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GOVERNMENT MUST DO MORE SAYS LABOR

Tasmanian Labor has released its own plan to get the state back on track to fight COVID-19, saying the government has lost control.

Labor Leader Rebecca White made the announcement in Hobart last week and said the Premier's plan was not working. "Within weeks of reopening contact tracing broke down, our testing system started crumbling and our already under pressure health workforce have been stretched beyond capacity," Ms White said.

"The Premier chose to open the borders on December 15 and said we were ready, however, it now looks like we were anything but.

"Under Labor's framework the government must look at seven key areas, notably better access to testing across the state in regions like the East Coast, better support for workers and employers and clear communication."

Ms White said with rules changing so often it is crucial the government make things clear.

"People need to know what's going on, they need to know what they are required to do and how they can help keep others safe.

"Right now, the Premier isn't providing this clarity and that is why we released this plan."

Rebecca White MP
Tasmanian Labor Leader

Media Release

COVID-19 HITS EAST COAST BUSINESS'

Reports from local business' indicate COVID has arrived in Swansea and Triabunna with one resort temporarily closing its reception, kitchen & restaurant due to a number of positive COVID test results.

It is thought the virus was contracted by



a staff member through contact with an as yet unknown infected guest. The strain is currently unknown.

Events such as the Swansea markets were affected as both sellers and buyers stayed away from local town hall where the monthly bric-a-brac and fresh vegetables are sold. Although the poor weather may have contributed to the slowness of the day.

The community's general practice also effected by COVID as both our local doctors are in isolation as a result of a family member coming into contact with a COVID person.

Robert Gaspari

SWANSEA CHRISTMAS PARADE 2021

Photos start on page 10



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Contact Colin Stevenson 0400 030 746

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Swansea Town Hall on Mondays
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All enquiries phone
Janelle 0437 264 332

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Meetings held 2nd Thurs each month 2pm
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New members welcome.

Ph 0417 977 118 or 0402 043 621
SwanseaDistrictGardenClub@gmail.com

MAHJONG & SCRABBLE

1.30 pm every Monday
at Swansea Golf Club.

Contact Lyn Lyne 0438 578 208

DOLPHIN SANDS RATEPAYERS ASSOC. (DSRA)

Email: dsra.7190@gmail.com

Website: dsra.org.au

Mail: PO Box 133, Swansea, 7190

SWANSEA MEN'S PROBUS CLUB

meeting start 10am every 2nd Tuesday
of the month at Swansea Golf Club

SWANSEA BRANCH CWA

meets 2nd Wednesday of the month.

New members always welcome.

Craft days alternate months.

Contact 0402 043 621 for details

CRANBROOK CRAFT GROUP

Every Wednesday 10.30 am at
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Contact Edith 0409 216 793

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Mondays 8:45 for 9 am. (currently full)
Followed by Qigong at 10 am Enquiries:

0429 178 076 / 0448 649 765

(re Exercise Group) or
0448 649 765 (re Qigong)

SWANSEA TENNIS CLUB is
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Contact

Kathy Dance 0439 732 496.

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in Term 4 to prepare Christmas carols. The
choir is open to boys and girls aged 9 - 16.

Meets in Orford.

Contact Gaye 0422 961 678
for details.

SPRING BAY WALKERS

Every Thursday morning, contact

Peter Hutememier 6257 7506.

See programme

www.triabunnavillage.com.au/springbay-walkers



THE ORFORD & DISTRICT RIDING CLUB INC.

The last weekend of every month between
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For info. Phone: 0427796096

E-mail: sandmgraham@bigpond.com

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The Spring Bay Potters Group started in 2020 by local artist Dorothy Duncombe-Jackson. Situated in specifically built facilities at The Village in Triabunna, the Group regularly meet for classes and potting on

**Wednesdays & Fridays
10.00am to 1.00pm.**

As well as tuition, clay, tools, glazes etc. are provided for a cost.

Peter Hüttemeier

LET'S GET WALKING

Day	Meeting place	Time
Mon	Duck Park	9am
Tue	Duck Park	9am
Wed	Duck Park	9am
Thur	Duck Park All fitness levels encouraged	6.30pm
Fri	Duck Park - Slow walk suitable for beginners and mums with bubs	10am

For further information, please text Susan on 0429 146 950.

