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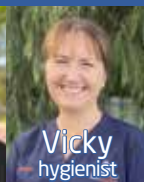
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Nearly everyone loves strawberries at Christmas time, and we caught up with Allis Sherry, operations manager at Harvest of the Fleurieu in Mount Compass, pictured here with her beautiful Golden Retriever Marley. There's more to this amazing tourist attraction than you may think. And try her mum's cannot-resist pav in Eat Wave on **P36**; **STORY: P14**

# D e c e m b e r



Ho, ho, ho...

*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 ones  
The old and the young*

The above is the melonic opening to *Happy Xmas (War Is Over)* written 50 years ago by John Lennon, a single released by John & Yoko/Plastic Ono Band with the Harlem Community Choir.

Let's all have fun, but please, drive safely. We send our Christmas best wishes and gratitude to all of our valued readers, advertisers, distributors, the team at Finsbury Green, and those who told us their story in Coast Lines during another eventful year.

Welcome to those holidaying across our very special Fleurieu Peninsula. Enjoy the special time with family and friends, and think of those less fortunate.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year from Jenny & Ashley



They ho, ho, hope the Christmas Pageant goes ahead as planned at Morgan Park on Saturday, December 11. Meet the fabulous Rotary Victor Harbor team who, with great support from Encounter Bay, is organising this year's event under difficult circumstances because of uncertain COVID restrictions. Regrettably, other Christmas pageants across the Fleurieu Peninsula have been cancelled this year. **STORY: P4**

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## PAGEANT ON A ONE HORSE OPEN SULKY

Rotary Victor Harbor – with great support from Rotary Encounter Bay – have done a marvellous job organising this year's Christmas Pageant at Morgan Park on Saturday, December 11.

And the Victor team pictured on page 3 was well into the Christmas spirit with most of the members wearing 'something Christmas' at its recent weekly meeting.

This will be the first time the pageant will have been held at the track because of the redevelopment of Ocean Street, and at the time of going to print the incredibly hard-working teams were still awaiting confirmation of their COVID plans including how many people would be allowed to attend.

All going well, more than 50 floats are expected to do a lap – highlighted, of course, by Father Christmas, and up to 2000 people inside the harness racing track. People may also view the pageant from the grandstand.

It will take on a real family picnic atmosphere with everyone encouraged to bring their own chair (COVID reasons) and are welcome to bring their own hamper. There will also be five or six food vendors operating.

At this stage the change of conditions also means that people will need to register to attend the free pageant. Tickets, which will need to be shown at the gate, may be obtained by logging onto Eventbrite and searching for 'victor harbor pageant'.

There will be face painting, and the

opportunity for children to meet Father Christmas, but no sitting on his lap.

Rotary Victor Harbor secretary Mark Irwin said it will continue to be a huge challenge organising this year's pageant, especially not knowing for certain the restrictions that may apply, and especially whether it will go ahead in the event of a COVID outbreak.

"We can only do our best and hope that everything will be okay for the pageant," Mark said. "The effort and support by our Rotary members, and those at Encounter Bay, has been outstanding, and I am sure everyone has always appreciated them every year."

People are encouraged to be at the pageant by 5pm. There is limited free car parking. The Christmas carols will also hopefully go ahead on a stage at one end of the track. Unfortunately, the pageant at Goolwa, and the New Year's Eve parade at Yankalilla have needed to be cancelled.

COVID has also impacted on McLaren Vale. Its Christmas parade has been cancelled, but the local business association is encouraging businesses to dress up their shop fronts, and there will be a People's Choice vote for the best dressed business with the winner receiving \$200.

The Piazza in the main street will be lit up with Christmas lights and as per last year the 'Selfie Santa' is back, presenting opportunities for 'selfies' to be posted on Facebook / Instagram with #mainroadmclarenvale / #selfiesantamv with a \$200 prize for shopping along the main road.



## FATHER CHRISTMAS IS REAL. BELIEVE IT.

It started as a philosophical thought experiment more than 200 years ago that raises questions regarding observation and perception: *If a tree falls in a forest and no one is around to hear it, does it make a sound?* In other words, it cannot be proven or dis-proven.

In some ways it is like that jolly old benevolent chap Father Christmas. Is he real when children on the night of December 24 say they did not see him, yet there are presents left by him? How can this be so? Is it also true that tradition says he only brings presents to those who have been good, and coal to those who have been naughty?

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From P4

This special person is said to accomplish these momentous achievements with the aid of Christmas elves, who make the toys in his workshop at the North Pole, and flying reindeer pulling his sleigh over roof tops. Some say this character Santa Claus, also known as Father Christmas, Saint Nicholas, Saint Nick, Kris Kringle or simply Santa does not exist. But he does.

A man was personified in a 15th-century carol, in which a character called 'Sir Christēmas' shared the news of Christ's birth. He told his audience to 'make good cheer and be right merry'.

It was playwright Ben Jonson in his *Christmas, His Masque* performed for the royal court in 1616 that the character of 'Christmas' appeared in old-fashioned clothes with a long thin beard, calling himself 'old Christmas' and 'old Gregorie Christmas'.

Until the 19th century Father Christmas was a purely an allegorical figure; a symbol of the season rather than a mythical being. He was often depicted as a merry old man who presided over festive parties rather than a gentle giver of gifts, and some suggest Christmas was celebrated with greater

emphasis on entertainment for adults.

And well before these jolly fellows we had Saint Nicholas (280-343), a Christian bishop who provided for the poor and sick and gave out lollies – the basis for the popular character of Santa Claus.

It was 90 years ago that Coca-Cola commissioned illustrator Haddon Sundblom to paint Santa for advertisements. He was depicted as a warm, happy character with human features, including rosy cheeks, a white beard, twinkling eyes and laughter lines. And thanks to Coke, Christmas became more commercialised than ever.

However, don't think of Santa as 'old Gregorie' or just a man in a red suit. If you see him as someone making everyone happy at Christmas then that's who he is; Santa. Why not embrace the notion that this is real, but if you see him as being someone or something else then miss out on what can be something special.

You may choose to challenge whether reindeer actually fly at night thing, even cast doubt on the elves in the workshop, but is there any harm running away with our imagination?

One concedes, however, that it can be challenging for parents when Santa delivers



more expensive toys to the kids next door; the ideology has its flaws.

Like the trees in the forest it's about observation and perception; the children's faces, their belief and with it priceless memories. They're real.

Remember, Father Christmas only comes to those who believe, and if you don't believe how can you get any presents? I believe he's real.

And good news for the littlies; Barnaby Joyce might be the only one who gets coal this year. Merry Christmas. - ASHLEY PORTER

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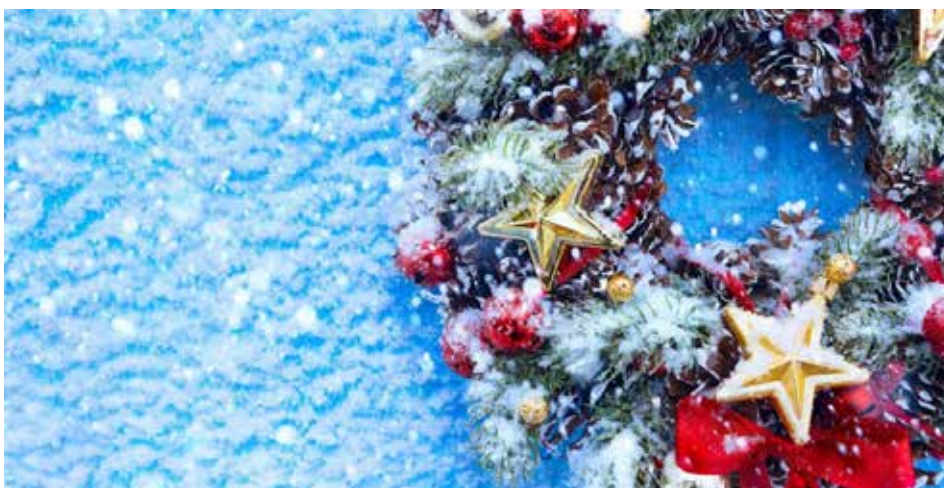
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## HOW THE REST OF THE WORLD CELEBRATES CHRISTMAS

There are virtually countless religions around the world – some suggest 4200 – but of them Christianity is the major group representing 31.2 per cent.

