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That holiday feeling...

P15-26: We present a special holiday guide on all the things to do and places to see in this summer. Thank you to the team at the South Australian Tourism Commission.

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YOUR JANUARY-FEBRUARY EDITION

Due to the Christmas break and much earlier deadlines in the coming months we will publish a combined January-February, 2021 edition.

The January-February edition will be distributed from Wednesday, January 6, and the following edition will be distributed from Wednesday, March 3.

We hope that our readers can appreciate our situation, and we look forward to publishing your free monthly magazine in the new year.

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So this is Christmas...

CHRISTMAS MUSIC TRIVIA

You may have picked up that our heading above is the opening lyrics to *Happy Christmas (War is over)*, a 1971 single made famous by John Lennon & Yoko/*Plastic Ono Band* with the *Harlem Community Choir*. It was written in his rooms at the St. Regis Hotel in New York City.

Nearly 50 other performers have recorded this song or one with very similar lyrics. This is the 40th anniversary of the *Incredible Penguins*, an Australian group with Angry Anderson, Bob Geldof, Brian Mannix, Scott Carne, Colleen Hewett and John Farnham among the contributors who recorded their version. Imagine, Lennon and the *Incredible Penguins* recording the same song.

So this is Christmas And what have you done Another year over And a new one just begun

And so this is Christmas
I hope you have fun
The near and the dear one
The old and the young....



A FA-LA-LA-LA-LA-LA CAR

Most of us don't mind occasionally juggling the tonsils – singing aloud – whilst driving alone in the car. Here's a brilliant idea to form a chorus – singing Christmas carols. Rather than duplicate Christmas pageants on the Fleurieu Peninsula, those at Yankalilla and Normanville have held a New Year's Eve Pageant culminating with fireworks on the beach. They have always been special. Of course, thanks to COVID-19 times have



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changed, but not deterred community members led by Nathan's Rubbish Removal have come up with brilliant options. Firstly, there is a Christmas display and tree competition within the western Fleurieu area with \$500 first prize up for grabs from December-Christmas Eve.

There is a New Year's Eve trail with static displays of pageant 'floats' in people's gardens – a self-guided trail covering the full district. There is prizemoney for the best floats: \$500 first, \$250 second, and \$125 third.

Registration forms for both of these events are available from the Yankalilla Community Op Shop.

The amusing entertainment with a difference is 'Carols in your car' at Yankalilla Memorial Park on Sunday, December 13 from 4.30pm. Bring your own chairs or park your car around the oval, and if you like tune in via your car radio. The event organiser is Peter Filsell – e: pfilsell@westnet.com.au or 0427 534 095.

Go on, *Deck the halls with boughs of holly* Fa-la-la-la, la-la-la in your car – no one will be watching.

MORE XMAS TRIVIA

The date: No one knows the real birthday of Jesus. The first recorded date of Christmas being celebrated on December 25 was in 336 during the time of the Roman Emperor Constantine. A very early Christian tradition said that the day when Mary was told that she would have a very special baby was on March 25th – nine months later is December 25.

However, not every religion celebrates the



They were were first made in about 1845-1850 by London sweet maker Tom Smith. He had seen the French 'bon bon' sweets – almonds wrapped in pretty paper – in Paris in 1840. He returned to London and tried selling sweets, which also included a small motto or riddle, in England. However, they didn't sell well. Legend says that while Tom was sitting in front of his log fire he became very interested by the sparks and crackling noise, hence came the idea to make his sweets and toys 'crack' when their fancy wrappers were pulled in half.

birth of Jesus on this day. Some Orthodox churches use the old 'Julian' calendar and their Christmas Day becomes January 7.

Christmas or Xmas?: Some people don't think it's right to call Christmas 'Xmas' because it the 'Christ' out of Christmas. But that is not quite right. In the Greek language and alphabet, the letter that looks like an X is chi. It rhymes with 'eye' which is the first letter of the Greek word for Christ, Christos.

The tradition of mistletoe: Mistletoe is a plant that grows on range of trees including willow, apple and oak trees. The custom of kissing under mistletoe comes from a 1784 musical in England. The original custom was that a berry had to be picked from the sprig of mistletoe before the person could be kissed, and when all the berries had gone there could be no more kissing.

PLANET ARK'S 12 DO'S OF CHRISTMAS

- 1. Buy good quality decorations that may be reused year after year, or make your own.
- 2. Set up a recycling station for your workplace Christmas party and make sure the signage is clear so that no matter how much fun everyone is having they know where the recycling goes.
- 3. Give gifts with a lower environmental impact. Experiences like movie or show tickets and practical, durable items that meet a need are great options.
- 4. Use paper wrapping and reuse or recycle it afterwards.
- 5. Plan ahead to prevent food wastage.
- 6. Compost or worm farm your unavoidable food scraps. Fruits and vegetables and their peels, pits and seeds are all perfect for composting.
- 7. Choose drink packaging that is recyclable. 8. Flatten aluminium cans, milk and juice cartons, and cardboard boxes to save space

in your recycling bin.

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9. If you give or receive a mobile phone, make sure you recycle the old one, and find out what to do with other unwanted electronics like old printers and cartridges.

10. If you're giving a battery-operated gift also give a battery recharger and rechargeable batteries.

11. Reduce the impact of your holiday travelling and fuel costs by making sure your tyres are pumped up and your engine is tuned. Remember to recycle old car oil, tyres and batteries.

12. Once you have finished with your live Christmas tree take it to a recycling facility to have it mulched.

SPECIAL DAYS

Decembeard Month. Bowel Cancer
Australia encourages men to grow a beard
to raise awareness and much needed funds
for bowel cancer. www.decembeard.org.au/
No Gender December: Marks a time
to make a stand against the gendered
marketing of toys to children. www.
nogenderdecember.com/

Thursday, December 15: Chocolate and Coffee Day for Religious Harmony. A way that people can connect, learn about

each other and find common ground. chocolateandcoffeebreaks.com

Friday, December 18: International Migrants Day (UN). Organisations are invited to observe the dissemination of information on the human rights and fundamental freedoms of migrants. Also, through the sharing of experiences and the design of actions to ensure their protection. www.un.org/en/events/migrantsday/

FAMILY PICS WANTED

Alexandrina Council is developing *Stars of Night Christmas Projections* – and it needs your photos to bring it to life.

A roaming projection unit will be set up in Strathalbyn and Goolwa this month using buildings to screen rolling images provided by the community to spread some Christmas cheer. The community is encouraged to send images of cherished memories of Christmas from eras gone-by for display in the coming weeks and in the lead up to Christmas in Alexandrina.

Anyone and everyone may participate. Send your photo via mail it to: jaw@alexandrina. sa.gov.au .Each image just be at least 1MB. If you do not have access to, or cannot use

a computer ring 8555 7289 and the council can scan it for you. There is a limit of five images per person and at least one from each person may be used.

Visit the council's website and Facebook pages for updates. Enquiries and project details e: jaw@alexandnrina.sa.gov.au or phone 8555 7289.

SNAP, SNAP, SNAP

The McLaren Vale Business Association was unable to organise a pageant because of the coronavirus, but don't be alarmed – Santa will still make an appearance - restrictions permitting.

The group is building a *Selfie Santa* to be placed in the Piazza in the main street. It will be secure so kids and families can still get that all important 2020 photo with Santa. Also, it will try to spruce up Main Road with some other decorations on the light poles. Businesses and community members in and around the town are also encouraged to get into the decorating spirit. Wouldn't it be great to create a beautiful and welcoming town, even if it can't be enjoyed by everyone at the same time?

