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Nominations are now open for SA Police Officer of the Year for 2023 to be announced at the Royal Adelaide Show on September 8. Nominations close on July 14; if you know an officer whose service is deserving of nomination send it to unleystrotary.org.au

1. THEN AND NOW

I recently ran a piece on champion Hockeyroo JANE CLAXTON becoming the most capped national female or male hockey player from SA, with a photo of her in action on the field in her streamlined Australian kit. ANTHEA MUR has sent in this pic of the 1962 Kalangadoo netball uniform for contrast, with the single observation: "Wow!"

2. WISDOM OF ELDERS

Is this the new opposition front

bench? No, it is federal Opposition Leader PETER DUTTON visiting residential aged care facility Resthaven Leabrook during the week to listen to residents' views, take some advice from elders and discuss issues with management affecting such facilities including difficulties getting qualified nursing staff. Mr Dutton was accompanied by local federal MP JAMES STEVENS, local state MP JACK BATTY and SENATOR ANNE RUSTON who happily chatted with residents including MEREDITH YATES and NOELA LONG.

3. RHYLE'S MIRACLE

A well-deserved celebration at the Women's and Children's Hospital during the week to mark 11-year-old RHYLE ABIADO being well enough to go home. Rhyle was hit by a train at Evanston Gardens on February 28 and incredible work by first responders, SA Ambulance Service and the WCH team led to a remarkable recovery. His parents LUCILA and MARVIN prayed for a miracle and say their prayers were

answered. SA Health says "Rhyle's care team held a going away party to celebrate their star patient, who's recovery has continued to amaze staff. His family have given their heartfelt thanks to all those who have looked after Rhyle, from SA Ambulance Service to the Women's and Children's Health Network's Paediatric Emergency Team and the multidisciplinary teams looking after his care." The family also says the community support has been incredible – they are very grateful.

4. DON'T BE FOOLED

JOHN HUNTER

of Parkside reckons the "ATO" has never been so prompt in processing and refunding – he received this SMS on the first working day of the new financial year. It is clearly from a scammer hoping a gullible recipient will click on the link and be sucked into handing over bank account details. Be alert – the legitimate ATO website has an extensive section on scams including phone, email, text and social media scams, with info on how to recognise and report one. The ATO will never send a prerecorded phone message and never threaten immediate arrest over debts.

5. SOUR VISITOR

BARBARA from Glengowrie has found an alien among her homegrown lemons complete with a helmet – and a little help from a Texta by the looks of it.

6. PILLOW TALK

Congrats to ANDREW SULLIVAN, chief executive of Sullivan Consulting, for raising an astonishing \$85,000 in the past six years for charity in the annual Vinnies CEO Sleepout. This year he raised \$30,495 to be the top fundraiser for SA. He received a well-deserved cup plus a pillow for next year from St Vincent de Paul Society SA chief executive EVELYN O'LOUGHLIN. "I participate in the CEO Sleepout to raise awareness of the fact 122,000 people – 8000 in SA – each night are experiencing homelessness," Andrew said.



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STILL NO PLATYPODES

Environment Minister **SUSAN CLOSE's** vision of reintroducing platypuses (plural also can be platypodes) to the River Torrens rang a bell so I hunted through the Tiser archives. Sure enough, on July 29, 1996, River Torrens Catchment Management Board chair **JAY HOGAN** was talking up cleaning the waterway so the monotremes

might be reintroduced "within five years." There were plans for a conference and corporate sponsorship for a breeding program. "Platypus in a river is the ultimate sign of a river's health," he said at the time. Just on 27 years later, rather than five years, it's still talk — a great aim, but when all is said and done, a lot more is said than done.





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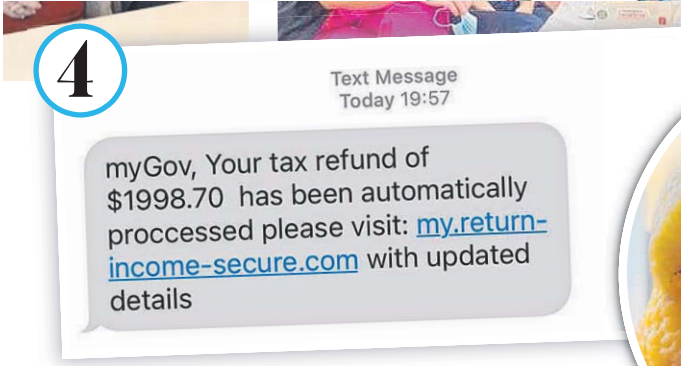
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