



Comment on suggestion 1

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THE FEDERAL REDISTRIBUTION SOUTH AUSTRALIA

REDISTRIBUTION OF FEDERAL ELECTORAL DIVISIONS IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Members of the public are now invited to cubmit written suggestions relating to the redistribution of federal electoral divisions in South Australia.

The redistribution is being undertaken as South Australia's entitlement to members of the House of Representatives has decreased from 11 to 10.

Abolishing an electoral division means there will need to be significant changes made to South Australia's electoral division boundaries. On the existing boundaries, nine of South Australia's 11 current federal electoral divisions do not meet the numerical requirements of the Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918.

SUBMITTING A SUGGESTION

- Online: www.aec.gov.au/SA-redistribution
- Email: FedRedistribution-SA@aec.gov.au
- In person: Redict button Committee for South Australian Justin an Electoral Commission, Level 9, 1 King William Street, Addiction
- Mail: Redistriof on Committee for South Australia, Australian Denoral Commission, GPO Box 344, Adelaide SA 5001
- Fax: 02 6293 7663

Suggestions must be roomed by the Redistribution Committee by 6pm ACDT Friday 1 December 2017

Suggestions may refer to the names of electoral divisions, their geographical boundaries or a combination of both these elements. In making a suggestion, members of the public may find it helpful to consider the following material available on the AEC website at

www.aec.gov.au/SA-redistribution:

- · guidelines for making a submission,
- guidelines for naming federal electoral divisions, and
- information about who makes the proposed redistribution and the factors they consider.

COMMENTS ON SUGGESTIONS

All suggestions received by the deadline will be made available for public inspection from Monday 4 December 2017 on the AEC website and at the office of the Australian Electoral Officer for South Australia (Level 9, 1 King William Street, Adelaide).

Members of the public can then lodge written comments on the suggestions up until **6pm ACDT Friday 15 December 2017**. Comments on suggestions can support or disagree with suggestions to the redistribution.

REDISTRIBUTION PROPOSAL

After considering the suggestions and comments received the Redistribution Committee will release proposed names and boundaries. Maps will be published in selected newspapers, on the AEC website and made available at all AEC offices in South Australia.

For further information about the South Australian federal redistribution, including an indicative timetable for the process, go to www.aec.gov.au/SA-redistribution.

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Authorised by Tom Rogers, Electoral Commissioner, 50 Marcus Clarke Street, Canberra, ACT

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Kate's election fate is looking far from great

PAUL STARICK CHIEF REPORTER

HIGH-PROFILE Labor frontbencher Kate Ellis' is facing a shock defeat to the Liberals in her inner-city seat of Adelaide, internal ALP polling reveals.

Little-known Liberal candidate David Colovic leads Ms Ellis 51 per cent to 49 per cent on a two-party preferred basis, according to a Reachtel poll supplied to the Advertiser.

Voters in the affluent infersouth are spurring the Liberal support analysts from both parties say, because many who did not like former Liberal leader Tony-Abbott are swinging support behind I rime Minister Malcolm Turnbull.

The Reachtel poll of 364 people is Labor's most recent in the way which Ms Ellis holds with a per cent margin, and results are understood to have been handed to the party early this month.

It is likely they have been supplied to *The Advertiser* in a bid to rally support for Ms Ellis in the face of a statewide surge by the Nick Xenophon Team and Newspolls showing the Coalition with an election-winning lead in key national marginal seats.

Labor needs to gain at least 19 seats at the July 2 election to govern in its own right and an upset loss in Adelaide would further complicate a task it is already at long odds to achieve.

But the poll shows Ms Ellis, who won the seat in 2004, has a high approval rating – 71 per cent of respondents have a positive opinion of her, 15 per cent are negative, 9 per cent unsure and 4 per cent have never heard of her.

By contrast, 66 per cent had never heard of Mr Colovic, 11 per cent had a positive opinion or were unsure, while 12 per cent had a negative opinion.

Primary voting intention

Nick's man getting set to win in Barker

SIMON BENSON

LIBERAL Tony Pasin faces losing his seat of Barker to NXT candidate James Stacey, according to an opinion poll that delivers more evidence of the growing ty of smator Nick Xenophon's party.

The Advertiser's Off the Record column on Saturday revealed that Barker was a strong prospect for NXT, fusion by Senator Xenophon's longstanting ampaign for the River Muray being popular in the Riverland.

With at least two Liberal lower house seats under threat, the Reachtel policommissioned by the CFMEU revealed that Senator Xenophon's candidate

was in a winning position to take the South Australian seat of Barker held by the Liberal Party. But I the inalso fearing thator with sevdependits seats under threat.

A poll of 869 Barker residents showed that of people who said they would not give first preference to either the Liberal Party or the Xenophon party, 84.5 per cent would preference the NXT candidate above the Liberals.

The western Sydney seat of Lindsay would also likely be decided by Xenophon preferences. An exclusive Calaxy poll showed candidate Stephen Lynch who is campaigning against aircraft noise had seven per cent of the vote.

results and subsequent preference allocation were not supplied to *The Advertiser*, but the poll also shows low recognition for Nick Xenophon Team candidate Joe Hill, countering 29 per cent primary support across SA in the latest Newspoll, published yesterday.

Both major, parties are desperate to dent support for the NXT which, in a Newspoll, gathered 38 per cent first-preference backing in Mayo, where Liberal Jamie Briggs is facing defeat

In the neighbouring electorate of Boothby, Mitcham Mayor Glenn Spear is considering legal action against NXT candidate and fellow councillor Karen Hockley over comments made on his Facebook page.

Ms Ellis, who was by Oppo-

sition Leader Bill Shorten's side early in the marathon campaign, seized on Mr Colovic's non-appearance at a debate a fortnight ago to declare her rival was not up to the job.

"I think it would be a travesty, if someone who appears to be in hiding won the seat," Ms Ellis told *The Advertiser*.

"The people of Adelaide deserve to be represented by someone they can trust and who honestly and genuinely puts themselves forward."

Mr Colovic rejected claims he was in hiding, saying he wanted to talk to as many people as possible before the election in less than a fortnight.

"I'm out and about every single day talking to the people of Adelaide about the Turnbull Liberal team's plan for jobs and growth," he said.

Bill divisive says Latham

POLITICAL commentator and former Labor leader Mark Latham has delivered a searing assessment of Bill Shorten, claiming he wants to subdivide the nation on the basis of race, gender and sexuality.

