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Winner of Inaugural Barry Wilkins Art Prize Announced

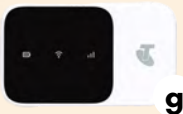
The winner of the inaugural Barry Wilkins Art Prize was announced at the opening of the Wudinna Winter Rainbow Escape Art Exhibition, held at the Wudinna & Districts Telecentre on Friday 17th July.

Over 40 entries, including many entries from young people in the community, were received around the theme of “We’re all going on a summer holiday”.

Winner of the inaugural Barry Wilkins Art Prize went to Sarah Butcher for her work, “Our Backyard”.

> See page 4 for more Art Exhibition results.





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- a. JBL Charge
- b. JBL Flip 7
- c. JBL Party Box Encore Essential 2
- d. JBL Clip 5
- e. JBL Kids Headphones (Bluetooth & Wired)
- f. Sprout Invoke Bluetooth Headphones
- g. Telstra Pre-Paid 4GX Wi-Fi Plus Modem
- h. Blackview Rugged 64GB Phone



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NOTICE OF AGM

The Wudinna & Districts Business & Tourism Association invites all community members, business owners and anyone interested in the future of our district to attend our Annual General Meeting:

5:30pm, Tuesday 4 August 2026

Wudinna & Districts Telecentre

Executive and committee positions are open, and new members are warmly welcomed.

As a business and tourism organisation, we need to discuss future priorities and projects for our district, and we welcome your ideas and input. The committee has a proud history of advocating for projects that deliver economic benefits to the town and district.

Come along and help shape the future, including this year's Twilight Markets & Pageant on Saturday 12 December, which will also celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Wudinna Hotel Motel.

Drinks and nibbles provided.

WORD FOR TODAY

God loves and accepts you

"He has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness." Colossians 1:13 NLT

Jimmy Wayne never knew his father, and his mother spent more time in prison than out. When Jimmy was twelve, his mother was released from jail and took up with a troublemaker. They loaded him into the back seat of their car, and for a year that was his home. Then one day, they dumped him at a Pensacola, Florida, bus station and drove off.

He had no home, no future, and no provision. While wandering through a neighbourhood, he spotted an older man at work in a garage woodshop. He approached the elderly gentleman and asked if he had any work. Not only did he give Jimmy Wayne a job, but he also took him in to live with him and his wife. Having a home to live in was like heaven to Jimmy. Still, in spite of their kindness, he refused to unpack his bag. For four days, his plastic bag sat on the floor, full of clothes, ready if the husband and wife changed their minds. It took several days, a dozen or so meals, and more than one heart-to-heart conversation. But they finally persuaded Jimmy to trust them to care for him. Perhaps you question your place in God's family or His love for you. What if He changes His mind? God answered that question at the cross. When Jesus died, the heavenly vote was forever cast in your favour. "He has rescued [you] from the kingdom of darkness and transferred [you] into the Kingdom of his dear Son." P.S.: What happened to Jimmy Wayne? He took his place in the family, got an education, and became a country music singer and songwriter. a powerful new way.

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Wudinna Catholic Mass Times

Sunday 2nd August
Communion Service
Wudinna, 10:00am

Saturday 8th August
Wudinna, 11:00am

Sunday 16th August
Wudinna, 11:30am

Saturday 22nd August
Wudinna, 6:00pm

Sunday 30th August
Wudinna 6:00pm
Confirmation Mass
with Bishop Karol

Family Life Church Wudinna Uniting Church

Sunday 2nd August
10am, Wudinna

Sunday 9th August
4pm, Wudinna

Sunday 16th August
10am, Wudinna

Sunday 23rd August
4pm, Wudinna

Sunday 30th August
10am, Wudinna

For more info, contact
Tim & Heidi Coleman, 0482 057 665

SUNDAY WORSHIP TIMES

COMBINED

Uniting/Lutheran/Anglican Worship

Sunday 2ND August
10am Wudinna, Lutheran - LR

Sunday 9th August
9am Yaninnee - LR
10am Wudinna, Uniting - LP
Online Message

Tuesday 11th August
11am Trudinger Hymn Sing

Sunday 16th August
10am Wudinna, Lutheran - HC
Pastor Brian Keller

Sunday 23rd August
9am Yanninee - LR
10am Wudinna, Uniting - LP
Online message

Sunday 30th August
10am Wudinna Lutheran - LR

Elders

FOR SALE

39 THOMAS ST,
MINNIPA



\$115,000

WALK-IN, WALK-OUT OPPORTUNITY

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STEP IT UP wudinna In Wonderland

2026 DANCE CONCERT

Tumble down the rabbit hole
to join us for an enchanting afternoon of dance

Wudinna Town Hall
9th August 2026
11am & 2pm

Tickets available \$5each
at Wudinna Post Office
or email stepitupwudinna@gmail.com

SACWA Wudinna Branch

90th Birthday

Past members and friends
are invited to join us for a fun day.

AUGUST | 18 | AT 11AM

Lunch will be alternate drop
(chicken or fish)

Cost: \$25 - Pay at kitchen

Bar open

WUDINNA COMMUNITY CLUB

RSVP: 11th August
MARION - 0428 818 077
JENNY - 0407 186 818

Wudinna Winter Rainbow Escape

Well-known local artist Mark Kammermann was awarded Second Prize for his painting *The Meeting Place*. The Youth Prize went to Jessica Whittaker for her work *A Mound of Summer*, while the People's Choice Award was presented to another young entrant, Lily Clarke, for her artwork *Summer in Greece*.

The judging panel consisted of the three event sponsors: Mayor Cr Eleanor Scholz, representing the Wudinna District Council; Graham Waters, representing the Wudinna & Districts Telecentre; and Bec Smart, representing the Wudinna & Districts Business and Tourism Association.

