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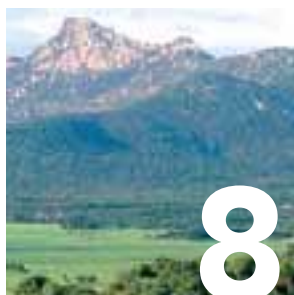
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# Welcome

Dear Sharp Travellers

Autumn is one of my favourite times of the year to travel – the colour of the leaves, the cool breezes and stunning sunsets. Winter holds lots of promise too – including the excuse to get away to a picturesque destination, take a long walk in the crisp winter air, and then lounge in front of an open fire with a glass of red.

Sharp Airlines flies to perfect autumn and winter destinations including Flinders Island, Melbourne and Adelaide. This edition of Sharp Traveller highlights just a few of the things to do during cooler weather, including exploring the Adelaide Hills and getting in touch with your inner 'ski bunny' in Melbourne.

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I hope that you enjoy this edition of Sharp Traveller.

Safe and happy travelling,

**Malcolm Sharp**

Director





## MELBOURNE

### Melbourne International Film Festival 2 - 19 Aug 2012

The Melbourne International Film Festival (MIFF) is an iconic Melbourne event with a devoted audience. MIFF hosts a feast of cinematic delicacies from over 50 countries for some 17 days each winter, heavily garnished with a range of parties and special events that envelop the CBD. In addition to screening the very best in world cinema, MIFF is Australia's largest showcase of new Australian cinema and most vocal champion of both emerging and established local filmmaking talent

Web: [miff.com.au](http://miff.com.au)

### Melbourne Writers Festival 24 August - 2 September

Expect the unexpected as Melbourne Writers Festival opens its doors to all - celebrating everything from novels to film, from journalism to songwriting, from comedy to cartooning and from advertising to politics.

Web: [mwf.com.au](http://mwf.com.au)

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## ADELAIDE

### Adelaide Cabaret Festival 2012 8-23 June

All under the one roof at the Adelaide Festival Centre, you can watch stars such as Debra Byrne, Clare Bowditch, Eddie Perfect (from TV's Offspring), Tim Freedman and comedian Lenny Henry at the 2012 Adelaide Cabaret Festival. This year's Artistic Director, Kate Ceberano, has put together a program highlighting the best local, national and international artists.

Web: [adelaidecabaretfestival.com.au](http://adelaidecabaretfestival.com.au)

### HOOT! Adelaide Hills Jazz Festival 8 - 11 June

Come and enjoy the festival that has it all, including a grand New Orleans style opening Street Party, funky jazz of all genres, roving performers, street stalls, local wines and food. Headline acts include B3 Hammond Jazz Legend Dr Lonnie Smith (quartet) from New York City, and globally-acclaimed saxophonist Eli Degibri (and his quartet) from Israel.

Web: [adelaidehills.org.au](http://adelaidehills.org.au)

## PORTLAND

### TaikOz presents SHIFTING SAND 29 May

SHIFTING SAND is new work composed by TaikOz member, Graham Hilgendorf. Inspired by the beach and ocean, SHIFTING SAND is a powerful evocation of the ocean's many faces. TaikOz's ethereal sounds, thunderous taiko drumming, dynamic movement and dance seeks to capture the beauty, majesty and force of the ocean. From the delicate play of light on the surface of the sea to the raging fury of winter storms.

Web: [arts.glenelg.vic.gov.au](http://arts.glenelg.vic.gov.au)

## LAUNCESTON

### National Trust Heritage Festival 1-31 May

The 2012 Tasmanian Heritage Festival showcases Australia's the oldest and most unique heritage in the country. The Festival's theme is 'Innovation and Invention' and there will be numerous activities, seminars and visits taking place over the month that look at the role of innovation and invention in preserving our nation's history and heritage.

Web: [nationaltrusttas.org.au](http://nationaltrusttas.org.au)

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Web: [qvmag.tas.gov.au](http://qvmag.tas.gov.au)

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## HAMILTON

### Sheepvention 6 and 7 August

Sheepvention is Hamilton's biggest farming event with over 25,000 visitors attending last year's show. With a mix of competitions, entertainment, food and fashion, there is something for everyone to enjoy. Competitions and events include the Ram Sale, Sheep Show, Ewe Weaner Competition, Farm Dogs Competition, Alpaca Show, Inventions Competition, Seminars and Wool Fashion Parade.

