

# Hearts and Minds

Newsletter for Encounter Lutheran College

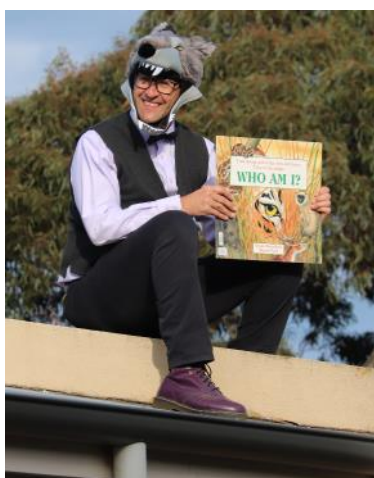
## Book Week

**KELVIN GRIVELL | PRINCIPAL**

As Encounter has grown, so too has my capacity to appoint and empower emerging leaders into various roles across the College. It is one of my great joys seeing staff lead, with my encouragement, but primarily with their immense talents, creativity and passion. To watch a lesson, an event, a moment, a celebration, with little or no credit afforded to me, is honestly a precious privilege.

Another joy of being part of Encounter is events like today: Book Week Dress Up Day! Seeing so many staff and students (young and old) embrace the simply joy and fun of living life together truly makes my heart sing. Working with kids keeps you young and being part of true community just has to be essence of life. The vantage point from the roof this morning was pretty good too. Thanks to all of you who gave me a wave.

Have a blessed week, Kelvin.



## What's On!

### TERM 3 | WEEK 6

#### Wednesday 30 August

- Early Learning Father's Day Breakfast
- Year 7-12 9-Aside Football

#### Thursday 31 August

- P&F Father's Day Stall
- Year 9/10 Knockout Basketball Qualifiers

- Kidz Biz Parent Sessions,

#### Friday 1 September

- Jamieson Ultra
- House Meeting

### TERM 3 | WEEK 7

#### Wednesday 6 September

- Year 7/8 5-Aside Soccer
- Middle/Senior School Music Showcase - Bayside Church

#### Thursday 7 September

- Year 2 Camp—Namu Farm

#### Friday 8 September

- Fraser Dash—Block 69
- Year 2 Camp—Namu Farm

### TERM 3 | WEEK 8

#### Monday 11 September

- Year 9 Boys Flinders Camp (until Friday 15 Sept)
- Year 9 Girls Heysen Camp (until Friday 15 Sept)

#### Friday 15 September

- Grandfriends Day EL-6

More at: [www.encounter.sa.edu.au/calendar](http://www.encounter.sa.edu.au/calendar)



# DEVOTION

## Fiction

SKYE GRIVELL | TEACHER LIBRARIAN - JUNIOR SCHOOL

**"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."** - Romans 15:13 (NIV)

Have you read a good book lately? Once, my reading was all non-fiction focused. I thought I was reading to learn new things and had completely overlooked the importance of fiction.

A few years ago I set myself the challenge to read a fiction book a week to curb my lazy scrolling habits. It didn't take long to see that reading fiction benefitted me far more than simply reducing mindless scrolling.

I'm struck over and over at the hope found in fiction. The little escape from the chaos of everyday life means that fiction creates the space for us to see and experience the hope in difficult situations.

And the best part? Fiction gives us a safe place to process our emotions and fears and to imagine situations that may or may not play out in our real lives. We are then prepared to face life with greater wisdom, resilience and most importantly, empathy, because we've shared emotions with characters in our books.



I also love that characters in fiction show us that hope isn't just wishful thinking. I love that fiction highlights that there are always bigger, more significant things at play waiting to unfold and I appreciate that quiet knowing that when things seem tough, we read fiction with a hopefulness that all will, somehow, be ok.

A final thought on fiction is that it can mirror the redemptive themes found in the Gospel—themes of love, forgiveness, and the promise of a new beginning. These parallels remind us that God's story of grace is interwoven into every aspect of our lives, even the stories we read for enjoyment.