It means that a third of the world will be celebrating Christmas, but perhaps surprisingly most in different ways to what

we in Australia have become accustomed. Here is how just a few other countries are spend Christmas:

**Austria** shares many Christmas traditions with its neighbour **Germany**, but also has many special Christmas customs of its own. Many families will have an Advent wreath made from evergreen twigs and decorated with ribbons and four candles. The most famous carol is *Silent Night* ('*Stille Nacht*'), which was written in Austria in 1818.

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As in **The Netherlands**, children in **Belgium** believe that 'Sinterklaas/St. Niklaas' (Flemish) or 'Saint Nicholas' (Walloon) brings them presents on December 5 & 6, St. Nicholas' Eve and St. Nicholas' Day.

Many **Brazilian** Christmas traditions come from **Portugal**, which ruled the country for many years. Nativity scenes, known as Presépio, are set-up in churches and homes. Like **Mexico** is has Christmas plays called 'Os Pastores' (The Shepherds), but in the Brazilian version there's also a shepherdess and a woman who tries to steal the baby Jesus.

**Canada** has many different cultural backgrounds so there widely varied traditions. Most open their gifts on Christmas Eve, while others only open their stocking on Christmas Eve and save the rest until Christmas Day.

In **China**, only about one percent of people are Christians, so most people only know a few things about Christmas. Because of this, Christmas is only often celebrated in major cities where there are Christmas trees, lights and other decorations on the streets and in department stores.

**Croatia** prepares for Christmas on November 25, which is St Catherine's day. More than 85% of people in Croatia are Catholics so Advent is an important time for them. It's traditional to have an Advent wreath made of straw or evergreen twigs which has four candles symbolising hope, peace, joy and love.

In **France**, a Nativity crib is often used to help decorate the house. French cribs have clay figures in them. During December some towns and cities, such as Marseilles, have fairs that sell Nativity figures, which as well as having the normal Nativity figures in them French scenes have figures such as a butcher, baker, policeman and a priest.

On Christmas Eve in **Greece** children, especially boys, often go out singing 'kalanda' (carols) in the streets. They play drums and triangles as they sing. Sometimes they will also carry model boats decorated with nuts which are painted gold. Carrying a boat is a very old custom in the Greek Islands.

Compared with other religious festivals, Christmas is quite a small festival in **India**. Only 2.5% are Christian, but it still represents 25 million. Midnight mass is a very important service for them... families

will walk to the mass, which is followed by feast of different delicacies, (mostly curries) and the giving and receiving of presents.

Although the Christmas story took place in **Israel**, Christmas is hardly celebrated here. Only 2.5% of the population of Israel are Christians. Christmas is not a public holiday in most of Israel – for most it is a normal working day, and in major cities like Jerusalem you will be unlikely to see many signs of Christmas, unless you specifically go to tourist areas or areas with churches in them.

Christmas has only been widely celebrated in **Japan** for the last few decades, but it's still not seen as a religious holiday or celebration as there are relatively few Christians. Christmas is known as more of a time to spread happiness rather than a religious celebration, and Christmas Eve is considered a romantic day in which couples spend together and exchange presents.

In **Mexico**, Christmas is celebrated from December 12-January 6. From December 16 to Christmas Eve children often perform the 'Posada', which is Spanish for inn or lodging. The outside of houses are decorated with evergreens, moss and paper lanterns.

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Most in Spain go to midnight Mass or 'La Misa Del Gallo' (*The Mass of the Rooster*). It is called this because a rooster is supposed to have crowed the night that Jesus was born. Christmas Eve is known as Nochebuena when children might take part in 'piden el aguinaldo' where they go and sing carols around their neighbours hoping to get some money.

The **United States of America** has numerous traditions and ways that people celebrate Christmas because of its multi-culturalism. The traditional meal for Western European families is turkey or ham. Those with Eastern European origins favour turkey with a Polish sausage, cabbage dishes, and soups, while some Italian families prefer lasagne. Some use pop-corn threaded on string to decorate their Christmas tree. Making gingerbread houses is also popular, and Eggnog is a traditional Christmas drink. 🍷

## PRE-LOVED WANTED

The Southern Fleurieu Riding for Disabled is holding as pre-loved clothing sale in the CWA Hall, cnr Torrens St and Crozier Rd, Victor Harbor from December 29-January 16 from 9.30am-4.30pm. If you have unwanted good quality, clean clothes, shoes and bags, etc, contact Claire Fuller 0411 282 955, Sue Smith 0408 812 429 or Sue Vincent 0417 803 351 and they will pick them up. Supported by PJD Real Estate. It's a marvellous organisation that deserves huge support.



## DREAMING AT THE FLEURIEU FILM FESTIVAL

The creators of the evolving Fleurieu Film Festival started off with dreams, and that's the theme event – *Dreams* – for the 2022 outdoor event at the McLaren Vale and Fleurieu Visitors Centre on Saturday, February 5.

Since this brilliant festival was launched in 2016 it has grown every year with more entrants from overseas, and has attracted far greater attention on the national stage. Entries closed late November and festival director and event manager Carolyn Corkindale could not be more pleased with the response.

The theme may be interpreted widely from films about sleep to the ancestral spirits that formed the land we share and to the lofty goals we aspire to in our personal lives. It becomes a matter of the viewers being able to decipher the theme of *Dreams* in the filmmaker's production.

Films from the festival are likely to form a 'roadshow' to be screened in Victor Harbor, Goolwa, Port Noarlunga and Yankalilla.

The visitors centre is an ideal spot for the festival, which will be held from 6.30-11pm, and as per previous festivals there will be a filmmakers workshop there the following day – *Filming the Fleurieu*.

The 2022 festival is being sponsored by Acoustic Scores Australis, ProAV Solutions, Mercury CX and Wallis Cinemas. Tickets may be purchased through Eventbrite, and range from \$35-\$25; U12 free.

[www.fleurieufilmfestival.com.au](http://www.fleurieufilmfestival.com.au)

## ANOTHER FILM, ACTUALLY

The crew at Cinemallunga are back into action, this time with one of the great romantic comedies *Love Actually* at the Willunga Show Hall on Saturday, December 11.

There will be no dinner service, but the bar opens at 7 pm offering Hugo Wines and plenty of Christmas cheer with carols from 7.30pm. The movie and rush for tissue boxes starts from 7.45pm.

These fun community movies nights always have some shenanigans and movie-goers are encouraged to celebrate in their favourite Christmas finery or a themed costume. Everyone is welcome; limited tickets are \$12: [www.trybooking.com/BVMVK](http://www.trybooking.com/BVMVK)

Cinemallunga has also planned a summer movie – *Chicago* – on Saturday, February 12.

## TOP DROP SHOT

Langhorne Creek Grape and Wine is presenting its second photography competition for budding photographers and those who are simply a passionate nature enthusiast or have their camera phone on the ready to snap a great local shot.

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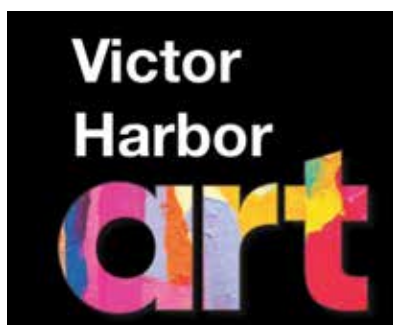


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"Langhorne Creek has so much to offer the keen photographer, from cellar doors and events to natural landscapes and vineyards," she said.