DOLPHIN SANDS ART GROUP

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- BYO everything \$5 for charity
- Some easels available
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Sally, Carrie & Leni
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leni.jarvis@bigpond.com

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Date	2021	Name
Wed	12 Jan	D Anderson
Thur	13 Jan	N & P Green
Fri	14 Jan	D & C Busittil
Mon	17 Jan	H & T Griggs
Tues	18 Jan	L Camus & C Andrews

GKR KARATE

Karate classes starting on Thursday at the Triabunna District School.

The class starts at 12 noon.

For further details contact
Nathan Jacobs 0482 471 443

COMMUNITY NOTICES**THE VILLAGE**

20 Melbourne Street, Triabunna

Community Market third Sunday of each Month 10.00am to 1.00pm. Large range of stalls and activities. Sell from your car boot, charge applies. Large range of community activities during the week, for details see:

<http://triabunnavillage.com.au/>

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Steven Kenny 0438 060 047



Rescue, rehabilitation and release of native wildlife. Also treating wombats with mange in our Municipality on behalf of Wombat Rescue.

Contact Marcia 0448714419

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*the Great Oyster Bay
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CONDOLENCES

**MR GEOFFREY LINDSAY READ
02.07.1932. - 20.12.2021**

It is with a heavy heart that the passing of Geoff Read is announced.

He has been a resident of Swansea for many decades, a member of Probus, Swansea Model Yacht Club and still actively sailing, a keen fisherman, past President of the East Coast Cancer Group and a special friend to many.

A caring, gentle, respected person, he will be sadly missed and remain forever in our hearts.

Rob & Toni Golley and Uncle Geoffrey to Alex and Nick.

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Authorised by Brian Mitchell MP (ALP, Tasmania)
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Are you a member of a non-profit organisation? My office can help provide information about grants and other funding opportunities.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

POP UP BOOK STALL CLOSED

Unfortunately PUBS has had to make the decision to temporarily close due to the situation surrounding Covid 19. Wednesday 6th January was our last day of trade. We will keep you informed when we plan to re-open. Please check our Facebook page, or our advertisement in this newspaper or by contacting a committee member listed below. Thank you for your understanding and we look forward to seeing you when we re-open. In the meantime please stay safe and care for each other.

For enquiries or donations of books please contact a committee member:

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If any of these conditions are not adhered to, then clients will be asked to leave the Centre.

Bill Fry Coordinator SOAC

LETTERS TO THE EDITORIAL TEAM

TRIABUNNA NIMBYS

Undeserved mutterings of Nimbyism are being put about the Ratepayer and Residents Resistance to the sale of 11 allotments, a cul de sac and section of Spencer Street atop of Howell's Hill, Triabunna below the four pines Faith, Hope, Charity & Kathleen, for a miserable return to the Ratepayers of \$375,000, unless the Nimbyism is referring to the Councillors who voted for this sale & DA 2021 as none reside in Triabunna.

The past two decades successive council administrations have been allowed to ignore desired community demands for the site. The only reason the site has not been developed is council administrations have failed in their responsibility to deliver policy, I believe council administrations are at fault.

Local Rotary, Lions, East Coast Regional Development, Tasmanian Bushland Gardens, Spring Bay Education Group, local & intra state business & industry organisations, State Government & private tourism consultants have recognised & had interests in the development of the site and been ignored.

Little wonder the youth of today see no benefit in becoming members of our community volunteer organisations when they see years of effort just ignored, most disheartening and concerning for the future. The Councillors when asked at the AGM had they bothered to familiarise themselves with the supplied history of the site admitted to having not done so.

The existing petition to reject the sale and DA 2021-32 of the site may well have been justifiably signed by some from within the Triabunna Community who do have memories of the social turmoil, the long term problems and resulting reputation, "the most bogin of bogins" associated with some past housing division more problematic and witness protection clients.

Please support the rejection of the sale and/or the communities long desired look out, gardens and recreational open space.

John Heck Resident & Ratepayer
Triabunna

SWANSEA GENERAL PRACTICE POSITION AVAILABLE CASUAL RECEPTIONIST

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- . Ability to work independently with little supervision as well as work effectively as a team member
- . Computer and telephone experience
- . A confident calm manner is an advantage

Applications close 24th January - at close of business.

For further information please email Susan on

reception@swanseagp.com.au.

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YOUR LOCAL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



MP CALLS FOR SPORTS GRANT APPLICATIONS

Federal Member for Lyons Brian Mitchell is encouraging local sporting clubs to get online and apply for equipment and uniform funding under the Active Kids grant program. Established by the Australian Sports Foundation (ASF), Active Kids aims to provide every child with the active childhood they deserve by supplying them with the right gear to participate in sporting activities.