Take a break from reality and enjoy the gift that fiction gives us to nurture our outlook on life.

**Skye**

A poster for a Father's Day stall. It features a torn paper effect at the top. On the left, there is a photo of two red mugs on a wooden surface. The text "HAPPY FATHER'S DAY" is written in large, bold, blue letters. Below it, "WEDNESDAY 30TH AUGUST" is written in red. Further down, it says "Please enjoy a free coffee and sweet treat before school in our kiss n drop zones" in red. At the bottom right, there is a logo for "ENCOUNTER LUTHERAN COLLEGE" with a cross icon.

**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY**

**WEDNESDAY 30TH AUGUST**

Please enjoy a free coffee and sweet treat before school in our kiss n drop zones

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A poster for a Father's Day stall. It features a photo of a hand holding a small, wrapped gift with a red ribbon. The text "Father's Day Stall" is written in a large, cursive font. Below it, "THURSDAY 31ST AUGUST" is written in bold, blue letters. Further down, it says "\$5 & \$10 Gifts | Cash & EFTPOS available" in white. At the bottom right, there is a logo for "ENCOUNTER LUTHERAN COLLEGE" with a cross icon.

**Father's Day Stall**

**THURSDAY 31ST AUGUST**

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# STAFF NEWS

## INTRODUCING... Karen Wiese

Hi, my name is Karen Wiese, and I'm a Co-Educator at Encounter's Early Learning Centre

### **What drew you to Encounter Lutheran College?**

I used to bring my children to Bush Kindy and when entering the school, everyone in the school was so warm and welcoming which gave such a strong sense of a beautiful community.

**What were you doing before coming to Encounter?** I was on maternity leave from a teaching role in an Early Learning Centre.

**What were your first impressions of Encounter Lutheran College?** The teachers, staff, children and families were all so happy and the school's motto, 'Looks like school, feels like home' was indeed true.

**What is your favourite thing about your job?** That no two days are ever the same, the meaningful relationships and connections built with the children and their families and that I get to work side by side with a group of inspirational women.

**What are you most excited about for this year?** Welcoming our new baby to our family of 5.

**What is your best childhood memory?** Meeting my English cousins and relatives for the first time on a family vacay to Europe when I was 9.



**When you were a school student, what did you want to be when you grew up and why?** I really wanted to be an Archaeologist or Egyptologist because I was fascinated by the rich culture and lives of past humans.

**What is your favourite Cuisine:** Italian!

**What is your favourite place that you have ever visited?** Zlatni Rat on the Croatian Island of Brac. After immersing yourself in the rich culture, the beach has the bluest crystal clear water and the most vibrant marine life I've ever seen.

## Bush Kindy

Join us every Wednesday morning from 8.45am for Bush. No payment or booking required, just turn up. Our Bush Kindy group meets outside of The Nest near the creek area in the Junior School. All preschool-aged children are welcome to join us together with a parent.

## Books Alive!

Books Alive runs from 9.00am until 9.45am, every Thursday morning throughout the school term. Meet in The Nest at the Junior School. No payment or booking required, just turn up.

# JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

## Read, Grow, Inspire

TORI WEISS | HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

Dear Booklovers and Bookworms,

I am sure there are not many workplaces around where turning up to work dressed as Little Red Riding Hood barely raises an eyebrow. In fact, my red riding hood cape blended in just nicely, amongst the 'Where's Wallies', Harry Potters, fairies, pirates, princesses, and superheroes and the plethora of other characters that bring the stories we adore to life. Not only is it fun to see everyone's creative outfits, but it also reminds us of the incredible power of imagination that fuels the stories we love.

This year's Book Week theme was Read, Grow, Inspire – as a nod to the exact thing that happens each time we allow ourselves to get immersed by a book. Books – the ultimate timemachines that transport us to places we've never been and introduce us to characters who become like friends.