In a column in today's Advertiser, Mr Latham writes: "We are becoming a nation of identity-obsessed enclaves, losing the spirit and shared bonds of community."

PAGE 18: MARK LATHAM COLUMN



UNDER PRESSURE: Adelaide's Kate Ellis with Labor leader Bill Shorten. Ms Ellis remains

popular but Malcolm Turnbull is proving better at attracting voters than Tony Abbott.

REAL: The Liberal party attack advertisement.

Libs trade in credibility in attack ad

THE Liberal Party is standing by its "real tradie" in the face of an online backlash and ridicule for its latest election campaign advertisement.

The 30-second ad features "A. MacRae", a tradie dressed in khakis and a hi-visibility vest sitting next to a saw outside a building site, who says Labor has declared war on banks, mining and blue-collar workers.

"Let me get this right, Mr Shorten wants to go to war

with my bank? He wants to go to war with our miners. Bill Shorten even wants to go to war with someone like me, who just wants to get ahead through an investment property," he says.

"Well I'll tell you what happens when you get a war going on, the economy, people like me, lose their jobs."

But the ad was ridiculed and many social media commentators condemned it, accusing the Government of hiring an actor and questioning everything from his expensive-looking watch, the OH&S breaches of wearing jewellery and mocking his cockney-comeocker accent – even his blue ceramic mug was scrutinised.

Tweets poked fun at the ad, showing everything from the tradesman photoshopped on a "world tour" of famous landmarks, to sitting outside Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull's Point Piper home alongside the caption "I just want to buy

my first house". The Government issued a statement denying he was a hired actor.

"We are very pleased that people are talking about this ad, which highlights the risks of Bill Shorten's war on business. The tradie is real, unlike Mr Shorten's claims about Medicare."

One casualty of the furore was Sydney-based voiceover artist Andrew MacRae, who was incorrectly named as having acted in the ad.

NXT to contest seat of Barker

THURSDAY MAY 5

PETER JEAN POLITICAL REPORTER

A FORMER Nationals Senate candidate has joined the Nick Xenophon Team to contest the safe South Australian country Liberal seat of Barker.

Former Dairy Farmers' Association vice president James Stacey will today be announced as the NXT candidate for the seat, which Libertony Pasin holy by a massive 165 per cent margin.

16.5 per cent margin.

Mr Stacey said yesterday he had joined NXT because he wanted a better deal for South Australian agriculture, including improved management of the Murray River as well as the end of tax subsidies for bulk and unbranded wine.

"I want to see better outcomes for agriculture and by being involved with the Nick Xenophon Team I'm having a go at making that happen," he said.

Mr Stacey, who ran for the Senate at the 2013 election, said he respected Senator Xenophon's work with Nationals Leader and Deputy Prime Minister Barnaby Joyce on issues such as country-of-origin food labelling.

Senator Xenophon said Mr Stacey would ensure the seat would not be taken for "grant-" by the Government." AJANYANDALL 2 TTHEY NEALLY AND PEACEFULLY WAW) POACTUALLY OF POSE ANTHONY ANTONIO TONZA DU) PREFFEN TONY PASZN ZNANY AND ZNACL PERNAMEN)

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Please, pollies: fix section 44 once and for all



ESTERDAY was the day the citizenship saga jumped the shark.
Senator Skye Kakoschke-Moore announced her discovery that she was a British citizen – get this – because her mother was born in Singapore before it became independent in 1965 and because, by virtue of her grandfather's birth in the United Kingdom, her mother had gained the right to live there when new legislation was introduced in 1971, British citizenship was therefore conferred on Ms Kakoschke-Moore at her birth in 1985.

Get real.

The count is now nine MPs who have been forced to resign from our federal parliament because of dual citizenship, which in most cases they were unaware they had.

That figure does not include the MPs who were ruled ineligible for part-owning an

electorate office, being bankrupt when a nomination form was filled in, or accepting a government job after failing to be elected, or any of the others under a cloud.

Member for Barker Tony Pasin has assured us he is no longer an Italian citizen despite his parents having immigrated from that country, and we accept his word.

But he must be aware of the level of public frustration about this issue.

At the last election, Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull promised stable government, with a focus on things like company tax cuts.

Instead, for six months or more, the only issues that have cut through to the electorate are this citizenship fiasco and same-sex marriage.

The Australian people have had their say on one of those issues, and it is up to the legislators to put their decision into practice.

But the other is hanging around like a bad smell.

Now is the time to tackle it head-on by holding a referendum to amend section 44 of Australia's constitution.

Forget the audits, self-referrals and ambushes by amateur genealogists.

In a modern, multicultural, globally minded nation like ours, it doesn't make sense that Australians should be disqualified from political office for having had a parent born overseas, or working at a university.

It's not the 1890s any more.

Yes, it has been 18 years since we last had a referendum, and they rarely get up.

But if we as a nation are unable to fix such an obvious nuisance as section 44, what hope do we have of surmounting greater challenges?

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Pyne flags switch if boundary change unfavourable

Mark Kenny

Christopher Pyne has suggested his high profile has unreasonably fuelled media speculation that his seat of Sturt will be abolished in a redistribution, but the Defence Industry Minister has nonetheless hinted that he would switch seats even if Sturt is retained but suffers boundary changes rendering it more marginal.

The comments raise the prospect. of a tense internal preselection conwithin the Liberal Party if the erate Mr Pyne (pictured) - a parliame tary veteran - belengin a sitting colleague hande of staying in polit-

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switch would be Boothby, held by fellow Liberal newcomer, and conservative MP, Nicolle Flint.

"The fact that I'm probably one of the most prominent South Australian members of parliament means you're all salivating at the prospect," he told the ABC's Insiders program.

"But I'm sure that Labor and the Nick Xenophon Team would quite like to see my seat merged. All the speculation is all very exciting but somewhere, in some seat, will be the people that I represent, where

And the most likely target for that I represented for 24 years and I intend to continue to represent them as long as they keep voting for me."

> The leader of the government in the House of Representatives has ruled out a joint Labor/Liberal submission to the Australian Electoral

Commission to save his seat by instead abolishing the sole Nick Xenophon Team-held federal electorate of Mayo.

The absorption of Mayo into the remaining electorates is emerging as among the more

> likely outcomes of the looming boundary charge.

