



FAMILY TIES: Allayne meets Alfred Hannaford's daughter, Gwenda Dunstone, who was at the launch.

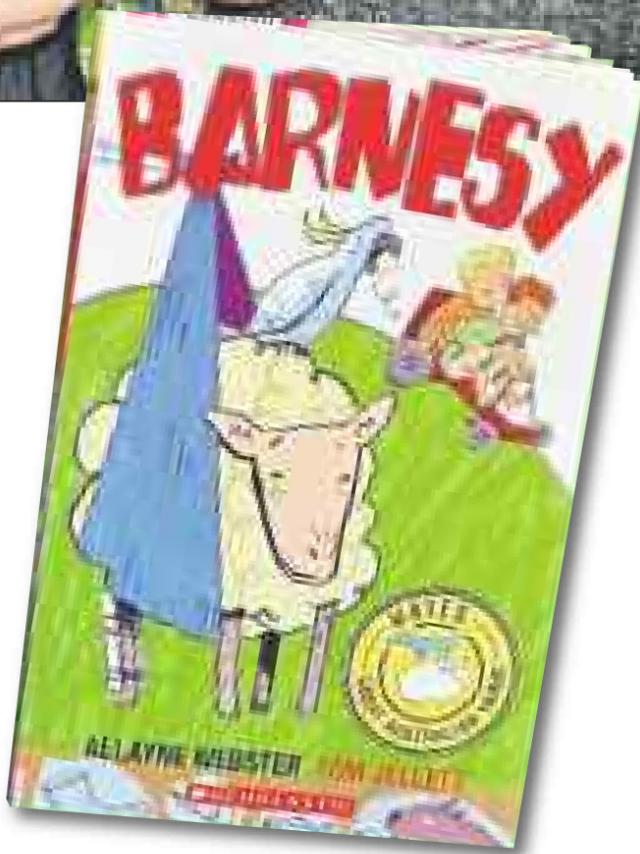
KIDS' BOOK (right): Allayne's second book *Barnesy* took her only about two hours to write.

ways – one lady drinks, one hides from her problems, another runs away from his job and another is a workaholic,” Allayne said.

“I like to cover topics that are relevant to teenagers. My memories of high school are very vivid and I remember the stress of Year 12 and expectations from adults of what we were going to do with our lives.”

Allayne also participates in a number of community writing events through the South Australian Writing Centre.

“I’m on the board of the Salisbury Writers’ Festival, a teacher at Youth Writers’ Nights, a member of the Adelaide Authors’ Network, and I attend lots of other gigs that come through the Writers’ Centre,” she said. “It’s about supporting and mentoring up-and-coming authors.”



COOL LINEN, HOT IRON ...

With LIZ PEARSON

A few negatives for Dougie but, hey, he is still alive

IT was a disappointing day for Dougie in the Pit Stop Tent at the EP Field Days. He was put through the tests to see what his health was doing at his particular stage of life.

Not at all content with the FAIL that was circled on all his boxes he made a formal complaint that went something like this:

“Nowadays, it is not politically correct to ‘fail’ kids at school and it is not politically correct to be discouraging or to say ‘No’. So, I cannot fail this test. I want you to write something more encouraging like – “Good Try Dougie.”

While his waist measurement failed as well, he then looked at the person who was measuring him and decided, that to be fair, she should let him measure her waist because from where he was sitting he was seeing a ‘good try’ mark for the lady as well.

Thursday in Foodland was the place to be if you wanted to see what the farmers around Cleve get up to when the sheep are wet. Food – yep food!

Up for a bit of a challenge, and while waiting to go through the checkout, I introduced Matthew Dunn to inch-block liquorice made by Melba’s. I like really hard liquorice, and this is real molar glue. The challenge was – could Matthew and I still talk with a cube of chewy liquorice in our mouths. The answer is not so surprising – Matthew did a great job and his wife Mignon will attest to that. Congratulations Matthew – you beat me hands down.

Not really fair when I write the article but you can always send a letter to the readers, Matt.

The latest Kondinin magazine had a snippet of news on the new Volkswagen twin-cab all-wheel-drive ute. So, I googled the name and found out that it is 12.5 centimetres wider than its rival the Toyota Hilux, and much bigger in the cabin. Four adults can fit quite comfortably in the larger cabin. There is no mention on price but I still remain disappointed, as I was looking for a Patrol-size equivalent with more towing capacity, bigger tray and larger engine grunt than they have manufactured. Bother.

Finally, Dougie was rather disappointed the other night when we were watching an Elvis Presley concert. Elvis was as high as a kite (surprised?) and ‘tripping’ all over the stage. He managed to kiss at least 30 beautiful girls near the front of the stage and Dougie piped up with: “How come he gets to do that and I get to crutch dirty sheep?” I changed channels.