As teachers at Encounter, we know full well, that reading is not just about flipping pages; it's about nurturing the minds and hearts of the reader. For our students, books are like water and sunlight for a growing plant. They inspire creativity, boost vocabulary, and improve comprehension skills. When we read together – whether it's parents reading to children or friends discussing their favorite stories – we're nurturing a love for learning that will stay with us for life.

One of the things I love most about Book Week Dress Up Day is how it brings our school community together. Students, teachers, parents – everyone joins in the excitement. It's a day when we celebrate our shared love for reading and our unity as a community. Book recommendations are exchanged, favourite passages are shared, and connections over the stories that have touched our hearts are discussed. It's like a big, bookish family reunion that reminds us that we're all on this reading journey together.

Happy reading!

Tori





# BOOK WEEK





# JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

## Wakakirri 2023

KYM KOOP | PERFORMING ARTS COORDINATOR F-6

In Week 3, after many months of preparation, Encounter's Wakakirri Team presented their story – dance "The Kids Are Coming" to the enthusiastic audience at the Norwood Concert Hall. Six schools presented on the night, which was one of nine Wakakirri Concerts for South Australia.

We received wonderful feedback from the Wakakirri Ambassador and our students performed beautifully. What has made us even prouder as staff is that teamwork made the dream work, not only in the lead up with so much support from our community, but on the night as students encouraged each other, behaved professionally and supported the other schools. They showed maturity, empathy and grace, and it was a joy to take that journey with them.

## EARLY LEARNING NEWS





# GRANDFRIENDS DAY



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LUTHERAN COLLEGE ■

**FRIDAY 15 SEPTEMBER**

We invite Grandfriends of our Early Learning to Year 6 students to join us for the following morning program:

**8:15 to 8:30 am**

Arrivals of Guest - Welcome Coffee

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**8:30 to 9:00 am**

Book Fair in The Nest

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**9:00 to 9:45 am**

Shine in the Kondole

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**9:45 to 11:00 am**

School Tour

Book Fair in The Nest

Classroom Visits

Family Portraits

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**11:00 to 11:30 am**

Morning Tea in the Kondole

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We look forward to welcoming you  
on the day - no RSVP required

*Looks like school, feels like home...*





# COLLEGE NEWS

## Year 12 SACE e-Exam Practice Window

In preparation for the end of year SACE e-Exams, our Year 12s will be engaging in a practice window using the SACE Exam Browser to ensure that they are fully prepared for the end of year examinations. During this time we can troubleshoot any technical difficulties, and students will be able to explore subject specific e-exams within the SACE Exam Browser to familiarise themselves with all of its functionality and features.

This session will be run once and is **compulsory** for all students enrolled in the following Year 12 subjects, all of which have e-exams in 2023:

- Biology
- English Literary Studies
- Japanese
- Legal Studies
- Modern History
- Psychology

**When?** Friday 8th September 2023 at 10.00am

**Where?** Room 302

**What to bring?** Corded headphones and a charged laptop

## Animals on College Grounds

Animals are an important part of life for many Encounter families and as such, are often included in day-to-day activities such as walking children to and from school.

While the College appreciates this inclusion and values pet ownership as an educational experience, it also acknowledges other families (and individuals) can find contact with some animals stressful, even frightening. Some animals can behave unpredictably when placed in excited and/or crowded environments, sometimes leading to dog fights. Children too, behave unpredictably when excited, and this can lead to accidents such as falls and even bites.

For these reasons and for the safety of our students, we would like to remind and inform parents that animals are not permitted on College grounds unless prior approval has been provided by the Principal or a Head of Department. This includes the immediate vicinity of the school crossing and pick up zones. Thank you for your co-operation.

[Click Here to view the Policy](#)



## Jamieson Ultra 2023

**Friday 1st September 2023 @ The Block**

- Timed event 9.00am – 3.00pm = 6 hours
- 2.0 km loop track
- Students participating in the run should meet at the start/finish line 8.30am (and do not need to go class first)
- Fans & Supporters – Please come down and support the runners!