> > However, even that is ex

just one of which is that Mr Pyne's seat of Sturt could become more marginal or even unwinnable for the Liberals

It is the latest headache for the beleaguered Turnbull government, which by virtue of an electoral redistribution of voters and electorates. will go into the next election not merely trailing in the opinion polls, but needing to actually pick up seats just to stay where it is.

Victoria and the Australian Capital Territory are to get an extra seat added - expected to be Laborleaning electorates based on past voting patterns - while the central state's dwindling population has it ropolitan boundaries move.

going backwards. The House of Representatives will increase in net terms to 151 seats from 150 although the governing party will need the same number of seats - 76 - to hold an absolute majority.

Experienced hands within South Australia say the reduction from 11 SA seats to 10 means disproportionate trouble for the Liberal Party, which holds just 4 of 11, and is likely to come away from the next poll holding just 3 of 10.

While Mayo, held by the rookie MP Rebekha Sharkie, is regarded the easiest seat to redistribute into neighbouring electorates, the change would probably see all met-

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Mr Dalidakis said. "They are simply

Josh Gordon

The Andrews government has been accused of "childish and pathetic" tactics after complaining it is being dudded under a federal plan to eliminate mobile phone black spots.

Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbuli yesterday announced a second round of funding under the flagship Mobile Black Spots Program, with \$60 million set aside to build and upgrace 266 mobile towers nation-

But in an escalating stoush, almost half of the upgrades requested by Viltoria have been rejected by the Turnbull government as a "waste of money" providing little or no benefit.

The lates carve-up - targeting 1400 black spots - has left the

Andrews government fuming and accusing Mr Turnbull of shortchanging Australia's most bushire prone state.

Out of 266 new and upgraded mobile towers, 32 are in Victoria, about 12 per cent of the total, and less than half the state's 25 per cent population share.

An assessment by Emergency Management Commissioner Craig Lapsley handed to the Commonwealth requested upgrades for 63 areas still suffering from poor coverage.

The submission was backed by a May 2016 state budget decision to set aside \$11 million as part of a joint pitch with Telstra and Opus to upgrade the areas of concern.

But the submission appears to were made and what data was used," have fallen flat, almost eight years



asking us to trust them, and since On web, tablet Prime Minister Turnbull was elecand mobile ted in July, 'trust' is not a word he Go online to check should be using with Victorians."

coverage in your But federal Regional Communications Minister Fiona Nash hit back, saying the "whingeing" was "childish" and pathelic". after Victoria's Black Saturday dis-

"Rather than thank the Coalition for 32 towers it would never have received under federal Labor, Vicupgrade or build 76 mobile towers, torian Labor chooses to spin new mobile phone coverage into a negat-Victoria's Innovation Minister ive," Ms Nash said. "The political Philip Dalidakis accused a "Sydneytactic of screaming, 'Not enough!' centric" Mr Turnbull of playing instead of saying, "Thank you', is political games and ignoring Victorichildish and pathetic." an communities identified as prior-

upgrades pushed by Labor were rejected as they were deemed a waste allow Victoria to use federal cash to of taxpayers' money, providing little or zero benefit in terms of coverage.

Although progress is being made under the jointly funded statefederal scheme, Victoria remains riddled with black spots, creating risks on high fire danger days when mobile phones are relied upon to issue warnings and keep track of local residents.

As it is, Victoria's relationship with the Commonwealth has been stretched to breaking point.

The Andrews government has long complained it is being denied a fair share of infrastructure funding.

The latest stoush also follows a row over the first round of black spot funding, in which Federal Commu-Ms Nash said the other 31 tower nications Minister Mitch Fifield refused to change the guidelines to upgrade phone coverage on V/Line train lines.

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Works to construct the harvesting and distribut tion system include lining a lagoon at Cifford Hill; upgrading existing stormwater infrastructure at Rural Avenue Wetland and the cometery and golf course basins; laying almost eight kilometres of pipelines and construct ing a new pump station on Old Swamport Road Once complete, the scheme will deliver in excess of 235 megalitres of water per year; and possibly more than 700mL when the Gifford Hill and Newbridge developments come to fruition.

Leed construction manager Jason Mitchell said residents would be informed of future works.

"We have started at the Old Swanport Boad plant and will move towards the golf course and then to the Gifford lagoon



Planning ahead: Murray Bridge council project manager Brett Shuttleworth, Leed Engineering construction manager Jason Mitchell, council engineering manager Matt James, Burke Urban managing director Kym Burke Murray Bridge Racing Club chairman Reginplan and council chief executive officer Peter Bond look over plans for the stormwater scheme.

We will communicate with residents multiple times before we go past their streets."

Last Tuesday, proprietors met at a Stormwater Manage-Reuse and ment Scheme meeting where Murray Bridge council chief executive officer Peter Bond thanked the Federal Government, the Murray Bridge Racing Club and the Gifford Hill Joint Venture for their partnership.

The meeting was ful-

lowed by a public information session, held on Wednesday, where residents were provided with an overview of the scheme and what could be expected during the construction phase.

Council infrastructure and Environment general manager Simon Bradley said when all tional by September stages were finished, the operation would provide better flood protection in the city and help restore the health of the River Murray.

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reschience and leas reliance on river and mains water, improved health of River Musray, improved drainage and flood protection, and beautification of parks and public open spaces, he said.

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But Caitlin greeted each day with an unwavering smile, thrilled to be spending time with her beloved equine friends. "She'd get up in the morning, feed her horses, clean the yards then she'd go to school," her father Darren Forrest says. "Then she'd get home from school and we'd have to get her off the horse's back and say, 'C'mon Caitlin, it's tea time'. You literally had to pry her off the horse."

Caitlin was soon shining in the saddle, with Yvonne accompanying her to gymkhanas across the state and almost invariably returning with a swag of ribbons and a beaming smile. She also enjoyed success driving in pony harness races and success driving in pony harness races and success driving in showjumper,

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Yvonne says. "To her credit, like she had
her whole life, she knuckled down and did
what it took to get where she wanted to be."

In hindsight, there was no chance Caitlin Forrest was going to fail. Not when it came to horses. As part of her Year 12 assessment, Caitlin attended the acclaimed SA Apprentice Academy. A star pupil, she soon was riding in "jumpouts" and barrier trials. She was a natural, displaying the balance and soft hands that only come with a lifetime among horses.

"She had a tremendous amount of ability. I have no doubt she would have gone on to be a successful jockey. She wasn't far off the elite category ... and her wasn't far off the elite category academy boss career was just beginning," academy boss career was just beginning."



property in Strathalbyn would prove lifedefining. Darren and Yvonne started working for racehorse trainer John Hyam at nearby Finniss Lodge, with Darren taking on the role as stable foreman.