There is a main prize of \$1000 made possible with the support of Alexandrina Council. Entry is free and open to those 18 or over. Photographs must be taken in the Langhorne Creek wine region. Entries close March 16, and all of them with further details will be displayed on: [www.langhornecreek.com/langhorne-creek-photography-competition](http://www.langhornecreek.com/langhorne-creek-photography-competition). Further enquiries call Marina 0409673230 or e: [marketing@langhornecreek.com](mailto:marketing@langhornecreek.com)



## ART SHOW BIG AS EVER

The 43rd Award winning Rotary Victor Harbor Art Show will open its marquee gallery doors at Warland Reserve on Saturday, January 15-22. Glow Heating, Cooling & Electrical store won the official naming rights. Despite uncertainty and restrictions last year artists submitted numerous entries of high quality, which attracted more than 5500 customers. It was the result of more than 1500 hours of voluntary work, and

given the huge amount of time and effort that has already been put into the 2022 event it is sure to be a huge success again. Entries have closed, and artists will be notified whether their entry has been accepted in the coming weeks. The preview event is on Friday, January 14 from 4.30pm, with these tickets going on sale on Friday, December 10. The art show will be open from 9.30am-8.30 pm.

[victorharborartshow.com.au](http://victorharborartshow.com.au)



## SUPERB SOLO ART SHOW

Belinda Seymour and Steve Allen at Artworx Gallery in Hays Street, Goolwa have another outstanding exhibition this month.

It is a solo exhibition *Distant Horizons* by the immensely talented Victoria Rolinski from Sunday, Dec 5-Wednesday, Dec 6 (see advertisement P8).

An example of her fine work is pictured above. The Artworx Gallery, which is open seven days 10am-4.30pm, features many other brilliant local artists - and has some fabulous Christmas gifts.

[artworxgallery.com.au](http://artworxgallery.com.au)

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The team... (from left) Chris, Alan, Trudy, Bev & Anne

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# Using algae-rythms to make fine wine

STORY: ASHLEY PORTER

**G**eoﬀ Johnston is a grape grower who likes to see himself as a problem solver rather than a solutionist. Same meaning really, but having come from the 'old school' and with 50 vintages with Pirramimma Wines in the heart of McLaren Vale the cap fits rather nicely.

An every-day, genuine man who can take a step back and find answers he is, but dare not under-estimate this 68-year-old's marvellous ability to access today's most advanced technology.

Geoff's lifetime of achievement – his tenacity – is perhaps best reflected by his most recent approach to a problem that for years has caused much angst, especially among councillors in the Colonel Light Room

within the Adelaide Town Hall.

For years they have been unable to fix the problem of algae on the River Torrens, wasting millions of dollars and tarnishing the image of our beautiful city.

A few years ago Geoff acknowledged that global warming was here to stay. "We had water availability, but we could not get it out of the ground fast enough to keep up with the transpiration of the vineyards," he said.

"From a risk management point of view we needed to put in a big buffer dam so we could buy recycled water during winter – water that would normally go out to sea and damage sea grasses – and redirect it to us.

"After the June 2020 vintage we filled the dam with 50 megalitres of water within a couple of weeks. However, because recycled water has a reasonable level of nutrients,

algae started growing in the dam. It went from single cells to strands going through our filtration system, ending up in the vineyard and growing through the pipes. It continued growing in the drippers because it had oxygen and it blocked the drippers.

"I searched the world through the internet and looked at various ways... chemicals were expensive, and covering the dam with floating solar panels that would produce a megawatt of power and block out the sun so the algae wouldn't grow would have cost a million.

"Copper sulphate that they use in reservoirs was expensive again, and the cost of forms of oil to cover the surface to stop the evaporation but not necessarily the algae growth were horrendous."

Geoff's solution? Greg Norman, our golfing



Geoff Johnston in his Pirramimma vineyard with his son Andrew.



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*He just said to me 'to be successful in this place isn't about how bright you are, it's how hard you work... it's been my motto through my life.'* – **Pirramimma Wines owner Geoff Johnston**

working,” Geoff said. “I got on to the local agent on the Gold Coast who said it has also been used on ships and power stations in Europe where they suck in sea water and become encrusted with barnacles and close the pipes. It was a massive problem and costly.

“We believe we are the first to use a far more advanced ultra sonic transducer in a vineyard.

“Algae produces toxins. The technology takes out the vacuole and releases the toxins in the water. The algae sinks to the bottom and because of no oxygen and light it dies. It breaks down and is consumed by bacteria.”

Geoff got on the phone to Councillor Anne Moran and left a message suggesting his solution to the algae problem on the Torrens. She responded promptly and it's before Council.

And having been faced with options to solve his algae problem costing millions with necessary ongoing work, how much did Geoff pay for the ultra sonic transducer? \$10,000.

Geoff doesn't see himself as smarter than anyone else; he just professes that there is subliminal benefit in doing tertiary education because you get taught a process. “It gives you all the elements how to solve problems, but it's not like a recipe for baking a cake,” he says.

Going to uni rates among his greatest conquests. After working for his father, Digby, in this family business created by his father, Alec Campbell Johnston in 1892, for five years Geoff enrolled at Charles Sturt University in Wagga Wagga, NSW to do a

degree in Applied Science in Winemaking. On his first semester day about 50 other students crammed into a small room – many needing to sit in the aisles – all with high results from matriculation (now Y12) behind them. And there was Geoff with the bare basics of chemistry from intermediate (Y10). “I remember saying to my lecturer after a lesson that it was so daunting, and he just said to me 'to be successful in this place isn't about how bright you are, it's how hard you work',” Geoff said.

“It's been my motto through my life. I am not the brightest star in the sky, but I put my head down.

“Our lecturer was almost qualified to be a nuclear scientist, but nobody could understand him because of his strong South African accent. We didn't get the back-up notes on the lectures in those days; there were no computers.

“By the end of the semester there were just two rows of survivors – the rest just got sick of it. I thought, if I just sit this out and get half right, I am going to get the binomial curve and minimum grade at least, and that's what happened. Only about 10 of us got through.”

In the years to follow, after his father died the extended family business struggled, and the short story was that Geoff, with incredible – and continued – support from his wife, Louise, gave up 60 per cent of the vineyards to his cousins in lieu of shares in the company. It meant taking on a \$10 million debt.

Madness, we say, but Geoff has always been able to find solutions.

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great. He designed The Grove golf course in Nashville, Tennessee, USA, and by chance Geoff noticed just how pristine the water was in the lakes. It was the result of advanced technology by Hydro Bio Science using an ultra sonic transducer. This wasn't 'old school'.

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“It's basically varied high sequences of sound waves... you cannot see or hear it



## People

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When he took over in 2008 he was bequeathed three vintages of stock, which at the time others believed was near-worthless because of an issue with the alcohol – the acidic acid.

Geoff contacted an old uni mate David Wallan, who trialled a new process by adding elements and reversing the osmosis process in the red wine and it worked. Geoff used the wine under 10 new trademarked brands and sold off this unwanted wine at the rate of \$100K a week. Debt problem solved.

Another opportunity was a 14-year deal with the Foster's group – processing straight off the harvest and the set-up paid for new presses, stainless steel tanks drainers. It lasted seven years, and the plant and machinery remained on the property, which represented a huge saving.

Not surprisingly, Geoff says he has “other things in the melting pot” which don't involve chemicals. “It's in regard to controlling things like powdery mildew,” he adds. Then there's his planned move to further improve the soils and find ways other than sprays to fight the dreaded light brown moth that damages the bunches.



Geoff's achievements run high, including a Gold Medal for Pirramimma at the 1994 Brisbane Show for his Petit Berdot, and remarkably winning the 2011 Best Red Wine at the Austrian Wine Competition in Vienna against 12,000 individual wineries representing 44 countries. Yet, for all of his innovation, ask this solutionist what has made him most proud

and without a blink of an eye he'd say working alongside his son Andrew, who plays a pivotal role in the methods in the Pirramimma vineyards, and the achievements of his daughter, Emma, an architect in Melbourne. And this has nothing to do with being 'old school'. He's just an every-day dad who thinks a lot. 🌈

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# Strawberry fields

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**T**here is warmth in a photo taken in 2017 of the Sherry family in their strawberry patch mounted on the wall of their Harvest the Fleurieu market hall on the outskirts of Mount Compass. It's lovely, but not every picture tells the whole story.