# COLLEGE NEWS

## Borgas Shield House Update



Borgas Shield House  
Points Update as  
Week 5

- **Granite** = 102
- **Coorong** = 90
- **Rosetta** = 90
- **Yilki** = 78

## Departing Families 2023

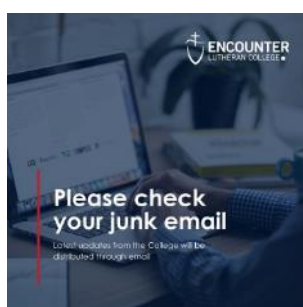
### EARLY LEARNING AND COLLEGE

Departing Families If you plan on leaving Encounter Lutheran College at the end of 2023, we advise you to formally let us know through email by the beginning of Term 4.

Please contact Claire McKenzie at [claire.mckenzie@encounter.sa.edu.au](mailto:claire.mckenzie@encounter.sa.edu.au) to avoid any penalty fees being charged.

## Junk email reminder

A reminder to check your Spam or Junk email folder. Sometimes emails sent from the College will finish up in these folders. To ensure that you don't miss any important communication, please remember to check these email folders regularly, whitelist or mark any emails from @encounter.sa.edu.au as a safe sender.



## Sustainable School Shop

### SECOND-HAND UNIFORM TRADING

We are delighted to inform you of the College's new initiative to provide parents with the ability to trade these second-hand items via the Sustainable School Shop website:

[www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au](http://www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au)

The College is providing this service to our community; when registering on the Sustainable School Shop you need to nominate Encounter Lutheran College to receive your subscription.

All enquiries should be directed to the Sustainable School Shop on: 0438 743 444 or help is also available through 'Contact Us' on their website at

[www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au](http://www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au).

### For the best results:

- Register on the Sustainable School Shop website
- List your items for sale
- List wanted ads for those items you are looking to buy
- The school's uniform lists are loaded into the system to make listing ads easy
- The system matches the ads of buyers with sellers and notifies the buyer via email
- Buyers contact sellers and arrange where and when to trade
- The second-hand uniform stocktake report the system provides is very helpful
- Parents are well supported via Sustainable School Shop's telephone (0438 743 444) and email help lines
- The system is simple and easy to use - If you don't have a computer, internet access or an email address, please call the Sustainable School Shop for assistance.

For easy reference, the Sustainable School Shop links are also listed on our College Shop website at: [www.encounter.sa.edu.au/college-shop](http://www.encounter.sa.edu.au/college-shop)

# MIDDLE & SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

## MASA Quiz Night Success!

On Wednesday 9th August, six teams of four students went to Victor Harbor High School to compete in the regional Mathematics Association of South Australia annual Quiz Night. The Quiz Night has three levels of competition – Junior (7/8), Intermediate (9/10) and Senior (11/12). We entered two teams at each level. There were three rounds of questions. About 2/3 of the questions were mathematical and the other 1/3 was general knowledge. Students enjoyed the social atmosphere and working as a team to discover the answers.

Awards were given to the winning Mathematics team, winning General Knowledge team and an overall winner in each level. Encounter Lutheran College were the overall winners in all three levels which is an excellent achievement. They won some prize money and a selection of prizes to share amongst the team. Congratulations to all participants and our overall winners who are:

- **Junior Overall Winners:** Caleb Hood, Chae-Hoon Lim, Charlie Richards, Darcy Steyn
- **Intermediate Overall Winners:** Jordyn Tuesley, Wanning Yao, Kyla Bennett, Amelie Grivell
- **Senior Overall Winners:** Lila Dale, Thomas John, Harry Wilcock, Luke Humphris

Thank you to Mr James Burrows and Mrs Kristine Hancock for supporting the teams at the Quiz Night.