The annual Wudinna Art Prize is now in its eighth year in its current format. The exhibition is designed to showcase the talents of artists from across the Wudinna District Council area, while also attracting strong interest and entries from the wider region.

In officially opening the exhibition, Mayor Cr Eleanor Scholz said it was wonderful to once again see so many artists represented from across the district, and particularly pleasing to see such strong participation from young artists.

This year's exhibition was especially significant, with the major prize being named in recognition of the outstanding contribution Barry Wilkins made to the arts and the local community.

Barry served as Chair of the Wudinna District Council for many years and was a passionate advocate for the arts. An accomplished artist himself, one of Barry's paintings forms part of the Wudinna District Council's art collection and is permanently displayed at the Wudinna & Districts Telecentre.

Barry also played an instrumental role in securing the iconic Australian Farmer Sculpture for Wudinna. The sculpture continues to attract visitors to the district while serving as a lasting reminder

of the important connection between agriculture and the arts.

Following Barry's passing in 2024, his family was approached with the proposal to name the major prize of the annual Wudinna Art Prize in his honour. They graciously accepted, ensuring his legacy will continue to inspire artists and the community for years to come.

Barry's wife, Pat, and members of the Wilkins family attended the exhibition opening and joined the judging panel in presenting the inaugural Barry Wilkins Art Prize.

The community is invited to visit the Wudinna & Districts Telecentre to view the exhibition, which will remain on display until XX August. Following the exhibition, the gallery will showcase designs created by Karcultaby Area School students for the proposed refurbishment of Minnipa's Apex Park, in partnership with the Wudinna District Council; followed by a collection of photographs, memorabilia and history celebrating the 100th Annual Wudinna & Le Hunte Districts AH&F Show, preserving the stories and memories of this significant local milestone.



Second Place winner, "The Meeting Place" by Mark Kammermann.



Peoples Choice winner "Summer in Greece" by Lily Clarke.

Sprawl In The Hall Sprawled It

Around 40 young people attended the annual Sprawl in the Hall event held on Wednesday 15 July at the Wudinna Memorial Hall.

Organisers were thrilled at the turnout of young people on the day who participated in 6 arts workshops put on by locals creatives and visiting artists.

Workshops included a photography workshop with Roanne Scholz from Minnipa, Resin Jewellery making by Kayla Petty from Streaky Bay, Bead craft from local artist Erin Beinke, art lessons from Yaninee artist Mark Kammermann, leaf painting from resident hall artist Gidge Murphy, craft sessions from local Wudinna resident and creative Kylie Bartley. And kite making from coordinator Craig Midgley.

A real highlight for many was the workshop from Elliston artist Daniel Ross and his Moth Art sessions. Organiser Gab Water and artist Gab Waters was active across the day working to make it memorable for all participants. It was great to see so many parents who stayed around and worked with their children to take lots of artworks away from the day.

Organisers would like to thank a number of organisations who helped make the day possible including Wudinna District Council, Second Hand Rose, Wudinna and Districts Business and Tourism Association and the State Government through a grant from PIRSA.



End of an Era: AI changing our world

Should you drive along Museum Terrace, Kyancutta on your way to the Community Club and sports complex you will see a new structure in the old railway yard; a shiny fence containing an assortment of white boxes and solar panels. This is the new Bureau Of Meteorology (BOM) automatic weather station that, within a couple of months, will be fully operational and available to the general public for up-to-date weather information 24/7.



Pictured above: The new BOM automatic weather station site at Kyancutta. Image supplied by N. Luscombe.

At the moment, the manually operated Kyancutta weather station will continue to report twice daily to the BOM while the new site becomes calibrated with the old. Why bother putting a station at Kyancutta when there is a perfectly good one at the Wudinna Airport, you may well ask?

The reason is, nearly one hundred years of weather records exist, going back to 1928 when Robert Bedford began sending reports to the BOM in Adelaide using his own equipment and paying for the telegram message costs out of his own pocket.

After a year or so the BOM recognised the value of his observations; given its geographical location, being inland, not coastal, and the fact that it was west of Adelaide and most of our weather tends to come from the west. Consequently the official Kyancutta Weather Station, number 94657, commenced official operations on 1st April 1930 and has continued to this day.

For all but a couple of years, the observations have been done by members of the same family down through the generations. Commencing with Robert Bedford, his daughter Joan Bedford (later Joan Luscombe) and her husband Newton Luscombe, then two of their children, Elfrida and the young Ned, together with his wife Margaret, and finally their daughter Jill and her husband Geoff Rushmer, with occasional assistance from their son Tom, concludes the family connection.

During all this time both the instruments used and the manner of reporting have changed considerably. The barometer is no longer a mercury column with a fancy vernier adjustment, having been replaced by a very small electronic digital readout. Sunshine recorders, evaporimeters and thermographs are consigned to museums of memorabilia.

Telegrams that were rung through to Minnipa for a connection to Port Lincoln on the old telephone exchange were replaced with a telex machine to be superseded by a modem, and today a computer link direct to BOM Australia, and of course the wide world of weather watchers who with their super computers and AI enhanced programmes tell you what to expect in the next 24 hours, 7 days, 3 months or 10 years.

What started way back in 1928 with 2 observations a day, later became a full blown weather station of 7 observations a day, every 3 hours except for midnight, and slowly dropping back to 4 times a day, and now to the original 2 times a day.

Welcome to the 21st century and the electronic world of connectivity, computers and who knows what??

Pictured, right: snippets of Elfrida's school assignment on the weather station's operations; images Fig.7 taken approx. 1962; Fig.8 captured 1932. Supplied by N. Luscombe.



Congratulations Balyn!

Congratulations to local footballer Balyn O'Brien on making his AFL debut for the Port Adelaide Football Club against Fremantle Football Club on Saturday, 18th July 2026. At just 19 years of age, Balyn's debut is a fantastic achievement and a proud moment for our community. Playing in defence, he finished the match with 10 disposals (7 kicks and 3 handballs), 4 marks, 3 rebound 50s and a free kick, showing plenty of composure and determination at the highest level.