The grant will be focusing on volunteer-run grassroots and community clubs and organisations with young members aged 20 or younger, with priority given to those that have been most disadvantaged financially by the impact of Covid-19.

“Active Kids grants are intended to assist clubs and organisations to support and encourage young Australians, aged 20 or under, to participate in sport,” Mr Mitchell said. “Grants of up to \$10,000 will be awarded in the form of equipment and on-field uniform.”

Deadline for applications is 5pm (AEDT) Monday 24 January 2022.

OBJECTIVES AND ELIGIBILITY

The Active Kids grant can be used to encourage youth participation in the following ways:

- Engagement of new participants
- Retention of existing participants

Organisations and clubs can only submit one application per ground round, and must be:

- volunteer-run and not affiliated with a professional club
- non-profit with an Australian Business Number (ABN)
- signed up with the Australian Sports Foundation
- able to complete an equipment and/or uniform order by COB Friday 28 February 2022
- willing to provide an impact report and/or host visitors, as requested

B. Mitchell, MP

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Chris Manson

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Glamorgan Spring Bay Council Sustainability

Release Date: 7 January 2022

MEDIA RELEASE

Council sustainability was a significant topic for Glamorgan Spring Bay Council and residents of the municipality during 2021 resulting in rate increases and a change to the rating system.

Mayor Robert Young said: “Council has heard from the people of the district that there was a lack of consultation over the changes.”

“Council resolved in November to get on the front foot with providing information to its ratepayers about the need for rate increases and the way forward as set out in our long term financial plan and strategy which were developed during 2021.”

“Council has developed a series of strategic plans which are available on its website but these are not easy, or particularly interesting, for many people to wadethrough.”

“Council has taken the initiative at recent Community Connect sessions to provide information directly to attendees on three key measures of sustainability.”

“Simply explained, this information provides a good background for the decisions council will have to continue to grapple with in coming years to get to a position of sustainability for levels of service and management of assets such as roads and parks.” said Mayor Robert Young.

The content of the community connect presentations have been recorded and are available to view on council’s website under the header: Financial Plan Consultation 2022-23:

<https://gsbc.tas.gov.au/community-projects/community-consultation/>

There are 3 individual short presentations that provide background information to inform community consultation on the 2022-23 budget development.

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SPARKLERS TAP TROUPE

Concert on 20th Dec 2021

Hannah, Shyla, Ruby, Flora, Molly, Daisy, Melody, Joannie, Bella, Piper, Abbey, Poppy and Matilda were very excited and performed beautifully.

All the parents were excited too clapping and cheering their little stars. The audience of 70 were entertained and delighted. The after party was well catered and everyone stayed and played.

The Director was ccc and so proud of all the girls.

Thankyou everyone involved for your help to make a wonderful production run smoothly and give the girls an experience they'll never forget.

Looking forward to a new year.

Janelle Hall.



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YOUR LOCAL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



EAST COAST BOWLS FOURS VICTORIOUS

On Sunday the 12th December 2021 the was won with James Amos playing lead, Michael Dalla-Vecchia playing second, Stephen Hanaveer playing third and skip Shane Pollington.

They won beating the Scamander team, skipped by Sammy Semour 20 shots to 5. Well done all you are a team we are proud of.

Cheryl Hodgetts

ARTICLES of INTEREST**2021 COOLEST YEAR
IN NEARLY A
DECADE & WETTEST
SINCE 2016**

2021 was Australia's coolest year in nearly a decade, according to the Bureau of Meteorology's Annual Climate Statement, released today.

By the end of 2021 - and for the first time in five years - no large parts of the country were experiencing rainfall deficits and drought conditions.

The Statement is the official summary and contextual information regarding temperatures, rainfall and significant weather for the 2021 calendar year.

Bureau of Meteorology Senior Climatologist Dr Simon Grainger said: "After three years of drought from 2017 to 2019, above average rainfall last year resulted in a welcome recharge of our water storages but also some significant flooding to eastern Australia."

In 2021, Australia's mean temperature was 0.56 °C above the 1961 to 1990 climate reference period. It was the 19th warmest year since national records began in 1910, but also the coolest year since 2012.