Venue: **Hamilton Showgrounds, Horner Street**

Web: [www.sheepvention.com](http://www.sheepvention.com)



## FLINDERS ISLAND

### Flinders Island Adventures

Flinders Island Adventures can take you fishing or cruising all year round. You can enjoy fishing either among the islands or out to the warm waters of the continental shelf, as well as surf fishing the east coast beaches. Different times of the year allow you to target different fish, with sharks, flathead, salmon and calamari to be caught all year round. With 4WD vehicles and surf fishing gear, we can take you fishing to the East Coast Beaches and The North East River - as featured on television on The Rex Hunt Show, Wildfish, Hook Line and Sinkers and others

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## DID YOU KNOW...

1. Flinders Island the largest of the 52 islands in the Furneaux group
2. Flinders Island's first inhabitants arrived at least 35,000 years ago
3. The endangered Eastern Barred Bandicoot is native to the area around Hamilton
4. Xavier Samuel, star of the Twilight: Eclipse film was born in Hamilton
5. The aquifer underground at Portland holds water that is 58 degrees in temperature.
6. An inhabitant of Geelong has been known as a Geelongite, or a Pivotonian, in the past.
7. The average winter temperature in Port Augusta is 17.6 degrees.
8. The first traffic lights in Australia were installed on the Collins and Swanston Streets intersection in Melbourne.
9. South Australia exports more wine to the United Kingdom than France.
10. Adelaide has the closest and most accessible beaches of any Australian capital city

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# Pristine paddocks make for delicious dishes

Flinders Island Meat is the talk of the Melbourne and Sydney restaurant scenes, with its milk-fed and prime lamb, Angus beef and pasture-fed wallaby products gaining the highest praise from some of Australia's top chefs.

Run by father and son team David and James Madden, Flinders Island Meat's animals are raised free-range on the most pristine and natural pastures found anywhere in the country - which inevitably results in meat quality that is absolutely second to none.

"We first came to the island in early 2010 and were pretty blown away by the quality of the livestock here, and also the lifestyle and community. We were also very excited by the potential that we could see in the Flinders Island brand. It is a great corner of the world, with phenomenal produce, and a story that is just begging to be told," said James Madden.

The multi-species plant has several emerging markets for their traditional products, but is also finding success for some of the unique products that Flinders has to offer. One of these is Flinders Island Pasture Fed Wallaby. This product, which is espoused as the veal of kangaroo, has attracted some significant interest in Melbourne's biggest restaurants. Shannon Bennett of Vue de Monde, Ben Shewry of Attica and Jacques Reymond have all been early adopters of this edgy new product.

*"We put Flinders Island Meat's Pasture Fed Wallaby on the menu at Vue de Monde as soon as we tried it, and have had it on there ever since. Our diners love it, and we constantly receive high praise for the delicate flavours and tenderness of the meat. There is a great story behind this small family owned company, and David and James truly have a lot of passion for this unique and special product"*

**Shannon Bennett, Vue de Monde, Melbourne**

Another of Flinders Island Meat's specialties is Flinders Island Milk Fed Lamb. In the past it has built up a tremendous following by chefs on the eastern sea-board, especially prestigious restaurants in Sydney's Darling Harbour, CBD, Circular Quay and the Rocks.

Most Milk Fed Lamb cuts come out at around half the size of traditional lamb cuts. Chefs and diners have found Milk Fed Lamb's tenderness and juiciness, as well as the unique flavour, hard to match.







The 'story' of Flinders Island has been central to the branding of the company's products.

"Anyone who comes to Flinders Island knows exactly what we are talking about when we say 'The Story'. It is an absolutely uncovered gem. This is what gives our brand so much potential, and other products here such great potential as well.

"Flinders Island shares the cleanest air in the world through Bass Strait. With this comes pure rainfall, pristine grasses, and a slight

saltiness that is carried on the breeze over the ocean to give the pastures that little extra something. All of this translates into a very unique flavour and character to our meats."

But it's not just specialty products that the plant is looking to develop. A revolutionary way of looking at the waste from the plant and the very real issues that face an Island economy prompted the team to look at ways to diversify and increase efficiency.

"We're currently looking at ways to construct a modified rendering plant at the abattoir to take advantage of some cutting edge co-generation technology to create energy from ordinary processing waste. This would involve electricity generation from methane capture, steam turbines, and bio-diesel production. All of this would be derived from our existing waste stream, and has the potential to satisfy around a quarter of the island's electricity needs, along with the plant's."

### And the future?

"I think the key to Flinders Island becoming a successful brand, not only for our meat products, but for all industries, and the key for the community as a whole, is preserving what makes Flinders great, what makes it charming, and what gives it its character, whilst sustainably and effectively directing economic growth into the areas that matter the most.