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LIGHT UP

You may see more lights in our business houses this month. The Alexandrina Council has encouraged local businesses to 'light up' their shop fronts to brighten up Christmas in Alexandrina. To help with Christmas decorating ideas, LED indoor/outdoor fairy lights were provided free to businesses. Well done, and support our local business and help make it a cheery one for them after a most challenging year.

SOME OLD CHRISTMAS JOKES

What kind of motorbike does Santa ride? A Holly Davidson.

What did Adam say the day before Christmas? "It's Christmas, Eve."

What do angry mice send to each other at **Christmas?** Cross-mouse cards.

What do you call an obnoxious reindeer? Rude-olph.

What does Santa do when his elves misbehave? He gives them the sack.

What do reindeer hang on their Christmas trees? Horn-aments.



Why are Christmas trees so bad at sewing? They always drop their needles.

How does Christmas Day end? With the letter Y.

Who delivers presents to cats? Santa Paws. What do you get if you cross Santa with a detective? Santa Clues.

What is Santa favourite vegetable? An Idaho-ho-ho potato.

What do monkeys sing at Christmas? Jungle bells.

What do reindeer say before they tell a joke? This one will sleigh you.

Why does Santa go down the chimney? Because it soots him.

What did Mrs Claus say to Santa Claus when she looked up in the sky? Looks like rain, dear.

Why did Santa get a parking ticket on Christmas Eve? He left his sleigh in a snow parking zone.

What do you call Santa living at the South Pole? A lost clause.

What's the difference between Santa Clause and a knight? One slays a dragon, the other drags a sleigh.

What do you call cutting down a Christmas tree? Christmas chopping.

What carol is heard in the desert? Oh camel ye faithful.

What do sheep say to each other at Christmas? Merry Christmas to ewe.

What do you call an elf who sings? A wrapper.

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Caught cook, wine & clinker

his great game of ours that we call football has always survived on volunteers, supposedly even before Harrison and Wills allegedly stole the concept of the game from Aboriginal tribes in 1858.

Among them have been the mums working in the canteens while the dads of this world have cooked the sausage sizzles for as long as anyone can remember as a means of raising much needed dollars to keep the clubs going.

And while the blokes have toiled in choking smoke even on the most miserable of training nights many developed a... well, as that ad says, a hard earned thirst. Part of the tradition, they claim.

Upon returning from the Second World War as a member of the Royal Engineers in the British Army, and migrating to Australia, Geoffrey Childs found himself with tongs in



hand at the Victor Harbor Football Club. With a few mates, an unofficial club of men wearing aprons within a club was unintentionally formed – the Red Club. Now approaching 40 years on, Geoffrey recently turned 96, and despite things changing at the football club this band of men still meets every Thursday night to cook a meal and partake in a bottle of red.

Forget the notion of burnt sausages and onion between a slice of bread. This particular night it was: Soup – Potato, Bacon & Sweet corn Chowder. Mains – Mousaka. Dessert – Glade sur un bâton. Okay, the dessert was in French, meaning icecream on a stick. These blokes don't want to get too fancy.

They hire the kitchen at the Men's Shed in Victor Harbor, and while it is not meant to be a fundraising club, they became members here and support it as much as

possible.

It was only last year that our dear mate Geoffrey stopped cooking most of the meals for as many as 40 men in the Red Club, but he is being constantly coaxed into preparing his famous Sticky Date Pudding again. "You've got to make it next week," was the request. And Geoffrey probably will. "This club has kept me going all these years," Geoffrey said. "I've made a lot of friends over the years; a lot of them have gone now. I have done these barbecues and cooked these meals because it's raised a lot of money, and it's a way of men getting

Malcolm Lowrey has been part of this Red Club for 39 years, and looks forward to every Thursday night.

"We used to cook the barbecues in the shed out the back of the footy club," Malcolm said.

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together to talk."

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"If you ask some of the old fellas like Johnny Gorge and Norm Golding they'll probably tell you we had blokes cooking for the club when it started more than 125 years ago. I don't think the group of barbecue volunteers became the Red Club until the early 80s.

"To be a member you had to make a clinking noise with bottles of red when you came through the door. One bottle isn't going to clink. It's always been a laissez faire (let it be) type of thing.

"We have never had any problems, and no one has argued. We get all these silly old men still coming who are getting older and sillier, but they're all still good men.

"The people who were originally in the Red Club were members of the footy club and all that sort of thing. We were moved on with the changes so we went to the RSL club for a while. It just seems to attract men who want something to do on a Thursday night and their wives are glad to get rid of them.

"I have met people here from all sorts of places. Because of the age of most they have quite experiences different to what I have had, and I have picked up all sorts of interesting things. I am the better for it all. We can talk men's business; everything. "We have former teachers, some were policemen, managers who ran their own companies... from all walks of life. "It's sort of like a Rotary or Lions club without the rules; no guest speakers or raffles. You can't bring raffle tickets in here and sell them.

"We organise a trip away once a year, although COVID has made a mess of that this year. We've been to Renmark, Milang the Barossa; lots of places."

Another member Max Lane said the Red Club became bigger than anyone thought. "We used to go out an have a drink while we were doing the barbecue, and as a club we put in a lot of money into the footy club. "We have a break over Christmas, and the first week in February those who are

married have their wives asking about the phone calls and why they're sneaking out the door on a Thursday night with a bottle of red."

Brian King has been going to the club for years. He says he enjoys the company of 15 or 20 regulars every week.

"There are no positions in this club," he adds. "Everything is by consensus. No minutes, no decisions on anything. There is a good bunch of fellas here."

Come next Thursday night old Geoffrey will sneak out the door again and join his mates for a good meal and a chat at the Men's Shed. After 40 or so years of this, one suspects his dear wife, Shirley, who is 88 years young, knows what he's up to. Don't tell any of these members of the Red Club, but they give it away when they can be heard clinking going out the back door.

Pictured: The night's cooks.... Jeremy Allport (left) and Malcom Lowrey (right) with Geoffrey Childs.





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Coronavirus may have helped Rotary art show

There is a possibility the 42nd annual Victor Harbor Rotary Art Show on Warland Reserve from January 9-16 will go close to breaking entry records despite organisers fearing for the past six months the coronavirus may force it to be cancelled.

Simply, artists here and interstate have had more time than previous years because of COVID-19 to work on their entries.

Organisers have also arranged for a courier truck to meet another from Melbourne at the border to collect the usual significant number of entries from Victoria.

The contingency plan emphasises the far greater planning and work this year by art show's committee led by David Elliott with incredible support of all 55 members of the

Rotary Victor Harbor working on a roster. The support of sponsors, including naming sponsor McDonald's Victor Harbor, has also not waned. This is Australia's largest outdoor art exhibition. More than

10,000 people attended last year with 1478 entries - both paintings and sculptures. It carries \$34,550 prizemoney including "Best of Show" valued at \$12,500. Marquees on Warland Reserve have been again planned for the Victor Harbor Art Show, but due to planned works there is a slight possibility it will be moved to Soldiers Memorial Gardens, Flinders

The art show committee is: David Elliott (chairman), Jessica Brodey, Karen Green, Peter Morison, John Mowling, Beth Mudge, Allison Muir, Helen Parsons, Judith Phillips, Paul Taylor - and Julie Erwin as president of Rotary Victor Harbor.



Last year's winning 'Best of Show' winning entry by Jan Brown.

The 42nd annual Victor Harbor Art Show on Warland Reserve commences with a ticketed preview event on Friday, January 8. It then opens to the public from Saturday, January 9 to Saturday, January 16 from 9.30am-8.30pm. Entry: adults \$8, children under 16 years of age free.



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The way our community as a whole has responded is to be commended. We have respected and adopted SA Health and

government advice and while it hasn't always been convenient, we have adapted together and will be a stronger and more resilient community as a result.