This produce business isn't just about mum & dad, sons & daughters and their babies; not even the sweetest and tastiest strawberries they grow, but the spirit of South Australia.

Forgive the fuzziness, but when an every-day bloke like Brenton Sherry and his wife Vanessa began growing strawberries in Kuitpo in 1999, and started the Mount Compass project in 2012 and four years later opened the market which now also supports 65 other small businesses by having their products on the shelves, it is easy to feel inspired.

It's also about the estimated 22,000 'pick your owners' who last season from October-June captured a life-long memory by collectively plucking 20,000kg of strawberries from the 300,000 plants. They started from a tiny red and green van on the side of the main road, and in the process have influenced in making us realise that Mount Compass can be a destination rather than a drive-through town. There are another 900,000 strawberry plants – Cabrillo, Albion, and Chandler



varieties – at the Kuitpo commercial farm where this remarkable story of success and often emotion has evolved.

Brian's passion for growing strawberries started at Roseworthy College 40 years ago this year, but these days he is semi-retired and helps out where he can between the

farms. "It was always part of the business plan to develop the pick-your-own at Mount Compass; it was just a matter of getting the capital to do it," Brian said.

"A lot of big brands wanted to have a presence in the shop, but we resisted. "They kept on saying 'you won't be able to



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**Images: Allis (left) with the family golden retriever Harley. Above: The Sherry family pictured in 2017 (from left) Megan with then one-year-old Edward, dad Brenton, mum Vanessa holding Harper, four weeks, son Adam with his partner Sonya, and son Ryan with his wife, Allis. Since the photo was taken two more Sherry babies have arrived - Adeline & William.**

sustain supporting the small businesses', and yes, it's been difficult financially to keep them, but this is what Mount Compass is all about. We support each other; it's what small producers do, and I have absolutely no regrets."

But the locals have never forgotten what this family had done for the town. When the pandemic first struck this state 18 months ago and sent us into hiding this incredible local community spirit really emerged.

Allis Sherry, who is operations manager at Harvest the Fleurieu, and her sister-in-law Megan, had this idea to do a few parcels of fresh fruit & veg for local delivery sales.

"It was a means of keeping the farm going," Allis said. "We thought we might do four or five boxes a day. We did 89 a day every day for six weeks.

"It was such a huge wave of support from locals, and because of that we were encouraged to deliver produce boxes into the Adelaide CBD and south to Port Elliot. They were packed with fresh fruit and veg, as well as milk, eggs, and fresh local bread. "We wanted to keep our staff working

to service the people who had to stay at home. We were able to continue, and the support will always be something we will remember."

The goodie-parcel was not an unfamiliar concept during these early emotionally-charged times, but it rang so true, swiftly and loudly from the local community and beyond. It was incredibly heartening all-round.

When Brenton and Vanessa created Harvest the Fleurieu it was always meant to be about helping others. They started by stocking a variety of goods from other local producers, and an example of the wonderful exchange in support could not have depicted finer than when the local gin distiller, Martin's from down the road, knocked on their door.

The distillery bought mixed berries to make its summer fruit gin, and the pulp of the gin was sold back to Harvest the Fleurieu and made into a jam.

Before long there were delights like irresistible bacon jam on the shelf.

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# People

From P15

Customers also came to realise this place wasn't just about strawberries – behind the patches was an out-of-sight orchard – peaches, nectarines, cherry trees, blueberries, raspberries, blackberries and garlic tomatoes.

Most of all, the family involvement became more obvious. It has now grown to a point where Brenton is now generally lending his experience and helping everyone where possible. Adam, the eldest son, and his partner Sonya head the huge commercial farm at Kuitpo. Brian claims Adam is now the one with strawberry jam in his veins. His other son Ryan – husband of Allis – runs the Mount Compass farm, while his sister Megan heads the administration and manages the market hall with Allis.

There is also Allis' mum Yvonne, who has over 30 years experience as a pastry chef, and her sister Jen, who creates devilish cakes in the kitchen. And we cannot forget Uncle Andy who also works at Kuitpo, and Vanessa's brother Andrew who works between farms because, according to Allis, the commercial farm is booming and needs all hands on deck.

Allis said the Harvest the Fleurieu experience has gone from being just a pick-your-own strawberries to tasting the finest the Fleurieu has to offer – including from its own kitchen which has two chefs and two bakers who make bread, muffins cookies, pastries, pies & pasties, jams & chutneys and must-try icecream using their own fruit and milk from Fleurieu Milk. There is a huge focus on gluten-free.

Harvest the Fleurieu also provides restaurants with the finest of strawberries – and one with the greenest. The white part



of any strawberry has a slight bitterness, but Sôl Restaurant in the heart of Adelaide cannot get enough of it.

"Every week since the start of the season I go out and pick the chef Kane Pollard 10kg of purely under-ripe green strawberries," Allis said. "He has been working on a new dish. He pickles the strawberries in an Asian dish that works really well."

Allis said this was the first year Brenton and Vanessa had stepped back from the incredible workload they had put in over the years, and with a touching smile noted that Vanessa still liked to help in the kitchen and experiment with what works and what doesn't.

"Brenton, Vanessa and all three children have worked hard, and their achievements have been so good for not only Mount Compass but for tourism in general," Allis said.

"Every penny gets poured straight back into growing the business, which has a positive effect for others. Coming from a little caravan to this was such a huge expansion,

and it is an ongoing ever-growing thing. There are always ideas.


"It's just a lovely family situation... we all have the same goal and the dream. Like any family we have to work together to make that happen. We've learnt that along the way, that family has always got your back; we look after each other."

And since the photo of the family was taken in the strawberry patch more Sherry babies have arrived – Adeline and William.


Allis, and the family, also made a strong point that Harvest the Fleurieu also couldn't operate without the much-valued work of the 35 people they employ, including seven juniors on a weekend. Of course, mostly local.


And you wonder why Allis, her sister Megan and the family were surprised the Mount Compass community and beyond supported them in the darkest days of COVID. A drive-through town? Most places are not a patch on this place. 🍓

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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. Compost or worm farm your unavoidable food scraps. Fruits and vegetables and their peels, pits and seeds are all perfect for composting.
6. **Plan ahead to prevent food wastage. For tips on serving sizes, the best way to store food, and recipes that use leftovers. Visit: LoveFoodHateWaste.nsw.gov.au**
7. Most of your drink packaging is recyclable, including aluminium cans, juice cartons, and glass and plastic bottles. Check what's recyclable in your area.
8. **Flatten aluminium cans, milk and juice**

cartons, and cardboard boxes to save space in your recycling bin.

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

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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. If you choose a live Christmas tree, ask your council if they have a special collection or a mulching service, or if you can take the tree to your local recycling facility.

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## Full steam ahead for the Chart Room

Alexandrina Council is excited to launch the newly renovated Chart Room, one of the first elements of the broader Goolwa Wharf Precinct revitalisation to be completed.

The historic building dating back to 1853, has been brought back to life through a combination of funding from the State Government's Regional Growth Fund and Alexandrina Council's co-contribution.

The third business networking event for Our Local Alexandrina was held in the Chart Room on 10 November, hosted by Business Alexandrina and sponsored by Optus, providing a sneak peek of the space in time for the upcoming summer period. The event also celebrated the nine local finalists and two award winners from the 2021 SA Tourism Awards.



Find out more about the Goolwa Wharf Precinct project at [alexandrina.sa.gov.au/GoolwaWharf](http://alexandrina.sa.gov.au/GoolwaWharf)



## Goolwa Beach works to begin winter 2022

Planning is underway for upgrades to the Goolwa Beach car park and surrounds, following a \$995,000 Open Spaces and Places for People state government grant awarded in May 2021, complementing \$1M allocated by Alexandrina Council to the project for the 2021–22 financial year.

Works are projected to commence during the off peak season from June through to early December 2022 to minimise disruption to the local community and visitors to the region over our busy summer period. Tenders calling for contractors is expected to open in December 2022.