Everyone across our district congratulates Balyn on reaching this significant milestone and wishes him every success for what we hope will be a long and rewarding AFL career. We look forward to watching his journey in the black, white and teal.

Pictured left: Balyn O'Brien, #41. Right: with parents, Wade & Kelly O'Brien at his debut match against Fremantle on Saturday 18th July.



LATEST NEWS FROM WUDINNA DISTRICT COUNCIL

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on Tuesday, 18 August 2026

DOG AND CAT REGISTRATIONS

If you haven't already done so, now is the time to renew your dog and cat registrations for 2026/2027.

To avoid a **\$10 late payment fee**, registrations must be renewed by **Monday, 31 August 2026**.

As a reminder:

- All dogs over three months of age must be registered within 14 days of taking ownership.
- Dogs born after 1 July 2018 must be desexed by a registered veterinary surgeon before reaching six months of age, or within 28 days of taking ownership, unless an exemption applies.
- Puppies and kittens must be microchipped before being sold, before reaching 12 weeks of age, and within 28 days of a new owner taking possession.

Keeping your pet's details up to date in the Dogs and Cats Online (DACO) database helps ensure lost or wandering pets can be quickly reunited with their owners.

To register or renew your dog or cat, visit www.dogsandcatsonline.com.au.

For more information about responsible dog and cat ownership, visit www.dogandcatboard.com.au.

If you require assistance, please contact the Council Office on (08) 8680 2002.

**Dog and cat registration
RENEW BY 31 AUGUST**

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Your new healthcare information service

- Visiting healthcare calendar
- Service provider directory
- Health and wellbeing news
- Local events and updates



Visit nepha.com.au

Find services, visiting providers, news and updates

A regional initiative by the Northern Eyre Peninsula Health Alliance (NEPHA), representing the districts of Cleve, Cowell (Franklin Harbour), Elliston, Kimba, Streaky Bay and Wudinna.

NEPHA Community Workshop

Meet the NEPHA team at its website launch and community workshop at the Wudinna and Districts Telecentre on Monday, 31 August at 5.00pm. Community members, health services and wellbeing providers are invited to explore visiting healthcare calendars, local services, facilities and wellbeing supports, and share their feedback.

2027 COUNCIL ELECTION DATES

KEY DATES FOR THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION:

The State Government has changed the timing of the Local Government Elections. Elections previously scheduled for November 2026 will now be held in April 2027.

Learn more at www.councilelections.sa.gov.au

Close of rolls: 4 January 2027

Nominations open: 26 January 2027

Nominations close: 9 February 2027

Ballot packs mail-out period: 11 March - 17 March 2027

Voting closes (Polling Day): 7 April 2027

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PUBLIC NOTICE

ADOPTION OF ANNUAL BUSINESS PLAN & BUDGET, VALUATIONS AND DECLARATION OF RATES FOR 2026-2027

Notice is hereby given that at its Ordinary Council Meeting held 21 July 2026, the Wudinna District Council resolved the following:

Adoption of Annual Business Plan and Budget 2026-2027

Pursuant to Section 123(8) of the Local Government Act 1999 and Regulation 6 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011 adopted its Annual Business Plan and Budget for the 2026-2027 year.

ADOPTION OF VALUATIONS

Adopted for rating purposes the capital valuations made by the Valuer-General totalling \$832,064,000. for rateable and non-rateable land in the Council area.

DECLARATION OF RATES

Declared differential general rates on rateable land within its area by reference to locality as follows:

Pursuant to Section 151(1)(a), 152(1)(a), 153(1)(b) and 156(1)(c) of the Local Government Act 1999 (as amended) Council hereby declare differential general rates on rateable land within its area, which rates vary by the use of land:

Residential	0.005422	Industrial Other	0.007049
Commercial Shop	0.007049	Primary Production	0.004609
Commercial Office	0.007049	Vacant Land	0.016267
Commercial Other	0.007591	Other	0.005422
Industrial Light	0.007049	Employment Bulk Handling Zone (Silos)	0.025095

MINIMUM RATE

Declared a minimum amount payable by way of rates of **\$700** in respect to all rateable land within the area of Council.

ANNUAL SERVICE CHARGES

- a) Imposed an annual service charge where a septic effluent disposal connection is provided within the Township of Wudinna of **\$404** per unit for all occupied properties and **\$362** for all unoccupied properties.
- b) Imposed an annual service charge to properties that have an occupiable dwelling, outbuilding or other class of structure to which the Council provides or makes available the prescribed service of the collection, treatment and disposal of waste via Council's waste collection service of **\$332** per mobile garbage bin.

SEPARATE RATE

Declared a separate rate of **\$228** based on a proportional basis of expenditure incurred in maintaining the area of the Cottage Home Units within Portion Section 175, HD of Pygery – Wudinna Homes for the Aged identified as being assessments:

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9270269047	9270269077	9070269107	9270269137	9270269167	
9270269057	9270269087	9270269117	9270269147	9270269177	

REGIONAL LANDSCAPE LEVY

Declared differential separate rates varying on the basis of land use on all rateable land in the area of the Council in order to reimburse the Council for the amount contributed to the Eyre Peninsula Natural Resource Management Board.

- a) A land use of Primary Production, a separate rate of **\$193.55** per assessment;
- b) A land use of:
 - i. Commercial
 - ii. IndustrialA separate rate of **\$145.17** per assessment;
- c) A land use of:
 - i. Residential
 - ii. Vacant Land
 - iii. OtherA separate rate of **\$96.78** per assessment.



