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After three years of operating the Mildura - Adelaide service, Sharp Airlines will, regretfully, cease operations to and from Mildura on Sunday 28 August 2011.

While Sharp Airlines has grown to be a successful regional airline carrying 100,000 passengers a year between seven locations across three states, the increasing costs associated with providing services to and from Mildura have forced us to assess its viability.

The decision to discontinue the Mildura-Adelaide service was a difficult one, in particular as Sharp Airlines has become one of the most important providers of regional airline services to and from Mildura.

So in more ways than one, this edition of the Sharp Traveller marks the start of a new phase in our relationship with you – our customers. Providing a safe, reliable and high quality service for our customers is our goal at Sharp Airlines. We think we do a good job of achieving that goal, but we are always looking improve.

So we have created the Sharp Airlines loyalty program – SharpFlyer.

The first stage of SharpFlyer will provide benefits such as special offers, promotions, advance notice of discounted airfare sales and holiday packages.

SharpFlyer will help us to get to know you better so we can tailor our services to suit your needs. We will expand SharpFlyer based on the benefits, incentives and offers that you, our customer, want.

If you join SharpFlyer online by 30 ~~July~~ ^{July} 2011 you will go into the draw to win \$2000 of Sharp Airlines travel.

As the cold winter days keep us indoors, I encourage you to take a Winter Escape. We are offering flights to all destinations for just \$99.

Safe travelling

Malcolm Sharp

Managing Director

What's On...

Portland Felt, Fibre and Glass

12 September – 9 October

An exhibition featuring the creative works in Felt, Fibre and Leadlighting by local artists Jenny Griffin and Heather Clark. Together they have many years' experience in felting, basket making and glass work.

Web: arts.glenelg.vic.gov.au

Melbourne International Film Festival

21 July to 7 August

An annual showcase of the widest possible range of outstanding film making from Australia and around the world.

Web: miff.com.au

Adelaide Caravan, Camping and Off Road Sale

28 - 31 July

See more than 80 exhibitors showcase self-drive holidays and find out more about holidays on wheels at the Adelaide Showgrounds.

Port Augusta's Wharfest

6 August

Entertainment, stalls, displays, catering vans, show-bags, boat and camper trailer displays, side-shows and amusements. Spectacular fireworks to close the event!!



Melbourne Writers Festival

2 – 17 September

Readers, writers, books, ideas – The Melbourne Writers Festival is a fantastic opportunity to learn from and meet writers of all genres.

Web: mwf.com.au



Hamilton Sheepvention

1 – 2 August

One of south-east Australia's largest field days at the recently built Hamilton Exhibition & Conference Centre.

Web: sheepvention.com

Mildura Writers Festival

14 to 17 July

The Mildura Writers' Festival brings together some of Australia's best writers in an intimate, winter program of workshops, lectures and discussion forums.

Web: arts mildura.com.au

OzAsia Festival Adelaide

2 – 17 September

The two week event features cross-cultural theatre, dance and music performances, visual arts exhibitions, films, food events, workshops and the Moon Lantern Festival - a free family event on the banks the River Torrens.

Web: adelaidefestivalcentre.com.au



The Furneaux Tavern

Flinders Island Tasmania



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The Sharp Files

SharpFlyer benefiting customers

Sharp Airlines has launched the first stage of its loyalty program - SharpFlyer, which will provide a range of benefits for its members. You will have the chance to tell us what you want from a loyalty program. We want to continually grow and develop the program to ensure it meets our customers' needs.

As a SharpFlyer member you will receive exclusive benefits, special offers and promotions. Anyone can become a SharpFlyer and it's FREE!

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Did you know...

1. **Flinders Island** is warmer than Melbourne in the winter?
2. **Flinders Island** has more sunny days than the Gold Coast?
3. **Portland** is the oldest European settlement in Victoria?
4. **Hamilton** was the original home of the Ansett company?
5. The first Ansett flight took place in 1936?
6. **Adelaide** was the first Australian city legalise nude swimming?
7. **Melbourne's** tramway system is the largest outside Europe and the fourth largest in the world?
8. **Melbourne** has 450 trams that travel on 244 kilometres of track?
9. The traditional owners of the area around **Portland**, the Gunditjmarra, were the only settled Aboriginal people in Australia, living in small circular stone huts?
10. The **Adelaide Hills** are home to one of Australia's 'Big' tourist attractions – the Big Rocking Horse at Gumeracha?



www.visitflindersisland.com.au



Staff Profile

Shayne Graham

What is your job title?

Chief Pilot of Sharp Airlines

2. How long have you been a pilot?

Starting 'officially' flying at the age of 15yrs old and flew solo for the first time on my 16th birthday. That would mean I've been a pilot for 17yrs now.

How many flight hours do you have?

I have around 8000hrs on a number different aircraft, including 1930's Tiger Moth aircraft... through to ultra-modern corporate jets.