Improvements will include:

- seating
- shelters
- showers
- public art
- viewing deck between the carpark and the dunes
- additional 40 carpark spaces plus 25 more on Beach Road
- improved pedestrian and cycle access between the beach and the Encounter Bikeway via a shared path
- a beach access ramp and emergency vehicle access track
- upgraded safe 4WD access to the beach and the Murray Mouth
- public art and signage acknowledging the importance of the area to the traditional Ngarrindjeri custodians.

Works will be undertaken with full consideration to protecting the natural and cultural significance of the area being high priority, following a Council commitment to ensure 'no net loss' of native vegetation on the sensitive dune system.

Further information can be found at [alexandrina.sa.gov.au/goolwabeachplan](https://alexandrina.sa.gov.au/goolwabeachplan)

## Summer swimming season starts in Strathalbyn



Alexandrina Council and the YMCA are pleased to announce that the Strathalbyn Community Swimming Pool is now open for the summer season.

The heated outdoor pool is located in the centre of town, with playground nearby, so it's a great spot to visit with kids.

The pool is open for lap swimming 6am–8.30am every day. The pool will remain open after 8.30am for general admission swimming on days when the weather is 23 degrees or above.

The 2021–22 swimming season has been extended to the 15 May 2022 so there'll be plenty of chances to go for a dip.



The Strathalbyn Community Swimming Pool is managed on behalf of Alexandrina Council by the YMCA, and prices, times and other details are available at [sa.ymca.org.au](https://sa.ymca.org.au)



# New signage points the way in Strathalbyn

Strathalbyn's town centre revitalisation project is progressing well with three stages completed already this year.

The eight-stage master plan will transform the town centre and draw people into this beautiful and much loved township in the Alexandrina region.

Stylish new wayfinding signage has been installed strategically throughout the township, comprising 17 unique contemporary signs offering a mixture of directions, points of interest and historical information.

Works for stages 3 to 5, 7 and 8 will commence in early 2022 and the \$10 million project is expected to be completed by 2023.

The next stages of the project will deliver improved connections, new green spaces and increased parking throughout the town centre.

Alexandrina Council remains committed to transforming the township to see Strathalbyn grow and prosper.



Find out more about the project at [alexandrina.sa.gov.au/strathalbyntc](https://alexandrina.sa.gov.au/strathalbyntc)

## Alexandrina Council Grants Program



Applications will open for the next round of Alexandrina's Grants Program on **1 February 2022**. Grants will be offered in the following categories:

- Business Initiatives Grant
- Community Environment Grant
- Community Events Grant
- Community Wellbeing Grant
- Local Heritage Grant
- Vibrant Communities Grant
- Youth Sponsorship Program.

Grant Guidelines will be available to download on Council's website from early 2022.

[alexandrina.sa.gov.au/grants](https://alexandrina.sa.gov.au/grants)

## Local success in SA Tourism awards

Beach Huts Middleton have been named winners of the '3–3.5 Star Accommodation' category at the 2021 South Australian Tourism Awards, held in early November at the Adelaide Oval. This is their third consecutive win, confirming their place in the Hall of Fame.

The 12 meticulously and individually designed colourful huts were recognised for their 'wow factor', contrasting boutique beach-style architecture with English country garden surrounds.

Kimbolton Wines were awarded silver in the hotly contested 'Tourism Wineries, Distilleries and Breweries' category, recognising their architecturally designed shipping

container and recycled timber cellar door, the perfect setting for their carefully crafted seasonal wine and local artisan cheese flights.

Overall, nine businesses from the Alexandrina region submitted nominations and all nine were named finalists, a record number for Alexandrina in the SA Tourism Awards.

This is a fantastic result, and reflects the high standard of Alexandrina's products and experiences across the board.

This outcome was influenced by Business Alexandrina's mentoring program, delivered in partnership with the Tourism Industry Council SA, which supported the nine nominees throughout the year and with their award submissions.

### Other local Alexandrina finalists included:

- Canoe the Coorong
- Carriage of Occasion
- SA Skydiving
- Glenbarr Homestead
- Woodburn Homestead
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## Dancing with Light\*

Christopher Pine has expanded his photographic practice to include 'light painting', a technique he learned, finding that he had an immediate affinity for the process and its striking effects. This exhibition features prints and projected imagery using this technique.

**When:** 1 December – 9 January

**Location:** South Coast Regional Art Centre, Goolwa

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## Sinatra and Friends

Lachlan Attard and Ben Waller bring the music of Frank Sinatra to life. One of the most influential and popular artists of the 20th century, it is almost impossible not to know at least one of Frank Sinatra's songs. His impact on music and modern culture can be heard in popular tunes by those he inspired, including artists like Michael Bublé and Robbie Williams.

**When:** 17 December

**Location:** Centenary Hall, Goolwa

**Bookings:** [events.alexandrina.com.au](http://events.alexandrina.com.au)

## The Thinking Eye\*

12 November – 2 January

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15 January – 12 February

South Coast Regional Art Centre, Goolwa  
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Centenary Hall, Goolwa  
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## Christmas in Alexandrina

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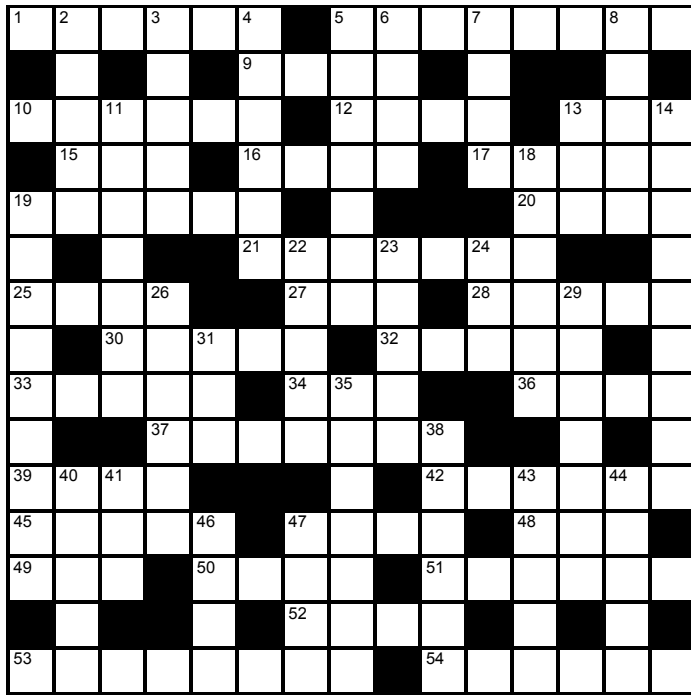
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## Puzzle answers P29



## Alfakodo

A	L-E	3	N	I÷A	7
B	H-C		O	L÷A	
C	A×B	6	P	N+Z	
D	S+W		Q	W+G	14
E	I-K		R	C×G	
F	S+N		S	I-O	
G	V-L		T	R-N	
H	S-H	8	U	C-O	
I	K+E		V	I-B	
J	N+C		W	H+B	
K	A×A		X	Q+H	
L	O×A	15	Y	O×G	
M	K+B		Z	K+K	

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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 mathematical 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 3 and (L) 15, so (O) must be worth 5. Anywhere there is an (O) it is worth 5 and so on.