"My hope is to see Flinders develop a strong economy, but in such a way that it is able to retain a "cottage industry" charm and personality that is so endearing."

Look for Flinders Island Meats on menus at Grossi Fiorentino, Vue de Monde, Sarti, the Hot Dish and the Royal Mail on Spencer in Melbourne, as well as Ten Minutes by Tractor on the Mornington Peninsula.

### Up Close

#### FLINDERS ISLAND MEAT

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# Luxurious winter retreat to beat the icy chill

Palana Retreat is a favoured destination for honeymooners, wedding anniversaries, special birthdays or those who just want a special getaway. So far we can count five visitors who have ended up buying land on our special part of the planet, as well as many others who just keep coming back.

Flinders Island is a special place in its own right, but we add an extra special something to your stay on our paradise island.

Your modern two storey, two bedroom, two bathroom accommodation overlooks Blyth Bay, Pratts River, Inner Sister and Outer Sister Island.

The house is totally timber-lined, has timber flooring and cathedral ceilings which tower over the downstairs living area. Enjoy a spa, an open fire and luxury amenities.

At Palana Retreat you can just relax in front of an open fire, be spoilt and take in the wonder of bold, beautiful Flinders Island.

A two minute walk from your accommodation finds you on Palana Beach. North East River

and Killiecrankie are recommended visitor spots while you are at this end of the island and are only a short drive away.

If you are after the sort of holiday where you can stroll down a busy street to a bustling café, then Palana Retreat is not for you.

But if you are after a place where the nearest shop is 50 kms away, the loudest noises are the birds on the river and the crash of the waves on the beach, and the stars of the Milky Way look the way they did when you were a kid and the skies were crystal clear, then you have found the perfect place.

We can organise an exclusive onsite massage for the ladies at the Retreat from the Island's resident Japanese therapist, Chi. This consists of Japanese Foot Bath, Reiki, Head & Shoulder Massage and Reflexology.

We have an extensive wine list and free Internet, including WIFI. The new VAST satellite TV service is also available, which enables you to pick up TV in any state in Australia. A selection of music and DVD's are provided free of charge.

On your arrival a freshly cooked (own recipe) crusty loaf of bread will await you, along with a bottle of wine to help you unwind. We



## Up Close

### PALANA RETREAT

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haven't changed the bread recipe in over 6 years, as everyone seems to love it.

Palana Beach doesn't need explanation, other than the fact that you're likely to be the only people on it. As your host is the only permanent resident of Palana Village, your tranquillity is assured.

We have a saying on the Island, "If you find footprints in the sand, then find another beach!" After all we have 120 of them!

### Your Accommodation

The two bedrooms comprise the master bedroom upstairs with queen sized bed and its own private balcony and café setting. It also has its own bathroom.

Downstairs, the second bedroom can accommodate two single beds or a king sized bed. A second bathroom complete with spa and shower is adjacent, allowing you to unwind and look out over the bay. On a full moon it is just magical. Even without the full moon, it's bliss.