3. Where did you train?

I first learnt to fly in my home town of Swan Hill, Victoria. Since that initial licence I have trained in a number of locations including Coffs Harbour where I met my wife.

4. Career highlight?

Apart from meeting my wife who allows me to enjoy my career, it would have to be the feeling enjoyed on that first solo flight at the age of 16.



5. Best thing about working for Sharp Airlines?

Being a member of a wonderful and dynamic team which is part of one of the fastest growing regional airlines in Australia.

6. Advice for trainee pilots?

Enjoy the whole experience. It is a difficult industry to work in, however if you enjoy it, and work hard, the rewards are worth the effort.

7. Favourite destination?

Home...wherever that may be!

Sharp Airlines Office Hours

BOOKINGS & ENQUIRIES

Monday to Friday - 7am to 7pm EST

Saturday - 8am to 12pm EST

Sunday - 1pm to 6pm EST

Public Holidays - 10am to 5pm EST

CLOSED - Good Friday and Christmas Day

Sharp Airlines First Officer Cadetship

What sets us apart from the crowd?

- We offer the most complete hands-on course in Australia.
- No other pilot training program guarantees students 750 hours aeronautical experience.
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Interested in a high flying career?

Sharp Airlines will once again be at the Herald Sun Melbourne Career Expo from 29-31 July 2011.

Sharp Airlines is well-known as one of Australia's leading pilot training schools, and our exhibits at the Careers Expo have always been popular with school leavers, graduates, jobseekers and people looking for a career change.

With many schools being just "pilot factories", we decided to establish a school that would not only train pilots but would also give new pilots the confidence and opportunity to use their licences.

Sharp Airlines' First Officer Cadetship Program provides an outstanding career

opportunity designed to equip trainees with the ability to move confidently and successfully into the world of commercial aviation.

Sharp Airlines' cadets graduate with the skills, qualifications and experience necessary for finding employment within the aviation industry. Our cadets also have the advantage of experiencing all the hands-on activities of a busy, commercial airline company while achieving their qualification

The Herald Sun Melbourne Career Expo is the premier education, training and employment exhibition in Victoria and is now in its 10th consecutive year.

Up Close

Herald Sun Melbourne Career Expo

Where: Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre

When: 29 to 31 July 2011

Open: Friday 10-3, Saturday and Sunday 10-4

Cost: \$6.00 Concessions (Photo ID Required), \$12.00 General Admission, \$26.00 Families - 2 adults and up to 3 children

Web: careerexpo.com.au

Port Augusta

The Quintessential Australian town

Port Augusta lies at the head of Spencer Gulf, 306 km north of Adelaide, and the most northerly port in South Australia. It serves as an ideal base from where to visit the outback, the Flinders Ranges and Spencer Gulf, and is commonly known as the 'Gateway of Australia', as it intersects three major Australian highways and two rail networks, the Transcontinental and the Ghan.

As pastoralists began to settle in the Flinders Ranges during the early part of the 19th century, a need arose for a way to export wool and wheat to England. Port Augusta

was set up in the 1840s for this very purpose. Later that century however after numerous droughts causing economic problems, the focus had shifted off the port town, as produce had become scarce. Fortunately though the town did survive, and in 1912 the Transcontinental Railway across the Nullarbor to Parkeston WA was commenced, with its headquarters located in Port Augusta.

Since 2000 Port Augusta has undergone some major changes, with the most visible the beautification of the land along its unique inland waterway. The foreshores on both

sides of the calm, gulf waters have been landscaped and feature playgrounds, retail outlets, parks, and walking and bike trails. Luxury apartments now line the western side of the gulf and fishing, yachting, kayaking, swimming and gulf cruises are popular activities which attract locals and visitors to Port Augusta and its calm gulf waters.

Today Port Augusta has a population of 15,250, making it the fifth largest city in South Australia. The city's main industries are rail and mining. The coal mine at nearby Leigh Creek supplies around 40% of South Australia with electricity.

Port Augusta marks the end of provincial cities en route to the interior, and as a city on the move, it is making way for new industries to move in; growing into a diverse and modern provincial centre and redefining life on the edge of the outback.



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Experience the Australian Outback in Port Augusta

The **Wadlata Outback Centre** is a very popular destination for visitors to the city. It is a valuable resource of information and is considered to be the 'must see and do' attraction before embarking on a journey to the Flinders Ranges or other parts of the outback. Its recently upgraded, multi-award winning 'Tunnel of Time' takes you on a journey through the region from when the mega fauna roamed to present day and features a wide range of activities, including films and a multi-media learning experience, complete with 3D animations of the

history of the region; from wildlife to Aboriginal culture, white settlement and native fauna. The centre makes for a highly popular excursion for school groups.

