



### LITTLE BEAR LOST

AMY spied this lonely little teddy bear, above, on her walk along the foreshore path at Largs Bay last Sunday, so she picked him up and put him on a nearby bench. On Monday morning, she noticed he'd been blown off the bench and popped him back, but by Tuesday she couldn't "bear" it any longer. "He looks like a rather well-loved bear, so I'm

sure he's someone's buddy," Amy says. "I took him home and he had a relaxing bubble bath (in nappy-wash, inset) and then he went and 'hung out' on the clothesline. I wonder whether there's a little person missing their bear and I hope we can reunite him with his human." Email or write to me if the little fellow is yours and I will make it happen.

### GONE FISHING ...

THE SA Sea Rescue Squadron at West Beach is used to helping boaties with all sorts of problems but last Sunday it had an emergency call right out of the box. A member of the public told the operations centre's duty crew that a car and trailer had been left on the local boat ramp - with its engine running and windows down. After checking it out, the crew gave police the car's rego number. When contacted by police, the owner said he was happily fishing from his boat a couple of kilometres out and had completely forgotten about his car. The embarrassed bloke asked if the squadron could move the vehicle to safety. "On the bright side, at least he remembered to put the bungs in the boat before launching," a squadron member told me.



### CAVERN CALAMITY

WITH spectacular sinkholes around the world being reported over the past few weeks, these ABC South-East pictures, posted on Facebook this week, are a bit scary. They were taken at White Ave, Mt Gambier, where underneath the 30cm hole - luckily not a cavern stretching about 4m long. Repairs got under way on Friday with police on the scene.



### SAVING V SAVINGS

MY item on the daylight SAVING v SAVINGS (considered an Americanism) caused a flurry of responses. One reader was adamant: "The only correct way is daylight saving, not savings. Check out the SA Government Act." **TREVOR DENMAN**, who once worked in the US, says terminology used there refers to "summer time" and "winter time", each lasting six months. He says: "At no stage did I hear either version of the Australian terminology (daylight saving/s). Frankly, I believe that the American version is far more accurate and does not imply that we can 'save' time." **HOWARD R. HOUCK** of Mt Barker, however, has a different, contentious slant: "It's daylight saving's (time), with apostrophe. In orthodox Strine, apostrophes are generally misplaced or completely ignored, whereas implicit nouns are deemed superfluous to writing." And **GAIL ADLER** reckons it is neither daylight saving or savings. "It is daylight slaving!," she says.



### OUT OF RANGE

THE power of Will King ... after **BRIAN GLEESON**'s item about a servo chicken sandwich that boasted "free range mayo", far left, this week he went back for more of the same. Brian noticed the wording has since changed to "creamy mayonnaise", left. That's better!



### JARS HITS THE ROAD

FOOTY legend **ANDREW JARMAN**, above left, and Glenelg's Watermark Hotel owner **DAVID ELMES** show their relief after finishing the inaugural Road Raise, a six-day 970km bike ride from Adelaide to Melbourne to raise more than \$130,000 for CanTeen. Of the 13 riders, these two were probably the least

prepared, though Jars, accompanied by daughter **CHARLIE**, says he did a lot of "mental training". The cyclists arrived in Melbourne just in time to attend yesterday's Caulfield Cup. Jars says he plans to catch a plane back to Adelaide, despite the temptation to get on the bike and ride back. Sure, Jars.

### IRON MAN

IT'S conclusive - a reader can confirm that the words WTF Adelaide on an inspection box cover mentioned on this page do in fact stand for West Thebarton Foundries. He contacted **DARYL THOMSON**, co-author (with **GEOFFREY NEEDHAM**) of book *Men of Metal - A Chronicle of the Metal Casting Industry in SA 1836-1998*. The book refers to West Thebarton Foundries, which operated from 1945-77 at 3 West Thebarton Rd. Daryl was himself a respected patternmaker at Wood & Thomson (later Thomson & Pringle), also on West Thebarton Rd, from 1963. Daryl recalls seeing the pattern-work (tooling) used to make the cast components for the inspection box. Thanks to all readers for your suggestions.

### TENDER BENDER

THE delayed, cost-blown-out new Royal Adelaide Hospital copped flak last month for a sign spotted on a TV report saying Trauma "Resuscitation" (should be Resuscitation, with a "c") Bay". I now hear the folk in charge were not so hot on the grammar of a recent RAH tender. Ending a sentence with a preposition I can (uncomfortably) live with, using capitals when they are not needed is just lazy, but really, shoving in an orphan apostrophe where he had no place to be really points to laxness on several levels - presuming a tender worth considerable cash actually went through several sets of eyes.

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