## Crossword

## Across

- 1 Desert plant  
5 Scatter  
9 Eastern ruler  
10 Kind  
12 Field mouse  
13 Offer  
15 Kitchen utensil  
16 So be it  
17 Nimble  
19 Bear witness to  
20 Matures  
21 Involves by necessity  
25 Turn away  
27 Donkey  
28 Gems  
30 Kingdom  
32 Flying toys  
33 Coarse files  
34 Girl's name

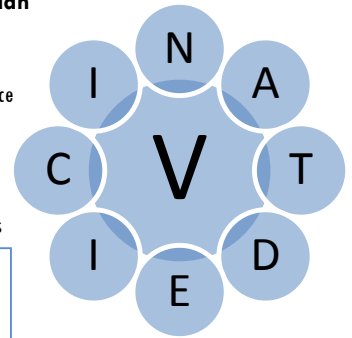
- 36 Capital of East Timor  
37 Serial part  
39 Notion  
42 Season  
45 Vends  
47 Corrosion  
48 United  
49 Snake-like fish  
50 Minute particle  
51 Specialist  
52 Nothing more  
53 Attributes  
54 Shellfish  
**Down**  
2 Proficient  
3 Strong thread  
4 Governing body  
5 Deflects  
6 Golf club  
7 Excuse  
8 Amused look

- 11 Talks much about little  
13 Large  
14 Leaving off  
18 Caught the breath  
19 Make public announcement  
22 Nominates  
23 Enquired  
24 Fate  
26 Revoke  
29 Silly  
31 Serpent  
35 Books in a series  
38 High regard  
40 Exploits  
41 Old cloth measure  
43 Strong thick cords  
44 Courage  
46 Hindu garment  
47 Eternal city

## FOCUS An All Australian 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
- \* No verb forms or plurals ending in 's'
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# Changing golf around



STORY: ASHLEY PORTER

**F**indings of a survey released by Golf Australia last month are quietly giving golf clubs the 'yips'.

Nearly 80 per cent of the 380,000-strong membership of golf clubs in Australia is male and more than two-thirds is 60 or older. They remain crucial to the golf economy, but indications suggest the obvious – this cannot be sustained forever.

This compares with 865,000 public players, and most of them are now being drawn to driving ranges, and especially indoor simulators where you may join your mates and play Augusta, Pebble Beach, St Andrews or any other course around the world over a beer with your mates. Again, it's male dominated.

Stuart Riddell (pictured) is general manager of McCracken Country Club. He's not an avid golfer; in fact, he is bemused generally by those buying new golf balls and losing them on the first hole. They call it frustration. However, Stuart also sees golf as a major drawcard to McCracken, which has a plan before council for a \$40 million

development. It's largely about offering unique accommodation for all, particularly enticing a slice of the 5.6 million social golfers – pre-COVID – whose prime purpose in life is to tour the world playing different courses in between sightseeing.

The country club was created in 1990, and a year ago Melbourne Cup day was purchased by the highly successful and innovative Discovery Parks group.

According to Stuart, if you offer something special, including experiencing golf, the people will come for whatever reason.

Discovery has also significantly upgraded its recently acquired Goolwa Caravan Park, and business has been great. The nearby South Lakes Golf Club has welcomed new visitors. Overall, Discovery has planned for a \$40 million-plus injection into the south coast region. If approved, the new development at McCracken will include 122 powered sites on the current practice fairway.

There has already been significant investment into the existing property – including an upgrade of all locks to digital bluetooth locks, replacing 50 per cent of air conditioners, and upgrading water systems.

Discovery is currently upgrading the function and convention centres which will be able to accommodate bigger and better corporate events. All of the rooms will soon be refurbished.

Stuart said McCracken could currently accommodate 350 people, but on the downside had only 65 rooms and apartments, meaning at full tilt it had a lot less accommodation required to host what is termed as a residential conference. But pending on development approval by the City of Victor Harbor, this will all change. "We have lodged provisional plans to build another 61 apartments plus the holiday park," Stuart said.

"We want to extend the bistro – double the size with an outdoor deck that will capitalise the views over the golf course.

"The original vision was to have the holiday park up and running by Christmas 2023, but COVID and the back-up caused by the building trade boom has changed things. The development application has not been approved yet for any stage, and it may not start to happen until next financial year.

"McCracken is spread over 55 hectares,



*“Discovery has some great vision to build McCracken into an iconic South Australian resort. If we can have a better product here people will come. They will stay an extra day or two and that means another day in Port Elliot or walking the Heysen Trail.” – Stuart Riddell, general manager McCracken Country Club*



which is a huge amount of space for a golf course. We can do all this development while retaining 18 holes of golf. That was the question mark hanging over the development for a lot of people especially residents living around the course and members who had been playing golf here since it was established.”

The McCracken golfers will need to adjust to having a jumping pillow, a splash park and an adventure playground like a flying fox across their practice fairway, not to mention a mini-golf set-up. Changes to the

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## From putt putt to putting for dough

For the past 17 years Greg and Sharon Honeyman (pictured) have operated The Dunes Mini Golf park by the causeway in Victor Harbor and congratulated players from 90-year-old grandmothers to toddlers for holes-in-one.

But Greg didn't say 'well done' to himself in August when he had an ace on the seventh hole on the big course at Victor Harbor Golf Club.

It's fair enough to say that you can't compare his hole-in-one with mini-golf, but even Golf Australia doesn't dismiss the importance of this family fun format which will be 100 years old in the coming months. GA claims mini-golf is an ideal introduction to golf. In fact, it thinks of it as being like cricket's 'pajama' game. Besides, it was playing mini-golf as a kid in Brisbane that first lured Cameron Smith to the sport, and now he's ranked No. 21 on the rich US PGA Tour.

Putt-putt golf, or miniature golf, mini-golf, mini-putt, goofy golf or crazy golf as it's known around the world is also taken seriously overseas with as much as \$5000 prizemoney in the U.S. It's governed internationally by the World Minigolf Sport Federation (WMF) with headquarters in Göteborg, Sweden.

Englishman Marc Chapman won his second successive world title in 2019 before COVID stopped play.

Greg said he hoped that the tens of thousands of kids who have played mini-golf at The Dunes over the years had encouraged them to try the real game of golf. “It's a great sport,” he said.

Mini-golf is all about fun, and Sharon said the look on the faces of the children



when they snared a hole-in-one or beat a member of their family or friends was priceless. “They are life-long memories, and we often hear the adults say they remember when they first played here.” Greg and Sharon said the toddlers who had a game here almost 20 years ago are still coming back and enjoying the game. “You get hooked on it,” Greg said. “We try to add something new every year just to make the challenge a little bit different and still exciting.”

And does Greg practice his putting at The Dunes before a round at Victor Harbor? He reluctantly admitted 'sometimes', and maybe that's why he is a seven-handicapper. Like Marc Chapman, you drive for show and putt for dough. 🌈



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course are also envisaged – the first and tenth holes will be shortened to allow for new apartments – there may also be a need to adjust the 18th. The course rating will change, and at this stage it will go from par 72 to 68 or 69.

But while some golf purists my scoff at the proposed adjustments, making a golf course easier for beginners or regular C-graders to add enjoyment and thus encourage newcomers to the sport has long been encouraged by world governing body Royal & Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews.

"This is about golf; we are a resort," Stuart said. "The truth of the matter is that not a lot of people have five hours to spare to play golf and then enjoy a beer afterwards. That's your whole day gone.

"We want people to experience and enjoy their golf whether it be mini-golf or on the big course. McCracken is not currently an easy course. It's challenging with water around it, and it is not going to encourage every A-grade and C-grade player to come here. The course will still be challenging, but not as harsh on the average player."



An artist's view of the proposed units.

Membership at McCracken is \$1290 (from March 1-February 28), compared with \$1705 at its neighbouring Victor Harbor GC. "Golf has never been a cheap hobby, but if you take in additional benefits it becomes great value," Stuart said.

"Our golf membership has always been one of the cheapest in the area, and it comes with far more facilities to offer... access to the pool, sauna, spa, gymnasium, plus food and beverage discounts. There is a bottle shop as well."

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"There is an old saying that a rising tide lifts all ships, and with things in the pipeline like the Anchorage it is going to be so good for the whole community whether it be jobs or revenue coming into the region," Stuart said.

## Golf Australia survey

**Club members:** 380,000  
**Public players:** 865,000  
**Other forms** (mini golf, etc): 1,940,000  
**Would consider a form of golf:** 5,800,000

### Course players (club & public)

**Men:** 1,030,000  
**Women:** 210,000  
**Other formats** (mini golf, range, etc)  
**Men:** 730,000  
**Women:** 1,200,000

### Club members

**Total:** 380,000  
**Men:** 78%  
**Women:** 22%  
**Average age:** 59.1

### Public players

**Total:** 865,000  
**Men:** 85%  
**Women:** 15%  
**Average age:** 54.4



"Discovery has some great vision to build McCracken into an iconic South Australian resort. If we can have a better product here people will come. They will stay an extra day or two and that means another day in Port Elliot or walking the Heysen Trail."