Caltlin was a frequent visitor to the truining facility from her early teenage years, tending to the horses and helping out whenever she could. Soon, she was strapping horses at the races. She was like a kid in a candy shop, getting paid to care for the animals she loved so dearly. Before long, she was riding trackwork.

Her parents had encouraged an interest in veterinary work — "I've seen how much money vets can earn," Darren says — but, to Caitlin, the lure of becoming an apprentice jockey was tantalising. She was a gifted rider, she knew horses would run for her, and she loved the thrill of the competition. And, above all else, it meant she'd fill her days working with her dear equine friends.

Her parents were hard taskmasters, though, insisting Caitlin complete her high-school studies before taking to the saddle full-time. "I drummed into her often enough how hard the game was ... that you had to work hard and when it came to race riding you had to be prepared to waste to make the weight and not eat the whole



horses – and the horses responded tolher. There's no doubt in the world she would have been a dux of our apprentice academy after finishing runner-up last year."

Champion jockey Glen Boss, who won a record breaking three Melbourne Cups on Makybe Diva, identified the young rider as a rising star after his first visit to the apprentice academy.

"I remember driving Glen to the airport and he said to me, 'that blonde girl (referring to Caitlin), she's the one'. He saw something special in her," Forrestal recalls.

Caitlin's first official race ride, at Port Augusta on July 21, 2013, was on the Sam Kavanagh-trained Sophisticated Lass. The mare was considered a strong winning chance – but the harsh unpredictability of the racing game struck, the horse suffering a "bleeding" attack before finishing last. It didn't take long for Caitlin's luck to turn, claiming her first win on the veteran Ethbaal for trainer Barry Dunn at Roxby Downs on August 3. Coincidentally, Ethbaal would later be involved in the fall that claimed Caitlin's life.

Trips to the winner's circle were a common occurrence from that day, including a meeting at Jamestown when she won three races and finished second twice from just six rides. She also won the TAFE SA Provincial and Country Apprentice of the Year award for the 2013-14 racing season. Those years among the horses she loved were paying off. With 51 winners from 400 rides, Caitlin Forrest's star was on the rise.

T WAS just after 4pm on Wednesday, October 15 last year when Darren Forrest got a call on his mobile phone from a good mate while he was in the driveway cleaning his truck in readiness for the next morning's shift.

The occasion was a significant one on the SA provincial racing calendar, Murray Bridge Gold Cup day. His daughter Caitlin didn't have a ride in the Cup but she had picked up the mount on Colla Voce, a smart »»»

LIBBY Hopwood is glad she can't remember the race fall at Murray Bridge last October that left her with bleeding on the brain, a broken collarbone, fractured shoulder blade, fractured veterbrae and punctured lung and killed her good friend Caitlin Forrest.

Hopwood was riding Barigan Boy. who was caught in the tangle when Forrest's horse Colla Voce shattered its shoulder and fell when leading the field around the home turn of the 1000m feature sprint on Murray Bridge Cup day.

"I'm grateful I don't have any memory of it. I'll try to keep it that way." Hopwood says.

Though the sport took her dear friend's life and she suffered such severe injuries. Hopwood remains determined to continue her involvement in the racing game at some level.

She has done some media work and hopes to expand on those opportunities. Her prospects of returning to race-riding remain in limbo after failing a series of concussion tests, the most recent less than a month ago.

Under current regulations, Hopwood is not permitted to even ride horses at trackwork unless she passes a concussion test.

Like Forrest, Hopwood has spent her whole life among horses and loves them dearly. When times are tough, there's no better stress relief than spending time with her equine companions.

"The love of my life is my pony," she says. "It's hard to explain to non-horse people ... it's tough to put into words. I'd go crazy without horses. They've kept me sane for years."

Hopwood had no background in the racing industry, no intentions of becoming a jockey.

But a chain of events — and an offer of an apprenticeship with leading South-East trainer Michael O'Leary — proved life-changing.

"I grew up on a farm and came up through Pony Club, just like Caitlin," she says. "I needed money to go to uni ... so I deferred my course for a year and got a job with Michael O'Leary because horses were essentially all I knew at that time.

"He offered me an apprenticeship ... and I thought it was the only industry where I could be involved with horses and actually make money instead of losing it. I grew up breaking in ponies, going out to stations, things like that.

"Growing up, it'd never crossed my mind (to be a jockey). I'd never been to the races. I was just this bush Pony Club kid. I was trying to think of a way to make a career where I could be with horses—and I couldn't think of one until I got offered that apprenticeship."

Hopwood admits there were times in the weeks after the fall when her faith in horse racing wavered.

"Basically the whole time I was in hospital, I didn't want to get back to racing ... but when I got home and I saw horses that I'd been working with for years and they were winning without me, that was probably the turning point and I decided I wanted to get back to it," she says.

"You miss that partnership with the horse. I spent years and years with horses ... and it's tough to watch them go through the ranks without you."

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A year after a catastrophic race fall at Murray Bridge, Caitlin Forre with the rising star's death - while friend and fellow jockey Libby

y is still coming to terms d is battling to ride again



HERE'S something special about a girl and her horse. A doting girl cares lovingly for her dearest friend and the animal responds with an unbridled affection unfathomable to those without an equine background. Instead of Justin Bieber and One Direction posters, horse-loving girls decorate their bedrooms with Pony Club ribbons. Instead of playing computer games or watching reality TV, they spend their spare time plaiting their pony's mane, brushing their coats until they glow in the sun. It's the stuff of fairytales, a unique bond, equal parts love and respect

So often a girl's gentle touch has softened and ultimately tamed a wild, headstrong horse using kind words, a soothing and rare patience until the animal is, quite literally, eating from her hand.

In every town across Australia, there are examples of unconditional love between a torge and the little girl who fawns

Racing to label us

No, Nick Ryan (Suraby Mail, 12/11/1/), my friends in the anti-Horse racing movement are not wowsers, nor snobs nor misplaced sentimentalists.

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Caitlin Forrest was one of those girls. She loved horses, dedicated most of her 19 years to them and finally made it her full-time career, working as an apprentice jockey. Her life would never have seemed complete without horses and not a day passed without her spending time among them. She loved them – and the horses loved her back.

But not all love stories have a happy ending.