While our regular community Christmas events have been cancelled this year, we have been working on alternative ideas to celebrate in a different format. We look forward to the new year, when we all hope to resume more activities and enjoy the weather at this wonderful time of year.

I encourage you to spend time with family and friends over the festive season, and if you are travelling, please take care on the roads.



Keith Parkes Mayor

The Hub set to offer economic stability in tough times

Alexandrina Council has taken an innovative approach to helping local businesses through the impact of the

coronavirus pandemic, introducing the region's first business support program and networking hub.

Launched in August, Business Alexandrina is a dedicated business program for the region which includes the establishment of 'The Hub' in Goolwa.

The Hub provides businesses a 'front door' to the support they need to build resilience and grow in these challenging times. The Hub and its supporting services, have been possible with funding from the Australian Government Drought Communities Funding Program - Extension and Alexandrina Council.

The Alexandrina Business
Program will support the 2,169
registered businesses operating
across Alexandrina region,
focusing on the key sectors of
retail/tourism, health services
and agriculture. The program
will target the immediate needs
of the local business community
to encourage growth, COVID-19
recovery, support, collaboration
and opportunity.

Running from both The Hub and satellite sites, the Alexandrina Business Program includes:

- Targeted workshops, events and training to increase business capability
- Advisory and information services through in-house residents
- Co-working and meeting space
- Opportunity to be part of the Business Alexandrina network
- Access to key industry insights, resources and networks.

Alexandrina Council has secured valuable key partners for the program to deliver advisory services and new resources for the region, offering face-to-face mentoring for businesses.

Find out more about the Business Alexandrina Hub at

businessalexandrina.com.au



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Strathalbyn streetscape project

Since securing grant funding in June 2019 from the State Government's Planning and Development Fund for Stage One of the Strathalbyn Town Centre Revitalisation project, Council has progressed the project with landscape plans released for the Sunter Street and Albyn Terrace elements of the project.



The area around the Saint Andrews Church will be beautified to include new street trees and garden beds, a feature stone wall, new footpaths and crossing points, plus a turfed area opposite the Soldiers Memorial Gardens.

The Albyn Terrace elements will realign the three-way intersection and incorporate street trees, garden beds, water sensitive urban design, plus feature paving area with seating.

Council can now progress to tender for Stage 1 of the project, with construction expected to begin in December, and be completed by the end of March 2021.

In further positive developments, Council recently received Australian Government funding through the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program (LRCI Program); and has supported the nomination of the streetscape and public realm improvements at the intersection of Albyn Terrace and Dawson Street in Stage 3 of the Strathalbyn Traffic, Parking and Streetscape Plan for that funding.

The funding makes way for Stage 3 works to be brought forward, with efficiency benefits expected from the continuation of Stage 1 works. The works will see substantial community benefit by creating shared areas to adjacent shops as well as leveraging foot-traffic to local businesses from the Soldiers Memorial Gardens.

This is another exciting announcement for Strathalbyn as Council continues to deliver a revitalised town centre that transforms parts of the current road network space into usable, safe and landscaped public spaces. For further information on the project visit alexandrina.sa.gov.au/strathalbyntc





Have your say

on community consultations

Alexandrina Council welcomes you to 'have your say' about issues that matter to you in our region, and has a dedicated consultation website, where you can provide feedback and actively inform Council's decision-making processes.

Visit the 'My Say' Alexandrina website at

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Upcoming consultations include:

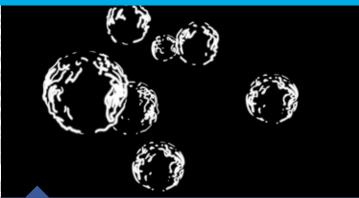
- Alexandrina 2040
 Community Strategic Plan
- 2020-2024 Long Term Financial Plan
- Infrastructure and Asset Management Plan.





What's On





The Overwintering Project – The Bigger Picture*

This exhibition celebrates the miraculous journeys of migratory shore birds. Bittondi Printmakers' Association widens the focus by considering the changing environments that these birds encounter due to climate change, industrial development and agricultural practice, with particular reference to the South Australian Coast and its specific local issues. Visit www.theoverwinteringproject.com

When: 11 December 2020 to 26 January 2021

Where: Signal Point Gallery, Goolwa Wharf Precinct

Enquiries: jaw@alexandrina.sa.gov.au

This Breath is Not Mine to Keep*

This exhibition is a provocative cross-disciplinary art experiment about climate crisis, delusions of immortality and the existential joy of life. Globally, we are witnessing the extinction of our world, and yet we continue to fuel our demise. Through performances, bioart, sculptures, sound scapes, line art, poetry and tactical games, this collaborative work by Jennifer Lyons-Reid and Carl Kuddell interrogates ten stages of grief that frame our responses to loss and renewal.

When: 3 December to 26 January 2021

Where: Signal Point Gallery, Goolwa Wharf Precinct

Enquiries: jaw@alexandrina.sa.gov.au

We welcome the government's easing of COVID-19 restrictions and are working hard to resume our services and reopen our venues. We thank you for your understanding as we transition our facilities to operate safely for the community, staff and volunteers.

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The Dictionary of Lost Words – Pip Williams*

23 January 2021

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24 January 2021 and 14 February 2021 Location: Centenary Hall, Goolwa Enquiries: jaw@alexandrina.sa.gov.au

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Location: The Hub, Goolwa

Enquiries: businessalexandrina.sa.gov.au



Christmas in Alexandrina

Christmas and other festive events in Alexandrina will be held in a different format this year to ensure large community gatherings remain COVID-19 safe in this ever changing environment. Celebrations will include: 'Stars of Night, Christmas Projections' in Strathalbyn and Goolwa, using buildings to screen rolling images provided by the community to spread some Christmas cheer.

Visit Council's website

alexandrina.sa.gov.au to view details as they come to hand in the coming months



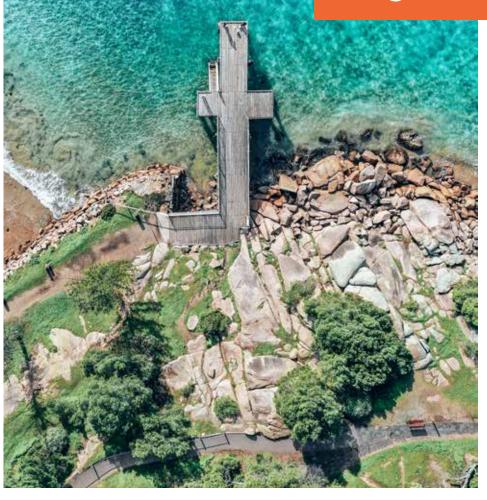
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Your summer holiday guide... enjoy!



Welcome to the spectacular Fleurieu Peninsula where tens of thousands of people descend upon to enjoy their festive season holidays.

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It's the gateway to the amazing Kangaroo Island and some incredible surprises from the spectacular Deep Creek Conservation Park nestled between coastline to the west and east, mouth of the mighty Murray River, Coorong, incredible McLaren Vale and Langhorne Creek wine regions, and a spread of beautiful towns and hamlets where you may discover some superb eateries and the quaintest of shops.

There is so much to see and do – it's all there to enjoy, and in this special section of Coast Lines we offer some great ideas on how to spend some of the best days of your life. We know you will enjoy the experience.

Image: Port Elliot Jetty (Trent Martin Photography SATC).







The Fleurieu Peninsula is flanked by sensational beaches and great wineries. There are so many wonderful things to do and places to see. Here are just some; they all become...

