KANGAROO ISLAND: KI Farmers Market & KI Community Market:

First Sunday of the month 9am-1pm at Penneshaw Oval.

McLAREN VALE – THE VALE MARKET:

McLaren Vale Visitor Information Centre, 796 Main Rd, McLaren Vale.

MYPONGA MARKET:

Weekends & public holidays 10am-4pm at Old Myponga Cheese Factory, 46 Main South Rd, Myponga.

PORT ELLIOT MARKET:

First and third Saturdays of the month, 9am-2pm. Lakala Res, Rosetta St. Extra market Dec. 30 & every Saturday in January plus Easter Saturday. Enquiries: 0459 786 469 or ebrotarymarkets@gmail.com

STRATHALBYN MARKET:

Third Sunday of the month at the Lions Park South Tce,

Strathalbyn - 8am-2pm. Enquiries 0408 501 840.

STRATHALBYN – LIONS CLUB MARKET:

The Lions Club of Strathalbyn holds a quarterly market on the fifth Sunday of the month (which occurs four times a year) at Lions Park, South Tce, Strathalbyn - 8am-2pm. Enquiries: 0407 289 030.

VICTOR HARBOR FARMERS' MARKET:

Every Saturday 8am-12-30pm at Grosvenor Gardens, Torrens St, Victor Harbor. Enquiries 0438 858 667

VICTOR HARBOR COUNTRY MARKET:

Second and forth Sundays of the month, 9am-4pm, at Soldiers' Memorial Gardens, The Esplanade, Victor Harbor. Enquiries: 8556 8222.

VICTOR HARBOR INDOOR CREATIVE CRAFT MARKET:

For Saturday, December 9, new time: 11am-6pm at RSL clubrooms, Coral St, Victor Harbor. Enquiries 0412 382 724. No market in January.

VICTOR HARBOR VEGGIE SWAP MARKET:

First Sunday of each month 10am-noon at Carrickalinga House, cnr Hill and Torrens Streets, Victor Harbor. Enquiries 8552 9423 or scecentre.com.au

WILLUNGA ARTISANS' MARKET:

Second Saturday of the month, 9am-1pm at Old Show Hall, Main St, Willunga (opp Willunga Farmers' Market). Enquiries 0414 361 817.

WILLUNGA FARMERS' MARKET:

Every Saturday, 8am-12.30pm at Willunga Town Square. Enquiries: 8556 4297.

WILLUNGA GREEN LIGHT ORGANIC MARKET:

Every Saturday of the month; 9am-1.30pm. Willunga Recreation Park, Cnr Aldinga & Main Roads, Willunga. Enquiries: greenlightnetworkwillunga@gmail.com

WILLUNGA QUARRY MARKET:

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

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... more **big** events this summer

It's not easy deciding which of the big events to see on the Fleurieu Peninsula this summer.

On Saturday, January 27 we have two iconic events celebrating the 45th anniversary on the same day – the **Milang Goolwa Freshwater Classic** presented by the Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club, and Australia's only cow race – the **Compass Cup**.

They are just two of the feature events these summer holidays, and reasons for tourists to either come back to this magnificent region and everything it has to offer, or extend your holidays.

The annual Milang Goolwa Freshwater Classic is the feature event of an action-packed Goolwa Regatta Week from January 20-27, which embraces the town and the community in numerous events both on the water and onshore.

If you are looking for a 'moo-ving' experience the Compass Cup at Mount Compass Oval



Visitor information centres

Goolwa: 4 Goolwa Tce. T: 1300 466 592

Strathalbyn: 20 South Tce. T: 1300 007 842

Victor Harbor: 1 Esplanade. T: 8551 0777

Yankalilla Bay: 163 Main South Rd. T: 8558 0240

always brings enormous fun to families, so much that the event has been copied around the world (no bull).

Our spectacular region is also host to two stages of the **Santos Tour Down Under** from January 14-22. Stage 3 on Thursday, January 18 sees international professional cyclists leave Glenelg at 11am, and 128.2km later finish along the Esplanade, Victor Harbor about 3pm.

Stage 5 of the TDU on Saturday, January 20 starts at Main Road, McLaren Vale at 11.10am, and riders then take on some of the most gruelling hill climbs and through magnificent views along the coast, completing a 151.5km journey at Willunga Hill about 3pm.