HERE was never any doubt Caitlin was going to live a life among horses. Her grandfather Barry was a successful harness racing trainer-driver and son Darren spent time as a harness driver, trackwork rider, stable foreman and racecourse manager at Morphettville before taking on his most recent job as a driver with Goldners Horse Transport. Her mother Yvonne Forrest has been an apprentice jockey, trackwork rider, stable foreman, racehorse trainer and also works in the horse ambulance at racetracks around the state.

Horses were a way of life in the Forrest household and Caitlin was on a horse's back before she could walk.

"Even from when she was a baby, she always wanted to pat the horses. Some little kids can be scared of horses but not Caitlin. She loved them," Yvonne recalls. "She was one of the youngest I've known to start at Pony Club. She was four years old when she first started going. She broke in her first pony when she was eight, with my help. We've still got him now – Pookie Bear. She loved that pony and did absolutely everything on him."

The days of tending to her horses and schoolwork were long, leaving little time for anything other than sleep.

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BY PERI STRATHEARN

Agifford Hill

THIS Friday's Gold Cup will not be the last one held at the current Murray Bridge Racecourse, but that day is drawing near.

Since 2005, the city's rucing club has pursued its dream of a new track at Gifford Hill, complete with a function centre and a residential village for horse trainers.

A parade of racing personalities, politicians and investors visited the fledgling racecourse last week to inspect the work that has been done so far and launch the next stage of development; the function centre and a race day building for officials and jockeys.

Almost 120 jobs will be created in the construction phase, and 197 jobs supported after the racecourse

Burke Urban managing director Kym Burke said he was grateful for the support of the patient, resilient investors behind the development, including the Hurley Group, Wicks and Burke families, Mark Ricciuto and Simon Goodwin.

Together they have already plunged \$19 million into the project for the purchase of more than 800 hectares of

and the construction of the track and race day stalls.

Thoroughbred Racing SA chief executive officer Jim Watters described the development as one of the most exciting things to happen to the state's racing industry.

"It is quite a rarity today to have a completely new racecourse built on a green fields site," he said.

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ARTIST'S IMPRESSION: The proposed function centre, able to cater to 600 people. Image: Murray Bridge Racies Club

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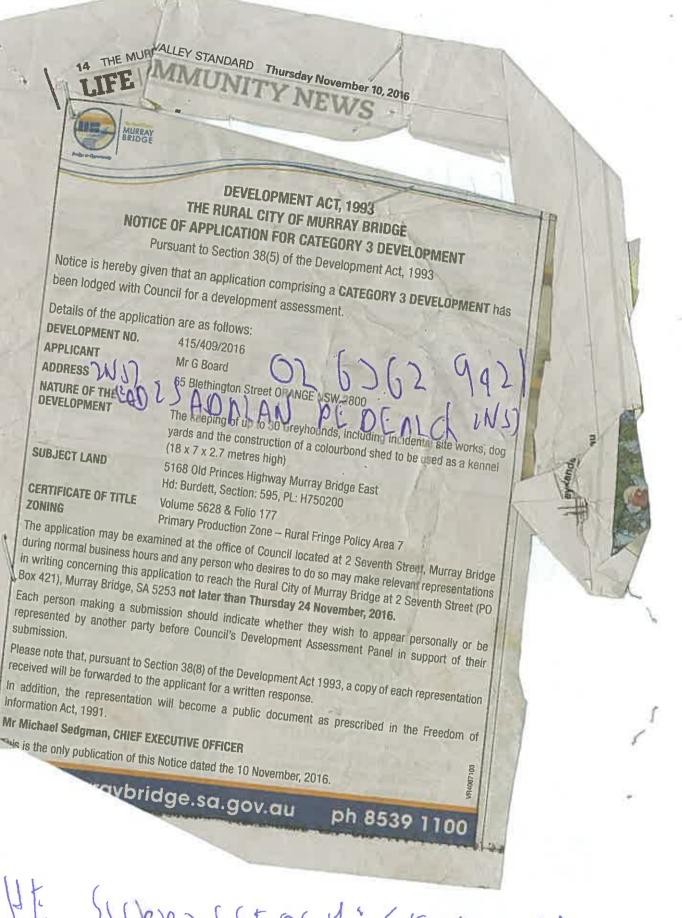
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

MOBILE BLACK SPOTS

As regular readers would recognise, imyr, ving telecommunications infrastructure across Barker is one of my highest priorities.

Upon being elected in 2013 I was looking forward to seeing the Coalition Government's Mobile Blackspot Programme rolled out across the nation and looked forward to reaping some of these dividends for regional South Australia.

How naive I was to think that our State Government might recognise the unprecedented opportunity lying before it and actually commit to investing in the program.

Round one included a \$100 million commitment from the Federal Government.

Federal Government funding included a commitment from telecommunication companies of \$185 million, and State Governments contributing in excess of \$87 million. Local Government, businesses and community organisations also contributed \$1.7 million. This co-operative approach to improving mobile blackspots in regional areas across the country resulted in a total 199 new or improved mobile phone towers from a total pool of \$385 million. It must be not all however that of the \$87 million from State Governments, our South Australia Labor Government contributed nothing.

No surprise then that South Australia received the bare minimum number of towers which included only two in Barker.

Compare this with our neighbours across the border in Victoria. The Victorian State Government saw the opportunity that the South Australian Government did not and contributed \$21 million.

Victoria received 110 new or upgraded towers. Round two of the program is due to be finalised very soon.

Despite a long campaign by myself and my Federal colleague Rowan Ramsey to lobby the State Government to contribute a meaningful sum to Round two, the South Australian State Government has again failed to grasp this opportunity by putting forward an insultingly low \$2 million.



SHINE A LIGHT: Members of the community united for the Murray Bridge White Ribbor Day march that was held on Friday, November 5_Photo: Caser Granery

Round two of the program includes a further \$60 million of Federal Government funding to be allocated in the same way as Round one; final decisions of which sites will be funded are based on value for taxpayer's money. The more co-contributions offered by third parties (namely State and/or Local Governments), the more attractive a site becomes. The question remains what will our State Government's poultry \$2 million co-contribution translate into for South Australia in Round two? As with many issues we face outside metropolitan Adelaide, I fear the State Government neither understands

res what their country constituents struggle with. It's sad that improved telecommunications in regional South Australia could only attract \$2 million from Premier Weatherill but an O'Bahn extension shaving seven minutes off a bus trip from the suburbs is worth an investment of \$160 million.