Mayors MESSAGE

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

If you know someone making a difference, please send their details to admin@wudinna.sa.gov.au

As we move into the new financial year, I am pleased to share several important updates and recognise some wonderful milestones within our community.

Council adopted the 2026–27 Annual Business Plan and Budget at its July meeting.

Ratepayers will receive a summary copy, while the full documents are available on Council's website at www.wudinna.sa.gov.au, from the Council Office at 11 Burton Terrace, Wudinna, or by emailing

admin@wudinna.sa.gov.au. The documents also outline the main amendments made following community consultation.

The Northern Eyre Peninsula Health Alliance (NEPHA) invites community members, health services and wellbeing providers to an event at the Wudinna and Districts Telecentre on Monday, 31 August 2026, from 5.00pm. NEPHA will demonstrate its recently launched website and provide an update on the project. Community input remains important, and everyone is welcome to attend and provide feedback.

Second Hand Rose is celebrating its 40th anniversary this month. Please see this edition's Volunteer Spotlight for more on its lasting contribution to our district.

Council is pleased to support visits to Wudinna by Uni Hub Spencer Gulf Centre Manager Cate Wuttke, helping residents explore university study while continuing to live, work and remain connected locally. For regional students, relocating can be a major barrier to higher education. Local information, guidance and support can make university study more achievable for school leavers, mature-age students and those considering a career change.

Through this partnership, residents can learn more about available courses, study pathways and regional student support, while prospective students and families can speak directly with someone who understands the challenges of studying from a regional community.

Cate met with students and parents at the Wudinna Area School Library on Tuesday, 28 July. We hope the session encouraged more people to consider studying locally. Supporting education helps strengthen our skills base and regional workforce. Cate can be contacted on 0493 499 400.

Eleanor

Mayor Eleanor Scholz

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Second Hand Rose — 40 Years of Giving Back

This month's Volunteer Spotlight recognises Second Hand Rose as it celebrates 40 years of supporting our district and communities across the Eyre Peninsula.

Second Hand Rose officially opened in the former RSL and Kindergarten building on 20 August 1986, with Merrill Lymn and Vicki Foster leading the way. Today, the committee includes President Julie-Anne Scholz, Secretary Mandy Scholz and Treasurer Kaye O'Brien, supported by around 35 dedicated volunteers.

I recently called in on a Monday morning and found a hive of activity, laughter and speedy sorting. Boxes of donations were being unpacked, benches were covered with clothing and racks were lined with items ready for sale.

Volunteers meet every Monday from 8.30 am to 11.00 am to sort the many items generously donated by our community. The shop then opens Tuesday to Friday from 10.00 am to 3.00 pm. Their weekly commitment keeps this valued community service organised, welcoming and accessible to everyone.

During my visit, Lennie Lowe was loading boxes of excess clothing for Heath's Transport, which generously delivers donations to Adelaide charities at no cost. Volunteers also distribute excess items across the Eyre Peninsula, where charities continue to rely on Second Hand Rose to help meet the needs of individuals and families.

SECOND HAND ROSE

Second Hand Rose's contribution extends far beyond the shop. Over four decades, its cash donations and sponsorship have supported our hospital, sporting clubs, schools, churches, swimming pools and many smaller community groups throughout the district.

The volunteers also work quietly behind the scenes to support people during hardship, loss or disaster, providing essential items and practical assistance to help individuals and families re-establish themselves.

It was a pleasure to spend time with the volunteers and see firsthand the friendship, energy and care behind this wonderful organisation.

Happy 40th anniversary, and thank you for the lasting difference you continue to make.

*Thank
you!*

Eleanor

Mayor Eleanor Scholz



From left Pam Thomson, Julie-Anne Scholz, Jo Waters, Mandy Scholz, Caryll Sampson, Barb Krausz, Chris Becker. In front Gab Waters, Denise Vande Vorstenbosch.

August 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
					CEU BYE Tumby Bay vs. Elliston Districts (Tumby Bay)	2
31					1	
Community Nurse Child Health Checks Secondhand Rose 40 th Birthday	3 Rhyme Time, 10:30am Ambulance Training, 7 pm	4 Line Dancing, 9:30am Rural Skin Clinic CWA CFS Training & Alarm Test	5 Community Nurse Men's Shed, 5:30pm	6 Boy Physiotherapy Play Gym, 9:30am	7 Ranges vs. CEU (Cleve) Lock vs. Elliston Districts (Lock)	8 Step It Up Dance Concert
						9
10	11 EP Field Days Rhyme Time, 10:30am SA Health Physiotherapist SA Health OT Community Nurse Eyre Chiropractic Ambulance Training, 7 pm	12 EP Field Days Line Dancing, 9:30am C&OH Counsellor CWA CFS Training	13 EP Field Days C&OH Exercise Physiologist Men's Shed, 5:30pm	14 Boy Physiotherapy Community Nurse Play Gym, 9:30am	15 CEU vs. Cowell (Wudinna) Elliston Districts vs. Tumby Bay (Poochera)	16
17	18 Rhyme Time, 10:30am Community Nurse Council Meeting CWA Wudinna 90 th Birthday Ambulance Training, 7 pm	19 Line Dancing, 9:30am CWA Independent Hearing Camera Club, 12pm CFS Training	20 Men's Shed, 5:30pm	21 Dr Helen Murray Boy Physiotherapy Community Nurse Play Gym, 9:30am	22 Eastern Eyre Qualifying Final (Arno Bay) Cummins Kapinnie vs. Elliston Districts (Kapinnie)	23 Eastern Eyre Elimination Final (Kimba)
24	25 Rhyme Time, 10:30am SA Health Physiotherapist Community Nurse Eyre Chiropractic Ambulance Training, 7 pm	26 Line Dancing, 9:30am CWA SA Health Social Worker SA Health Speech Therapist SA Health Physio & OT C&OH Counsellor CFS Training	27 SA Health Social Worker SA Health Speech Therapist SA Health Physiotherapist C&OH Exercise Physiologist KAS Library Book & Brew 10am Men's Shed, 5:30pm	28 Boy Physiotherapy Community Nurse Play Gym, 9:30am Wudinna Senior Citz, 12:30pm	29 Eastern Eyre Preliminary Final (Cowell) Great Flinders 2 nd Semi Final (Lock)	30 Great Flinders 1 st Semi Final (Ungarra)

SA Variety Bash to visit Wudinna

The 2026 SA Variety Bash is set to hit the road from 8th to 15th August, with 231 colourfully costumed entrants, 53 Official Volunteers and 101 themed cars travelling 2,304km across South Australia to support children who are sick, experiencing disadvantage or living with disability.