The many events during the sensational days of summer across the Fleurieu Peninsula also include:

Saturday, December 9: Victor Harbor Christmas Pageant and Carols by the Sea from 6.30pm

Sunday, December 10: Goolwa Christmas Festival from 6.30pm

Wednesday, December 20: Twilight race meeting at Strathalbyn Racing Club from 11am-5pm. Mid-week meetings on January 3 & 17

Sunday, December 31: New Year' Eve Pageant, Normanville; NYE celebrations at Warland Reserve, Victor Harbor from 7.30pm with fireworks for the kids at 9.45pm and more fireworks at midnight; fireworks by Hindmarsh Island Bridge, Goolwa.

Monday, January 1: Harness racing at VHHRC, Lipizzaner Dr, Hindmarsh Valley (off Ring Rd)

January 13-20: Rotary Club of Victor Harbor Art Show at Warland Reserve (adjacent to Causeway) Victor Harbor.

January 20-21: Yesterday's Power Rally at Milng Oval, Milang.

Friday, January 26: Australia Day celebrations (visit local council website for events).



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Until January 7

Port Elliot-based artist Peter McLachlan presents a new exhibition based on an incredibly refined technique of mono printing at the South Coast Regional Arts Centre, Goolwa. Gallery hours: Wed-Fri 11am-4pm, Sat-Sun 10am-4pm. Free.

Until January 21

Artist James Dodd follows his practice that borrows graffiti for gallery outcomes and hijacks conceptual pursuits for application in suburbia. It is a wonderful exhibition at Signal Point Gallery, open Mon-Fri 11am-4pm, Sat-Sun 10am-4pm. Free.

The hard-working Lions Club will also be on hand to wrap presents and there will be a Christmas photo stand.

Victor Central is closed Christmas Day. Check individual retailers for other trading hours.



One of the exhibits at the Victor Harbor Rotary Art Show, Tom O'Callaghan's *Seagulls*.

January 13-20

The Victor Harbor Rotary Art Show, the largest outdoor art exhibition in Australia, will be held on Warland Reserve. More than 1400 paintings will be shown by 400 artists from South Australia and interstate. There will be a preview event on Friday, January 12 from 5-8pm. This is a ticketed event only with tickets being available online on www.victorharborartshow.com.au for \$30 each. The official opening will be Saturday, January 13, and open daily from 10.30am. This year's judge is Alison Mitchell, an accomplished South Australian artist from Riverton. Alison, wife of prominent artist Robert "Alf" Hannaford, has exhibited in major galleries and has been a finalist in many of the major

Australian Art prizes including the Doug Moran portrait Prize. Prizemoney totals \$34,400, with the Corporate Award of \$12,500 to the artist winning Best in Show, and \$21,900 across other categories. Two new prizes for the 2018 Show are the Softfoot Award for Australian Native Animals & Birds, and the

Australian Landscape Award in memory of Terry Lewitzka, kindly donated by Terry's wife Lorraine Lewitzka and family.

The Victor Harbor Art Show has been awarded three SA Great Regional Arts Awards, culminating in the Victor Harbor Art Show being inducted into the SA Great Hall of Fame.



December 21-24

Victor Central Shopping Centre is getting right into the Christmas and festive season spirit with lots of fun for children and families. The jolly man in the big red suit, Father Christmas, will visit the centre from Thursday-Sunday December 21-24 from 10.30am-1.30pm. There is free face painting and twisted balloons for the kids, and a real Christmas atmosphere will come alive with the *Sing Australia Choir*.

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The importance of wellbeing



*By Investigator College principal/CEO
Don Grimmett*

Investigator College is committed to providing a learning environment which nurtures and encourages the wellbeing of our students and our staff.

All of our staff have a commitment to work with colleagues in partnership with parents/caregivers to engage, challenge and support our students while at all times having regards for the wellbeing of all participants and the development of community.

This new initiative in 2017 was in response to an increasing recognition of the role schools now play in creating gathering places for community – particularly as traditional places/institutions and government services (chiefly in rural settings) are no longer relevant and/or are reduced.