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This is a special holiday experience. There is the 45-minute Seal Island Tour - see the seals, sea lions and dolphins near Seal Island and Wright Island. Departs 1pm. Cost: \$40 adults, children (2-15) \$25, and family 2+2 \$115. The 90 min. Southern Ocean Tour takes you around the same islands plus The Bluff, West Island and along the Waitpinga Cliffs – spectacular views. Departs 11am. Cost: adult \$65, children \$50, family \$200. These tours are an unforgettable experience and worth every cent.

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Welcome aboard the magnificent Spirit of the Coorong and absorb magnificent scenery departing Goolwa Wharf into the world renowned Coorong National Park. See where the mighty Murray River meets the sea. Visit ancient sites, hear stories of the riverboat days and learn about the areas first inhabitants an area immortalised by Colin Thiele's Storm Boy. You even get to

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SPECTACULAR BEACHES

The Fleurieu Peninsula is flanked by some magnificent beaches including Second Valley Beach, which is regarded by many as the best in the state. The waters are generally calmer than the surf beaches because they are largely protected by awesome cliffs and the rock formations with their amazing colour. There is a spectacular view along the coast. A great place to visit with the kids regardless of the temperature.

CANOE THE COORONG

Tours for people of all ages and skill levels. Includes a three-hour Coorong sunset tour of the Murray Mouth, a full day all-inclusive Coorong tour, overnight camps, and for real adventurers a four-day expedition covering almost 100km. The Coorong Tour is a comprehensive experience, offering participants an all-inclusive relaxing day on the water exploring the Coorong and Murray River Mouth region. The tour cruises along at a pace that allows

guests to take in the natural wonders and wildlife that the Coorong has to offer. Visit: canoethecoorong.com or 0424 826 008: e: canoethecoorong@gmail.com

DISCOVER DEEP CREEK

There are 15 walking trails from easy to very difficult, including sections of Heysen Trail. It's worth the effort when you see spectacular scenery of Backstairs Passage, Kangaroo Island and the rugged Deep Creek Valley. It costs \$11 for car entry. You can see so much in one day with a 2WD on sealed roads and a moderate amount of hiking experience. To see more you probably will need a 4WD to take some unsealed roads to the Blowhole Beach and Boat Harbour Beach. Visit: www.parks.sa.gov.au

COCKLE TRAIN

A must for all families. The Cockle Train travels along the oldest steel railed railway in Australia dating to 1887 when it was constructed to provide a link between the River Murray and the ocean wharfs at Port Elliot and later at Victor Harbor. There will be additional times and six engines used during the Christmas-New Year break. Duration 1.5 hours round trip; 30 mins each way. This truly is a memorable experience. Check the website for all details: www. steamrangerheritagerailway.org

SWIM WITH THE FISH

Oceanic Victor offers an amazing marine adventure of a lifetime. Explore life beneath the waves; swim and interact with a range of marine creatures including Southern Bluefin tuna. 8552 7137. oceanicvictor.com

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SATC images: Opposite page - The Big Duck (Benjamin Engel). Spirit of the Coorong. Top: Pizzateca wine bar & restaurant at Chalk Hill Rd, McLaren Vale (Josie Withers). Second Valley coastline (Richard Kozusko).



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Drive on the beach: Experience the Murray Mouth from driving along Goolwa Beach, or park your car on the magnificent Aldinga Beach.

Discover Hindmarsh Island – grab some fish 'n chips and take in the views from the other side of the Murray Mouth.

Go fishing: Some great family spots include: Barrage 19 on Barrage Road, Goolwa or off the jetties at Victor Harbor, Rapid Bay, Noarlunga and Milang. Fishing off Goolwa Beach or at Waitpinga Beach is great fun.

Playgrounds: There are some superb and safe gems for the kids including the Jubilee Park Adventure Playground at Port Noarlunga – it's one of the best playgrounds in SA. Suitable for all ages. Other excellent playgrounds are at Barrage Rd, Goolwa; Flinders Pde and Soldiers' Memorial Gardens on The Esplanade, Victor Harbor; Starfish Park, Mint Dr, Hayborough; Yankalilla main road. Check council guides.

Go to the beach: The Fleurieu has some sensational patrolled beaches on the western side south from Christies Beach, through to Aldinga beach and Second Valley, and across to the south coast to Chiton Rocks, Port Elliot, Middleton and Goolwa. Swim between the lines – be careful, some areas may have dangerous rips.

Skateparks: In the heart of Strathalbyn in N Parade, just behind tennis club driving into town from Mount Barker there's a well designed skatepark for newcomers and those who like a challenge. Other great skate parks, etc are at the Mount Compass Recreation Park in Waye Crt, which incorporates a state of the art skate park, BMX track and open play space. Also, the Yankalilla Lions Youth Park at 182 Main Rd, which has a large skate park, is perfect for anyone with a bike, skateboard, scooter or roller skates.

Walk over the causeway at Victor and go around Granite Island and see the art and spectacular views.

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Friday night sailing @ Goolwa: Grab your deck chairs, picnic basket and refreshments and watch the Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club races from the lawns by Goolwa Wharf look for with the entertaining team from Cittaslow Goolwa. Really pleasant night.

Encounter Bikeway: It's a magnificent track from Goolwa to Victor Harbor. Didn't bring the pushbikes? See the guys at Goolwa Bike Hire at Hart's Chandlery, 237 Liverpool Rd, Goolwa (by the railway line).

... and the day trippers

Depending where you are staying, there are some ideas on fabulous places to go all within an hour.

Do a tour of the wineries in McLaren Vale and Langhorne Creek.

Go to a great cafe or eaterie whether its by the shore at Aldinga, Port Noarlunga, Willunga or across the south coast.

The Murray Mouth is an amazing view... take a drive across Hindmarsh Island.

Visit Strathalbyn - walk the streets lined with heritage buildings and grab a bargain in the antique shops. It's worth a trip just for the mushroom pies at Pestka's in Dawson Street.

It might not be the best time of the year, but the kids love to explore at the Ingalalla Falls at Hay Flat and Hindmarsh Falls at Hindmarsh Valley.

If you're staying the the north of the Fleurieu drive to Horseshoe Bay, Port Elliot - one of the most stunning beaches along our coast. Look into the Southern Ocean and there is Pullen Island. There's also the Flying Fish, a superb cafe & restaurant. And if you're south, head to a great pace to visit and walk around - Port Noarlunga. Another bakery to try.

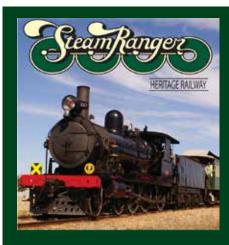
If you're into South Australia's past you must go on the fascinating history trail at Willunga.

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Image: You may drive a 4WD along Goolwa Beach to the Murray Mouth. (Ryan Formosa Photography).







GOOLWA - MIDDLETON -PORT ELLIOT - VICTOR HARBOR

Hear the puffing engines or the classic trains hauled by heritage diesel roll along the oldest steel railed railway in Australia.

Welcome aboard the Cockle Train - named so because in our pioneering days local residents would take a horsedrawn train to Goolwa to collect cockles from the sandy beaches near the Murray mouth. You still can.

The boilers in the old trains are steaming; the classic engines are ready. Hop aboard for a lifetime experience.

TIMES / TICKETS

December: Sundays, Wednesdays & Saturdays

January: Every day in January - extra trains during Christmas-New Year.

Trains leave from Goolwa 10am each day, and first train from Victior Harbor 11am. Check times when purchasing tickets from all stations - Goolwa, Middleton, Port Elliot & Victor Harbor.

Services scheduled to be steam loco hauled will be changed to herritage diesel or railcars if a fire ban is declared for the Mount Lofty district. The Cockle Train will not operate if the forecast temperature for Victor Harbor is 35c or above.



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What can we do today?

Lose to the kids at **putt putt golf** by the start of the causeway at Victor Harbor. Sink the ball into the shark! Great family fun.