The **Outback Tuckerbox Cafe** is located within the centre and specialises in great coffee and reasonably priced wholesome Australian food. Relax and enjoy a meal selected from the wide range of Australian-themed, home-style menu, with gluten free and diabetic options available.

Up Close

WADLATA OUTBACK CENTRE

Where: 41 Flinders Tce, Port Augusta

Open: Monday to Friday 9am –5.30pm,
Weekends 10-4

Cost: Adults \$12.95, Children \$8.50

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Another important visit is to the **Australian Arid Lands Botanic Garden**. Experience Australia's arid heart in this picturesque 500 acre garden just minutes from Port Augusta. Entry is free. The garden features a wide range of flora found throughout Australia's arid regions and is also home to a great diversity of wild life including more than 140 species of birds. Discover the beauty and versatility of Australia's arid zone flora at the award-winning AridSmart Display Gardens and see how you can use these plants to create a stunning, water wise garden at home.

soak up the natural beauty of the area. A spectacular view of the Flinders Ranges and Spencer Gulf makes it the perfect place to be at sunrise or sunset.

There are also **Outback Water Cruises** available on Spencer Gulf. These reveal some breathtaking scenery, again, especially at sunset. If you're lucky you may even spot some bottle nosed dolphins, and at the right time of year, possibly a humpback whale!

The **Yarta Purtli Cultural Centre**, located in the heart of the city centre, provides an opportunity for the display of an array of artistic expression from the region.

Supported by the Port Augusta City Council and Arts SA, the Yarta Purtli Cultural Centre galleries operate from what used to be the old court house buildings. The artists display a broad range of painting, sculpture, ceramics, photography and textiles. The variety of mediums used highlights the diversity of the people themselves and of their experiences. Although it is primarily set up for local talent, the gallery also hosts professional touring exhibitions to complement and invigorate the local arts community.

The Blue Bush Cafe is situated in the main Visitor Centre which is also home to the **AridSmart Gift Shop**. Relax with a glass of wine or freshly ground espresso in the cafe and enjoy a delicious gourmet meal and home-style dessert before browsing through the AridSmart Gift Shop and its great range of AridSmart plants and gifts. The Visitor Centre also features a fully serviced meeting room set within the quiet botanic garden and is ideal for conferences and meetings.

The **Matthew Flinders Redcliff Lookout** is located within the **Australian Arid Lands Botanic Garden**, and is an ideal way to

Up Close

PORT AUGUSTA CULTURAL CENTRE

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Hosted by Conservation Volunteers Australia, the Flinders Ranges Outback and Eco Tour is led by Dr Mark Lethbridge, a local ecologist who will provide opportunities for participation in vegetation and endangered species monitoring and surveys.

Guests will encounter wildlife, such as the highly vulnerable yellow-footed rock-wallaby (a marsupial in the macropod family), as well as rare and endangered plant species. Other activities will involve setting up photo points for continual vegetation monitoring and research, at the Heritage Agreement site located at Rawnsley Bluff.

The trip involves visiting some unique and rarely seen country, and in some cases, areas with limited accessibility. Participants

should have a reasonable degree of fitness, as the exercises involve some walking over rocky hills and uneven ground. Any medical conditions which may compromise your ability to participate in the activities, need to be declared when booking the holiday.

Each program is for the duration of six days and five nights. Three nights bush camping (tent and swag provided), one night at Alpanna Shearers Quarters, followed by one night twin share deluxe room at Prairie Hotel.

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Wild Winter

Flinders Island Running Festival

September 2-4 will see the best of both worlds brought to Flinders Island. Running or walking through beautiful scenery accompanied by great local food – what more could you ask for?



The Flinders Island Fun Run is now in its 5th year and this year the fun and the run will be enhanced by the presence of champion long distance runner Steve Moneghetti. The 2011 event will also see the Fun Run expand into a 3-day festival with events for serious runners, walkers, families and friends as well as the armchair enthusiasts among us.

The Flinders Island Running festival starts on Friday night with a chance to load up on carbohydrates at 'Spaghetti with Moneghetti', where locals and visitors will gather to enjoy delicious pasta and a presentation by the former world champion marathon runner.

Serious runners will be happy to partake in the Spaghetti feast in advance of Saturday's 26km PUB2PUB run. The PUB2PUB will start at the Interstate Hotel and finish at The Furneaux Tavern where brunch will be served. If 26km sounds a little too far to run, why not get a groups together and complete the course as a relay?

Up Close

FLINDERS ISLAND RUNNING FESTIVAL 2011

- When:**
- Fri 2nd** September – Pasta Night, "Spaghetti with Moneghetti"
 - Sat 3rd** September – PUB2PUB 26km run
 - Sun 4th** September – Flinders 5 fun run/walk, Followed by the "Flinders Fine Food Fare"
- Tel:** Flinders Island Visitor Information Centre 03 6359 5001
- Web:** flinders.tas.gov.au/funrun and runwithmona.com.au

The Flinders Island Running Festival will conclude on Sunday with a 5km walk or run through beautiful scenery, followed by the Flinders Fine Fare, where lots of delicious local produce will be available for tasting.