Despite the cooling impacts of the negative Indian Ocean Dipole, a period of warmer than usual ocean temperatures in the western Indian ocean, and La Niña, a period of cooling of the central and eastern tropical Pacific Ocean, 2021 was warmer than average (calculated in relation to the 1961 to 1990 climate reference period) and warmer than historical La Niña years. Temperatures were above or very much above average for most of northern Australia, Tasmania, and Western Australia's west coast, but below average for parts of inland New South Wales, and around the southern border of the Northern Territory and Western Australia.

Rainfall was 9 per cent above the 1961 to 1990 average, making 2021 the wettest year since 2016, with November the wettest on record.

Above average rainfall was observed for much of eastern Victoria, NSW, southern and central west Queensland, the western parts of Western Australia, and large parts of the far northern tropics.

As a result, significant flooding occurred across eastern Australia in March and again in November and December

On a positive note, the major dams in the Murray Darling Basin saw significant increases of water levels, replenishing storages affected by protracted drought.

Only a few small areas saw below average rainfall, including the border region of South Australia and Victoria.

Media Release Bureau of Meteorology

**PROTECTING TAS-
MANIA'S SHOREBIRDS.**

Tasmania's beaches are not only attractive to people who love the coast and the sea, they are also attractive to an amazing variety of beautiful shorebirds. Hooded and red-capped plovers, pied oystercatchers, fairy and little terns all use our beaches for breeding.

Migratory shorebirds such as red necked stints, bar-tailed godwits and ruddy turnstones also rely on our coastline during the warmer months before they fly 15,000km to the northern hemisphere to breed. Due to habitat loss and human disturbance, a number of our shorebirds and seabirds are now threatened and decreasing in number. Many beach-nesting birds lay their eggs in shallow sand scrapes above the high tide mark from late August to April, which means their nesting season overlaps with our busy beach-going holiday season.

Eggs in these nests can be easily trampled on by beach users, dogs or vehicles. If a parent bird is scared away from its nest by a passer-by or dog, their eggs can bake in the sun or become too cold in cooler weather – it can take only 15-20 minutes for the eggs or chicks to perish.

Once an egg hatches, if a disturbance occurs, chicks will run and hide in the dunes until the threat passes. This can prove fatal where a chick is separated from its parents and the safety of its nest.

These types of interactions are contributing to a high rate of nest failure, and accelerating the decline of our threatened shorebirds.

Therefore, a partnership of organisations including the Tasmania Parks and Wildlife Service, BirdLife Tasmania, the North East Bioregional Network, Break O'Day Council and NRM North have banded together to help protect these birds.

This includes distributing beach-nesting bird brochures to households, erecting signs on beach access tracks, regular and targeted media campaigns and compliance officers monitoring beach use.

Significant penalties can apply to those who do the wrong thing, with maximum court fines of \$5,190 for ignoring Council dog restrictions or declared prohibited areas, and up to \$3,460 for allowing dogs into reserved land which have not been designated for dog use.

As we all head out to enjoy the summer break, we all can play a very important part in helping to protect Tasmania's



shorebirds.

Small changes to how we utilise our beaches can make a big difference. Dog owners are asked to please respect the dog zones that apply on beaches, including avoiding dog prohibited areas and keeping dogs on leads in 'on lead' areas, as well as walking on the wet sand away from nesting areas. Information as to where dogs are allowed can be found on the Parks Website, www.parks.tas.gov.au or by contacting your local council.

With a little help from us all, our shorebirds will have a much better chance of breeding and surviving for our future generations of Tasmanians to also enjoy and appreciate.

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Minister for Parks, Jacquie Petrusma.

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SWANSEA CHRISTMAS PARADE 2021



trying to stay upright in the heat of the day.

Three judges watching the passing parade had positioned themselves on high, on BareBones' verandah to scrutinize and then vote for the best float.

And the winners were the 5Ws, Wonderful Women Working With Wood.

Trade was brisk at Artifakt's with the place staying open passed their normal closing and remained so until the parade was over.

With the parade over most of the spectators moved slowing down Franklin Street to the sports oval to join in more holiday activities.

Rob Gaspari

The yearly Swansea Christmas Parade was held on Saturday 18th December 2021 after previous years had to be cancelled due to COVID.

The parade started in confusion, cars were parked everywhere and the marchers & dressed up vehicles looked a total mess, after what seemed ages the parade started with all manner of vehicles moving down the main street. Eventually Santa appeared being pulled by a large reindeer. He seemed somewhat thinner than I remember, must be on a diet.