The Wellbeing and Community Development team has developed a calendar of key events on the College calendar which provide assistance to parents in understanding their children/young people by way of parenting evenings and a culture of community connectedness and support.

Fundamental to this process is an undertaking that we all can develop skills to make our homes havens of wellbeing while also ensuring our families and our friends



Investigator College teacher Zoe Crichton with student Chloe Dowdell.

remain connected to community.

To this end, Investigator College has instigated a series of parenting seminars. In Term 2 we enjoyed a presentation focussing on anxiety in our children. Practical advice and strategies to assist parents develop confidence in their ability to deal with these issues were shared and gratefully received by those parents and staff present.

In Term 3 the Carly Ryan Foundation presented to an audience of our wider community. The seminar highlighted the dangers and potential harmful effects of social media – again with clear strategies

about how to assist our children/young people to stay safe in a cyber-world.

The College has also maintained a calendar of community events designed to bring our community together. Term 1 saw the first 'Plaza Session' that brought the new Senior School plaza alive with music, food, games and a great community atmosphere. Our cocktail evening was held in third term, and again this represented a magnificent opportunity for staff and parents 'frock up' and enjoy each other's company.

As we come to the close of a very successful year, I am mindful of the importance of



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– Investigator College principal/CEO Don Grimm

wellbeing, particularly for our graduating Year 12 students who are at this time unsure of what lies before them in 2018.

Ever mindful of the stress and anxiety associated with the examination period and mindful of the unease caused by an uncertain future, it is timely that we continue to stand in partnership with our graduating students at this important time and remember that there is indeed life after the SACE. I offer three pieces of advice inspired from an article entitled *A reminder: there is life beyond the HSC* by Dr Michael Spence, vice-chancellor and principal of the University of Sydney:

- Your SACE is a measure of your academic performance over the last two years – nothing more. It does not measure your leadership potential, your ability to sustain relationships, your fitness or your spiritual wellbeing. At any time each of us can be faced with serious illness or a family tragedy and such events help us get the SACE result into perspective. Every parent is proud of their son/daughter for far more important reasons than simply the SACE result.
- Your ATAR score shouldn't shape your interests/passions. Just because you receive a 98 ATAR shouldn't prohibit you from pursuing an Arts Degree or, indeed, a non-university pathway. Our universities are riddled with miserable

Law students enduring a course they selected simply because of a high ATAR and a sense of obligation to 'use it'.

- Your ATAR does not determine the course of the rest of your life. If you don't do as well as you hoped – and there are many reasons why this may happen – it is not the end of your career hopes. The ATAR simply determines what you will do for the next three years, or perhaps one or two. There are always opportunities for transfer into preferred courses. Your ATAR may simply determine whether the route to your desired career is shorter or longer. In the scheme of things this shouldn't be a worry – you have plenty of time.

Investigator College continues to be rightfully proud of our students' academic achievements. In partnership with our highly specialised staff, our students achieve results that rival results of so-called elite private schools anywhere in Australia. Our proudest results are that more than 98% of our graduates achieve their first choice in post-school pathways, whether this is university, TAFE, training or work placements. In other words, while the ATAR is important, Investigator College understands that each young person is so much more than an ATAR score. ■