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The colourful convoy will cross the Start Line at James Martin Place in Gawler, kicking off an eight-day journey through South Australia.



The Bash will kick off with a free community Start Line event in Gawler on Saturday 8th August, where the public can see the colourful convoy before it departs. The journey will conclude with a free community Finish Line celebration in Port Pirie on Sunday 16th August, welcoming the entrant's home after eight unforgettable days on the road.

The colourful convoy will depart from James Martin Place in Gawler before travelling through Quorn, Kimba, Streaky Bay, Wudinna, Port Lincoln and Cleve, before arriving in Port Pirie.

Bash entrants have been fundraising for 12 months, and along the route, they'll see first-hand how their hard work is changing lives, with \$480,000 in grants being delivered to create lasting impact in regional communities.

Variety SA CEO Mark McGill said the all-South Australian route would deliver benefits well beyond the event itself.

"The 2026 Bash has a great sense of anticipation around it, with all eight days being staged in South Australia. We have more than 100 cars heading to the Mid North, the West Coast and surrounding regions, spreading goodwill through direct grants to children and families in need while also delivering significant economic benefits to regional communities."

"The long-term impact is the incredible difference this fundraising will make to tens of thousands of South Australian children next year."

Variety SA acknowledges the generous support of Bash Supporting Partner Pubs with Heart, and thanks its Gold Sponsors: Seeley International, MGA Whittles, Tim Adams Wines / Mr. Mick, West End, Codan, Fasta Pasta, Kennards Hire, Cochrane's Transport, Ramsey Bros, ARB 4x4 Accessories, Toyota Australia, Vili's Family Bakery, AMPM and Ultra Tune. Chairs Hub: Eckermann Conveyancers, Caledonia, Adelaide Online & Heritage Fencing, 57 Films.

Since 1989 the SA Variety Bash has raised more than \$56.5 million to support children who need it most in South Australia.

Drive Safe – The Bash is in Town

The Variety Bash is coming to Wudinna on Wednesday 12th August, with approximately 75 Bash vehicles and support crews arriving from 4:00pm.

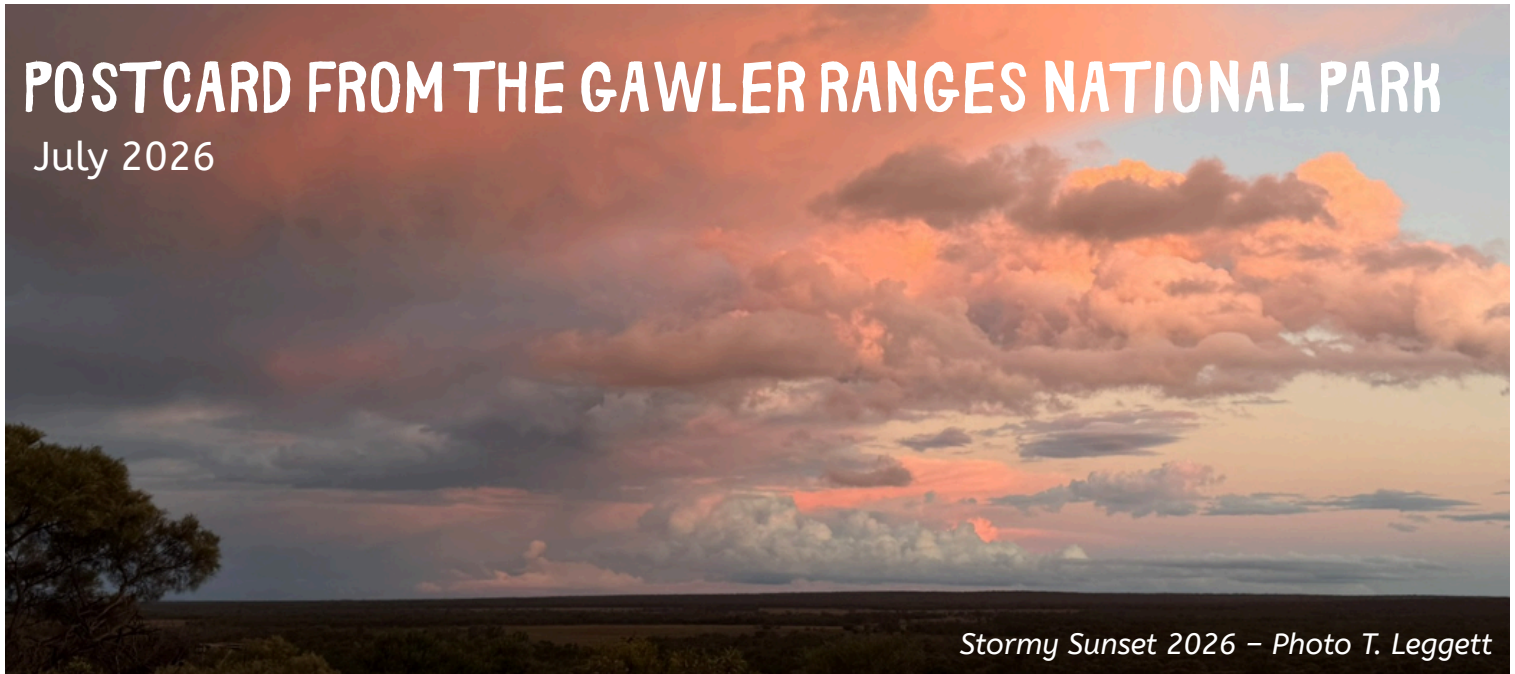
The community is invited to visit the Wudinna Oval to view the colourful vehicles, meet the participants and enjoy refreshments available from the Wudinna Community Club.