### To get around

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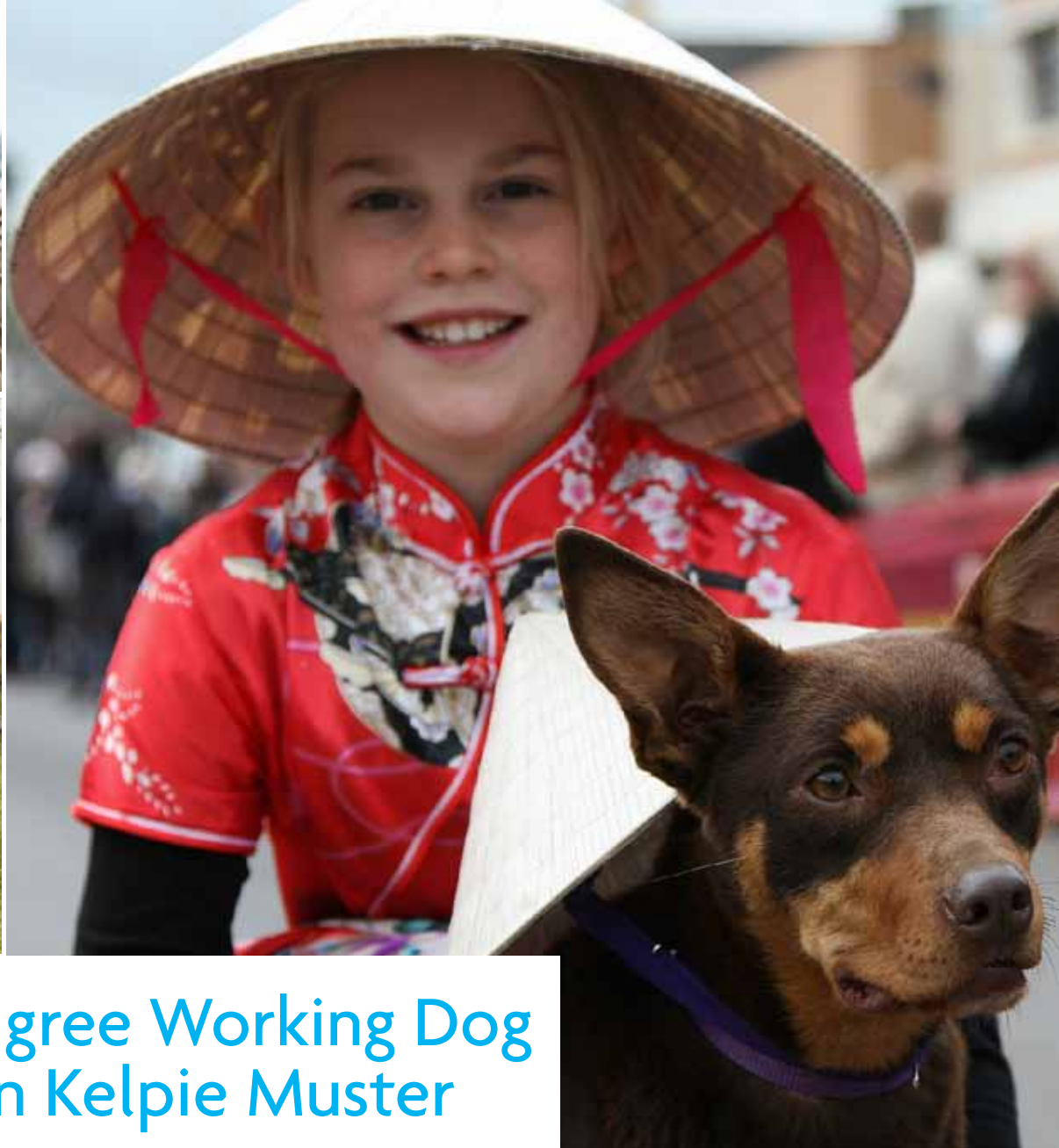
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## 2012 Pedigree Working Dog Australian Kelpie Muster

CASTERTON will celebrate its 16th Pedigree Working Dog Australian Kelpie Muster this June long weekend and visitors can expect another fun-filled event for the whole family.

Incorporating the Casterton Kelpie Festival and the Casterton Working Dog Auction, plans for this year's muster are running right on schedule.

Entries have already been received for many of the activities and community groups have been hard at work finalising plans to ensure the smooth running of the weekend's activities.

If Australia rode to prosperity on the sheep's back, then maybe it's time we gave credit where credit is due. Perhaps it's time to acknowledge the Kelpie that rode on the sheep's back. This remarkable Australian working dog that

deserves a place next to Vegemite and the Opera House as a true Australian icon, and this is precisely what the Pedigree Working Dog Australian Kelpie Muster is all about.

The breed which originated in the Casterton area of Western Victoria almost 150 years ago can be traced back to just a handful of British working Collies or Colleys, shipped to Australia by three early landowners.

Today, there are almost half a million Kelpies throughout Australia, the vast majority of them working on farms and displaying the characteristics that we like to think typifies our nation and all things Australian.

Casterton, as the renowned birthplace of the Kelpie celebrates this icon annually over the June long weekend at the Pedigree Working Dog Australian Kelpie Muster.

The muster which this year will celebrate its sixteenth year, will draw up to 10,000 people from all over Australia and overseas







## CASTERTON

on the weekend of June 9th and 10th and is highlighted by a festival of events and demonstrations and the annual Pedigree Australian Working Dog Auction.

With festival events such as the Poets Breakfast, Kelpie Hill Climb, Kelpie Triathlon, Stockman's Challenge, Kelpie Triathlon and the Novelty Events such as the hilarious Mutton Mayhem- audiences are kept entertained and amused all weekend.

But one of the most famous events is undoubtedly the Kelpie High Jump. You may ask yourself, is it possible that people can be engaged by watching dogs jump a fence? In fact the hour long event is insanely dramatic; a spectacle that has the audience holding its breath one moment and exploding into cheers the next.

We have a new competition this year - RMA 2013 Futurity Trial. As a lead up in 2012 we will run a Yard Dog Trial for Auction Dogs entered for this year. The Yard Dog Trial is being sponsored by RMA (Rural Marketing Agents).