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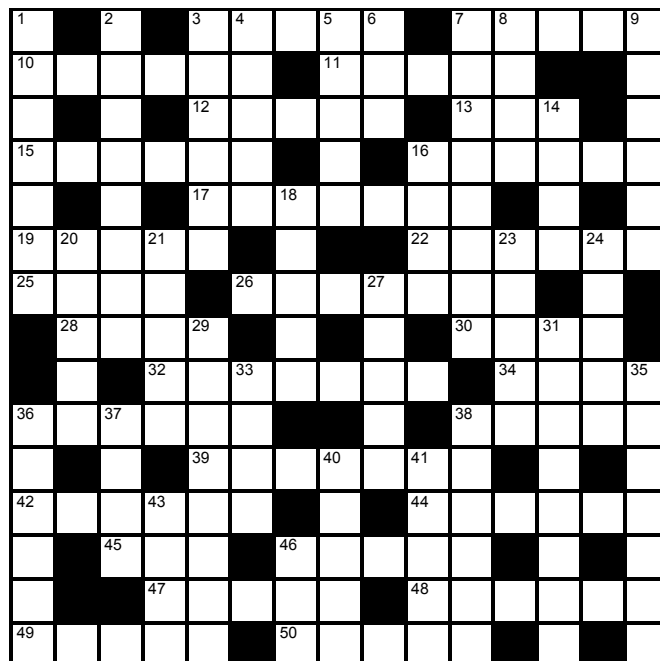
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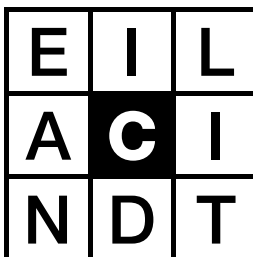
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- 32 Withdrew from federation
- 34 Catch the breath
- 36 Severe trial
- 38 Cut off
- 39 Of the side
- 42 Serene
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- 1 Rejected with disdain
- 2 Plan with ingenuity
- 3 Governing body
- 4 Bird
- 5 Attacks
- 6 Tree
- 7 Musical composition
- 8 Dutch cheese
- 9 Unassuming
- 14 Fashion
- 16 Acting part
- 18 Tend the sick
- 20 Let down
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- 23 Combine
- 24 Hangman's rope
- 27 Unclouded
- 29 Practical persons
- 31 Old French dances
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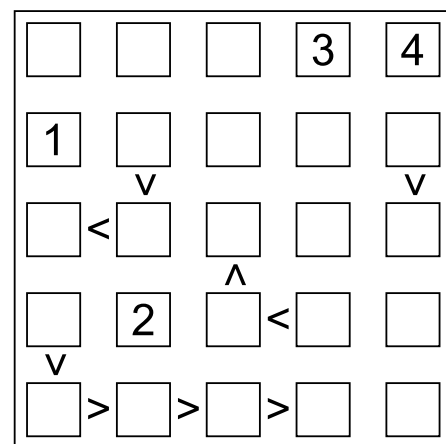
Target Time



Average 60, Good 65, Excellent 70+

Using the nine letters in the grid, how many words of four letters or more can you list? The centre letter must be included and each letter may only be used once. No colloquial or foreign words. No capitalised nouns, apostrophes or plural words ending in 's'.
Reference Source: Macquarie Dictionary

Futoshiki



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The aim of the Futoshiki puzzle is to fit the numbers 1 to 5 into the 5x5 grid, so that every row and column contains every number only once. You also have to satisfy the less than (<) and greater than (>) signs. A less-than sign, <, means that the number it points at must be less than the number on the other side of the sign. Turned around the other way it becomes a greater-than sign, >, but the logic is still the same - the number it points at is smaller than the number on its other side. By paying attention to these inequality signs, some of the possibilities from the squares can be eliminated. Each Futoshiki puzzle has only one solution.



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Christmas wishes

It's Christmas Eve and unusually very cold. A poor old lady is sitting alone, except for her cat, in her tiny house in front of a small fire. Suddenly, there is a flash of light and the old woman's good fairy appears in the room. The old woman is astonished, but the fairy reassures her: "Don't be afraid, I am your good fairy. You are very poor, and all alone at Christmas so I have come to grant you three wishes, to cheer you up." The old woman is about to speak, but the fairy holds up her hand. "Wait!" she says, "before you make a wish think carefully. You will get exactly what you wish for, and no wish can be undone." So the old woman sits silently staring at the fire and thinking. Eventually, she says: "Firstly, I want to be very, very wealthy." Poof! Immediately, the tiny house is packed with pots full of gold coins, and sacks of bank-notes. There is more money than anyone could spend in an entire lifetime. The old woman looks around and smiles. "Next", she says, "I want to be young and beautiful again, like I was when I was 18." Poof! The old woman disappears. In her place sits a beautiful young woman, with smooth, white skin and long, golden hair. The woman looks at her hands and arms, feels her hair, and smiles. "Thirdly," she says to the fairy, "I want you to change my cat into a handsome young prince, who will love me and take care of me all my life." Poof! The fairy disappears and the cat leaps up from his place by the fire as a handsome young prince. He reaches out to the woman, pulls her to her feet, embraces her, and kisses her passionately. Then he gazes into her eyes and says: "Hah! Now you're really going to be sorry that you took me to the vet."