Sharp Airlines is proud to sponsor the Flinders Island Fun Run.



Steve Moneghetti

Steve Moneghetti is well-known as Australia's most successful long distance runner.

While his days of competing in World Championships may be over, his passion for running is as strong as ever. He is a strong advocate for personal fitness education in schools, and is renowned for encouraging amateur runners to develop their skills and reach their peaks.

Steve is in the process of developing a website – runwithmona.com.au – which will be aimed at helping runners through coaching tools and programs, inspiration and encouragement.

His career on the world stage started at the 1986 Commonwealth Games where he ran his first international competitive marathon and won bronze, as well as running 5th in the 10,000 metre race.

His first international marathon victory came in 1990 in Berlin and was followed by victory at the 1994 Tokyo Marathon and the marathon at the Commonwealth Games. He came 3rd in the 1997 World Championships marathon race.

Steve has also competed in the marathon at four Olympic Games; 2000 in Sydney, 1996 in Atlanta, 1992 in Barcelona and 1988 in Seoul. His best performance in the Olympics was 5th place at Seoul in 1988.

Moneghetti's last race representing Australia was the Sydney 2000 Olympic Marathon – some 14 years after his first international competition. In 2010 he was named as the Australian team's chef de mission for the 2010 Commonwealth Games in New Delhi, India.

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A Weekend Feast in Adelaide

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Breakfast at the Market

To start your weekend with a gourmet bang, why not take the Early Riser Breakfast tour of the Adelaide Central markets. Start the day at 8.30am with a Market Breakfast followed by an 1 ½ hour guided tour of the fresh, colourful and vibrant markets where you will meet local providores and taste some of their magnificent produce.

You will have the chance to talk with grass roots suppliers, producers and retailers of South Australia's fastest growing industry – good food! Tour operator and well-known gourmand, Mark Gleeson advises participants to 'wear walking shoes and come with an empty stomach, because sampling as many products as possible is high on the priority list. The tour finishes with a well-earned, beautifully made coffee.'

Up Close

ADELAIDE CENTRAL MARKET

Where: Grote St, Adelaide

When: Tuesday 7am-5.30pm, Wednesday 9am-5.30pm, Thursday 9am-5.30pm, Friday 7am-9pm, Saturday 7am-3pm, Closed Sunday and Monday

Web: adelaidecentralmarket.com and centralmarkettour.com.au



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A Cultural Banquet

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FLAMENCO SIN FRONTERAS

Paco Pena – Flamenco Dance Company

The Paco Pena Flamenco Dance Company return to Adelaide bringing their new production 'Flamenco sin Fronteras' (Flamenco without borders). Following a critically acclaimed sell out season at London's Sadlers Wells Theatre, this is certainly a performance not to be missed.

Pena's new production explores exciting musical territory revealing incredible musical links between Latin, Africa and Spain.

Where: Adelaide Festival Theatre

When: Thursday 28th July 2011

Open: 8pm (duration 2 hours 20 minutes)

Cost: Adult \$79 - \$94
 Conc \$74 - \$84
 Child (16 yrs & under) \$47.00
 GreenRoom \$19.95

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Where: Cnr of Grenfell & Hutt Street

When: Monday to Friday

Time: 10am – 5pm

Cost: Free Entry

SIDE TO ONE

Lisa Griffiths & Craig Bary

WORLD PREMIERE

Exploring the concept of soul mates and human connections, Side to One follows two individuals destined to make a connection. Attracted like magnets – they are never static but constantly evolving.

The chance to find one's soul mate is a journey that all people go through at some point in their life. Some find their soul mate quickly while others search eternally.

Where: Space Theatre

When: 27 July – 30 July 2011

Time: Wednesday & Thursday 7pm, Friday 8pm, Saturday 3pm & 8pm (duration 1 hour)

Cost: Adult \$29
 Concession \$25
 Groups (6+) \$26
 Student \$20
 GreenRoom \$15

PETER ALLEN: THE EXHIBITION

Adelaide Festival Centre's Performing Arts Collection presents Peter Allen: The Exhibition, celebrating the talents of this Australian singer, songwriter, performer and Oscar winner. See a collection of his own memorabilia, trademark Hawaiian shirts, original music and hand-written lyrics never seen in Adelaide before, plus a special 'fans case'.

Where: Adelaide Festival Theatre foyer

When: 10 June – 26 August

Open: 9am-6pm

Cost: Free

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN MUSEUM

The South Australian Museum is renowned for its world-class natural history and cultural collections. It is home to the world's largest collection of Australian Aboriginal cultural objects, with over 3,000 artefacts on display. The newly-opened South Australian Biodiversity Gallery brings into sharp focus the land and marine wildlife of our state, with touch screens, interactive elements and a wealth of information.