All in all it was still a blast everyone had a great time, the crowds numbers were up and the day was hot and sunny. The spectators took advantage of any vantage point available, balconies, verandas, park benches, the middle of the main street to get that Santa pics.

The big and little kids all scampering about to collect sweets thrown by elves and fairies as they passed by in the parade, many to wonder what to do with them later as the day turned hotter and their gathered sweets started to melt in their pockets. Pity the poor person in the platypus suit who was keeping the kiddies amused and



The judges Cheryl, Broni and Jane.

Pic Karen Ryan



The local drum corp lead the parade

SWANSEA CHRISTMAS PARADE 2021



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Naughty, Gelfie and Snowy the elves with our 'reporter' Deb Blundell. Pics by Deb



SWANSEA COMMUNITY BIKE AND SCOOTER TRACK OPENS



We are very excited to announce that the Swansea Community Bike and Scooter Track has been opened to the students at SPS. The community are able to access the Bike and Scooter track free of charge.

PLEASE NOTE:
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bike and Scooter Track or parents collecting their child from the track.

Please know, **Tas Police** have already been called about vandalism to the Bike and Scooter Track which is very sad. Someone has tried to set the track on fire. Luckily for us, to no avail. CCTV cameras and rules signs will be installed over the holidays.

Please **report any concerns** including photos to the school during office hours or via email - swansea.primary@education.tas.gov.au. These will be used to inform our local police.

COMMUNITY BIKE & SCOOTER TRACK RULES

USE AT YOUR OWN RISK

The community bike and scooter track is designed for bikes, scooters, skateboards and rollerblades but is not suitable for tricycles or bikes with training wheels.

- Go Karts, motorised vehicles and escooters and any other equipment are NOT allowed on the track.
- Epic fails can happen, wear a helmet at all times.
- Maximum of 6 riders on the track at any one time out of school hours.
- The community is welcome to use this bike and scooter track out of school hours.
- Keep a safe distance between yourself and the rider in front.
- Adult supervision is required at all times.
- Do not ride the track if the surface is wet or after the sun has set.
- Ride in the same direction and watch for other riders when entering and exiting the track.
- Ride within your ability and in control at all times.
- Do not add materials or equipment to the track.
- No pedestrians on the track at any time.
- Riders are not to enter the centre of the track.
- No smoking or alcohol consumption allowed.
- Use of the track is prohibited under the influence of drugs and alcohol.
- No food or drinks within the fenced area.
- No pets allowed on track or in fenced area.
- If you see any hazards or damage on or around the track, please stop and exit.
- If you have a pre-existing injury or suffer from dizzy spells, headaches, or blurred vision please refrain from using the track.
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Now for best results organise food, alcohol and prizes to complement your amazing concoction and garnish with fun helpers to ensure smooth enjoyment of the magnificent spectacle you have created.

THANKYOU to **EVERYONE** who contributed their time and talent to the Stuff n Nonsense production (there were a LOT!) and all the local businesses who donated raffle prizes. It really takes a community to create a show this **BIG**. Particularly a bunch of people willing to **GET STUPID**.

Video footage on USB sticks will be available for purchase soon. To order your copy please send me a text with your name and I'll call you when ready for pickup. All profits from the Revue Productions go back into local community groups and projects.