Boom, boom with bon-bons

It's Christmas and the judge is in a merry mood as he asks the defendant: "What are you charged with?" The defendant says: "Doing my Christmas shopping early." The judge is stunned. "That's no offence," he says loudly. "How early were you doing this shopping?" And the defendant says: "Before the shops opened."

A man goes to his psychiatrist and says: "What's wrong with me?... I'm afraid of Santa." And the psychiatrist says: "You must be Claustrophobic."

A webmaster goes to the Carols by the Sea at Victor Harbor and sings: "Oh, dot com all ye faithful..."

How many gifts can Santa squeeze in an empty stocking? One. It's not empty after the first one.

Doctor, I can't get rid of the idea that I'm a Christmas bell, please help! "Very well," says the doctor, "take these pills twice daily and if they don't work, give me a ring."

Prince Philip hears a noise outside, opens the window to their Windsor Castle, looks out and says: "That's some reindeer." The Queen replies: "Yes, 63 years is a lot."

Geoff from Victor Harbor buys his wife a beautiful diamond ring for Christmas. After hearing about this extravagant gift a friend says: "I thought she wanted one of those sporty four-wheel-drive vehicles." Geoff says: "She did, but where was I going to find a fake Jeep?"

Santa jokes...

What do you get if you cross Santa with a detective? Santa Clues.

Why does Santa Claus go down the chimney on Christmas Eve? Because it soots him.

Why are Christmas trees so bad at knitting? Because they always drop their needles.

What do snowmen call their kids? Chill-dren.

What is Santa's favourite thing to do in the garden? Hoe, hoe, hoe!

What is the name of Santa's rudest reindeer? Rude-olph.

What does Tarzan sing at Christmas time? Jungle Bells.

What do reindeer have that no other animals have? Baby reindeer.

Why kind of cars do elves drive? Toy-otas.

What's the difference between the regular alphabet and the Christmas alphabet? The Christmas alphabet has noel (no L).

How do reindeer decorate their Christmas trees? With hornaments.

Who delivers presents to dogs? Santa Paws.

What do you get if you cross a duck with a Christmas bon bon? A Christmas quacker.

What does everyone sing at a snowman's birthday party? "Freeze a jolly good fellow..."

What do you get if you cross a Christmas bell with a skunk? Jingle Smells.



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North to Alaska



A cruise is the best way to see the nature and stunning scenery of Alaska – as I discovered recently travelling at the end of the Alaska cruising season in September.

The journey started in Fairbanks, travelling through Denali National Park, Anchorage and ending the land portion in the port of Whittier, where my seven-night cruise began on the *Star Princess* to the major ports of Skagway, Juneau and Ketchikan, ending in spectacular Vancouver. Here are some tips:

First-time cruiser to Alaska: Consider booking a balcony to see the best through the Inside Passage. This allows you to sit outside and watch the glaciers and wildlife go by. The ship will turn around so you are able to see both sides of Hubbard Glacier and Glacier Bay. **Book early:** The most popular time for travel is June-August - the height of the American summer holidays. Be prepared for huge crowds - some ports may have six ships at a time. Suites and balconies are always the quickest to book-out early. **Pack for winter:** Even if you travel in the height of summer cruising through Alaska can be cold. Take waterproof shoes, gloves and a rain jacket. The weather is unpredictable.