Well Dougie – after kissing all those girls – he’s dead. After crutching dirty sheep – and only kissing me – you’re still here. Make your choice. If you are still unhappy I will find 30 female volunteers, divorce papers or a nice wool-lined casket, depending on which happens first. Now pick up that handpiece and smile! You are one lucky, living guy! You should be proud. Elvis would be jealous – but he’s dead!

HorseWhisperings

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Another Royal wraps up

THE weather picked up a little for the latter half of the show, and everyone’s spirits rose accordingly. Congratulations are in order for those responsible for the maintenance of the riding surface in the arena, which remained in excellent condition for the nine days despite the early downpours.

Jumping action

SENIOR ranks were dominated by interstate riders and horses, including a particularly large contingent from Queensland. Anthony Thomas had several wins and placings with Incrediboy and Classic Oman, and eventually took the Most Successful Showjumping Rider award with Incrediboy being named most successful horse. SA had more representatives in the junior division. The Grand Prix went to Briony Temby on Reggie Roosters Van Betz, the only combination to jump clear in both rounds, and Nicole Bruggemann, Sarah Hurrell, Annabel Fairweather and Reece Boylan were all placed during the week. The World Cup Qualifier provided a particularly exciting

challenge, with a huge track and tight time limit testing riders and horses to the limit. A really thrilling jump-off saw the final competitor, Cathy Graham from Queensland, gallop around at breakneck speed to go clear on DaVinci’s Pride, taking two seconds off the previous best time set by Brook Dobbin on Advisor. Billy Raymont was third on Cortaflex Nicolette. No South Australians finished in the first eight.

Hacks and hunters

IT was certainly a show to remember for Tess Hughes, Mount Gambier. We all know Tess is a seasoned performer, but this year must have exceeded her wildest dreams as she had several wins riding Forever Young and Dani Jolly-Blacket’s Wynara Touch of Bronze, and then blitzed the field with her superb black gelding LA Chicago, winning the Novice Hack over 16.2, Best Novice Hack, the open class and finally becoming the youngest rider (at 16) to take out the Champion hack award, again with Chicago. Naomi Karutz also had her share of success riding Wesswood Lets Twist for several wins, and older sister Melissa was a

winner with Byalee Millions. Champion galloway hack was Caroline Kuhn’s Mirinda Eyeliner and champion pony hack went to Nicole Reimer’s Radford Lodge Socialite. Champion show hunter pony was Owendale Mr Perkins (Michelle Labahn), the galloway championship was won by Dani Jolly-Blacket’s Wynara Touch of Bronze and champion show hunter horse was, once again, the superb heavyweight Gryffindor, ridden by Charlie Hunt. Champion lady rider was Rebecca Farrow and the gentleman’s championship went to Matthew Snell.

Harness happenings

AS always, the harness fraternity was particularly well catered-for with a wide range of classes. Jackie Boyd had a successful show with her hackney Ashwood Quest For Fame and with Jack Sparrow in the non-hackney divisions, and Kim Norris, Anne Lindh, the James family and the Beattie family were other local successes. The heavy classes were shared among the Coopers Clydesdale team, Ian and Lynette Fritsch, and Marj and Roy Hinkley.

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Bombproof Little Girl

SOLD – Received over 40 calls! Sold to a lovely family interstate.

Been there done that, lovely 13.2hh chestnut Stock Horse/Riding Pony mare. 19 years young but plenty left in tank! Great to c/s/f. Loves Pony Club. Fantastic confidence builder for young rider or even beginner. Rider unfortunately moved on and no room to keep, reluctant sale. \$2,500. Qld. • Photo by Paul Smith.

Exceptional Eventer

SOLD – Found the perfect home. He sold locally after receiving quite a few calls.

Sandhills Storm, a TB/WB by Staccato, 16.2hh, 12yo gelding. His balanced flowing paces, rolling gallop & snappy careful jump make him the perfect eventing package. He has always been a pleasure to ride in all situations, incl the main arena of Sydney Royal for the Young Event Horse Challenge, placing 5th with an amateur rider on board. He has since been evented with ease and success by a junior rider, & is qualified one* - ready to go when you are. A genuine pleasure to own, Stormy is the perfect gentleman on the ground & a joy to ride. Some 2010 results include 3rd, PN at Goulburn. 2nd, PN Canberra ODE, 2nd Prelim Jnr at SIEC. For more info contact Gemma. \$16,000. NSW.



Skewbald Standardbred

SOLD – 24 calls, very happy with the sale!

Booey is a 7yo, 15.3hh, SB gelding. Needs confident rider. English/Western trained, jumps well. Has done PC & ARC. Great ground manners, can do anything with. Kind but a little lazy and currently being ridden by Grade 2 rider. Does leg yield etc. \$4,000. Vic.

2009 Macro Showman

SOLD – Received approximately 20 calls. Sold within the first week of magazine being on sale.

2-Horse extended straight load, fully enclosed with storm door, cupboards, saddle racks, rug rack, light and removable divider. As new condition, \$11,500 neg. Qld.

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