JANELLE HALL. The mad hatter



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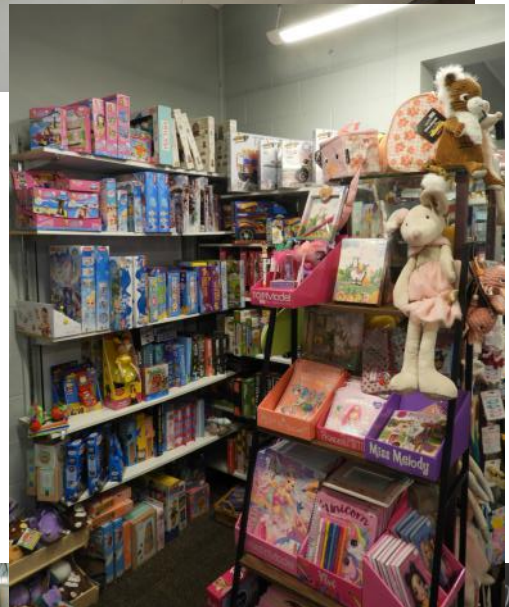
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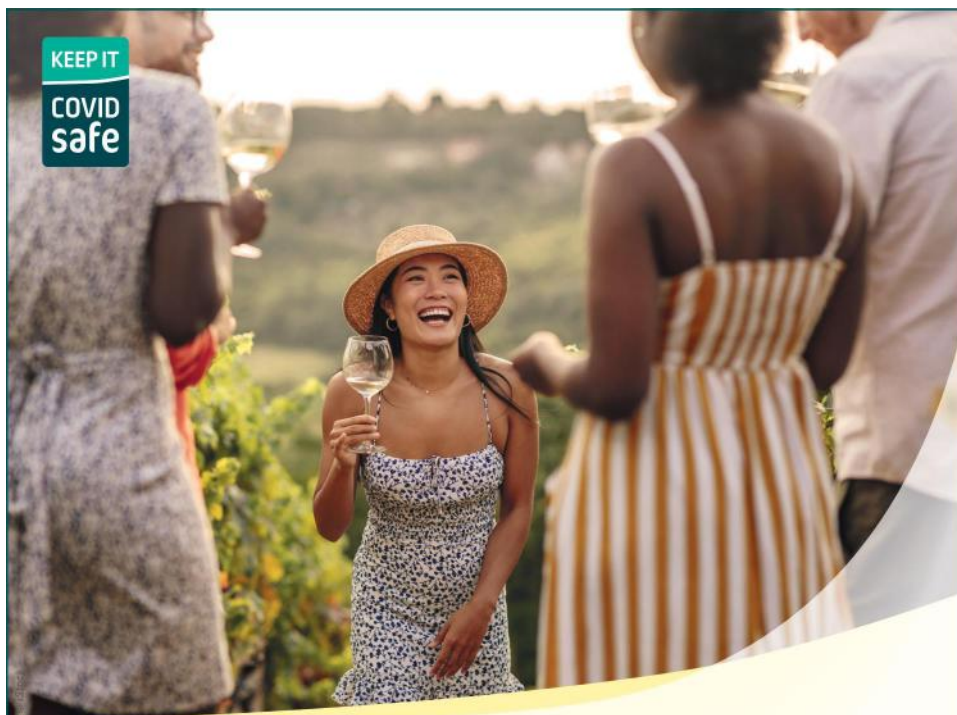
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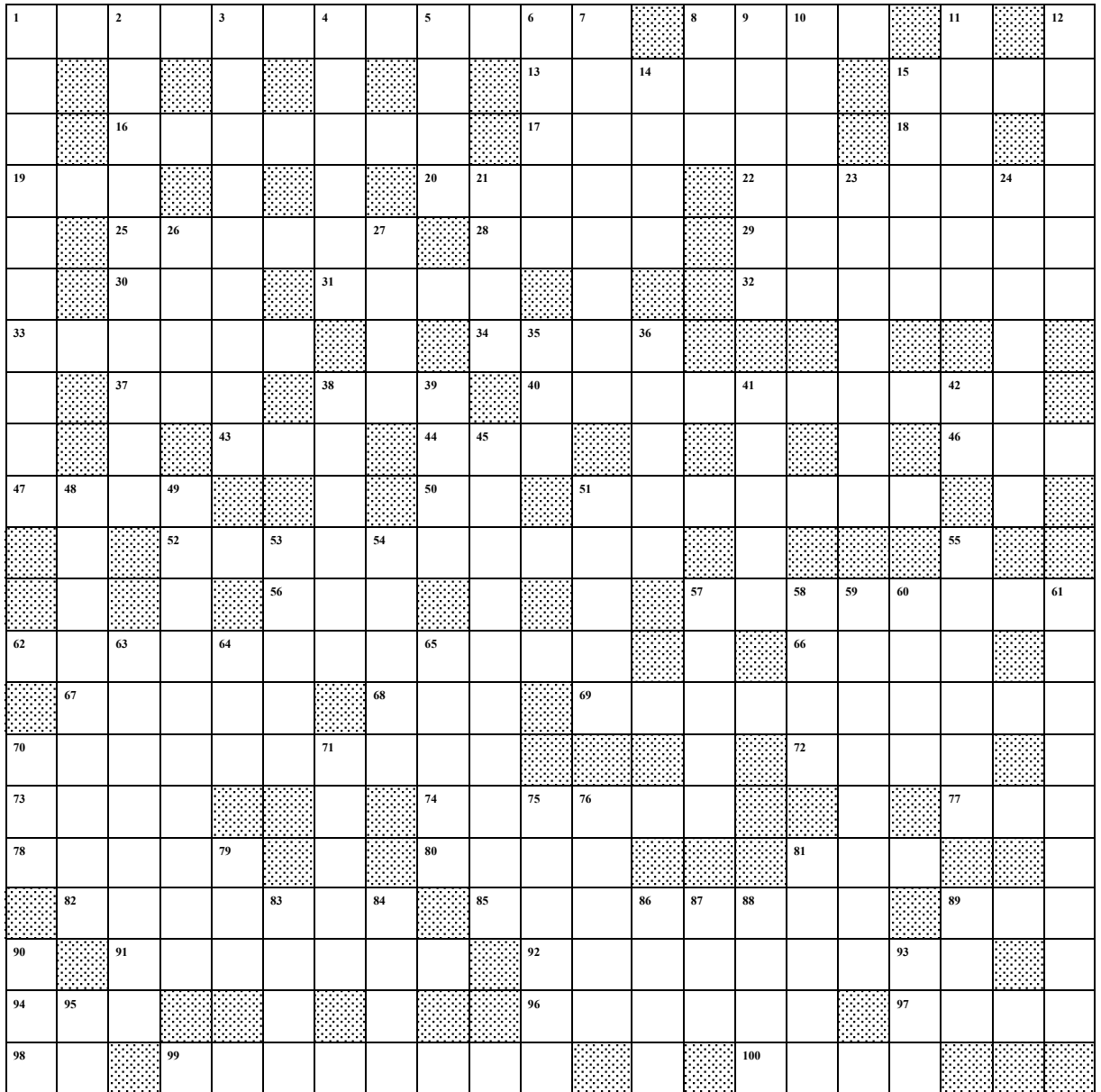
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THIS WEEK'S CROSSWORD