With increased traffic and many families expected to attend, motorists are reminded to slow down and take extra care. A temporary 25 km/h Community Event speed limit will be in place on Medley Terrace between Naylor Terrace and Gooch Terrace during the event.

The Bash will depart on Thursday morning at 8:30am, with many children and families expected to gather to farewell the participants. Please continue to drive safely and watch for pedestrians.

POSTCARD FROM THE GAWLER RANGES NATIONAL PARK

July 2026



Stormy Sunset 2026 – Photo T. Leggett

Hello from the Gawler Ranges National Park Staff!

Well, the last time I wrote we had received some rain, but I didn't realise quite how much more was to come. Over the past five months we have received roughly our average annual rainfall, which has been incredible to witness.

The ground is saturated, water is flowing from the hills, and the park is looking absolutely amazing. Of course, all this rain has also brought some interesting challenges when it comes to working in the park.

Recently, I was up at the Shearers Quarters carrying out some work and, to my surprise, the road out towards Buckleboo was completely cut off, with what looked like a river flowing across it. It was a spectacular sight. I used to wonder about those huge creek lines you see throughout the outback and think, "Where does all that water come from?" After these rains, I have certainly discovered why they're needed.



Floodwaters over track near the Shearing Shed.



Mother nature doing its thing.

Wildflowers

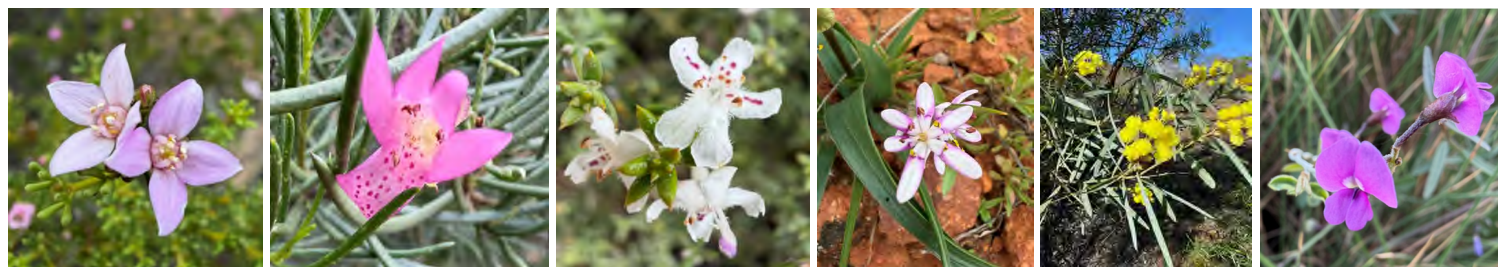
Many people say, "I can't wait until spring and all the wildflowers. With these rains it will be fantastic." The good news is that you don't have to wait until spring because there are already wildflowers appearing throughout the park.

As someone who hasn't previously experienced winter in this area, I have found it a little chilly at times, but it has also been a wonderful experience. My flower guidebook has been getting plenty of use, almost daily. Although I have worked in several different parks across South Australia, there are always new plants and animals to discover.

Wildflowers come in an incredible variety of colours, shapes and sizes, and they are a wonderful reminder of just how amazing nature can be. One of the challenges of having such a spectacular
14 season is that people understandably want to get a little closer to the flowers. While it can be

tempting to pull off the track for a better look or photo, the best way to protect these special displays is to enjoy them from existing roads, tracks, and the designated visitor areas so they can be appreciated by everyone.

I have thoroughly enjoyed researching the different species I've found and have included a few of my favourite discoveries recently. With spring just around the corner, I have a feeling that my flower guidebook will be getting even more of a workout.



Pictured, Left to Right: 1. Dryland Boronia, *Boronia inornata* ssp. *Leptophylla* (still to confirm ID); 2. Narrow-leaf Emubush, *Eremophila alternifolia*; 3. Stiff Westringia, *Westringia rigida*; 4. Inland Star-lily, *Wurmbea australis*; 5. Umbrella Bush, *Acacia ligulate* (still to confirm ID); 6. Twining Glycine, *Glycine rubiginosa*.

Park Access and Road Conditions



Tracks which stay for years.

With the significant rainfall over recent months and ongoing wet weather, track conditions within Gawler Ranges National Park can change daily.

Many tracks have been graded, and repair works have been undertaken, but conditions remain variable, and visitors should exercise caution when travelling through the park. If you are driving a 2WD vehicle, it is not worth taking the risk under the current conditions. Four-wheel drives are welcome, but please proceed with care.

With conditions changing so quickly, it can sometimes be tempting to drive around muddy patches or flood-damaged sections of track. Unfortunately, this can cause further damage to vegetation and create additional maintenance work. Staying on established tracks helps protect the landscape and ensures access can be maintained for future visitors.

We encourage visitors to check current park alerts before travelling and to keep an eye on the Outback Road Conditions Map for the latest updates.

While this is not an exhaustive list, we would like to remind visitors to:

- Drive to the conditions and ensure you are fully prepared.
- Inform a responsible person of your travel plans and expected return time, including who to contact if you fail to check in.
- Carry multiple forms of communication, such as a satellite phone, personal locator beacon (PLB), UHF radio, or Starlink.
- Have appropriate recovery equipment and know how to use it.
- Avoid driving through floodwaters or muddy areas. If unsure, exit your vehicle and assess the surface first. Many vehicles become bogged while attempting to bypass muddy patches.
- Stay on designated tracks.
- Remain with your vehicle if you become stuck.
- Reduce tyre pressures when travelling on gravel roads. This improves comfort and helps minimise damage to road surfaces.