Play some real golf: Of the eight golf clubs across the Fleurieu Peninsula only Willunga is a public course. Check it out: great facilities: 8556 2676 or >www.willungagolf. com.au< All of the other clubs invite you to have a game – contact the pro shop. South Lakes at Goolwa is among the top courses and has a great restaurant, which is also open to the public: T: 8555 2299 or www. southlakesgolf.com.au

Share a great the experience – **visit Monarto Safari Park**. It's open 9am-4.30pm. It's not as far from Victor Harbor as you think going through Strathalbyn. www.monartosafari. com.au

Like a bit of action and fun? **Go paintballing**. There's a well-priced and well-organised outfit at Paintball Sports on Blackfellows Creek Road, off Yundi Road, Kuitpo Forest. Give them a call. Visit: www.paintballsports. com.au

Catch some fish (with a lot of fun). Drop a line to Rod at Pirate's Seachest Charters. He runs personalised charters with all fishing gear and bait supplied. He's based in Victor Harbor, but he'll take you out in a spacious boat where the fish are. Very reasonable rates and safety is of paramount importance. Sea and Murray River options. Very honest operator, but the fish hate him. Call 0429 192 452.

Go to the movies at Victa Cinemas, a classic theatre with all the latest releases in Ocean St, Victor Harbor. Check out what's on and the session times: www.victacinemas.com. au

See a wonderful collection of **dolls** and buy some irresistible English **lollies** at **Dollies & Lollies**, Cadell St, Goolwa.

Go to the award-winning **Fleurieu Aquatic Centre**, 50 Ocean Road, Hayborough. It's



one of the best swimming centres for all ages and it's incredibly well run. Great facilities. Visit: www.fleurieuaquaticcentre. com.au or T: 7078 415.

Visit a museum... Milang Historic Railway Museum 182 Daranda Tce – it's fascinating. Check times: 0414 232 060. Visit: >www. milangrailway.org.au< Another interesting and well-presented museum is the Southern Fleurieu Historical Museum behind the Port Elliot showgrounds, 5 Wright St. Check times: 0497805379. >sfhmuseum.net.au<

And if you like old cars... visit Gilbert's Motor Museum, 32-34 High St,. Strathalbyn. An incredible collection of vintage and classic cars, plus a library of treasured motorsport books and memorabilia. And take a look at the Kenny Blake memorial down the road; incredible.

Goolwa Motor Museum in 45 Gardiner St, Goolwa also has some marvellous pieces of car history.

Visit the Whale Centre. Have a whale of a time at 2 Railway Tce, Victor Harbor. Open daily from 10.30am-5pm. Children \$5, adults \$10, concession \$7, family7 2+2 \$27.

Learn to surf... a highly-recommended school is Phil Ball's Ocean Living Surf School at Goolwa Beach.

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Go horse riding. High Country Trails at Normanville offers horses to suit every standard of rider – including for 'first timers'. There are also pony rides for under-9s at \$20 for 20 minutes. One hour ride through

Yankalilla Bay onto the beach costs \$50 per person. Bookings essential.

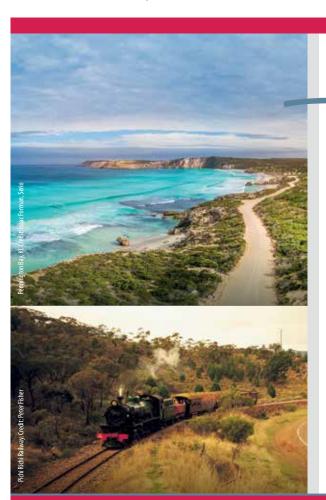
Take a two-hour **SA Maritime History Cruise** from Goolwa along the Murray River including the barrage, Coorong Quays, bridge and four shipwrecks. Visit: goolwaboatcruises.com.au

Pick your own strawberries and see a superb selection on offer of some of the finest produce the region has to offer at Harvest the Fleurieu and the main Adelaide road just outside of Mount Compass. Icecreams are wicked. Visit: www. harvestthefleurieu.com.au

Let's go shopping. The shopaholics of this world will love to discover some beaut places right across the Fleurieu. There's Its Ozzy Wonderful Alternatives, a gallery and gift shop at 192a Main St, McLaren Vale with a fabulous array of European and Australian works. Artworx Gallery in Hays St, Goolwa is well-known for its fine paintings and sculptures on display, as well as some amazing gifts in the galley — must visit. Rainsford's by Design in Railway Tce, Goolwa also has some crafty and quaint ideas for the home.

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Images: Above: Children having fun at Port Willunga Beach (Michael Haines SATC). Experience the Encounter Bikeway (Adam Bruzzone SATC).





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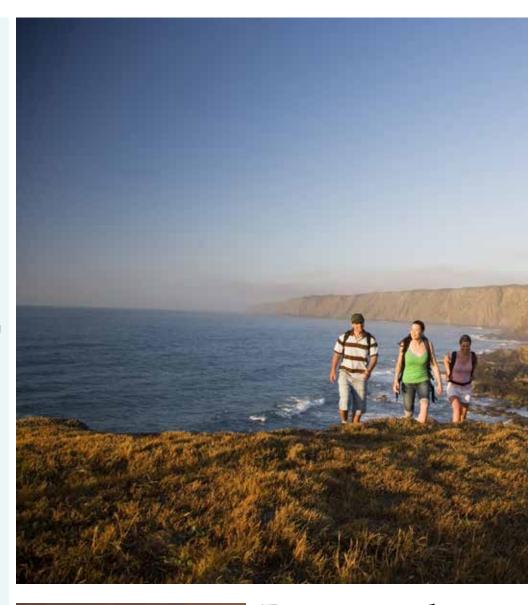
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Discover the sensational walking trails

Walking SA has identified 76 walks and trails across the Fleurieu Peninsula. None offer more sensational views and a reasonable challenge than through the Deep Creek Conservation Park and the continuation of the Heysen Trail between Waitpinga Beach and The Bluff, Victor Harbor. Visit: www. walkingsa.org.au

There are 15 walking trails from easy to very difficult, including sections of Heysen Trail. It's worth the effort when you see spectacular scenery of Backstairs Passage, Kangaroo Island and the rugged Deep Creek Valley. It costs \$11 for car entry. You can see so much in one day with a 2WD on sealed roads and a moderate amount of hiking experience. To see more you probably will



need a 4WD to take some unsealed roads to the Blowhole Beach and Boat Harbour Beach. Visit: www.parks.sa.gov.au

A really great walk for the whole family is the trail around Myponga Reservoir. It takes about an hour starting from the road opposite the general store and alongside the brewery. Grab the hats, sunscreen and the picnic basket.

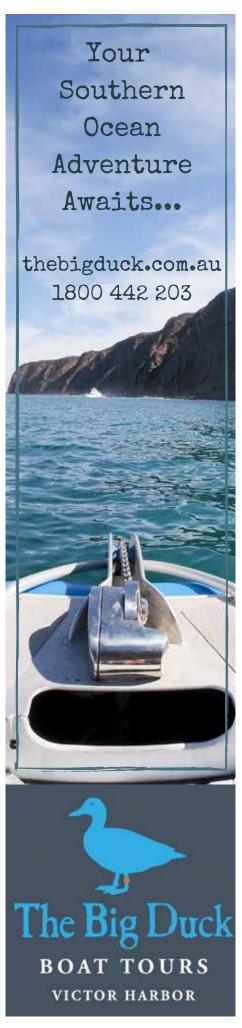
Another magnificent and not-to-testing walk for the family is at the end of the Heysen section – from The Bluff along the cliff edge down to Kings Beach. You may also start at the Kings Beach look-out and car park at the end of Three Gullies Rd-Kings Beach Rd and head towards Waitpinga.

