

Police News

Rescue 1 helicopter, SES and Yankalilla police were called out to Deep Creek Conservation Park on Sunday night to search for nine missing people.

The group went for a walk and was supposed to meet up with a rendezvous vehicle, but they passed the meeting point.

The search began at 10.20pm and the group of two adults and seven teenagers was located at 2.30am.

● A hit and run accident in which a car collided with verandah posts at Cape Jervis Tavern in the early hours of Saturday morning resulted in \$200 damage.

The vehicle left yellow paint on the building, but the make is unknown.

Yankalilla police would like anyone with information to contact them.

● A car hit a tree on Main South Road, Myponga, Monday morning. Two passengers were treated at Noarlunga Medical Centre for minor injuries.

● A head on collision between two cars on Government Road, Yankalilla, Friday morning resulted in one driver being taken to Noarlunga Medical Centre for treatment.

Both drivers were local males.

● Yankalilla police were called out to a suspect vehicle near the Normanville shops Tuesday morning and discovered a store had been broken into.

There was an attempt to break into the safe and \$2000 worth of cigarettes were stolen.

Holden Hill CIB are following up a suspect after the car was seen by witnesses.

● A logging vehicle was broken into off Range Road, Second Valley, between June 9 and June 12.

There was \$800 damage done to the vehicle and two radios worth \$2000 stolen.

● The Victor Harbor High School drama room was broken into over the long weekend and a CD player stolen.

Honor for local writer

The phone didn't stop ringing at Madeleine Brunato-Arthur's Goolwa home on the Queen's birthday.

Mrs Brunato-Arthur received an Order of Australia Medal for her years of dedication to writers.

And the first person to call and congratulate her was well known South Australian literary figure Max Fatchen.

Mrs Brunato-Arthur said she had known about the award, but reading her name in the paper was a real thrill.

"It's very exciting to get the final notice," she said.

Mrs Brunato-Arthur has dedicated almost 30 years to working with writers and was president of the Writers Fellowship of Australia, a national body of 5500 writers, for a number of years.

She has maintained her involvement with the fellowship and was the first person to become a fellow in 1993.

Throughout her time with the fellowship she was involved in dealing with parliament, laws for writers and plenty of other issues important to writers.

She has also taught writers through TAFE, edited their work and compiled 12 anthologies.

Mrs Brunato-Arthur said she was involved in plenty of "behind the scenes" work.

The well known South Australian author has travelled around Australia giving workshops, arranged writers seminars and organised visits by overseas authors.

She has also represented South Australia at the World Congress of Poets.

Her books have been published nationally and overseas and her writings on Aboriginal heritage are studied in schools.

Mrs Brunato-Arthur said she enjoyed visiting schools and teaching children about the joys of writing.

Last year she judged a children's short story competition in Goolwa.

Although she was not born on the South Coast, she always felt she belonged in the area.

"I have lived here on and off," she said.

Former Victor Harbor district clerk Keith Adams also received an Order of Australia for service to local government administration and to the community.

Mr Adams was district clerk at Victor Harbor for 15 years, from 1970 to 1984.

He was then appointed Unley council's city manager.



● Madeleine Brunato-Arthur, of Goolwa — recognised for her contribution to writing with an Order of Australia Medal in the Queen's birthday honors list.



Letters to the editor

Island honor

Sir

The exploitation of differences of opinion and human frailty by the powerful allied to those who ruthlessly apply their myopic inquisitiveness like the mandibles of a predator to the wounds of a battered culture is sickening to behold.

The Ngarrinjari people were driven by interference from "whites" in the past. Vicissitudes resulting from this are now being used against them. It makes one ashamed to be "white".

That Kumarangk (Hindmarsh Island) is sacred land and a precious place is a fact that can be experienced by anyone with sensitivity and spiritual capacity. All you have to do is spend some time in meditation and reflection at the Murray Mouth to know this is so.

That Kumarangk is the gateway to the Coorong National Park, to fragile wetlands, sensitive bird breeding grounds and subject to international agreements to protect birds is also clear and incontrovertible.

Kumarangk is clearly an inappropriate place for a large scale residential development or a bridge to facilitate it. What is also clear is that if the bridge were to be built many other suburban and marina style developments will be pushed for by people who have no more regard for wildlife and heritage values than the developers who have tried, and still try, to foist their selfish and short sighted plans upon us down here.

It is also important to remind ourselves at this time that this wetland is part of the heritage of all Australians and we must not allow it to be despoiled by people using short-sighted, destructive "development" for the financial benefit of a few people.

The environmental and cultural factors that forged the coalition between Ngarrinjari people, local people, non-Aboriginal heritage groups, all major environment protection organisations and the forward thinking wing of the CFMEU remain valid and it remains necessary to protect these natural resources and heritage values for all Australians both now and in the future. The muddying of the water by people like Mr Brown will not change that or weaken our resolve.

Nor will our campaign to prevent the construction of an environmentally and culturally destructive bridge to Kumarangk be diminished by the ruthless action of the pro-bridge supporters or the hypocritical stance of the Brown Government.

The spirit is in the Land, Mr Brown, and the spirit is with the land too. The right to know and experience that fact through contact with a living wilderness environment should not be denied to Australian people in the present or the future by the short sighted actions of developers and the hypocrisy of some politicians.

If the invasion of the wetland area by suburbia is not halted here, the other islands and the Coorong may fall prey to greed and short sighted development also, and along with it the long term economic benefits of ecotourism and cultural tourism. These need to be carefully planned for now, so that we do not have a "fire sale" of these collective natural assets.

I ask the people of this region and all Australians to bear in mind that this is a multi faceted issue, and has been so all along. Please demand that Mr Brown honour his word in this and other matters and do not allow yourself to fall prey to the divisiveness with which he and his colleagues seek to "manage" sensitive issues, the affairs of South Australia and this nation.

Ms Evelyn Millard
Goolwa Resident

Keep island

Sir

Only a Philadelphia lawyer would be able to understand the underlying tactics regarding the Hindmarsh Island women's business, secret letters etc.

Everyone should back off!

The bridge designed at this stage is for a normal area but Goolwa is equal to any historic area in the world. For Biame's (God's) sake keep it in line with the steam era.

A lady pleaded with me years ago not to let happen to Goolwa what America has let happen to her river system. She said the river at Goolwa reminded her of the Mississippi and was on a par with any other in the world.

It must be preserved for our future children.

John Jimmy Fiora
Mount Barker

Women poets

Sir

Our committee would appreciate your help in promoting our poetry competition to your readers.

In the past we have received entries from as far away as Penola, Renmark, Loxton, Bordertown, Port Lincoln, Coober Pedy, Ceduna, and Clare and without your assistance it would be impossible to keep country women informed about our writing competitions.

Readers may have an entry form sent to them, if they contact Mavis Poulton, 63 Dumfries Avenue, Seaton, 5023, or Jacquelyn Groves, 20 Yarrowie Street, Hallett Cove 5158. The competition closes on November 30, 1995.

The competition is open to South Australian women writers, who have not previously been published, in order to offer an opening to new women writers.

Should any male readers be interested in entering a similar competition, they should contact the South Australian Writers' Centre Inc, 242 Pirie Street, Adelaide 5000 who will supply them with a list of open competitions.

Mavis Poulton
President
International Women's
Day Committee (SA)

Nose ring

Sir,

On reading the story, Nose ring ban upsets student, in The Times, June 13, it is obvious the teachers at Victor Harbour High School do not understand the proper use of a nose ring.

The nose ring girl should be chained to a tree, not sent to the sick room.

Nose ring girl — you're all bull!

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