Where: North Terrace

When: Daily

Open: 10am-5pm

Cost: Free

SOUTH AUSTRALIANA EXHIBITION

Take a tour of everything South Australian at the State Library, with artefacts, books and stories on everything from the discovery and exploration of South Australia by Europeans, to arts and architecture, childhood or sport and even an exhibition of Wine Literature.

Where: Corner North Terrace and Kintore Avenue

When: Daily

Open: 10am-5pm

Cost: Free



A 2010 Sheepvention Australasian Young Designer Wool Award entry for Fantasy Wear.



The crowds at Sheepvention 2011.



Ricardo Momesso demonstrating cooking lamb in the Food and Wine Marquee at Sheepvention.

Riding the sheep's back all the way to Sheepvention

Sheepvention is one of South Eastern Australia's largest agricultural field days. It will be held on August 1 and 2, 2011 in Hamilton, and will feature the best in technology, breeding and trade displays, as well as wool fashions and food.

A large Ram Sale and Sheep Show are highlights of Sheepvention, which attracts the best sheep meat and wool producers in Australia, in addition to over 25,000 patrons each year.

This year marks the 33rd Sheepvention and

our history of producing a fantastic display in excess of 400 trade sites will continue. A wide variety of high quality rural traders attend Sheepvention, making it a one-stop shop for the rural community.

Patrons can enjoy gourmet produce and wine in the Taste of the Great Southwest marquee, o watch cooking demonstrations from Ricardo Momesso from famed Sarti Restaurant in Melbourne. The Sheepvention Young Chef Challenge will see the region's young and apprentice chefs taking part in a lamb recipe competition to be showcased in local restaurants throughout July.

The Ace Radio Wool Fashion Parades will be held throughout Sheepvention to an audience of 500 people. The best in woollen garments will be on display along with designs from the Australasian Young Designer Wool Awards.

Over 900 sheep will be on show in the Sheep Pavilion. This year additional classes will be held for the Heritage Breeds as a feature in the competition. It is also anticipated that over \$700,000 worth of Rams will be sold in this year's Ram Sale held at Sheepvention.

Gourmet Showcase at Sheepvention

Visitors to Sheepvention will be delighted by the array of quality produce and eating options at Sheepvention this year.

The Taste of the Great Southwest Marquee will be the hub of gourmet produce with 25 food and wine traders demonstrating, tasting and selling everything from Cabernet to Cup Cakes and Pork to Pinot Noir. Celebrity Chef, Ricardo Momesso will be conducting cooking demonstrations throughout Sheepvention with a focus on quality lamb from the region. Sheepvention President, Andrew Nagorcka said that "patrons are in for a real variety tastes that showcase the region. This year we even have Emu Meat produces, gourmet spices and fruit pastes".

Those looking for food on the go or a sit down meal will be catered for at Sheepvention too. The Sheepvention Dining Room will offer a variety of reasonably priced dishes and cater for a range of dietary needs. "Sheepvention provides so much more than fast food. People can choose from Himalayan curries, roast beef rolls, gourmet lamb burgers, wood fired pizzas, and winter soups if they want to eat on the go or enjoy a roast meal in the dining room" said Mr Nagorcka.

Up Close

SHEEPVENTION

Dates: August 1 and 2

Where: Hamilton, Victoria

Tel: (03) 5572 2563,

Email: info@sheepvention.com

Web: sheepvention.com

A whale of a time in Portland



Photographic images supplied by Bob McPherson & Neil Tonkin

Portland marks the spot where two of Australia's annual aquatic visitors, the Southern Right and Humpback Whale, can be often spotted on their migratory travels.

The Southern Right Whale migrates through Victorian waters between May and October. These rather stony-looking whales may not be thought the most beautiful, but they nevertheless arouse a lot of excitement when they can be spotted from the coastline, particularly from Cape Nelson and Cape Bridgewater or directly from the Portland foreshore. They are considered very gentle and friendly creatures, and are sometimes known as the 'smiling whale.'

Humpback whales pass by Portland from May to December on an annual migration that can cover a distance of 25,000 kilometres. Humpbacks can grow to up to 16 metres in length and generally put on a good display for visitors, performing full body breaches, rolls and tail slaps. These whales are distinctive for their knobble head and long pectril fins, which can be as long as one third of their entire body length.

They can be seen along both the east and west coast where there are many whale watching operations. They are usually seen each year in Discovery, Bridgewater, Nelson and Portland Bays while on their migratory travels.

The Visitor Information Centre in Portland, which is based at the award-winning Maritime Discovery Centre, displays a flag if a whale has been sighted. It is not uncommon for locals and visitors alike to stop what they are doing to try and catch sight of these magnificent creatures as they make their way to warmer waters.