# MIDDLE & SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

## YEAR 9 COMMUNITY PROJECT

### HELP US HELP THEM!

#### ABOUT OUR PROJECT

Our names are Maddy and Lola and we are in Year 9 currently completing Community Project. We have found a need in our local community, this need is helping less fortunate individuals and families. Our action plan is to collect donations from the staff and families of Encounter to then donate them to the Victor Harbor Church of Christ, they will then distribute them where they know they will be needed.

#### WHEN AND WHERE

In week 6 there will be a donation box located in the front office where you can donate the things listed!

#### THINGS TO DONATE:

- shampoo/conditioner
- sunscreen
- soap
- toothpaste
- laundry powder
- lip balm
- tissue/toilet paper
- deodorant
- moisturiser
- period products
- face/body wash
- bin/rubbish bags
- hand sanitiser
- hair ties
- baby wipes
- dental floss

If you have any questions or queries send an email to

[lola.turner@encounter.sa.edu.au](mailto:lola.turner@encounter.sa.edu.au) or  
[madeline.centofanti@encounter.sa.edu.au](mailto:madeline.centofanti@encounter.sa.edu.au)



**FOOD DRIVE**  
HOPE4HOMELESS\_

For our Community Project we are looking for donations of food supplies during weeks 6-8. There will be a donations bin in the front office.

Food inequity and insecurity is an issue in the homeless community as they often do not have enough money to buy meals for themselves.

27% of homeless women and 18% of homeless men do not have access to the food they need.

#### SUITABLE FOODS

- Long life milk (all types)
- Canned vegetables
- Canned soups
- Canned fruit
- Canned meat
- Tuna
- Tomato puree
- Pasta sauce
- Microwaveable meals
- Coffee
- Tea
- Sugar
- Biscuits

All donations will be given to the Loaves & Fishes Ministry for distribution

## CLOTHING DONATION

#### WHY

We are hoping to donate these clothes to a charity that can give these clothes to people less fortunate instead of them just going to waste.

#### HOW

There will be a bin in the **front office** available to put the donations in.

#### WHERE ARE YOUR CLOTHES GOING?

We are going to be **donating** the clothes given to WestCare centre.

#### WHAT NOT TO BRING

- Clothes that are damaged  
e.g. holes, rips, stains
- undergarments
- visibly worn clothes

#### Thank you

We really appreciate the help!  
Indi and Kasia



# PARENTS & FRIENDS

## P&F Father's Day Raffle



Due to the overwhelming success of our recent P&F Mother's Day Raffle, we're excited to share that the Encounter Parents & Friends have put together a wonderful selection of prizes from our

wonderful community for a Father's Day Raffle with a prize pool with over \$1,000!

**Purchase tickets online for \$5 each at:**

<https://rafflelink.com.au/encounterfathersday>

Thanks to our wonderful supporters:

- **1st Prize** valued at \$250 - Mr Menswear
- **2nd Prize** valued at \$150 - Specsavers
- **3rd Prize** valued at \$110 - Coleman Cooler \* donated by K Baker
- **4th Prize** valued at \$90 - Fleurieu Hampers
- **5th Prize** valued at \$80 - Give it a Mow- up to 1 hour lawn mowing service & lawn care advice
- **6th Prize** valued at \$65 - Harbor Barber gift pack - large
- **7th Prize** valued at \$60 - Craft Beer gift pack \*donated by B Sullivan
- **8th Prize** valued at \$55 - Harbor Barber gift pack - small
- **9th Prize** valued at \$50 - Coastal Meats voucher #1
- **10th Prize** valued at \$50 - Coastal Meats voucher #2
- **11th Prize** valued at \$40 - Back & Sides men's haircut
- **12th Prize** valued at \$39 - BBQ tool kit \*donated by K Baker
- 13th Prize valued at \$20 - Heritage Pies and Pastries Goolwa
- **14th Prize** valued at \$20 - Bunnings Gift card