2012 Vendors for the Working Dog Auction will be competing for \$3500 prize money. There will be a prize for the Novice Handler for 2012. The Yard Dog Trial will be held on Saturday, 9th June 2012. Information is available on the website [www.kelpies-casterton.org](http://www.kelpies-casterton.org)

The obstacle to clear is a barrier of wooden boards, one that is steadily raised. It's effectively akin to the tail of a flatbed truck and owners are allowed to stand on bales behind the barrier and encourage their dogs to jump up and join them. With the fence starting at a little less than 1.5m, the height of a chest of draws proves no match for the entrants. But at the end of the competition the height practically doubles, with this year Kelpies endeavouring to beat the 2007 world-record of an astonishing 2.95m or 9 feet.

### What will happen in 2012?

The Kelpie High Jump isn't the only World-Record breaking event. Sunday, the business end of the muster, sees Kelpies from all over Australia fetch top-price in the annual Pedigree Working Dog Auction. We have

achieved a significant milestone with having reached \$1 million in Kelpie sales since the Auction commenced. A record \$9000 for last year's top priced working dog 'Wybimbie Ted', Highest averaged priced working dogs, Highest turnover of Working Dogs for sale are just to name a few of our records. People travel from all over Australia and some from overseas to attend this event.

This year, the Casterton Kelpie Association is gearing up for its biggest and best Muster so far and will be held over June 9th and 10th. A weekend of fantastic entertainment and events is a weekend not to be missed.

### Up Close

#### CASTERTON KELPIE MUSTER

**Where:** Casterton

**When:** June 9th and 10th

**Tel:** Linda on 0488 791 424

**Web:** [kelpies-casterton.org](http://kelpies-casterton.org)



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# A Wander through the Adelaide Hills

Located only 20 minutes from the city centre, the Adelaide Hills provide a wonderfully relaxing holiday destination full of truly memorable experiences.



The Adelaide Hills are beautiful all year round, but particularly in autumn and early winter. A road trip on the rising, falling, twisting and turning roads past sensational vistas, leafy trees, vineyards and quaint villages is something to be experienced and amongst the essential South Australian experiences.

Walking and cycling trails, welcoming cellar doors, quality pubs and restaurants, good shopping, an abundance of fresh local produce and a wide range of accommodation make the Adelaide Hills a perfect weekend getaway destination.

First stop is the Adelaide Hills Visitor Information Centre in Hahndorf to pick up a map of the area. Experience tells us that the Hills are not the best place to rely on your sense of direction, so a good map is essential.

Next stop is a walk along the beautiful main street of Hahndorf - Australia's oldest

surviving German settlement. Hahndorf is a jewel of the Adelaide Hills and one of South Australia's most popular towns.

Historic buildings, art galleries, boutiques and specialty stores hold something for every taste, as do the quaint cafes and restaurants. Businesses have been established in many of the historic buildings, some offering eclectic collections that simply must be seen to be believed.

Before moving on to the next attraction, perhaps it is time for a break at one of the European-style cafes such as The Haus which offers alfresco dining with tempting pastries and killer coffees.

Just outside Hahndorf is the world-renowned Beerenberg Strawberry Farm. Using the freshest farm produce and traditional recipes, Beerenberg Farm makes home-style jams, marmalades and condiments. The result is mouth-watering products with no added artificial flavours, colours or preservatives.

All Beerenberg products are made on the farm, which dates back to 1839, when the Paech family settled at Hahndorf, three years after the state of South Australia was proclaimed.

After some sweet strawberry treats, it is time to move on to the next temptation – chocolate.







Melba's Chocolate Factory is a 'working' tourism factory located in a heritage listed complex in the village of Woodside.

Armed with 1940's era chocolate and confectionery making equipment, the current owners have transformed the former cheese and butter factory into one of the Adelaide Hills' favourite destinations.

Visitors today find a large emporium styled confectionery factory shop. This is a centerpiece for five different rooms, where various manufacturing processes can be viewed, including the chocolate room, depositing room, packing room, panning room and toffee room.

Visitors are encouraged to speak to the staff who have mastered the use of the heritage equipment, making old fashioned favourites such as Inch Licorice Block, Traffic Lights and Rocky Road in the time honoured tradition. To



tempt chocolate lovers, there is the constant aroma of chocolate and confectionery being made....yum!

And why not round off the day with another indulgence – the Lobethal Bierhaus microbrewery.

Occupying part of the former Old Onkaparinga Woollen Mills, the Lobethal Bierhaus is a multi award-winning fully operating microbrewery with accompanying cellar door tasting, sales, and restaurant.