Many will not play golf, but like the Golf Australia report suggests, those who have a first-time go whether it be putt putt at The Dunes by the causeway or have a round at McCracken will love every moment, apart from when they lose a golf ball.

As GA also suggests, a golf club has a better chance of attracting visiting golfers if they have somewhere special to stay. It's what the South Australian Tourism Commission has been saying for years.

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**Why does Santa have three gardens?** So he can ho-ho-ho.

**What do call Santa when he stops moving?** Santa Pause.

**Why do mummies like Christmas so much?** Because of all the wrapping.

**Where do reindeer go to dance?** Christmas balls.

**Who delivers presents to baby sharks at Christmas?** Santa Jaws.

**What do Santa's little helpers learn at school?** The elf-abet.

**How long do a reindeer's legs have to be?** Long enough to touch the ground.

**What do reindeer hang on their Christmas**

**trees?** Horn-aments.

**What's worse than Rudolph with a runny nose?** Frosty the snowman with a hot flush.

**Why did the Christmas turkey join the band?** Because it had the drumsticks.

**What do you get if Santa goes down the chimney when a fire is lit?** Krisp Kringle.

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

**What do you get if you eat Christmas decorations?** Tinsilitis.

**What happened to the man who stole an Advent calendar?** He got 25 days.

**What do you call a cat in the desert?** Sandy Claws.

**What did the stamp say to the Christmas card?** Stick with me and we'll go places.

**Why did no one bid for Rudolph and Blitzen on eBay?** Because they were two deer.

**Why don't you ever see Father Christmas in hospital?** Because he has private elf care.

**How much did Santa pay for his sleigh?** Nothing, it was on the house.

**What do you call a Christmas tree with an iPad?** A pineapple.

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

**What do you call the elf that comes in after the other 11?** The twelf.

**What goes Ho Ho Whoosh, Ho Ho Whoosh?** Santa going through a revolving door.

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**Who says 'Oh, Oh, Oh!'**? Father Christmas walking backwards.

**Who delivers presents to cats?** Santa Paws.

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

**What is the best Christmas present in the world?** A broken drum; you can't beat it.

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

**What did the shepherd say to his two sheep?** Merry Christmas to ewe too.

**What do sheep say to shepherds at Christmas?** Season's bleatings.

**Knock, knock. Who's there? Arthur. Arthur who? Arthur any Christmas mince pies left?**

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

**What do you call a cat in the desert?** Sandy Claws.

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And the defendant says: "Before the shops opened."

## Don't ask

Kate wakes up in the early hours of December 24 and tells her husband Russell: "Sweetie Pie, I just had a dream that you gave me pearl necklace for Christmas... what do you think it means?"

Russell smiles, and says: "You will know tomorrow morning Sugar Plum."

Come Christmas morning Russell walks by the Christmas tree and there is Kate standing there all excited. He reaches into the tree and grabs her present... it's a book entitled: *The Meaning of Dreams*.

## Merry Christmas darling

Sandra wakes her husband Simon up and all excited she says: "It's Christmas – what did you get me, what did you get me?"

He has this dumb look on his face – he has obviously forgotten. Suddenly, he jumps out of bed and says to Sandra: "Wait here darling, I'll just get your pressie – it's outside."

A few minutes later he comes back into the bedroom with a present all neatly wrapped up and tied with a bow. Sandra unwraps it – it's a stick.

"You miserable sod, you bought me a stick for Christmas?!"

Simon says: "Darling it is no ordinary stick. It's a magic wand. Why don't you close your eyes, wave the wand around the room and say: 'Abracadabra!'"

And as Sandra waves the magic wand Simon shouts: "Oh my god, it really is a magic wand... it made all the other presents disappear."

## Boom, boom...

It's Christmas Eve and Fred, a nice little man, goes to the local aged care centre to sing Christmas carols. He does it every year, same time, same place, just to give them

some Christmas cheer.

He tells some of his best jokes and sings his funniest songs, and the residents just smile. When Fred finishes performing he says to one elderly chap who looks terribly unwell: "I hope you get better."

And the chap replies: "I hope you get better too."

**A group from the local retirement village goes on a mystery holiday every Christmas and to make it even more interesting they have a sweep to guess where they are going. Brian, the coach driver, has won five years on the trot.**

A bloke goes into the medical centre in a wheelchair and says to his doctor: "Doctor, doctor... I went to see my relatives on Christmas Day and I broke my leg in two places."

And the doctor says: "We don't go to those places." 🌈



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## Victor Harbor Harness Racing Club Proclamation Day meeting

### The best SA harness racing has to offer is right here in Victor

Victor Harbor Harness Racing Club president Lynton Bishop jokes that he has the biggest 'certainty' since he drove Isn't it Time to victory at the old track in Encounter Bay 30 years ago – Father Christmas running last in the Christmas Pageant on Saturday, December 11. The reality is that nothing is certain in harness racing. This forced change in the pageant parade from Ocean Street to Morgan Park is, however, yet another clear sign that our local club is going against the sport's trend of deepening concerns for its future in South Australia. The VHHRC owns its own 1000 metre track – regarded as one of the best in Australia – is financially sound, innovative, progressive and attracts more people to a meeting than any other harness racing club across the state. Sounds wonderful, but according to Lynton the problem is that the controlling state body – Harness Racing SA – has allocated



Victor Harbor Harness Racing Club president Lynton Bishop with Valley Speed in one of the new four stables at the Morgan Park complex.

only two meetings to the club in the year ahead – a twilight meeting on Proclamation Day, Monday, December 27, and Easter Sunday, April 17.

The VHHRC pleaded to Harness Racing to give it more meetings, but ultimately it came down to the controlling body saying the club would need to pay about \$7000 to have a satellite link for the day to operate the full TAB facilities and Sky TV coverage. The parties could not reach an agreement. "Not having enough meetings makes it harder to attract trainers here, and we just don't have enough local horses," Lynton said. "There is also a lack of new, younger

people in the industry.

"It's why it is so important for us to have a huge crowd at our meetings, and we have always appreciated the support people have shown us over the years.

"We have a great facility, and we own it. We need people to keep coming. The support on race day is really strong, and we need it to continue to show Harness Racing SA it's still warranted and justified to have meetings here.

"If you go back 25 years ago Victor Harbor used to have dozens of meetings especially at Christmas when people were here. Have a race meeting here and people will come. We

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## Morgan Park, Monday, December 27

have also attracted a lot of younger people, which is important for the industry."

Attendances were very good pre-COVID due largely to the fact it's a great family day out in clean, safe and pleasant surrounds, and given the expected easing of restrictions and hopefully fine weather there is every chance this Proclamation Day meeting will attract more than 1000 people. Lynton said that having the pageant here will help the club get the word out that the club's facilities can be used for many other reasons.

"We are continually trying to improve what we have got – we have just built four stables and we are now planning to build a kitchen or canteen inside the main hall," he said.

"It may surprise you that we had a wedding here in August – it was just fantastic how well organised it was, and everyone had a great time.

"They were able to safely have 140 guests because of the inside and outside area. The



whole area was decorated with lights and outside heaters; I was so impressed with what the couple and their family and friends did.

"We have the Coast-to-Coast tuna finishing competition every year.... there are lots of things that can be done here. The club is

happy to negotiate with anyone with an idea to use these facilities including the centre of the track."

"The club likes to have a capital project every year, and no job is too big or small including beautifying the parade area with a stunning row and centre-piece of roses.

"I would love to have floodlights here and have meetings at night."

There is a lot of pride in the club, and it's not just Lynton who works hard.

The committee finds a good time balance, and everyone is appreciated, especially blokes like Kevin Burt, who works on the mower, and Max Gray, who takes care of the track. And there is a vacancy on the committee if you're interested.