## Stay up to date

- **P&F Email List:** [Click Here](#) to subscribe
- **P&F Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/groups/ELCParentsandFriendsCommittee](http://www.facebook.com/groups/ELCParentsandFriendsCommittee)
- **Email:** [encounterlutherancollegepandf@gmail.com](mailto:encounterlutherancollegepandf@gmail.com)

### SAVE THE DATE:

## Next P&F Meeting

The next Parents and Friends Meeting will be held on **Tuesday 26th September at 8.45am** for a morning coffee meeting. All parents of the College are welcome to join us after school drop off in the Staff Lounge for great coffee from GPS Café, and a catch-up about what we have planned for the remainder of the year.



# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Goolwa Tennis Club Youth Scholarship

### CONGRATULATIONS JESS!

Jessica (Jess) Jones has a passion for tennis and a strong community spirit that makes her the ideal inaugural recipient of the newly created Goolwa Tennis Club Youth Scholarship.

'Through this scholarship program, our club aims to provide opportunities for young people to develop a broad range of skills and build their confidence, both on and off the court.

Depending on the nominations we receive, our committee will award at least one scholarship each year. We want this program to be as flexible as possible and really tailored to the needs of each recipient,' said Club President, Fiona Lange.

Jess, a year 11 student at Encounter Lutheran College, was destined to play tennis...literally, tennis is in her DNA with Mum, Dad and brother all playing the sport competitively.

The young sports woman played Division 1 in both juniors and seniors during the 2022/23 summer season and is looking forward to doing so again this coming season.

The scholarship will fund Jess to undertake the Tennis SA, Community Coaching Course this Spring. The course will provide her with the skills to conduct Tennis Hot Shots sessions for junior players at the Goolwa Tennis Club under the mentorship of coach, Mike Howard.

On receiving the scholarship, Jess commented, 'This means a lot to me because I would have loved to have had a female coach when I was younger. The scholarship also gives me the opportunity to be a small part of increasing the participation and passion for tennis in the Southern Fleurieu.'



Nominations for next year's scholarship will be called for in June, 2024 and open to both club and non club members aged between 15 – 24 years.

The Goolwa Tennis Club have memberships available now for juniors and seniors for both competition and social play.

The Club's registration day is being held on **Sunday, 27 August between 11am and 2pm** at the Clubrooms and courts at 22 Goyder Street, Goolwa.

All are welcome to enjoy a free BBQ lunch and, of course, a social game of tennis!

## Hockey Nationals

Last week, Grace Rogers, Year 9 competed in the under 16 SA School Sport Hockey Nationals Held in Adelaide. 16 girls were been chosen from SA to take on the best Hockey players across Australia for a 7 day tournament.

Well done, Grace!



Has your child recently competed in a State or National competition, or been recognised by a community organisation or club? Share the news with us and our College community by emailing the details together with a couple of photos to [communications@encounter.sa.edu.au](mailto:communications@encounter.sa.edu.au)

# COMMUNITY NEWS



## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

### **Mighty All Stars Cheerleading**

competed at Aussie Gold States Competition over the weekend. Olivia Hutchinson, Alexis Lo and Charlotte Barry competed in 2 teams, both teams becoming State Champions. They will be competing in Sydney in November for Nationals. Well done, girls!