Member for Barker Tony Pasin, Murray Bridge

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Victoria 'dudded' by phone plan

Josh Gordon

The Andrews government has been accused of "childish and pathetic" tactics after complaining it is being dudded under a federal plan to eliminate mobile phone black spots.

Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull yesterday announced a second round of funding under the Hagship Mobile Black Spots Program, with \$60 million set aside to build and upgrace 266 mobile towers nationwide.

But is an escalating stoush, almost hall of the upgrades requested by Victoria have been rejected by the Turnbull government as a "waste of money" providing little or no benefit.

The latest carve-up - targeting 1400 black spots - has left the

Andrews government furning and accusing Mr Turnbull of short-dhanging Australia most bushing properties.

Out of 266 new and upgraded mo bile towers, \$2 are in Victoria, abou-12 per cent of the total, and less than half the states 25 per cent population share.

An assessment by Emergency Management Commissioner Craig Lapsley handed to the Commonwealth requested upgrades for 63 areas still suffering from poor coverage.

The submission was backed by a May 2016 state budget decision to set aside \$11 million as part of a joint pitch with Telstra and Opus to upgrade the areas of concern.

But the submission appears to have fallen flat, almost eight years On web, tablet and mobile Go online to check coverage in your area.

ufter Victoria's Black Saturday disuster claimed 173 lives. In contrast, Queen land will be given funding to upgrade or build 76 mobile towers, Weitern Australia 78 and NSW 39.

Victoria Innovation Minister Philip Dalldukis accused a "Sydneycentric" Mr Turnbull of playing political games and ignoring Victorian communities identified as priority areas.

"The federal government refuses to advise us how these decisions were made and what data was used," Mr Dalidakis said. "They are simply

asking us to trust them, and since Prime Minister Turnbull was elected in July, 'trust' is not a word ha should be using with Victorians."

But federal Regional Communications Minister Fiona Nash hit back, saying the "whingeing" was "childish" and pathetic".

"Rather than thank the Coalition for 32 towers it would never have received under federal Labor, Victorian Labor chooses to spin new mobile phone coverage into a nugative," Ms Nash said. "The political tactic of screaming, 'Not enough! instead of saying, "Thank you', is childish and pathetic."

Ms Nash said the other 31 tower upgrades pushed by Labor were rejected as they were deemed a waste of taxpayers' money, providing little or zero benefit in terms of coverage.

Although progress in being made under the jointly funded state-federal scheme, Victoria remains riddled with black spots, creating risks on high fire danger days when mobile phones are relied upon to Issue varnings and keep track of local residents.

As it is, Victoria's relationship with the Commonwealth has been stretched to breaking point.

The Andrews government has long complained it is by hig denied a full share of infrustructure funding.

The Intest stoush an follows a row over the first round of black spot funding in which Fod ral Communications Minister Mt h Fifield refused to change the guidelines to allow Victoria to use fideral cash to upgrade phone coverage on V/Line train lines.

PRECED DY JONY PASZ

MUM, DAUGHTER TRAGEDY

'Shaky' suspect caught

Police grill ex-girlfriend as 2013 traffic stop revealed

ASHLEE MULLANY ANDREW DOWDELL SEAN FEWSTER

POLICE found the man accused of murdering Karlie Pearce-Stevenson with her bank card more than four years after he allegedly killed her in NSW's Belanglo State Forest but were unable to connectihim to her death.

Court documents seen by questioned a "very nervous" Danjel Holdom — whose "hands were shaky" — while on patrol in Narara on the NSW Central Coast in January

They found the dead mother's bank card inside the convicted paedophile's wallet. At the time, Ms Pearce-Stevenson was not classified as a missing person, although her unidentified remains had been found almost three years earlier.

The revelation came during a dramatic day in the investi-

"just broken down" but they questioned him further when he became "very nervous and his hands were shaky".

When asked for ID, he gave them a bank card with another man's name.

When he eventually pro-duced identification in the name of Daniel Bishop, police discovered that he still had outstanding warrants from 2008 and placed him under ar-The Advertiser reveal police rest. The car was found to be

After finding an ice pipe, police opened his wallet and found the bank card belonging to Ms Pearce-Stevenson.

She had been reported missing in September 2009, but the report was withdrawn days later.

Police believe her family was tricked into believing she and Khandalyce were alive at the time by a woman impersonating Ms Pearce-Stevenson on the phone.

"(Holdom) advised police





gation yesterday.

Major Crime detectives questioned Holdom's wheelchair-bound former partner Hazel Passmore for more than four hours at their city head quarters yesterday.

Ms Passmore has been interviewed several times in the past week over suspicions she could be one of three people who stole Ms Pearce-Steven son's identity and used her bank details and phone for sev ernl'yeurs mer her death.

She left Major Crime's offices at 5pm without being charged and later arrived at her Davoren Park home with her current partner.

Holdom, 41, is charged with killing the young mother, whose bones were discovered in the Belango State Forestein 2010.

The Advertiser can also reveal that Holdom, who is an inmate in a NSW Jall, last month parole after serving two years for sexual intercourse with a child under 10.

He has not been charged over the death of Ms Pearce-Stevenson's two-year-old daughter Khandalyce, whose for theft and fraud offences. remains were found inside a sultcase neartWynarka in the Mallee region in July.

The court documents seen by The Advertiser revealed Holdom was stopped on the side of a road in Narara on January 31, 2013.

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DEFENCE: Barrister Bill Boucaut, SC.

that she was an ex-girlfriend. Police allege that the accused was using this keycard as another form of identification.

"The keycard is expired and the bank has since changed names," court documents read.

"The owner resides in another state, and so police destroved the card."

Holdom was unemployed became eligible for release on at the time and told police he had moved to the Central Coast a few days earlier.

> He spent a few nights at a motel to min an address for Centrelink benefits.

Holdom has also been jailed

He escaped with a good behaviour bond over a crash near Indulkana, in South Australia's Far North, in September 2008 that left Ms Passmore crippled and killed two of her children.

Holdom, who committed Property was piled "head the sexual abuse in NSW, was iailed by the District Court in Holdom told police he was 2013 for four years and three

Ms Passmore was involved in a car rollover about 55km north of Marla, SA, in September 2008.

Two of her children - Willow, 9, and Ryan, 6 - died in the crash and she was left a paraplesic. Her youngest child survived.

Ms Passmore's partner at the time. Daniel Holdom, was behind the wheel and under the influence . wheelchairwas involved in of drugs when the car rolled.