A visit to the brewery is more than simply an opportunity to taste great beer, produced entirely on premises, and to enjoy a glass of wine from some of the Adelaide Hills best small wineries, in a friendly environment. The brewery itself, all of the technology and methods it uses to produce beer, and a history of brewing in the Lobethal area (dating back to 1851) are all on full display.

## Up Close

### THE HAUS

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## Up Close

### THE LIGHT IN WINTER

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## Why you should be speaking with your accountant now

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If you do not start talking with your accountant earlier in the financial year, you may find that there is simply not enough time to take advantage of the many favourable opportunities available within the myriad laws in our taxation system.

The size of the current tax legislation in Australia has grown significantly over the past 10-15 years, and with this comes added complexity. Numerous Acts of legislation now affect the decisions that we make during the tax planning phase. This complexity brings with it many opportunities, however, it also means that the planning phase requires more preparation time and may involve more than just your accountant to assist you.

Traditionally, clients used to work with their accountants in the months of May and June to minimise their tax payable for the year. These days tax planning is an all year round event, and gone are the days where you can realistically expect to contact your advisers in the last week of June each financial year to implement your tax saving strategies. You need to be speaking with your

accountant regularly to ensure that you have the time to implement your strategy, whether it be a simple and straightforward series of transactions or a more complex holistic strategy.

Although your accountant will generally organise and control the tax planning process, many strategies to minimise your tax now involve your accountant requiring assistance from other advisers such as a financial adviser, solicitor, bank, real estate agent or other adviser. Therefore, it is important to allow enough time for all parties to allow time in their schedule to deal with the matter or transaction at hand.

For example, current legislation requires your accountant to work closely with a financial

*"It is no longer effective to deal solely with your accountant or solely with your financial adviser, they must work together"*



planner to provide advice in many areas of tax planning, particularly where investments or superannuation (including Self Managed Superannuation) is involved. It is no longer effective to deal solely with your accountant or solely with your financial adviser. They must work together to avoid a breach of legislation, avoid penalties, avoid exposure to an audit, and ensure you are in the best position to minimise your tax.

We see the tax planning phase as an opportune time to look at the following strategies, which your accountant can discuss with you and assess the appropriateness for your individual circumstances:

- » Obtaining tax deductions
- » Obtaining tax offsets
- » Moving income away from an entity paying a high rate of tax to an entity paying a low rate of tax
- » Moving profits and losses between tax years, either to defer tax or take advantage of a more favourable tax rate
- » Reducing the amount of assessable capital gains from an investment sold at a profit

It is also a good time to look at simplifying your affairs and readying yourself for the new financial year by reviewing your structures, tax registrations, methods of accounting, and record keeping systems.

However, one of the most important things to remember when planning your taxation affairs is to always know the limits and do not invest or transact solely to save tax. Tax planning should only be done with a view to increasing your total wealth. More often than not, investments that are undertaken solely for tax purposes end in tears.

So contact your accountant now to ensure that you are not paying more tax than you should be...!

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#### Ingredients:

2 Flinders Island 4 Point Lamb Racks  
2 green zucchini  
1 red capsicum  
2 yellow baby squash  
Other vegetables in season  
Olive Oil Spray  
150g couscous  
185 ml boiling water  
Salt & Freshly ground pepper  
2 tbspn Natural Yoghurt  
2 tbspn pine nuts  
Garnish

## Flinders Island Lamb Rack (serves 2)

#### Method

Preheat the oven to 180 degrees C. Combine the vegetables in a large baking dish. Lightly spray with olive oil. Bake for 20 mins or just tender.

Brown each side of the lamb rack and place in a baking dish in the oven. Bake until medium rare (about 20 minutes), remove from oven and set aside in a warm place.

Place the couscous in a large heatproof bowl

and pour over the boiling water while stirring with a fork. Cover and set aside for 10 minutes or until all the liquid is absorbed. Use a fork to separate the grains.

Lightly brown the Pinenuts

Cut the lamb rack in 2 pieces and assemble on top of the couscous. Top with yoghurt and garnish

Place vegetables on the plate next to the rack. Add pinenuts around the outside.

