



UPDATING SKILLS: (Back): TAFE SA hospitality lecturer Wendy Hunyadi with James Leonard, Dean Rattley, Chelsea Smith, Megan Grainger and Mikaela Harris; middle: Mackenzie Fennell, Alana Simes, Michaela Story, Bonnie Mason, Kate Grainger, Amy Flavel, Amie-Lee Harris, Tarsha Briesse and Ashleigh Byrnes; front: Ashton Bates, Jasmine Stening and Nicole Zweck.

Students learn more about the brew

STUDENTS and local cafe baristas last month took part in a free barista course funded through a government initiative.

The Small Regional Communities (SRC) funding allows regional areas to access funding for courses that are normally paid, and TAFE SA information services officer Megan Cox said it was a fantastic opportunity for everyone involved.

“Out of the 17 students we had involved, three of them were baristas themselves and even they learnt something new, which was fantastic to hear,” she said.

“The students we had were from Stage One and Stage Two SACE (SA Certificate of Education) and the knowledge they learnt over the four days could be contributed to their for-

mal learning at school.”

The barista course taught decorating, brewing and hygienic skills over four days at the Cleve Area School.

“Interestingly enough, the courses that are offered are rarely available to school students as they mostly apply to people who have already completed their education, so I wanted to offer it to students first,” Ms Cox said.

“What was the most attractive part of the course was that it was not only free but it was something that a lot of students were interested in, and that’s where it worked.”

“I think it’s a little different to when an employer or an institution sends their workers to learn a certain skill set that the workers themselves might not be interested in learning personally.”

Teacher writes of his bush education

A FORMER Eyre Peninsula teacher tells of his early years teaching across rural South Australia in a new book titled *Eh Schoolie!*.

Graham McGrath, well known by Eyre Peninsula locals for his teaching career at Cleve Area School, wrote about transitioning from city life to the country to be a teacher at schools at Mabel Creek Station, Butler Tanks and Muloorina Station.

Mr McGrath said the book dealt with being chucked into living the bush life, and even though he completed a rural course he didn’t expect to be sent out “into the bush”.

“As a raw 20-year-old, I was inexperienced in life experiences, I wrote letters home to Mum, which she kept, but there’s a lot in the book which I didn’t tell Mum,” he said.

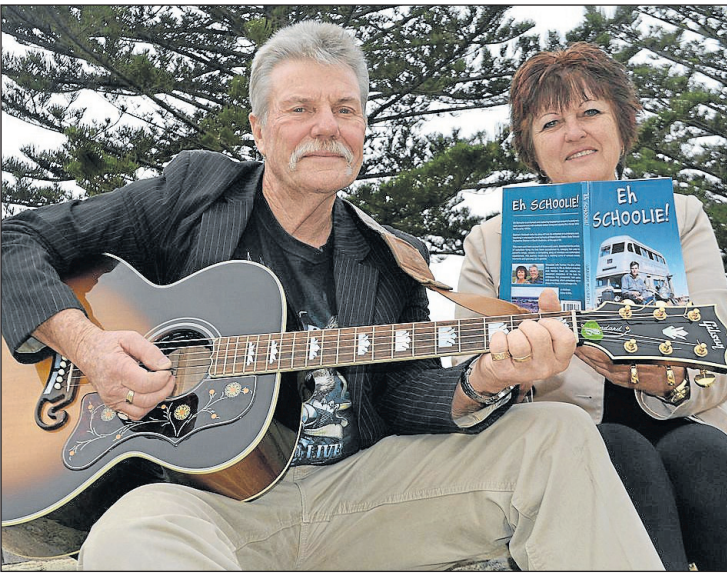
“The title - *Eh Schoolie!* - was what I was referred to instead of my name, that was the way it was back then.”

While most of the book deals with his life at Mabel Creek Station, he does devote a chapter to his one year as teacher at Butler Tanks Rural School in 1968, the final year of the school’s operation.

It is in this chapter that Mr McGrath talks about meeting his wife to be Jo McGrath (nee Noble) during a tennis match at Tumby Bay.

Mr McGrath said he found the experience at the rural school to be interesting, and thought it was unfortunate to see it close.

“Rural schools are one teacher schools, you could have anything



MEMORY LANE: Graham and Jo McGrath promoted the book *Eh Schoolie!* during their visit to the Lower Eyre Peninsula.

from 1 to 20 kids from Year 1 to 7, and you had to handle all of them,” he said.

“At Butler Tanks I was the last teacher there, it was at a period of time when school bus routes were coming into force and taking kids to Tumby Bay, so enrolments dropped.”

Many people remember Mr McGrath as a musician and music teacher at Cleve, and in the book he shares his experiences learning to play the guitar at Mabel Creek Station with his friend Ben ‘Banjo’ Walkington.

The McGraths have been visiting the Lower Eyre Peninsula to promote the book, as well as their new album *Shades of Colour*, they have even performed for residents at the local retirement villages.

Mr McGrath said he had seen there was a lot more support for modern day teachers, especially in the rural areas.

“Teachers have better access to resources and technology, I remember going to a shop in Adelaide before my appointment (to Mabel Creek) to build up something to help but couldn’t find anything,” he said.

“Nowadays there’s stores set up to provide resources for teachers.”

Anyone interested in obtaining a copy of *Eh Schoolie!* can email at outbackschoolie@gmail.com

Sudoku...how to play

Each box must contain the numbers 1 to 9, and each horizontal and vertical line must also contain the numbers 1 to 9. Answers on Page 4

SUDOKU

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Road safety survey

PEOPLE across Eyre Peninsula are being asked to have their say about road safety measures they believe will drive down the road toll and reduce injuries.

A community attitudes survey seeks the community's views about what needs to be done to change people's behaviour.

For more information visit www.yoursay.sa.gov.au/roadsafety.

The survey will be open until 5pm on Friday, May 29.

Family reunion caption

A CAPTION in the Wake family reunion story on page 7 of last week's Tribune was incorrect.

The caption of the large group of people should have read, Organising group: (Back): Neil and Chris Wake, Peter Crettenden, Heather and Malcolm Nield; front: Walter Thomson, Tessa Wake, Mike Wake, Helen and Garth Rogers.

The Tribune was supplied with the incorrect caption.

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He replied "Red sky at night mean fair weather tomorrow, red sky in the morning means foul weather all day."

Matthew 16:2

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