## Port Elliot Tennis Club Open Day

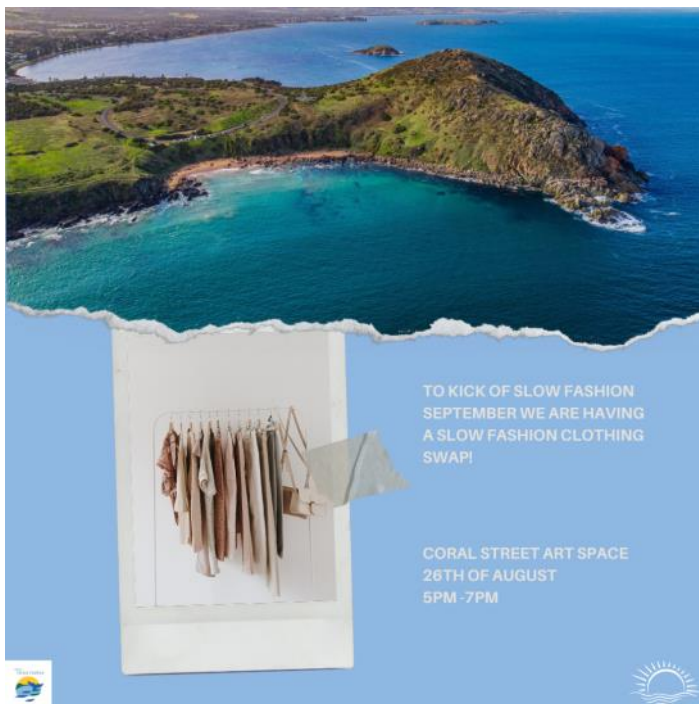
**Sunday 27 August, 2023**

- Juniors: 9.00am - 11.00am
- Seniors 1.00pm - 3.00pm

All welcome.

For more information, visit:

<https://play.tennis.com.au/portelliottenniscub>



## Slow Fashion Clothing Exchange

On the 26th of August Victor Harbor Youth are having a Slow Fashion Clothing Exchange from 5pm – 7pm at the Coral Street Art Space, come with a bag of clothes to get rid of and walk away with a bag of new ones! This is a free event for young people between the ages of 12-25 and is a great opportunity to support sustainable fashion. Come and enjoy some free food and live music while you shop sustainably! No need to register, but if you need more information contact Dan from the City of Victor Harbor.

P: 0418 811 780 | E: [dwestern@victor.sa.gov.au](mailto:dwestern@victor.sa.gov.au)



## Roller Disco

On Saturday the 2nd of September we are hosting a family friendly Roller Disco! We have a skate skills workshop from 4:30pm – 5:00pm to learn some new skills, and the disco will be starting from 5:15pm, this is being held at the Victor Harbor Recreation Centre. If you don't have skates, we will have some spares for you to borrow for the evening. Helmets are a must! This is a free event, please register by scanning the QR Code!



# COMMUNITY NEWS

## POSITION AVAILABLE

### **Intergenerational Community Engagement Officer, Victor Harbor** **Permanent Part Time (0.3FTE), days negotiable**

Victor Harbor Lutheran Homes, in partnership with Victor Harbor Lutheran Church, is seeking an Intergenerational Community Engagement Officer. This person will build intergenerational relationships and offer a structured program to bring together the residents of the Homes, Encounter Lutheran College students and the wider community, to develop and maintain joy in living.

Ideally the successful applicant will begin in mid-October 2023.

[Click here](#) to view the position description and application details.

**Applications close**  
**Thursday 31 August 2023**



## COME & TRY TENNIS DAY

Sunday 27/08/23  
2pm - 4:30pm  
Registrations  
Uniform orders  
Free BBQ  
Fun and Games on Court

**ALL AGES AND ABILITY WELCOME**



## GOOLWA BAND

**LIVE**  
**IN CONCERT 2023**

### "The Magic of Music"


**26 AUG 27 AUG**  
SAT 7:30PM SUN 2PM

All tickets \$15  
[events.alexandrina.com.au](https://events.alexandrina.com.au)  
or 8555 7000

**CENTENARY HALL  
GOOLWA**  
Cashless event, EFTPOS available



# OPEN DAY



## GOOLWA TENNIS CLUB

Registrations will be open for the Junior and Senior Competitions.

Date: Sunday 27 August  
Time: 11:00 am - 1:00 pm  
Venue: 22 Goyder St, Goolwa

[play.tennis.com.au](https://play.tennis.com.au)