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LETS START 2022 WITH A BIG ONE



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WHAT'S SO FUNNY?

Two little boys were known troublemakers, stealing everything they could get their hands, even from the church. One day a priest stopped one of the boys and asked, "Where is God?" The boy shrugged and the priest repeated, "Where is God?" The boy ran out of the cathedral crying to his home where he hid in a closet. Eventually his brother found him and asked, "What's wrong?" The crying boy replied, "We're in trouble now! God is missing and

they think we took him!"

One day at an all-girl school, an elderly anatomy teacher was reviewing with his students for a test. He turns to one student and says "Karen, what part of the body can grow up to six times its size, and under what conditions does this occur?" Karen, aghast, starts screaming "How dare you ask me that, you old perv! That is completely inappropriate, you should be ashamed of yourself! I'm going to the dean about this, your job is toast!" and on and on.

When she finally finishes her rant, the teacher, unfazed, turns to another student and says "Katherine, same question." "The pupil of the eye, in dim light." "Very good Katherine, thank you." He turns back to the first student and says "Karen, there are three things I learned from your little outburst," "One, you clearly haven't been studying the material," "Two, you have a very dirty mind, "And three, someday you're going to be VERY disappointed."

THE PUZZLE PAGE 2

THIS WEEK'S CROSSWORD

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CLUES

DOWN

1. Base of a building. (10)
2. Burial ground. (10)
3. Upright support, usually made of steel. (9)
4. Give delight too (6)
5. Rise of the sea (4)
6. Of the eye (5)
7. Of the north (8)
8. Drink in tiny amounts (3)
9. Greek goddess (6)
10. Intermittent thermal fountain (6)
11. Fruits of the vine (6)
12. Confectionaries (6)
14. Be deprived of (4)
15. Shine disagreeably (5)
21. Church ceremony (4)
23. Great slaughter (7)
24. Independent Baltic country once under the USSR (7)
26. Short sleeveless cloak (4)
27. Domesticate (4)
35. Distinctive doctrine (3)
36. Large bird of prey (5)
38. Of iron (6)
39. Ireland (4)
41. Discourage (5)
42. All right, correct (2)
45. Pleasant on the eye (10)
48. Borneo ape (9)
49. Composure (10)
51. Smile derisively (5)
53. Be confounded (5)
54. Plant bearing aniseed (5)
55. Liquid measurement (6)
57. Pilot (5)
58. On top (4)
59. Encased (8)