*Enjoy!*

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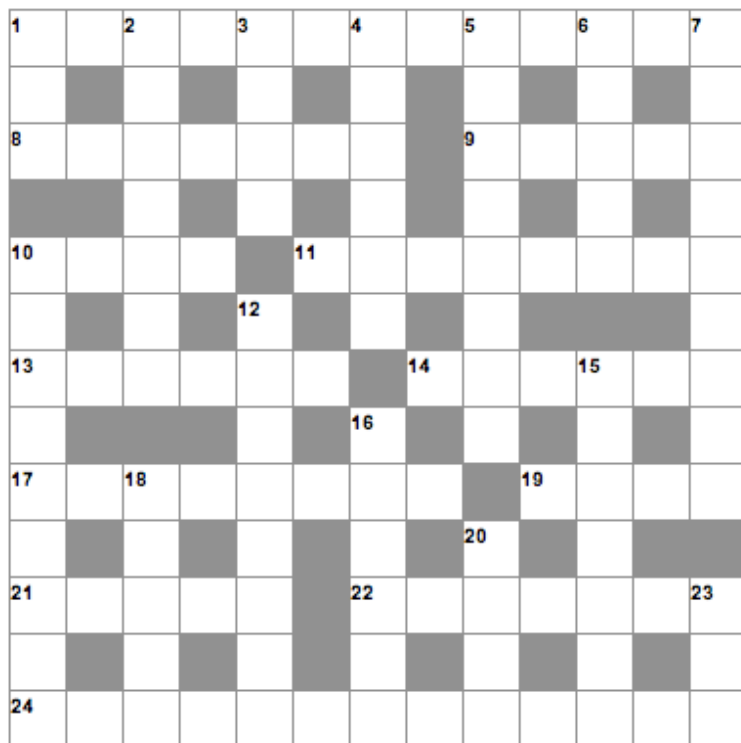
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### ACROSS

- 1 Too slight to be noticed (13)
- 8 Novice (7)
- 9 More proficient (5)
- 10 Turnip (4)
- 11 Porgy and Bess composer (8)
- 13 Looked for (6)
- 14 Debacle (6)
- 17 Seductive (8)
- 19 Blow over (4)
- 21 Spiny evergreen shrub (5)
- 22 Big read (anag) — shorten text (7)
- 24 Paris landmark (3,2,8)

### DOWN

- 1 Unwell (3)
- 2 Tableland (7)
- 3 Landlord's income (4)
- 4 Merited (6)
- 5 Broadcast (8)
- 6 Lower than (5)
- 7 Incorrect (9)
- 10 Yearning for the past (9)
- 12 Observant or alert folk need one of these — pays here (anag) (5,3)
- 15 Comedian (5-2)
- 16 Not cricket? (6)
- 18 Words to a song (5)
- 20 Animation (4)
- 23 Before, poetically (3)

## WORD FIND

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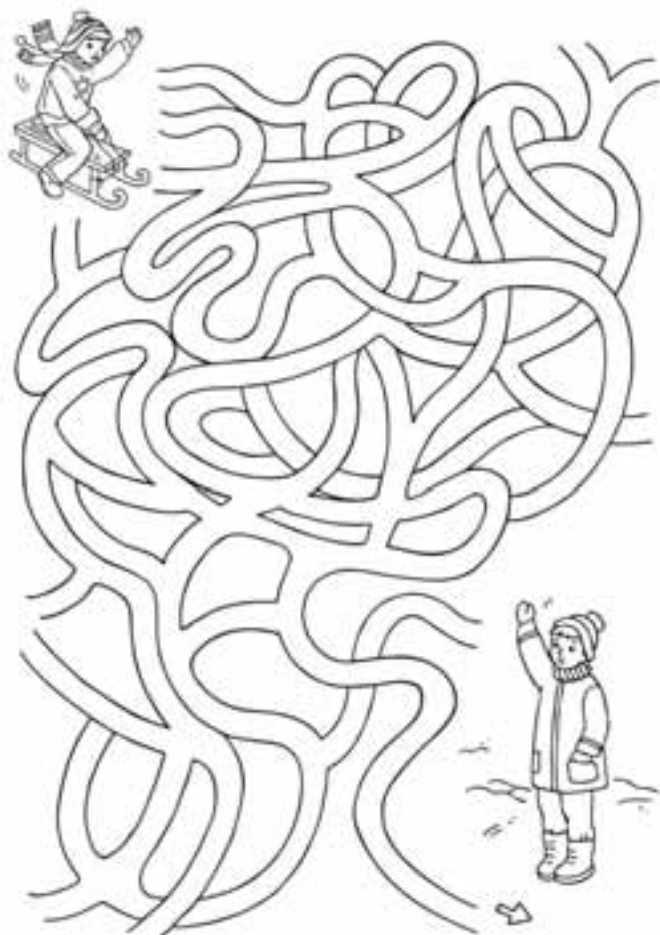
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- MONTH
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- NOW
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## SUDOKU