Bypass track which is now worse than the actual track.

Wildlife and Conservation Work

We are gearing up for another round of fox baiting and increased cat control activities throughout the park. This work plays an important role in protecting our native wildlife.

Recently, we undertook trapping activities over several days and were excited to record several Sandhill Dunnarts in the area.

Malleefowl have also been captured on our cameras, with some birds already starting work on their nesting mounds. They are high on my list of favourite birds and are truly remarkable creatures. The adults carefully build and maintain their mounds, regularly checking the temperature to incubate their eggs. Once the chicks hatch, they dig their way out of the mound and immediately head off into the bush, receiving no parental care at all.

This is one of the reasons cat and fox control is so important. It helps give Malleefowl and many other native species the best possible start to life.

Goat numbers have also been increasing across the landscape, and we are currently involved in a broader regional program aimed at reducing their impact within the area, so please check out the parks website for confirmed dates for park closures in mid-August.



Pictured left to right: 1. Trapping Line; 2. Mitchell's Hopping Mouse, little cutie; 3. Staff recording animal's details, gathering vital information.

Visitors, Camping and Pets

It is great to see so many people getting out and enjoying everything the park has to offer.

As we are currently outside the Fire Danger Season, campfires are permitted in designated fire pits within campgrounds. However, visitors must still take care and ensure fires are fully extinguished before leaving them unattended or departing the area.

The park offers several fantastic campgrounds where visitors can stay and enjoy the natural surroundings. We occasionally need to remind people that camping is only permitted in designated camping areas. These campgrounds have been carefully selected to minimise impacts on the environment while still providing a great visitor experience. While there may appear to be plenty of other attractive places to pull up for the night, informal campsites can quickly lead to vegetation damage, disturb wildlife, and create impacts that last long after visitors have moved on.

Please also remember that fires are only permitted in designated campground fire pits, and visitors must bring their own firewood, as collecting firewood within the park is not permitted.

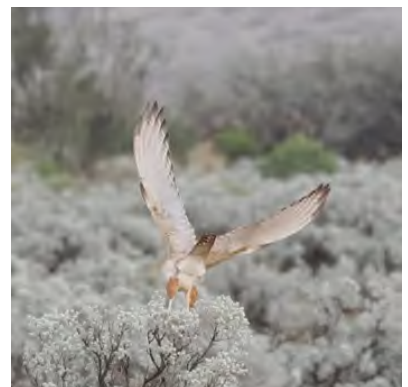
We would also like to thank the many visitors who do the right thing by checking road conditions, camping in designated areas, and helping care for this special place. Looking after a large and remote park is a shared responsibility, and we appreciate everyone's efforts to leave it just as they found it.

Finally, while we know many people enjoy travelling with their pets, dogs and other domestic animals are not permitted in the park. With active fox and cat control programs underway, baits are present and can pose a serious risk to pets, so please leave them at home.

That's all for now. Until next time,

From the Ranger Team at the Gawler Ranges National Park

P.S. A couple of recent favourite photos.





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Loving Grandpa of Rebecca, Zac, Stacey and Dean, Mark and William, Hannah and Locky, Luke, and Maddison.

Loved Great Grandpa of Luca, Stella, Zander and Adeline.

Dearly loved brother to Doug and Margaret, Iris and Albert, Newton and Doreen (all deceased), and Gwen and Roger (Dec) – Gwen says, "It was his turn!"

A poem penned about his life by his daughter in law, Debra:

Remembering David (Grandpa) 1937-2026

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Flowers flourish, he tends with care, petals whisper stories in the fragrant air.

Time shared with Val, his hearts delight, 4 children gather; the love shines bright.

Grandchildren's laughter fills airy skies, as the native birds sing with joyous cries.

With pawed companions close by his side, in life's theatre, love is the guide.

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**SEP
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**OCT
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**NOV
03**

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**DEC
04**

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**DEC
10/17**

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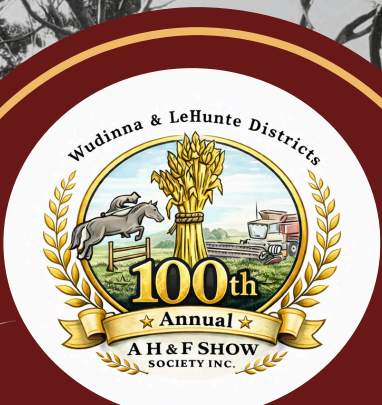


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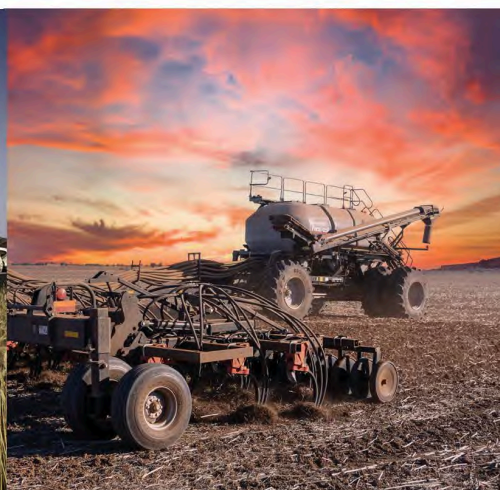
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Wudinna Area School News

Dates to remember...