Remember, don't forget your hat and sunscreen. Take some water and wear the appropriate footwear.

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Images: Above - Hiking through Kings Head (Peter Fisher, SATC). Left: Another view of Kings Beach trail (Ben Goode, SATC).







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Loco Mexican, 17-21 Ocean St, Victor Harbor. Amazing food, atmosphere and service at very good prices. A great night out plus takeaways. Menu: locomexican.com T: 8552 9883.

Nino's of Victor Harbor, 17 Albert Place. Sensational Italian food and they make the best pizza along the south coast (takeaways available). Menu: ninoscafe.com.au T: 8552 3501.

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Rankines at The Whistle Stop, 7 Hays Street, Goolwa. A cafe, bar and restaurant that always has some scrumptious special on the board and a fine wine selection. T: 8555 1171

PUB MEALS

Elliot Hotel in The Strand, Port Elliot by the railway line. Excellent choices – recommend the steak – at reasonable prices. T: 8554 2218. www.hotelelliot.com.au

Yankalilla Hotel also has a sensational menu – the best schnitzels are great. T: 8558 2011. www.yankalillahotel.com.au

CAFFS

Hector's on the Wharf: Right on the wharf at Goolwa by the bridge. Superb light meals and great service. T: 8555 5885

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The Anchorage (as per above).

Normanville Kiosk and Cafe: Superb location on the beachfront by the Normanville jetty, and excellent light meals and coffee. T: 8558 2575

Off to market we go...

CITTASLOW GOOLWA FARMERS MARKET:

The market will be held at Jeralde Park. Goolwa Wharf on Sunday, December 13 from 9 am-1 pm, but then not until February 8. Enquiries: Jane 0419 855 148.

GOOLWA WHARF ROTARY MARKET:

Goolwa Wharf, first & third Sunday of the month. Rotary Club of Encounter Bay. T: 0459 786 469.

MOANA MARKET: Pioneer Hall, Nashwauch Cres, Moana. Second Sunday of the month 9am-1.30pm. Enquiries: Jo 0412 630 518.

MYPONGA MARKET: Main Road, every Sat & Sun 9.30am-4pm. Art, books, toys, leatherwork, records, vintage bric-a-brac, waffles and gelato. Enquiries: Rick 0405 235 243

NORMANVILLE FARMERS MARKET: Town centre on Saturday, December 5 from 9am-1pm, and a twilight Christmas market on Friday, December 18 from 5-9pm with 40 stalls plus entertainment and amusements for children.



PORT ELLIOT ROTARY MARKET: First & third Saturdays of the month at Lakala Reserve, Young Street, Port Elliot from 9am-2pm. Wonderful food, fresh produce and homemade clothing and crafts.

STRATHALBYN TREASURE MARKET: Next to Gilberts Motor Museum in High Street, Strathalbyn third Sunday of the month 8am-3pm - local produce, bric-a-brac, crafts, plants, jewellery, trash-and-treasure

VICTOR HARBOR BEACHSIDE MARKET:

Esplanade, Soldiers Memorial Reserve second & fourth Sundays & every Sunday in January and public holidays 9am-4pm.



VICTOR HARBOR FARMERS MARKET:

Twilight market at Grosvenor Gardens, Torrens St on Tuesday, December 22 from 4-7pm, and Saturday, December 26 from 8am-12-30pm at Enquiries: 0438 858 667.

WILLUNGA FARMERS MARKET: Twilight market at Willunga Town Square on Wednesday, December 23 from 4-7.30pm. No market December 26, then usual schedule - every Saturday 8am-12.30pm. Eng: 8556 4297 or Jeni 0411 049 570.

YANKALILLA PRODUCE & CRAFTS MARKET:

Yankalilla Agricultural Hall on Saturdays December 5 & 19 and January 2 & 16 from 9am-1pm.

Images: Willunga Farmers Market. Karen Walker (SATC)



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Ellie & Abbie

(M) Comedy. Directed by Monica Zanetti starring Julia Billington, Melanie Bowers, Bridie Connell. Ellie, a 17-year-old, is struggling to find the courage to ask her classmate Abbie to the formal. Luckily her Aunt Tara, a lesbian who died in the 80's has shown up as a 'Fairy Godmother' to dish out advice, whether Ellie wants it or not.



(MA15+ - strong violence). Action, comedy, fantasy starring Mel Gibson, Walton Goggins. To save his declining business, Chris Cringle, also known as Santa Claus, is forced into a partnership with the U.S. military. Chris gets locked into a battle of wits against a highly skilled assassin hired by a 12-year-old, after receiving a lump of coal in his stocking.



(M) Comedy, drama starring Keira Knightley, Gugu Mbatha-Raw, Jessie Buckley. A group of women part of the Women's Liberation Movement create a plan in order to disrupt the 1970 Miss World beauty competition in

London.

Katherine Jenkins

Christmas Spectacular

(CTC) Musical. Directed by Lynne Page starring classical music superstar Katherine Jenkins OBE who presents a magical and unique Christmas musical from the iconic Royal Albert Hall bringing joy and festive celebrations to audiences around the world. With unprecedented and exclusive access to the historic venue, the Welsh singing sensation performs seasonal favourites and carols with full nostalgic Hollywood musical glamour.

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(PG) Adventure, drama, family. A remake of the wonderful 1943 movie based on Eric Knight's book starring Sebastian Bezzel, Anna Maria Mühe, Nico Marischka. Lost and on her own, beloved wonder dog Lassie must journey across the country to get back to her family.

The Witches

(CTC) Fantasy/comedy starring Anne Hathaway, Octavia Spencer and Stanley Tucci. In late 1967 a young orphaned boy goes to live with his loving grandma in the rural Alabama town of Demopolis. As they encounter some deceptively glamorous but thoroughly diabolical witches, she wisely whisks him away to a seaside resort. Regrettably, they arrive at precisely the same time that the world's Grand High Witch has gathered her fellow cronies. Commences December 11.

Words on Bathroom Walls

(CTC) Drama/comedy-drama starring Charlie Plummer, Andy García, Taylor Russell. Diagnosed with a mental illness during his senior year of high school, a witty, introspective teen struggles to keep it a secret while falling in love with a brilliant classmate. Commences December 11.

Croods 2

(CTC) Animation, adventure, comedy starring Ryan Reynolds, Nicolas Cage, Emma Stone. The prehistoric family the Croods are challenged by a rival family the Bettermans, who claim to be better and more evolved. Commences December 26.

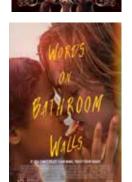
Peter Rabbit 2: The Runaway

(CTC) Adventure, comedy, family movie starring James Corden, Elizabeth Debicki and Margot Robbie. Thomas and Bea are now married and living with Peter and his rabbit family. Bored of life in the garden, Peter goes to the big city where he meets shady characters and creats chaos for the whole

family. Commences December 26. **Wonder Woman 1984**

(CTC) Action, adventure, fantasy movie starring Gal Gadot, Chris Pine, Pedro Pascal and Kristen Wiig. Fast forward to the 1980s as Wonder Woman's next big screen adventure finds her facing two all-new foes: Max Lord and The Cheetah. Commences December 26.