## MAZE



## FIND - A - WORD

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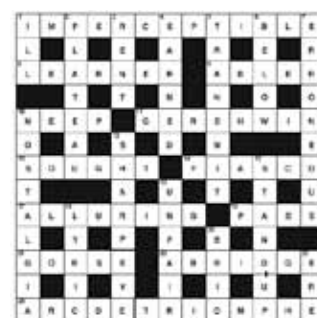
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### SUDOKU

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From 1<sup>st</sup> January to 24<sup>th</sup> December 2012

## → Melbourne (Essendon) to Hamilton

Essendon to Hamilton	Departure time	Arrival Time	Flight No.	Frequency	No. Stops
	0820	0910	SHARP822	M T W T F . .	NON STOP
	1120	1210	SHARP834	. . . . . S a .	NON STOP
	1650	1740	SHARP842	. . . . . S u	NON STOP
	1755	1845	SHARP828	M . W . F . .	NON STOP
	1910	2000	SHARP828	. . T . T . .	NON STOP
Hamilton to Essendon	0705	0750	SHARP821	M T W T F . .	NON STOP
	1005	1050	SHARP833	. . . . . S a .	NON STOP
	1535	1620	SHARP841	. . . . . S u	NON STOP
	1640	1725	SHARP827	M . W . F . .	NON STOP
	1755	1840	SHARP827	. . T . T . .	NON STOP

## → Melbourne (Essendon) to Portland

Melbourne (Essendon) to Portland	Departure time	Arrival Time	Flight No.	Frequency	No. Stops
	0820	0945	SHARP822	M T W T F . .	1 STOP HML
	1120	1245	SHARP834	. . . . . S a .	1 STOP HML
	1650	1815	SHARP842	. . . . . S u	1 STOP HML
	1755	1920	SHARP828	M . W . F . .	1 STOP HML
	1910	2035	SHARP828	. . T . T . .	1 STOP HML
Portland to Melbourne (Essendon)	0630	0750	SHARP821	M T W T F . .	1 STOP HML
	0930	1050	SHARP833	. . . . . S a .	1 STOP HML
	1500	1620	SHARP841	. . . . . S u	1 STOP HML
	1605	1725	SHARP827	M . W . F . .	1 STOP HML
	1720	1840	SHARP827	. . T . T . .	1 STOP HML



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	0645	0735	SHARP861	M T W T F	NON-STOP
	1315	1405	SHARP866	. . . T .	NON-STOP
	1500	1550	SHARP877	. . . . . Su	NON-STOP
	1715	1805	SHARP867	M T 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 .	NON-STOP
	1820	1910	SHARP868	M T W . F	NON-STOP

## → Adelaide to Portland (+ = Eastern Standard Time)

Adelaide to Portland	Departure time	Arrival Time	Flight No.	Frequency	No. Stops
	0910	1125+	SHARP883	M . . . . .	1 STOP HML
	1320	1535	SHARP883	. . W . F . .	1 STOP HML
Portland to Adelaide	Departure time	Arrival Time	Flight No.	Frequency	No. Stops
	1155+	1235	SHARP882	M . . . . .	NON-STOP
	1605+	1645	SHARP882	. . W . F . .	NON-STOP

## → Adelaide to Hamilton (+ = Eastern Standard Time)

Adelaide to Hamilton	Departure time	Arrival Time	Flight No.	Frequency	No. Stops
	0910	1045+	SHARP883	M . . . . .	NON-STOP
	1320	1455+	SHARP883	. . W . F . .	NON-STOP
Hamilton to Adelaide	Departure time	Arrival Time	Flight No.	Frequency	No. Stops
	1105+	1235	SHARP882	M . . . . .	1 STOP POD
	1515+	1645	SHARP882	. . W . F . .	1 STOP POD

# Flinders Island Flight Schedules From 16<sup>th</sup> April to 7<sup>th</sup> October 2012

## → Flinders - Launceston

Flinders Island - Launceston	Departure time	Arrival Time	Flight No.	Frequency	No. Stops
	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
	1655	1730	SHARP814	. . . . . Su	NON-STOP
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
	1600	1635	SHARP811	. . . . . Su	NON-STOP
	1600	1635	SHARP807	M T W T F . .	NON-STOP

## → Flinders - Melbourne (Essendon)

Flinders Island -Essendon	Departure time	Arrival Time	Flight No.	Frequency	No. Stops
	1055	1200	SHARP804	M . W . F . .	NON-STOP
Essendon to Flinders Island	Departure time	Arrival Time	Flight No.	Frequency	No. Stops
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