Up Close

MARITIME DISCOVERY CENTRE

Where: Lee Breakwater Road, Portland
Foreshore

Open: daily 9-5

Tel: 1800 035 567

Web: visitdiscoverycoast.com

Upwelling Festival

The Bonney Upwelling is a unique marine phenomenon which, from November to May, drives a massive inflow of nutrient rich cold water from the Antarctic to the south west coast of Victoria and powers a seven month feeding frenzy of blue whales, tuna, crayfish, giant crabs, squid, fish, krill, seabirds and seals.

An incredibly rich ecological food web, the Bonney Upwelling is at its greatest off the coast of Portland and is the cornerstone of the lucrative local fishing and tourism industry. Up to 33 metres long and the largest animal on Earth, blue whales are the signature species for the Upwelling and a major environmental and tourism icon.

The day time event is again planned to celebrate what is unique in our coastal region and community, and will showcase important environmental themes.

When: 8am-5pm Saturday, 29 October

Where: Bentinck Street Lawns, Portland

Motherhood The Musical: The good, the bad and the laundry.

From the producers of Menopause The Musical® comes an equally hilarious, musical journey about the lives and friendships of four very different mums.

Already receiving rave reviews overseas, you'll love this joyous musical journey as it takes a loving and funny look at the blessings and the perils of being a Mum. This is all about laughing and crying, craziness and calm, smiles and tears, all wrapped up into 90 minutes of great musical entertainment.

When: 7:30pm Friday, 16 September

Where: Portland Civic Hall

Cost: Tickets: \$40 full / \$35 concession / \$10 student / \$80 family

Web: arts.glenelg.vic.gov.au

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Where: Town Green, Percy St, Portland

Cost: Free



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For more information contact:
Portland Visitor Information Centre
1800 035 567



A bountiful harvest

Early winter means the start of the olive harvest around the western foot of the Grampians where thousands of acres are dedicated to olive groves, some of which date back to the early 1940s.

Summer rains and warmer weather through autumn are promising a bumper crop this year, with the majority of the fruit being pressed for high-quality extra-virgin oil and the rest preserved and bottled.

Why not try some of the world's highest quality olives and olive oils in these seasonal recipes.

Lemon pressed olive oil cake



Ingredients (serves 10)

- 4 eggs
- ¾ cup sugar
- Rind of 1 orange
- Rind of 2 lemons
- 250g flour
- 2 tsp salt
- ⅔ cup Toscana lemon pressed extra virgin olive oil
- ½ cup blanched roasted almonds, chopped

Method:

1. Preheat oven to 180°C.
2. Beat eggs and sugar together until sugar has dissolved and egg mix is firm. Mix in rinds.
3. Sift flour and salt together.
4. Gently fold flour mix, lemon pressed extra virgin olive oil and almonds into egg mix; pour into lined 20cm tin.
5. Bake for 1 hour; check with skewer to see if cooked.
6. Allow to cool before turning on to cooling rack.

Serving Suggestion - Serve with double cream or warm lemon syrup

Source: toscanaolives.com.au

Olive-crust lamb racks with chickpea salad

Ingredients (serves 4)

- 20 pitted black olives
- ¼ cup rosemary leaves
- ⅓ cup (80ml) olive oil
- 2 x 4-cutlet lamb racks, French-trimmed
- 400g can chickpeas, drained, rinsed
- 250g punnet cherry tomatoes, quartered
- 1 Lebanese cucumber, peeled, seeds removed, chopped
- 1 cup mint leaves
- 1 cup basil leaves
- Juice of 1 lemon
- 150g marinated feta, drained, crumbled

Method

1. Preheat the oven to 200°C.
2. Mix olives, rosemary and 2 tbs of the oil in a food processor to form a thick paste.
3. Heat 1 tbs of the oil in a frypan over medium-high heat. Season lamb with salt and pepper and cook racks, one at a time, for 3-4 minutes until browned all over.
4. Cool slightly, then press the paste onto the meaty side of the lamb. Place in a roasting pan and roast for 20 minutes for medium-rare (or until done to your liking), then cover loosely with foil and set aside to rest while you make the salad.
5. Place chickpeas, tomato, cucumber, mint and basil in a bowl. In a separate bowl, combine the remaining 1 tbs oil with the lemon juice, season with salt and pepper and use to dress the salad. Scatter the salad with the cheese. Halve each lamb rack, then serve with the salad.

Source: taste.com.au



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Hamilton

Ideal for your next Conference

Conferences and events are big business and the Asia-Pacific Incentives and Meetings Expo (AIME) is the best place to showcase the facilities of Hamilton to the world's conference and event organisers.

This year, the Southern Grampians Shire Council, in conjunction with the Melbourne Convention and Visitors Bureau (MCVB), hosted a delegation of conference organisers and journalists for a weekend of the best the Southern Grampians has to offer.