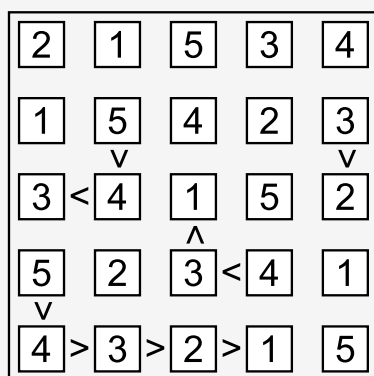
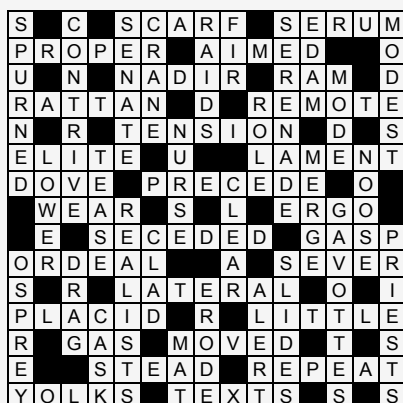
Shore excursions: Book early, especially if you are looking at travelling on the White Pass Rail in Skagway, any of the glacier or whale watching tours in Juneau or the Misty Fjords cruises in Ketchikan. Consider a 'Cruise Tour': Princess Cruises and Holland America are the two biggest companies that offer a 'cruise and land tour' options through Alaska. It's the best way to see Denali National Park and having the opportunity to see more wildlife and to be one of the lucky 30% of people who might see the top of Mount Denali. **Small ship options:** Many of the big ships are unable to cruise into the smaller areas of Alaska. Speak to your travel agent for small-ship expedition options.

Further information on 2018 Alaska Cruises & bookings call RAA Victor Harbor on 85521033

PUZZLE ANSWERS (FROM P30)

Target Time

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Be bushfire ready



Many of us live in and around farmland and reserves, filled with big gum trees and dry grass. Now is the time to do everything you can to prevent bushfire damage to your home this summer.

Keeping the grass around your house and boundary fences short, and cutting dead and low-hanging branches from your trees are some preventative measures.

It is important to be aware of the risks of a bushfire, because after all, bushfires are a natural part of the Australian lifestyle. If you are landscaping a new garden, it may pay to look into fire retardant plants, trees and ground covers to lower the impact on your home if a bushfire does come your way. There are many native and tough plants and trees out there that have the ability to absorb heat and slow down the spread of a fire.

Note that all plants can burn under the right conditions; no plant is fireproof.

Another thing you can do is

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Raking up dead leaves and excess fallen foliage and debris, cleaning gutters, keeping grass and plants mown, trimmed, watered and green (where possible, respect water restrictions) can also help minimise the damage a bushfire could have on you and your family.

There are many helpful websites you can look at that give good advice on getting bushfire ready. It is not something to be taken lightly. Don't leave it too late to make a plan. Do everything you can to protect your land and home, family and pets.

Happy gardening!

Emily

Native plants & trees that tend to absorb heat well

Acacia (wattles)	Dianella	Scarvola
Woolly Bush	Dichondra	Syzygium
Salt Bush	Ficus	Tristaniopsis
Correa	Aussie Flat Bush	Laurina (water gum)

Security Matters

with Peter Schirmer



Be merry but stay vigilant



It's that time of the year again – the weather is warming up and the festive season parties are upon us. It's also when some people get complacent about putting things away and locking up properly after a few wines in the evening, and unfortunately that is what criminals prey on (opportunity).

Remember to put the BBQ and gas bottle back out of site, ensure you lock the gates and house correctly and don't forget that if you have a security system installed in your home or business you may be able to partially arm the system and keep your valuables safe while you have guests.

If you are going to be away from your home or business for a while make sure you organise for your mail to be collected or held at the post office. This is also important when it comes to junk mail. It is very obvious that no one has been around the place when the junk mail starts spilling out of your letter box.

With Christmas fast approaching we are starting to purchase more things, whether that is presents or a new outdoor setting for Christmas lunch. Try to dispose of packaging discreetly, and

avoid leaving empty boxes with product labels on them around the outside of your house. It's like putting up a menu of what might be available at your place. The online deliveries that a lot of people are turning to in an attempt to make this busy time a little easier is also something to consider. Try to organise for the delivery to be placed behind a gate or fence or after a certain time when someone is home. The last thing you want is to come home excited about a new package and find out someone else has had the pleasure of opening it up and walking away with it.

The high heat we get during our summer can also be a security risk for the elderly. Please ensure you check on family and friends during these periods making sure they are cool and well hydrated. Security systems and medical alerts can be used for this in the event of an emergency. Have a wonderful Christmas and the best new years ever. Let's talk again in 2018. Stay safe and warmest wishes for the season.