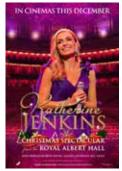








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8 Top card	43 Female deer	20 Game of skill			
10 Has strong desire	44 Coronet	21 Courage			
11 Mine	45 Perfect score	23 Incapacitate			
13 Go before	46 Right-angled figure	24 Girdle			
14 Work a machine	47 Sound of bell rung	28 Find fault with			
15 Location	slowly	29 Newer			
16 At all times	Down	30 Not flighty			
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weapon	2 Electrical unit	35 Weapon			
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12 Domesticates

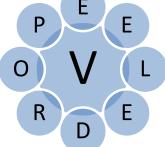
An All Australian **FOCUS Word Game**

- * Each word must contain the centre 'Focus' letter and each letter may be used only once
- * Each word must be four letters or more
- * Find at least one nine letter word
- * No swear words

33 Ooze

- st No verb forms or plurals ending in 's'
- * No proper nouns and no hyphenated words

TODAY'S Good: 11 words **FOCUS** Very good: 18 words Excellent: 31 words

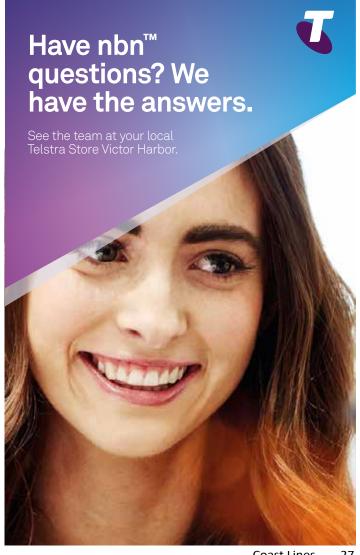


Alfakodo

The aim of the puzzle is to allocate a number from 1-26 (right-hand column) to a letter of the alphabet (left-hand column), using the mathamatical equations and clues provided. Only one number can be allocated to one letter. You can work out the numbers by using those letters that have numbers provided. For example in this puzzle (A) is worth 15 and (K) is worth 5 so (Q) must be worth 3. It means that anywhere there is a (Q) in the puzzle it is a 3.

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On the brighter side...

Casket case

A man is walking home alone late one foggy night when behind him he hears: bump, bump, bump.

Walking faster, he looks back and through the fog he makes out the image of an upright casket banging it's way down the middle of the street towards him. Bump, bump, bump.

Terrified, the man begins to run towards his home, the casket bouncing quickly behind him. Bump, bump, bump.

He runs up to his door, fumbles with his keys, opens the door rushes in, slams and locks the door behind him. But the casket crashes through the door with the lid of the casket clapping. Clippity-bump, clippitybump, clippity-bump.

Rushing upstairs to the bathroom, the man locks himself in. His heart is pounding; his head is reeling; his breath is coming in sobbing gasps. With a loud crash the casket breaks down the door... it's bumping and clapping towards him.

The man screams and reaches for something, anything, but all he can find is a bottle of cough syrup.

Desperate, he throws the cough syrup at the casket... and the coffin stops.

Drive carefully

Davo is driving his new car with his mate Plugger in the passenger's seat. They get towards the city when they come up to a red light. Davo hits the accelerator and they speed through the red light.

Plugger shouts: "You idiot, you just went through a red light." Davo says: "Don't worry about it. My brother does it all the time." He drives further and comes to another red light. Again, he accelerates and runs the red light. It happens again and again, and each

time Davo explains that his brother does it all the time.

Plugger starts screaming at him: "Stop, stop, you're going to kill us both." Again Davo says: "Look, it's okay, I said my brother does it all the time."

The next minute they get a green light and Davo slams on the breaks. Plugger says: "Are you mad, what are you doing?"

And Davo says: "I had to stop.... my brother might be coming."

Meanwhile, their sisters are in a car driving straight towards a 200m cliff near Waitpinga Beach and the brakes fail. One says: "Don't worry, there's a stop sign ahead."

Dive carefully

Herb and Mick are having a pint in the Elliot when some scuba divers come on the TV. Herb says: "Hey Mick, why is it that deep sea divers always sit on the side of the boat with their air tanks on their backs, and fall backwards out of the boat?" Mick thinks about it, and says: "Because if they fell forward they'd still be in the boat."

Land of the living

George is tired of living in the city so he moves to Victor Harbor. He sees his next door neighbour, Fred, and says: "Hey Fred, I heard this is God's waiting room." Fred laughs. "No way, George, it's simply not

true. When I first arrived here I couldn't say one word. I had hardly any hair on my head. I didn't have the strength to walk across a room and I had to be lifted out of bed." George says: "That's wonderful, it must be an incredibly healthy place... how long have you been here?" And Fred says: "I was born here."



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What do you call a chook that stares at a lettuce?

A chicken sees a salad.

No wav

A bloke in a bar notices a woman, always alone, come in on a fairly regular basis. After the second week he makes his move.

She senses his advances, and politely says: "Look, this may sound rather odd in this day and age, but I'm keeping myself pure until I meet the man I love."

The man says: "That must be rather difficult."

And the woman says: "Oh, I don't mind too much, but, it has my husband pretty upset."

Boom, boom...

A tennis player dies and the team goes to his funeral. Later, a member of the team says: "He had a lovely service."

The world tongue twister champion has just been convicted of a serious crime. He's going to get a really tough sentence.

A Roman walks into a bar and asks for a martinus. The barman says: "Don't you mean a martini?" The Roman replies: "If I wanted a double, I would have asked for it." Another Roman walks up to the bar. holds up two fingers, and says: "Five beers, please."

A police officer pulls a man over for speeding and asks him to get out of the car. After looking the man over the officer says: "Sir, I couldn't help but notice that your eyes are bloodshot. Have you been drinking?" And the man gets indignant about it all and says: "Officer, I couldn't help but notice your eyes are glazed. Have you been eating donuts?"

Makes sense

Three men are lost in the Simpson Desert when their car breaks down so they start walking. It's 45 degrees mid-afternoon. They each take something to cool themselves down. One takes a 2lt bottle

of water. Another takes an umbrella. After walking 10km they look at the third bloke and he's carrying the car door.

One bloke says to him: "You idiot, it's hot as hell, we're lost, dying of thirst and the heat is unbearable and you bring the car door... how is that going to help you?"

And the third bloke says: "Well, when we get hot I can wind the window down."

Dad jokes...

Why don't ants ever get sick? Because they have little anty bodies.

What do you get from a pampered cow? Spoilt milk.

How many tickles does it take to get an octopus to laugh? Ten tickles.

What's the difference between a poorly dressed man on a unicycle and a welldressed man on a bicycle? Attire.

What do you call an apology written in dots and dashes? Re-morse code.

Why are farmers always angry? Because they're part of the agro-culture.

What does one falling star say to the other falling star? Glad to meteor.

What stories do the ship captain's children like to hear? Ferry tales.

What does a baby computer call his father?

What does a dog do that a man steps in?





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Puzzle answers from P27

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Hold the phone.... give yourself more ring tone

We asked the team at the Telstra Shop in Victor Harbor Central Shopping Centre what was one of the most-asked questions customers had in regard to using their Telstra Mobile, and it was how to extend the ring time.

The team's response was:

By default your phone rings for 15 seconds before diverting a call. You can actually change this by increments of five seconds,

up to 30 seconds.

For iOS: To extend the ring time, enter the following sequence on your phone, followed by the number of seconds you wish your phone to ring for, then hash.

- 1. Press **61*101**[15, 20, 25 or 30]#.
- 2. Press the call/send button.

For Android: To extend your ring time you will need to make a note of a code and then dial the code involving your

forwarding number.

- 1. Dial *#61#.
- 2. It will display the number the calls are forwarded to and the current ring time. Write down the forwarding number.
- 3. Dial **61*+1xxxxxxxxxx*11*30# (where xxxxxxxxx is the number displayed previously and 30 is the new ring time you can pick 15, 20, 25 or 30).
- 4. Dial *#61# to check the new settings.

Looking after your garden

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f Christmas is at your place this year it just might be time to look outside – your garden and outdoor areas might need some attention.

Make list (yes, another one) and get the jobs crossed off.