The delegations toured the Hamilton Performing Arts Centre, Gallery and Botanic Garden, followed by a tasting at Bochara Winery. They then proceeded to Dunkeld where they visited Mt Sturgeon Homestead and Cottages and were treated to dinner and accommodation at the Royal Mail Hotel.

With a landscape dominated by the spectacular Grampians mountain range, ancient volcanoes, tranquil rivers and waterfalls and undulating pastoral land dotted with majestic red gums, the Southern Grampians spans the heart of Victoria's renowned "Western District".

The Southern Grampians is ideally located between Melbourne and Adelaide. Committed to the development and promotion of conferences and events in the region, the Southern Grampians has a great variety of exceptional facilities and locations to make any event a memorable one.

Participants on the pre-tour were asked to anonymously fill in a survey following their trip to indicate their levels of satisfaction and were universally positive about their Grampians experience.

There was a 100 per cent satisfaction rate with the pre-touring booking procedures, overnight accommodation and meals.

"I really enjoyed Mt Sturgeon Homestead and Royal Mail, Bochara Winery, the farm and Wannan Falls," wrote one Australian visitor. "Everyone was very friendly and informative."

Sandra Chipchase, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the MCVB, also welcomed the glowing feedback.

"Significantly, 63 per cent of respondents said that they plan on bringing business to Melbourne or Victoria in the near future," Ms Chipchase said.

Event & Conference Planning

For event organisers sourcing information, advice and ideas, the Southern Grampians Shire is the essential first point of contact.

Complimentary services include assistance with:

- Venue site inspections
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- Compiling bids for conferences/events
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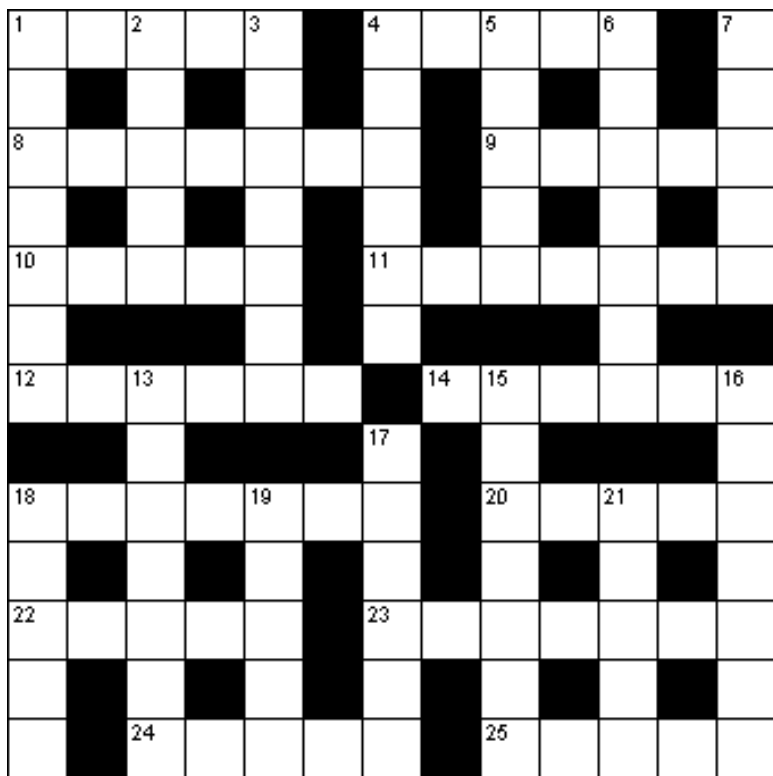
For assistance with your event, please contact Council's Event Coordinator on 03 5573 0239 or events@sthgrampians.vic.gov.au

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1. Extremely cold (5)
4. Out of fashion (5)
8. Communication channel (7)
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10. Part of a church (5)
11. Unlawful (7)
12. Natural abilities or qualities (6)
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Down