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Paddington 2

(CTC) Fantasy, adventure. Paddington undertakes a number of odd jobs to afford a unique pop-up book from an antique book shop - a present for Aunt Lucy on her 100th birthday. But when the book is stolen, it's up to Paddington and the Browns to find the thief. **Commences December 9.**



The Man who Invented Christmas

(PG) Drama, biography starring Dan Stevens, Christopher Plummer, Jonathan Pryce. Using real-life inspiration and a vivid imagination, author Charles Dickens brings Ebenezer Scrooge, Tiny Tim and other classic characters to life in "A Christmas Carol," forever changing the holiday season.



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Star Wars: The Last Jedi

(CTC) Sci-fi starring Mark Hamill, Daisy Ridley, Carrie Fisher, John Boyega and Adam Driver. Directed by Rian Johnson. The further adventures of Luke Skywalker (Mark Hamill), Leia (Carrie Fisher) and Rey (Daisy Ridley). **Commences December 14.**

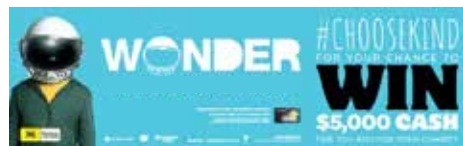


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Jumanji: Welcome To The Jungle

(CTC) Fantasy, action starring Dwayne Johnson, Karen Gillan, Kevin Hart, Jack Black. Four high school kids discover an old video game console and are drawn into the game's jungle setting, literally becoming the adult avatars they chose. What they discover is that you don't just play Jumanji – you must survive it. To beat the game and return to the real world they will need to go on the most

dangerous adventure of their lives - discover what Alan Parrish left 20 years ago and change the way they think about themselves or they'll be stuck in the game forever. **Commences December 26.**

The Greatest Showman

(CTC) Drama, biography starring Hugh Jackman, Zac Efron, Michelle Williams, Zendaya, Rebecca Ferguson. Inspired by the imagination of P. T. Barnum, The Greatest Showman is an original musical that celebrates the birth of show business and tells of a visionary who rose from nothing to create a spectacle that became a worldwide sensation. **Commences December 26.**

Pitch Perfect 3

(CTC) Comedy starring Ruby Rose, Anna Kendrick, Hailee Steinfeld. After the highs of winning the World Championships, the Bellas find themselves split apart and discovering there aren't job prospects for making music with your mouth. But when they get the chance to reunite for an overseas USO tour, this group of awesome nerds will come together to make some music, and some questionable decisions, one last time. **Commences January 1.**

Nut Job 2: Nutty by Nature

(CTC) Animation, action movie starring Will Arnett, Maya Rudolph, Bobby Cannavale. Surly the squirrel and his animal friends find out that the corrupt mayor of Oakton plans to bulldoze their beloved Liberty Park to make way for an amusement park. Hoping to

save the place they call home. Surly, Andie, Buddy and the rest of the gang join forces with Mr. Feng, a seemingly cute and innocent mouse who happens to be a fierce master of kung fu. **Commences January 11.**

The Post

(CTC) Biography, drama starring Meryl Streep, Tom Hanks, Sarah Paulson. Directed by Steven Spielberg. Katharine Graham is the first female publisher of a major American newspaper The Washington Post. With help from editor Ben Bradlee, Graham races to catch up with The New York Times to expose a massive cover-up of government secrets that spans three decades and four U.S. presidents. Together, they must overcome their differences as they risk their careers and very freedom to help bring long-buried truths to light. **Commences January 11.**

Downsizing

(CTC) Comedy, drama, sci-fi starring Matt Damon, Christoph Waltz, Hong Chau. When scientists discover how to shrink humans to five inches tall as a solution to overpopulation, Paul and his wife Audrey decide to abandon their stressed lives in order to get small and move to a new downsized community — a choice that triggers life-changing adventures. **Commences January 18.**

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Ingredients

100g butter
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2½ teaspoons ground ginger
¼ teaspoon ground cloves
1 teaspoon ground mixed spice
1 egg, whisked
¼ cup pure icing sugar

Method

Pre-heat oven to 175°C. Line two baking trays with baking paper. Place butter and golden syrup in a saucepan and on medium heat, cook until butter has melted, stirring occasionally. Reduce to low heat and continue cooking for one minute. Remove saucepan from heat and set aside. Sift the flour, bicarbonate of soda, brown sugar, ginger, cloves, and mixed spice into a bowl. Add the golden syrup mixture, and stir to just combine, then add whisked egg and continue stirring until



mixture is smooth. Cover bowl with plastic wrap and place in the refrigerator for about 30 minutes or until mixture is firm. Sift the icing sugar into a small bowl. Roll dessertspoonfuls of the mixture into balls, then coat in icing sugar. Place the balls on the prepared trays, allowing room to spread. Bake at 175°C for 15 minutes or until lightly golden. Trays can be rotated during baking, to allow for even browning if desired.