- 1. Get the most difficult and time consuming jobs done first - like paving, edging garden beds and lawns or even re-gravelling the drive. If you need trades people to help you will need to get on to it as soon as possible as this is the busiest time for them. Laving a lawn, cleaning up water features and a painting job must be done early as well
- 2. Next jobs to be done are not as time consuming... touching up bare spots in the garden with new shrubs or pots of colour. It's a good at this time of the year to put in some hardy shrubs as the weather can be quite warm and dry and less watering the better.
- 3. You will want your lawn looking amazing for all those back yard cricket matches. Cutting it weekly will help thicken it up. However 14 days out start to increase your watering and plan to give it a final cut two or three days before Christmas Day. The lawn may also need a feed a few weeks before the big day to give it a great boost.



- 4. As the big day gets closer it's nice to start the decorating with stunning pots of colour scattered around the garden house and outdoor areas. A cluster of red poinsettia will give any dull spot an amazing Christmas vibe. An old wheelbarrow filled with red and white petunias or hanging baskets of colourful fuchsia really make an area pop. Make sure you get into your nursery early as these festive plants get snapped up early. 5. By Christmas eve everything should be ready just an odd weed to pull a good water for the lawns and garden to freshen it and you are ready for friends and family to enjoy.
- 6. Finally, don't stress let this Christmas be extra special as the most unusual year we all have had its time to reflect on how wonderful our garden family and friends makes us feel. Merry Christmas. 🦃



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Eat Wave with Jenny

Balsamic

Strawberry

& Feta Salad

Ingredients

½ cup pecan nuts
30g baby spinach
½ iceberg lettuce
½ red onion, finely
chopped
250g strawberries
½ cup chopped mint
leaves
½ cup Greek-style Feta
cheese

Balsamic Vinaigrette
3 tbsp balsamic vinegar
2 tsp Dijon mustard
1 garlic clove, minced
½ cup olive oil
1 tsp honey
salt & ground black
pepper



Method

Place pecans in a (dry) pan and toss on medium heat for 3-5 minutes. Remove from pan. When cooled these can be halved if desired. Wash and hull strawberries and slice into quarters.

To make the balsamic vinaigrette, whisk together balsamic vinegar, mustard, honey, garlic and olive oil until combined. Season with salt and pepper. Wash and shred lettuce leaves, and place in a serving bowl.

Top with washed baby spinach, onion, strawberries, mint and pecan nuts. Sprinkle with crumbled Feta cheese.

Balsamic vinaigrette can be drizzled over salad just prior to serving, or can be added individually. **Serves 4.**

Smashed Herb & Garlic Potatoes

Ingredients

750g baby potatoes, washed (skins on) 1 tbsp olive oil

¼ cup finely grated Parmesan

Herb & Garlic butter

50g butter, chopped, at room temp 1 garlic clove, crushed grated rind of 1 small lemon 1 tbsp chopped fresh lemon thyme* salt & black pepper to season 3 tbsp chopped fresh chives

Method

Preheat oven to 180°C. Line a medium-sized baking dish with baking paper. Pre-cook potatoes on stove top or in microwave. Stove-top: place in large saucepan. Cover with cold water and bring to boil for 10 mins. or until just tender. Drain and set aside in a colander to cool. Alternatively microwave (in batches) until tender — about 2-3 mins. depending on power of microwave — don't overcook.

Place cooled potatoes in prepared baking dish and use the back of a spoon or the palm of your hand to slightly squash them. Drizzle with olive oil and sprinkle with Parmesan. Season with salt if desired. Roast for 30 minutes or until golden.

Place butter, garlic, lemon rind, lemon thyme and 2 tbsp chives in a bowl. Season with salt and black pepper. Stir to combine. Spoon butter mixture over the top of the potatoes, then roast for further 15 minutes or until golden and crisp. To serve, sprinkle with remaining 1 tbsp chives. **Serves 4**.

Note: *Other herbs may be used in place of the lemon thyme - parsley, basil. rosemary.





Lemon Curd Cheesecake

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Ingredients

Base

250g Arnott's Nice biscuits 120g butter, melted

Filling

3 x 250g packets Cream Cheese

(at room temperature)

½ cup caster sugar

3 eggs, at room temp

1 tsp vanilla essence

1 cup Lemon Curd*

Lemon Curd

½ cup lemon juice

1 tsp grated lemon rind

⅓ cup sugar

3 eggs

60g unsalted butter, chopped

Method

Pre-heat oven to 150°C.

Base

Use a rolling pin or food processor to reduce biscuits to crumbs. Place crumbs in a bowl, add butter and stir until combined. Refrigerate for 15 minutes, then transfer crumbs to the base of a 23cm round springform pan. Using a straight-sided drinking glass, evenly press the crumbs into the base and sides of the pan. Return to refrigerator while preparing filling.



Filling

Place cream cheese in a large bowl. Using an electric mixer, beat on medium speed for a few minutes, until cheese has softened and resembles thick whipped cream. Add sugar and beat for another minute, then add whisked eggs and vanilla, and beat for 2 minutes or until creamy and smooth.w

Lemon Curd

In a medium saucepan whisk together lemon juice and rind, sugar and eggs. Add the butter

and gently whisk over lowmedium heat until thickened (about 6-8 minutes). Remove from heat, cool slightly then strain through a fine sieve into a bowl. Cover and set aside to cool.

Assembly & Baking

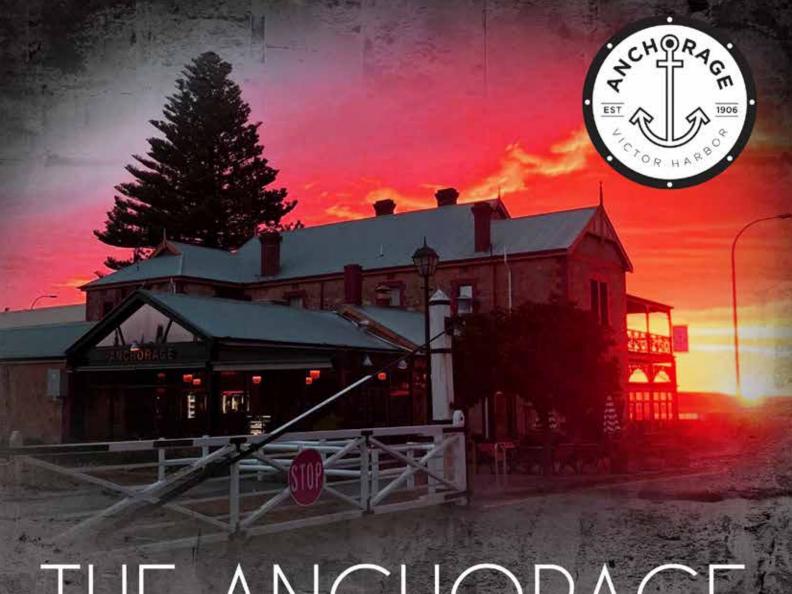
Evenly spread two-thirds of the filling over the base of the pan. Spoon half the lemon curd on top and using a round-bladed knife, swirl curd through the filling. Repeat with remaining filling and curd. Place a pan of

cold water on the lower rack of the oven. Place cheesecake on middle rack and bake for 55 minutes. Cake should appear slightly wobbly in the middle. Turn off oven; allow to sit in the oven for 20 minutes before removing and placing on a wire rack. Allow to cool, then refrigerate uncovered for at least 4 hours. If cake appears to be over-setting whilst cooling on the wire rack, the side of pan can be removed, otherwise remove before serving. Cheesecake is delicious dusted with icing-sugar and served with blueberries, or other fresh fruit. Serves 10-12.

Note: *Store-bought lemon curd such as Beerenberg's Lemon & Lime Curd can be used for this







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