1. Chivalrous (7)
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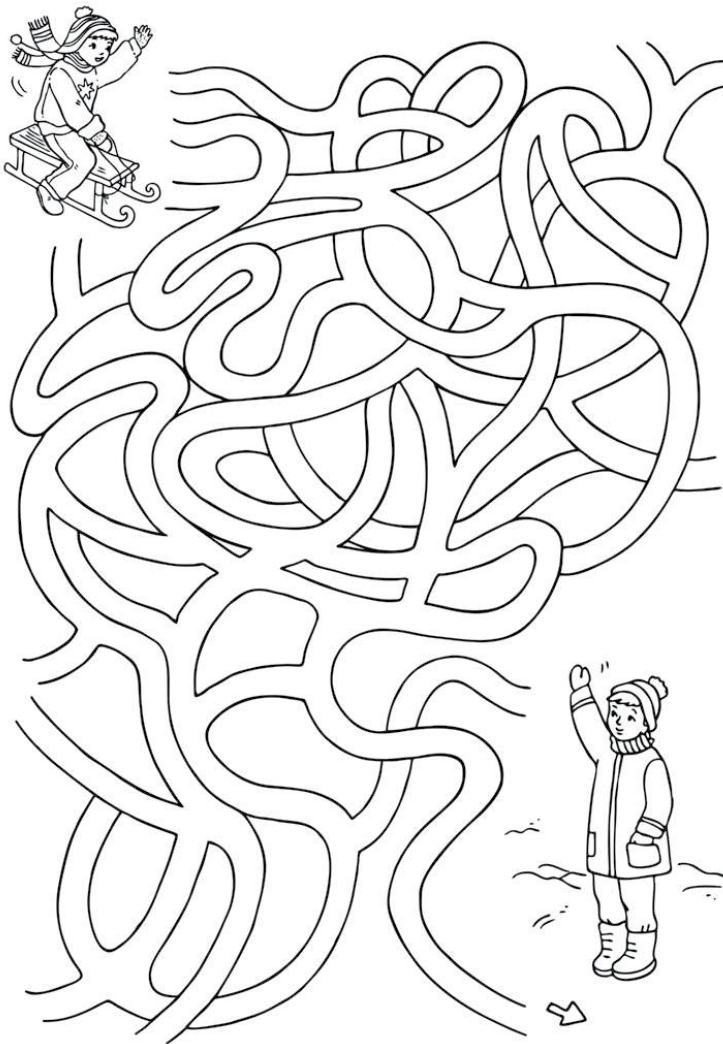
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From 1st March to 24th December 2011

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| Essendon to Hamilton | Departure time | Arrival Time | Flight No. | Frequency | No. Stops |
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| → Melbourne (Essendon) to Portland | | | | | |
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| Melbourne (Essendon) to Portland | Departure time | Arrival Time | Flight No. | Frequency | No. Stops |
| | 0645 | 0800 | SHARP824 | . T . F . . | 1 STOP AVV |
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Geelong (Avalon) Flight Schedules

From 8th March to 24th December 2011

→ Avalon to Portland

| Avalon to Portland | Departure time | Arrival Time | Flight No. | Frequency | No. Stops |
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| | 0715 | 0800 | SHARP824 | . T . F . . | NON-STOP |
| | 1630 | 1715 | SHARP832 | . T . F . . | NON-STOP |
| Portland to Avalon | 0815 | 0900 | SHARP823 | . T . F . . | NON-STOP |
| | 1730 | 1815 | SHARP831 | . T . F . . | NON-STOP |

Adelaide Flight Schedules

From 15th June to 25th December 2011

| → Adelaide to Port Augusta | | | | | |
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| Adelaide to Port Augusta | Departure time | Arrival Time | Flight No. | Frequency | No. Stops |
| | 0645 | 0735 | SHARP861 | M T W T F | NON-STOP |
| | 1315 | 1405 | SHARP866 | . T . T . . . | NON-STOP |
| | 1500 | 1550 | SHARP877 | Su | NON-STOP |
| | 1715 | 1805 | SHARP867 | M . W . F . . | NON-STOP |
| Port Augusta to Adelaide | Departure time | Arrival Time | Flight No. | Frequency | No. Stops |
| | 0750 | 0840 | SHARP862 | M T W T F | NON-STOP |
| | 1605 | 1655 | SHARP878 | Su | NON-STOP |
| | 1720 | 1805 | SHARP865 | . T . T . . . | NON-STOP |
| | 1820 | 1910 | SHARP868 | M . W . F . . | NON-STOP |

| → Adelaide to Portland (+ = Eastern Standard Time) | | | | | |
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| | 1320 | 1535 | SHARP883 | . . W . F . . | 1 STOP HML |
| Portland to Adelaide | Departure time | Arrival Time | Flight No. | Frequency | No. Stops |
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| | 1105+ | 1235 | SHARP882 | M | 1 STOP POD |
| | 1515+ | 1645 | SHARP882 | . . W . F . . | 1 STOP POD |

Flinders Island Flight Schedules

From 8th May to 1st October 2011

| → Flinders - Launceston | | | | | |
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| | 0855 | 0930 | SHARP802 | M T W T F S . | NON-STOP |
| | 1455 | 1530 | SHARP806 | M . W . F . . | NON-STOP |
| | 1655 | 1730 | SHARP808 | M T W T F . . | NON-STOP |
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| Launceston to Flinders Island | Departure time | Arrival Time | Flight No. | Frequency | No. Stops |
| | 0800 | 0835 | SHARP801 | M T W T F S . | NON-STOP |
| | 1000 | 1035 | SHARP803 | M . W . F . . | NON-STOP |
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| → Flinders - Launceston | | | | | |
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| Flinders Island - Essendon | Departure time | Arrival Time | Flight No. | Frequency | No. Stops |
| | 1055 | 1200 | SHARP804 | M . W . F . . | NON-STOP |
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