Remove from oven and transfer biscuits to a wire rack or a board to cool. Store in an airtight container. Makes approx. 20 biscuits.

Note: The amount of sugar used can be reduced slightly if desired. Just add a little more plain flour and bicarbonate of soda. This will result in a slightly denser and rounder biscuit. The moister the mixture, the less dense the biscuit.



Big success for Matchett, Big Sissy Foods

Produce on the Fleurieu has earned further national acclaim with Vicki Matchett of Matchett Productions & Big Sissy Foods scooping three medals at the recent Sydney Royal Fine Foods Awards.

It continues an amazing run for the Currency Creek-based Big Sissy Foods range with three medals at the Australian Fine Food Awards in September, plus two silver medals at the recent Fleurieu Food Olive Awards through Matchett Productions.

The success is shared with business development manager Fiona Watson, and from an overall point of view it has further highlighted the levels of excellence by producers across the Fleurieu. "To be rewarded yet again for excellence in producing high-quality South Australian Artisan products is truly wonderful," Vicki said.

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Chocolate Hazelnut & Date Torte

Ingredients

170g (1¼ cup) roasted hazelnuts
170g (1 cup) medjool dates
170g dark chocolate (good quality)
4 egg whites
112g (½ cup) caster sugar

Topping

300ml thickened cream
2 teaspoons pure icing sugar
chocolate shavings

Method

Preheat oven to 160°C. Grease a 23cm round springform cake pan and line the base with baking paper.

Hazelnuts can be bought roasted, but if bought un-roasted they will need to be placed on a baking tray lined with baking paper (shells can be left on) and baked at 180°C for about 5-7 minutes. Remove from oven and allow to cool, then remove shells (it won't matter if some shell remains). Transfer to a food processor and process into small pieces (or use a knife).

Wash the dates lightly, then dry with paper towel. Remove the seeds and chop dates finely.

The chocolate needs to be broken down into small pieces. This can be done using a food processor, or by carefully chopping or grating the chocolate by hand.

Place the hazelnuts, dates and chocolate in a large bowl and stir to combine. Separate any dates that clump together.

In a large bowl beat egg whites with electric beaters, until

small peaks form. Add a few tablespoons of the caster sugar and beat until sugar has dissolved. Gradually add the remaining sugar in batches, dissolving after each addition. Mixture should be glossy and thick after the final addition.

Add a few heaped tablespoons of the egg white mixture to the hazelnuts, dates and chocolate mix, stirring gently until combined. Add remaining egg white mixture and continue stirring gently until fully combined.

Spoon the cake mixture into the prepared cake tin, and spread evenly with the back of a spoon

or a rounded knife.

Place in pre-heated oven and bake for 45 minutes, or until the outside of the torte is golden and crisp.

Remove from the oven and place pan on a cooling rack or board. Cover with a dry, clean tea towel and allow to cool. Once cool, run a rounded blade knife between the sides of the cake and the pan, then release the base from the springform pan. Turn the cake upside down and turn it out onto a serving plate or board. Remove the baking paper from the top.

Cover cake with gladwrap or place in an airtight container and

refrigerate until ready to serve.

Before serving, whip cream in a large bowl. As cream begins to thicken add pure icing sugar, and continue beating until thickened (do not over whip). Spread torte with whipped cream. Using a vegetable peeler, scrape the blade across the chocolate to produce chocolate shavings and sprinkle over the cream. Store covered in refrigerator until ready to serve.

Note: Dried dates can be used instead of fresh medjool dates. Other nuts such as almonds or walnuts can be used in place of hazelnuts. Milk chocolate can be used in place of dark if preferred.



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