Ms Passmore was known to Karlie Pearce-Stevenson through Mr Holdom.

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Holdom and Ms Pearce-Stevenson began a relationship while Ms Passmore was recovering from her injuries. Ms Passmore has this week

been questioned over suspicions she stole Ms Pearce-Stevenson's identity after her death.

Police have stated a woman in obtaining funds by Impersonating Ms Pearce-Stevenson at a Salisbury Centrelink

It also emerged yesterday that in January 2011 an Australian Business Number became active that had "Karlie Jade Stevenson" as its entity name.

Registered as a sole trader, its main business location was Evanston, 50km northeast of Adelaide.

According to records, the ABN was cancelled on September 30 this year - just one week before CrimeStoppers was tipped off about the possibility of Khandalyce being the girl in the suitcase.

Ms Passmore, 33, yesterday arrived at the Wakefield St. police station just before lpm, with her small child on her lap and accompanied by her new partner.

He told the waiting media to "f... off".

Ms Passmore is being represented by barrister Bill Boucaut, SC. She refused to speak to media outside the police station or at her Davoren Park home yesterday.





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Fears that there may be other **Victims**

MARK MORRI

MOTHER Karlie Pearce-Stevenson and her daughter Khandalyce may not be the only victims of their killer, police believe.

Given their extremely violent deaths, senior officers could not discount the possibility the killer had struck before, even though they are yet to link them to any other killings.

"It's concern we will look at, but at the moment all our focus is on the two victims and finding out how why died,"

NSW officer

Another officer said it was possible the young mum and daughter were the victims of a serial killer.

"There is no escaping the could be the work of a serial killer, including the dumping of the body in Belanglo," he

The investigation is focusing on a number of suspects, including a previously convicted paedophile now serving a 4½-year sentence in Cessnock Prison for other offences.

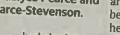
Police believe he had an association with Ms Pearce-

Stevenson before she vanished about 2008. Her bones were found in the Belanglo State Forest two years later, while Khandalyce's remains were found in a suitcase by the side of a South Australian highway in July.

"His movements and those of Karlie will be one part the investigation," the police source said. "But he is by no means the only person being spoken to and there are other

targets being looked at."

The suspect was jailed in 2013, after Karlie's body had been found and, police believe, after her daughter



had also been murdered. Police took the man from his minimum security prison cell and questioned him at length last Wednesday.

He has since been placed in the maximum security wing of

the with the two bodies being found five years and 1200km apart, police are yet to determine the sequence of events before either death and said it would only be guesswork to say who died first.

It is thought that Ms Pearce-Stevenson may have been dumped in Belangio as a ruse to throw investigators off



they VICTIMS: Khandalyce Pearce and one Karlie Jade Pearce-Stevenson.



LAUREN NOVAK THE STATE

KHANDALYCE Pearce never made it to her first day of kindergarten. But if she had, she might have made it to safety.

This week, we finally learned the identity of the little girl whose remains were found on a lonely road in country South Australia. She was aged just two when she was so shockingly murdered.

Child protection experts say this is one of the most vulnerable stages in a child's life — the years between going home from the hospital and entering school. If they aren't enrolled in child-care or preschool, they can remain off the radar of any institution which could potentially notice something is wrong and intervene.

Police told us that Khandalyce had her 18-month immunisations but disappeared from the system after that. She and her mother Karlie — who was also murdered and buried in the Belanglo state forest NSW — were from Alice Springs but appeared to live an itinerant lifestyle. The burning question since the toddler's bones were found in a suitcase on a roadside near Wynarka has been: "How could she go missing and no one raise the alarm?" We now

know that her family filed a missing persons report but it was later withdrawn. It comes at a time when our community is grappling with how best to protect our youngsters. The case also highlights many of the failings of our system, but mostly it reveals the need for a more consistent, national approach to child protection.

For example, the investigation into the death of Khandalyce and her mother spans two states and two territories where they lived or passed through. Here in SA, our child protection system is overburdened and not coping with the hundreds of concerns reported daily about potential abuse or neglect.

But figures revealed in *The Advertiser* this week showed that half of the reports to Families SA's Child Abuse Report Line are about minor or unnecessary concerns. So it appears we live in a society where there is such heightened awareness about child welfare issues that some people are willing to endure a long wait on the phone to alert authorities about the sun safety of a child.

But Khandalyce's case shows we also live in a society where a two-year-old can go missing, and be killed, without the alarm being raised. She is one of many children to slip through the cracks. It took about a week for the parents of baby Ebony — who died in 2011, aged four months — to tell Families SA that she was dead. The mother of Chloe Valentine, who died in 2012, aged four,

and her then partner waited hours to call an ambulance for the little girl.

The boy was reportedly never immunised or enrolled in school or kindergarten. Children born in homebirths can also fly under the radar of institutions which would otherwise keep an eye on them. The abandonment of a number of babies in NSW prompted the Government there to make changes to better track young children.

The NSW births registry uses technology to find parents who have not registered their babies within 60 days. If it cannot contact the parents, the registry calls in child protection workers.

Ideas like this are being implemented in an ad hoc way across the country, but we should be putting more thought into which initiatives are working best and how we can roll them out nationally. Our state government is, piece by piece, making changes to close the gaps through which children can disappear.

Recently, Premier Jay Weatherill suggested children as young as three should attend preschool so they would be on the government's radar earlier in life. Mr Weatherill laments that Government agencies provide some early advice for parents but "basically disappear until (children reach) the age of four". He has a lead role in developing proposals for a national restructure of early childhood education before the next Council of Australian Governments meeting. The SA Government is

also considering developing a central database of the health, education and welfare information it holds on children. This is done in Tasmania and is a model which could be replicated.

It would be most helpful if each state kept comparable information. Another of Mr Weatherili's proposals could help with this. He wants the states to have responsibility for a child's education and wellbeing from birth to 18, rather than swapping between state and federal authorities as children move through levels of education and care.

There is another model, already working well in SA, which is a good candidate for national expansion. The Multi-Agency Protection Service brings together police, health, education, welfare and housing authorities to monitor high-risk domestic violence cases. Better information collection and sharing is a must if we are to improve protection of children — but developing the mechanisms to enable it is complex and takes time and money.

It's a big investment that will have to be made in the knowledge that it will take years to see results. There will also be concerns about how far authorities should go. But we cannot argue with the evidence that shows current safeguards are not enough.