August

Saturday 1 st	Pedal Prix Taillem Bend
Tuesday 4 th	Year 5/6 Carnival- Boys Netball and Girls Football in Cleve
Wednesday 5 th	Year 7 European Handball competition in Cummins
Friday 7 th	R-12 Social 6-8pm
Wednesday 12 th	2 nd Girls SAPSASA Football trial in Lock
Thursday 13 th	Year 9/10 Pickleball competition in Port Lincoln

Semester 1 Awards

On June 26, we held our Semester 1 Awards ceremony. From the number of awards given out, it was evident that many students gave their best efforts in class every day, demonstrating our values and dispositions.

R-6 Special Merit Cards



Back row - Noah Sampson, Max Crosby, Taj Stringer, Harry Sampson, Nahla McKenna, Billy Sampson
Front row - Lucy Scholz, Zay Stringer, Mackenzie Sampson, Nate McKenna, Indi C
Absent - Vinn Allen-Frischke and Hazel Scholz

Primary High Academic Achievement



Chloe Beinke, Cooper McKenna, Casey Oswald, Emily Pope, Molly Waters and Jonas Gosling
Absent - Mardi Stringer and Madelyn Finey

Primary Outstanding Academic Achievement



Ayla C, Osha Foster, Ella Parsons, Ella Sampson and Addison Seaman
Absent - Amber Lymn

By Lily Collogan Clarke and Alyssa Phillips

Australian Young Rural Ambassador Award

By Lily and Alyssa

Congratulations to Zara Kammermann on being selected as a finalist for the 2026 South Australian Young Rural Ambassador Award. This is a fantastic achievement and a wonderful recognition of Zara's enthusiasm, leadership and commitment to agriculture and rural communities. Well done Zara!



Secondary Dispositions Award for Excellence in Curiosity, Collaboration and Resilience



Back row - Jamisen Tomney, Tamryn Radford, Huw Dolphin, Ebony Kammermann, Del Waters, Chelsea Petty, Ella North, Isla Schultz, Zara Seaman, Veyda Tomney, Sachi Foster, Bodhi Scholz
Front row - Sienna Smart, William Tree, Ayla Seaman, Milla Barns, Brody Merrill, Alyssa Phillips, Skye Gosling, Alannah Strange, Ava Klante
Absent - Harry Pope, Megan Allen, Zara Kammermann, Marney Marshall, and Tessa Vorstenbosch

Secondary High Academic Achievement



Tamryn Radford, Ebony Kammermann, Chelsea Petty, Callie Little, Lily Collogan Clarke, Huw Dolphin, Cooper Parsons, Charlie North, Brody Merrill, Veyda Tomney, Sachi Foster, Lilah Ellerington, Alyssa Phillips, Poppy Weetra, Bodhi Scholz
Absent - Harry Pope, Marney Marshall

Secondary Outstanding Academic Achievement



Emmie Sargent, Torah Scholz, Ella North, Skye Gosling, Zara Seaman, Alannah Strange, Ava Klante, Del Waters, Milla Barns and Ayla Seaman
Absent - Elsey Lymn, Megan Allen, Jamisen Tomney and Zara Kammermann

Crew Happenings

Lately in Crew, the Push up Challenge recently wound up. The Year 11's prepared snack boxes and the Year 7's made coffee to go with them and delivered them to the teachers on the last day of Term 2 as a token of gratitude. The Year 10's organised a Music Bingo for all secondary students and made sure it was fun. They played 80's 90's and 2000's hits and it was definitely a successful day. By Huw and Harry



SAPSASA Basketball

On Wednesday, July 1, boys' and girls' teams from Cleve, Lock and Kimba travelled to Wudinna to compete in the SAPSASA Basketball Carnival to decide which teams would go to Adelaide and compete against the whole state.

Wudinna Boys Team 1 won the carnival and are going to Adelaide on October 23 to compete in the SAPSASA Country Schools statewide final. The Wudinna Boys Team 1 consisted of Noah Sampson, Jonas Gosling, Taj Barns, Hamilton Waters, and Casey Oswald. The Wudinna Boys Team 2 consisted of Henry Scholz, Aiden Bunney, Jett Polkinghorne, Tristan Strange, and Rylan Grocke. The Wudinna Girls Team consisted of Osha Foster, Molly Waters, Emily Pope, Ivy Frischke, Maddy Finey, Lylah Cummings, Amber Lymn, and Ella Parsons.

Thank you to the parents who helped to score, umpire and coach and to the Parents and Friends Committee for catering on the day. Flynn Gill

Boys team 1



Boys team 2



Girls team



What's happening in AG?

Our trip to Jamestown was filled with lots of important learning and heaps of fun activities. We made friends with some people from Yorketown and obviously Karcultaby. The Year 7s have also completed and presented their Passion Projects; the Passion Projects had a range of things from chickens and honey products to body butters and candles. There were also students who attended the EP Merino pre-sale expo, with Zara Seaman winning first and Skye Gosling winning second. During this time, Poppy Weetra and Tatum Crosby were getting ready to head to the Heifer Show. At the Heifer Show, Tatum and Poppy had to sleep in lockers and tend to their steer and heifers during the day and night. Also during the day, they had lectures and classes, meeting new friends along the way and competing in handling and meat competitions, winning 4th and 5th ribbons for the cows' build and fat coverage. Three new Speckle Park calves have been born at the ag block recently. They will be named soon with 'X' starting names.

By Poppy Weetra and Tegan Skipworth



-Chase Browning and Zaidyn Edwards with their Passion Projects



-Tatum Crosby and Poppy Weetra at the SA Junior Heifer Expo



-Zara Seaman and Skye Gosling at the EP Merino Junior Judging comp, they came first and second



Poppy Weetra, Tegan Skipworth, Elsey Lymn and Alyssa Phillips at the Jamestown Ag camp



-Lani North, Sachi Foster, Skye Gosling, Lilah Ellerington, Zara Seaman and Billy Browning at Jamestown learning about wool



-Poppy Weetra with the new heifer calf