Father Christmas will be impressed with the continued progress at Morgan Park, and you will be too if you're there at this great twilight meeting on Monday, December 27. It's the biggest harness racing meeting on the Harness Racing SA calendar. 🌅

## Keep cheering two days after Christmas!



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### ***Venom: Let there be Carnage***

(M) starring Tom Hardy, Woody Harrelson, Naomie Harris. Directed by Andy Serkis. Tom Hardy returns to the big screen as the lethal protector Venom, one of MARVEL's greatest and most complex characters. Directed by Andy Serkis, the film also stars Michelle Williams, Naomie Harris and Woody Harrelson, in the role of the villain Cletus Kasady/Carnage.

### ***A Boy Called Christmas***

(PG) Family starring Maggie Smith, Jim Broadbent, Kristen Wiig. Directed by Gil Kenan. Adapted from the best-selling book by Matt Haig. The origin story of Father Christmas is re-imagined in Gil Kenan's live action adaptation. An ordinary young boy called Nikolas sets out on an extraordinary adventure into the snowy north in search of his father, who is on a quest to discover the fabled village of the elves, Elfheim. With him is a headstrong reindeer called Blitzen and a loyal pet mouse.

### ***Dune***

(M) Sci-fi, fantasy, adventure, drama starring Timothee Chalamet, Zendaya, Rebecca Ferguson, Jason Momoa. Directed by Denis Villeneuve. A mythic and emotionally charged hero's journey, Dune tells the story of Paul Atreides, a brilliant and gifted young man born into a great destiny beyond his understanding, who must travel to the most dangerous planet in the universe to ensure the future of his family and his people. As malevolent forces explode into conflict over the planet's exclusive supply of the most precious resource in existence – a commodity capable of unlocking humanity's greatest potential – only those who can conquer their fear will survive.

### ***Encanto***

(PG) Animation, fantasy, family, musical, comedy, adventure starring Stephanie Beatriz, John Leguizamo, María Cecilia Botero, Diane Guerrero, Jessica Darrow, Angie Cepeda, and Wilmer Valderrama. The tale of an extraordinary family, the Madrigals, who live hidden in the mountains of Colombia, in a magical house in a vibrant town, in a wondrous place. It has blessed every child in the family with a unique gift from super strength to the power to heal – every child except one, Mirabel.

### ***The Boss Baby: Family Business***

(G) Adventure, animation, fantasy, family, comedy starring Eva Longoria, Lisa Kudrow, James Marsden, Alec Baldwin. Directed by Tom McGrath. Now adults, Tim Templeton is a stay-at-home dad for two adorable daughters, while his estranged brother, Ted, is a big-shot CEO. They come together in an unexpected way when they take a magical formula that transforms them into babies for 48 hours. Joining forces with Tim's secret-agent daughter, they must go under cover to prevent an evil genius from turning fellow toddlers into monstrous brats.

**Commences December 9.**

### ***Spider-Man: No Way Home***

(M) Action, adventure, sci-fi starring Tom Holland, Benedict Cumberbatch, Jamie Foxx, Zendaya, Marisa Tomei, Jon Favreau. Directed by Jon Watts. For the first time in the cinematic history of Spider-Man, our friendly neighborhood hero is unmasked and no longer able to separate his normal life from the high-stakes of being a Super Hero. When he asks for help from Doctor Strange the stakes become even more dangerous, forcing him to discover what it truly means to be Spider-Man. **Commences December 16.**

### ***Sing 2***

(PG) Animation, adventure, comedy starring Scarlet Johansson, Reese Witherspoon, Taron Egerton. Directed by Garth Jennings. Buster Moon and his friends must persuade reclusive rock star Clay Calloway to join them for the opening of a new show.

**Commences December 26.**

### ***Clifford the Big Red Dog***

(PG) Animation, adventure, comedy starring Darby Camp, Sienna Guillory, Jack Whitehall, John Cleese. Directed Walt Becker. A young girl's love for a tiny puppy named Clifford makes the dog grow to an enormous size. Based on the popular children's book by Norman Bridwell. **Commences December 26.**

### ***West Side Story***

(CTC) Crime, drama, musical starring Rachel Zegler, Ansel Elgort, David Alvarez, Ariana DeBose. Directed by Steven Spielberg. An adaptation of the 1957 musical, West Side Story explores forbidden love and the rivalry between the Jets and the Sharks, two teenage street gangs of different ethnic backgrounds. **Commences December 26.**

### ***Ghostbusters: Afterlife***

(CTC) Comedy, fantasy starring Paul Rudd, Finn Wolfhard, McKenna Grace, Carrie Coon. Directed by Jason Reitman. When a single mum and her two kids arrive in a small town, they begin to discover their connection to the original Ghostbusters and the secret legacy their grandfather left behind. **Commences January 1.**

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# Eat Wave with Jenny Merry Christmas!

Yvonne, a pastry chef at Harvest the Fleurieu (see story P14), was kind enough to give us the recipe for her sensational pavlova that her family enjoys every Christmas. Thank you!

## Ingredients

### Pavlova

8 egg whites  
450g caster sugar  
1 tsp vanilla bean paste/  
extract  
1 tsp white vinegar  
1 tsp corn flour

### Topping

300ml Fleurieu Milk  
Company cream  
1 tsp vanilla bean paste/  
extract  
500g Harvest the Fleurieu  
strawberries  
125g Harvest the Fleurieu  
blueberries  
125g Harvest the Fleurieu  
raspberries  
125g Harvest the Fleurieu  
blackberries  
100ml bottle Harvest the  
Fleurieu strawberry nectar



## Method

Whisk egg whites & sugar together in a clean and dry mixing bowl until firm peaks begin to form.

Mix together the vanilla, vinegar & corn starch into a paste and add to the egg white mixture.

Spoon mixture onto baking tray lined with baking paper and use the back of a spatula to create rough peaks.

Bake in a pre-warmed oven at 100 degrees

for 1 hour. (Do not allow pavlova to colour).

Turn the oven off and allow to cool completely before removing.

While cooling, whisk cream until thickened and add vanilla bean paste. Cut strawberries into desired size.

Once pavlova has completely cooled transfer to serving plate. Dollop cream all over, adorn with berries and drizzle with strawberry nectar.

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# Nutella & Raspberry Cheesecake Slice



## Ingredients

### Base

250g Arnotts Nice biscuits  
125g butter, melted

### Filling

1 level tspn gelatine powder  
¼ cup hot water  
500g Philadelphia Cream Cheese (at room temperature)  
1 cup Nutella  
2 level tspns pure icing sugar  
1 tspn cocoa powder

### Topping

1 x 85g packet Natural Raspberry Jelly crystals  
1 level tspn gelatine powder  
water as per jelly packet instructions  
Chopped Ferrero Rocher chocolate for sprinkling (optional)

## Method

Line a 28cm x 18cm slice tin with baking paper.

**Base:** Crush biscuits finely using a food processor, or place in a plastic bag and crush with rolling pin. Place crumbs in a bowl, add melted butter and stir thoroughly to combine.

Spoon crumbs into the prepared tin and spread over the base, then press down firmly using the base of a drinking glass. Refrigerate to set.

**Filling:** Place boiling water in a cup, add gelatine powder and stir until dissolved. Set aside to cool while preparing filling. Place cream cheese and Nutella in a large bowl and blend with an electric mixer until smooth. Add sifted icing sugar and cocoa powder – continue beating for another minute, then add slightly cooled gelatine and continue beating until smooth. Spoon

the filling over the biscuit base. Refrigerate to set.

**Topping:** Place jelly crystals in a large bowl, and gelatine powder in a cup. Add a quarter of a cup of the boiling water (from quantity listed in packet instructions) – to the gelatine and stir to dissolve.

Add the remaining boiling water to the jelly crystals and stir until dissolved. Add the gelatine to the jelly and stir through, then add cold water (as per packet instructions). Allow to cool, then refrigerate until jelly begins to thicken slightly.

**To assemble:** Spoon the jelly over the Nutella cream cheese filling (you may have some jelly left over). Return the slice to the refrigerator to set the jelly. Cut into small squares to serve.

Can be served topped with chopped Ferrero Rocher chocolates if desired. Store in the refrigerator.

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