We must bring the best of our efforts together, as quickly as possible, to tackle this problem and give our children the best chance at any stage of life.



MOBILE SERVICE IS NEAR: Wynarka resident Yvonne Mann has experienced the lack of mobile service for 35 years of living in the town Photo: Emmalie Balnaves-Gale.

Mobile service for Wynarka

have been in the dark with mobile phone coverage but that's about to change.

On December 1, Member for Barker Tony Pasin announced that Wynarka will be one of five towns to receive upgraded or new towers in round two of the Coalition's Mobile Black Spots Program.

Mr Pasin said that in round two, about 6500 homes and businesses across 17,500 square kilometres will receive upgraded coverage.

"Mobile coverage in these regions will provide

RESIDENTS of Wynarka important connectivity for residents, and will be particularly useful for farmers who are often isolated when working," he said.

> Wynarka resident Melony Baumgurtel said the current service is very frustrating.

"We really are not that far from major regional centres and to have such appalling service is very disappointing," she said,

It is expensive as residents have to have a landline due to such terrible service and they can't get to use their mobile phone plans to their full capacity.

"Generally people always try to contact you by your mobile even when you let them know the landline is preferred method of contact, so it can be days till you get you m ssages once you are in a service area."

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. Ms Baumgurtel said their pockets get hit by insanely expensive wireless broadband plans for small data allowances and paying for an extra aérial.

Better coverage could actually mean more service providers so we could choose a better more competitive plan," she said.

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DNA MATCHES

OCT 2015 A blood sample from Khandalyce's medical records matches the DNA profile taken from the skeletal remains in the suitcase. Blood samples from Ms Pearce-Stevenson's medical records used for a DNA profile Police confirm they match Belanglo State Forest remains.

KEY TO PUZZLE Hotline tip-off breakthrough

NIGEL HUNT

THE 1267th person to ring the Crime Stoppers hotline with information on the grim Wynarka suitcase mystery provided the breakthrough.

On Thursday, October 8, that person rang and told police they had not seen Karlie Jade Pearce-Stevenson or her young daughter, Khandalyce Kiara Pearce, for some time

That person knew the pair fairly well.

Just as detectives had done on dozens of occasions after hotline calls since July 14—when Khandalyce's tiny skeleton was found in the suitcase—they started searching for medical and other records in







WHAT POLICE KNOW ABOUT KHANDALYCE

Was travelling around South Australia with her mum in 2008

Aged 2½ -4 years at time of her violent death

Caucasian with fair hair. 18cm long www. 90-95cm tall

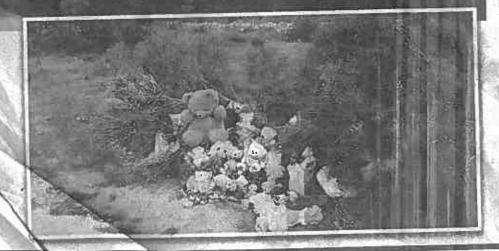
inside a grey Lanza suitcase dumped by the side of the road at Wynarka in July 2015

M Khandalyce was killed at another location some time

after late 2008

found scattered around the suitcase included a black tutu, Dora the Explorer shirt and a pink bootie with an embroidered butterfly on it

The road where Khandalyce's body was found (left); a floral tribute at the site (below); a sign for the Belangio Forest (far left) and the suitcase with Khandalyce's remains (top left).



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yee's medical records from the Northern Territory which showed she had been immunised when she was 18 months old. But that was it.

Since then, her file was literally blank (here was no record of her attending childcare or school anywhere in Australia.

It was just the clue that detective had been looking for in their three month quest to identify the murdered girl.

And once they had identified her, DNA testing quickly solved a second mystery, that of the bones of a woman found in the Belanglo State Forest in NSW in 2010.

The bones were Karlie's.

Detective Superintendent Des Bray, in charge of the case, said that initial call sparked many, many hours of searching by detectives to build on the information provided.

"It was a start, a good start. The caller's information was pretty specific," he said.

He said a second important call to Crime Stoppers — number 1271 — a short time after the initial one provided more vital information. It came from an associate of the first caller.

As a result of those calls, a detective managed to locate an associate of Karlie's in Adelaide. By chance, that person had had contact with Karlie and Khandalyce at Marion shopping centre in November, 2008, shortly after she left Alice Springs.

Crucially, photographs of Khandalyce were taken when they met. They were gold for the investigation, because in the photos she was wearing a

Detective Impector/Des firm talks to media in Wynarka where a man carrying a suitcase was spotted.

pretty pink dress. That same dress was found in the suitcase with her remains.

Police were also given photographs of Khandalyce'in a stroller in the stroller was the distinctive homemade quilt also found in the suitcase.

"When we saw the photographs of the little girl in the stroller we thought it was the dress," Det Supt Bray said.

"Then the quilt was in another photo. We then thought It was her."

Just as police suspected, the quilt was made by someone who loved the little girl—Khandalyce's grandmother, who sadly passed away after the pair left Alice Springs in late 2008.

Det Supt Bray said the family circumstances proved police theories were correct.

"We knew from the start that quilt was made by someone who loved her and who gave it to her. Had she still been alive I am sure she would have rung up and said, "That is definitely my quilt'."

While they had the photographic evidence linking Khandalyce to the quilt and dress in the suitcase, and were confident they had finally identified the skeletal remains, confirmation came when a blood sample from her medical records was analysed at the SA Forensic Science Centre.

It matched the partial DNA profile that had been extracted from the bones. Blood samples from her mother were also used to develop a DNA profile

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Det Supt Bray said that development was significant and not totally unexpected.

"We have been working with NSW police since day one on this and once we identified the child, we thought it was a good chance with their remains," he said. "We confirmed it quite quickly."

The location of Karlie' remains were, detectives suspect, aimed at focusing their attention there.

"We suspect Belanglo is something to throw us off, track," he said. He added that It was a day of "great sadne. s" for relatives of the pair.,

It is highly likely both Karlie and Khandalyce were killed within a small time frame.

Detectives know the child's remains were stored somewhere for a considerable time. Just why they were eventually shifted and then dumped in the Murray Mallee remains a mystery.

While the identifications are a breakthrough, they mark the start of the real investigation. Whoever killed both in a brutal manner and callously dumped the bodies is at large.

Just as public assistance was crucial in identifying mother and daughter, it is likely to be a significant factor in identifying the monster, or monsters, responsible for their deaths.

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