



Finley Williams looked the part in his heritage outfit.



ABOVE: Kasey Battle (centre) leads the way for the "Convict" group.



LEFT: Aiden Holzberger and Stella Lamond with their period banner.

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# BPS marks 140 years

BALAKLAVA Primary School celebrated its 140<sup>th</sup> birthday last Thursday, heading back in time to relive 'the good old days!'

Staff and students, dressed in clothing from different decades from the First Australians 'til now, paraded down the main street to the Triangle where they were met by

families, friends and WRC mayor, Rodney Reid, for an assembly.

After this, the parade headed back to the primary school for a delicious morning tea, including a cake cut by the school's youngest and oldest students, Chase McCracken and Ashleigh Allen.

Everyone was then invited to join in the fun of old style games and bush dancing, along with the not-so-old Nutbush!

Some visitors could actually remember doing the heel-and-toe when they were at school!

After this, each class planted a tree in the '140<sup>th</sup> forest.'

## JAMESTOWN SHOW 2017

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MONDAY 2ND OCTOBER 9AM TO 4PM

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LIONS PAW WALK  
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FIREWORKS DISPLAY ON SUNDAY NIGHT SPONSORED BY WSB JAMESTOWN  
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Join us for a day of family fun and entertainment  
"S.A.'s Best Country Show"

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

# NRM responds to article

I WRITE to you on behalf of the Northern & Yorke Natural Resources Management (NYNRM) Board in response to a recent article entitled Confidence eroded in dysfunctional NRM systems in the September 6 edition of the Plains Producer.

Our Board works with communities to manage soil, water, pest, plant and animal control and biodiversity management to ensure economic and environmental benefits for the region. We are funded by both NRM levies and Australian Government grants.

Our vision for the region is for everyone to work together for a healthy and productive environment.

This means that we, as a community, have a responsibility to protect and improve our natural resources for future generations.

We need to work together to have a healthy natural environment, which in turn will support the lifestyles and livelihoods we enjoy in our diverse region.

Through the NRM levy, the Board is able to significantly contribute to the sustainable use of our natural resources by improving agricultural productivity, minimising stock losses, improving crop yields and stimulating regional economic growth.

This is achieved through increasing farm yields by assisting and sponsoring weed management and control programs, advances in soil conditioning techniques and no tillage farming techniques, amongst many other initiatives supported and sponsored by the NRM Board.

Similarly, the management and control of pest animals such as foxes is having significant productivity improvements in the sheep industry by substantially reducing lambing deaths to predatory animals.

Through NRM education programs such as Young Environmental Leaders, Environmental Education Days and Nature Play sessions, the Board is committed to sharing knowledge about caring for our environment with younger generations.

The NRM Board encourages the community to consider the levy not

only as a means to preserve the environment, but also as an investment in the sustainable future of our unique region.

Early this week, we started our consultation with the community on the draft Regional NRM Plan 2018-2028.

This plan has been built by community through the region's Community Action Planning program, and it sets the direction for progressing the Board's vision over the next 10 years.

We have engaged with the community on a local scale through a variety of mechanisms, including stakeholder presentations and workshops, surveys, stakeholder interviews and working groups. This work has been key in us capturing what matters to our community, while also identifying the challenges facing the region and importantly, the opportunities to address these challenges.

We are now inviting the community, stakeholders and landowners as well as local government, industry, environmental organisations and community groups, to have their say on how their levy is proposed to be spent in future.

All feedback will be considered and the draft Regional NRM Plan will then be amended as a result of feedback received, and forwarded to the Minister for Sustainability, Environment and Conservation, along with the consultation report, for consideration and adoption by June 2018.

Open forums are planned in Minlaton September 21, Clare September 22, Orroroo October 4, and Pt Pirie October 5.

We will also be at the Yorke Peninsula Field Days at Paskeville, between September 26-28.

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Presiding Member  
NYNRM

**Got something on your mind? Let us know!**

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## SES shines on Sunrise



CLARE Valley residents got around the visit from the Sunrise crew on Thursday.

Clare SES members attended to display their equipment and attract new members.

"I think it was fantastic to get out and meet some members of the community and show them some of the equipment that we use to help them," local SES member, Jayden Davidson said.

"It was also a great opportunity to try and recruit some much needed new volunteers."

Pictured is the crew with its Road Crash Rescue equipment (from left) Mark Grebe, Braden Henbest, Julian Janssen, Jayden Davidson, Unit Manager Leeanne Leach, Tamika Claudio, David Squires. Deputy Unit Manager Brad Jaeschke and James Myatt.