60. Young adult (4)
61. Day before today (9)
63. Military memorial (8)
64. Produced by supuration (3)
65. A type of dance (5)
70. Golf term (3)
71. Brothel keeper (5)
75. Type of serviette (6)
76. Flash, sparkle (5)
79. Belonging to us (3)
81. Tennis term (5)
83. Snatched away bodily (4)
84. Written group of things (4)
86. A block of bread (4)
87. Night bird (3)
88. Unimpeded (4)
89. Primary colour (3)
90. Male person (3)
93. Precious stone (3)
95. Element Silicon (2)

ACROSS

1. Arrangement of windows. (12)
8. Herb (4)
13. Courteous (6)
15. Increase in size (4)
16. Modified (7)
17. Prize (6)
18. Element Lanthanum (2)
19. Neither (3)
20. Gives off (5)
22. Prisoner on the run (7)
25. Involving the supernatural (6)
28. Continuous pain (4)
29. Closest (7)
30. Expression of disgust (3)
31. Consumes (4)
32. Stops (7)
33. Of Cancer or Capricorn (6)
34. Male parent of beast (4)
37. Zodiac sign (3)

38. Remuneration of any professional person (3)
40. Popular annual garden flower (10)
43. Birth (3)
44. Deliberate collision (3)
46. Family (3)
47. Olfactory organ (4)
50. Nor he or she (2)
51. Snake movement (7)
52. Put apart from others (10)
56. Container for refuse (3)
57. Bear fruit (8)
62. Render unfit (12)
66. Writer of rhymes and the like (4)
67. Group of plants or animals having common structural characteristics (5)
68. Bag like membrane enclosed cavity in animal (3)
69. Horned animal (10)
70. Chastisement (10)
72. Not any (4)
73. Particle of matter indivisible chemically (4)
74. Asian root spice (6)
77. Female (3)
78. Relation between two similar magnitudes determined by the number of times one contains the other integrally (5)
80. Sporting field (4)
81. Deoxyribonucleic acid (1,1,1)
82. Instinctive (7)
85. Speech at end of play etc (8)
89. Old measurement (3)
91. Three dimensional triangle (7)
92. Known information (9)
94. Fire residue (3)
96. Sloping type (6)
97. Small whirlpool (4)
98. Element Nickel (2)
99. Going round (8)
100. Smile radiantly (4)

THIS WEEKS SUDOKU

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SPORT & WEATHER



Swansea Golf Club

RESULTS 8TH JANUARY 2022

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Today's event was the Michael Woolveridge Memorial Canadian Foursomes played in cool but dry conditions.

Winners	Ricky Wright & Chris Whelan 55
Runners Up	Byron Smith & Darryl Down 56.5.
3rd	Gary Baker & Rob Moore 58.
Nearest the Pin	4 th /13 th David Brown, 9 th /18 th Jason Kerrison.
Super Pin	7 th /16 th David Brown

WEDNESDAY 5TH JANUARY 2022

Lady's Mid-week Stableford

18-Holers	Winner	Johanna Whelan 34
	Runner	Alison Smith 29.
9-Holers	Winner	Jennifer Whittaker 16
	Runner Up	Pip Cardno 14..
Nearest the Pin		4 th Pip Cardno, 6 th Alison Smith, 7 th Jennifer Whittaker, 8 th Alison Smith.

CHICKEN RUN (SCORES ONLY)

Wednesday,	Jason Kerrison 27, Ian Johnson 29.5, Chris Whelan 30.
Putts	Peter Lea 12.
Friday	Marcus Smith 26, Ricky Wright 30, Graeme Holden 31,
Putts	Jason Kerrison 12.

Results supplied by Paul Nunn



Swansea Cricket Club

Swansea 83 lost to Runnymede 2/84 28.3 overs

T Bryan 21

T. Gray 19

R.Snell 13

T Bryan 0/16 7 overs

J Bruce 2/15 5 overs

Jan 15th Association Bye

Jan 22nd Swansea v Dodges Ferry at Swansea,
last home game for the season.



5-Day Glamorgan-Spring Bay Weather from Bureau of Meteorology

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Tue. 11 Jan	Wed. 12 Jan	Thu. 13 Jan	Fri. 14 Jan	Sat. 15 Jan
Cloudy.	Cloudy.	Showers.	Showers.	Shower or two.
19 °C	19 °C	20 °C	21 °C	22 °C
14 °C	13 °C	14 °C	16 °C	16 °C

Orford/Triabunna

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Coles Bay

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