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Archery SA finds new competition base at Mylor



President of Archery SA Bruce Lang and, taking aim, club member Sandy Hancock. Photo by Phil Martin

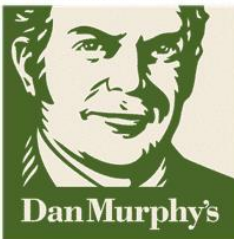
by Melina Scarfo
Archery SA have hit a bullseye and found a new competition base at Mylor Oval. The state's premier archery organisation have been looking for a home ground for years, and after some redevelopments at their former base at Saint Ignatius' College in Athelstone, they decided to make the move. Archery SA president Bruce Lang said they ultimately want Mylor Oval to be the state base, including training for state squads, but they are taking it one step at a time. "We're happy to find a home base at Mylor Oval," Bruce said. "The management committee are really supportive and we want

to contribute positively to the community. "During the summer season there's cricket every Saturday, so we're making sure we have events on Sunday." Archery SA's State Target Championships will be the first competition at Mylor Oval on Sunday, November 6. About 80 people will compete in the championships and all are welcome to enter until October 31 or just come along to watch the action. The Mylor Country Markets are also held on the first Sunday of each month, with bric-a-brac, crafts and baked goods for sale, and will be open for Archery SA's first competition.

President of the Mylor Oval Management Committee Margaret Fidock hopes the sport will help bring more people to the oval. "We are hoping this will bring people to Mylor to support the town, the businesses and encourage more use of the oval," Margaret said. "It's a nice setting for people to come for picnics. We've got an electric barbecue that people can use and the Sherry Park playground is just next door." Margaret said Archery SA could eventually practice field archery at the grounds too, which involves shooting at targets of varying distance in bushland areas. "We manage the land on the

other side of the creek, so if we're allowed to put a bridge across there they can use that area for field archery. "If we can't, they'll have to walk through the water!" For now Archery SA will use the oval for target archery—members shoot targets at varying distances while standing in a line. President Bruce Lang has been practising archery for 40 years but now just shoots for the pleasure of it. "I used to play hockey and tennis, and while I enjoyed that, I was coming home bruised and battered and that wasn't my idea of fun." (continued on page 3)

by Lucy Robinson
Plans to create a bustling shopping precinct at the old Chapman's factory site in Nairne have been met with approval by residents and local business owners. Developer Lelio Bibbo presented his vision for the former smallgoods factory as the guest speaker at a Nairne & Districts Residents Association (NDRA) meeting last week after the Mount Barker Council resolved to push forward with zoning changes that would allow for its redevelopment. The plans would see half a dozen retail shops established on the site, along with a strip of townhouses and — perhaps most significantly for Nairne residents — a Klose's Foodland supermarket, which he said would be operating before the end of 2017. Despite having a population of more than 5,000, the town is currently only serviced by corner stores and most residents travel to either Mount Barker or Littlehampton to do their grocery shopping. Some of the original buildings around the site's perimeter will be saved and renovated, with an existing double story building on the east side housing a mix of industrial workshops and warehousing. A coolroom on the east side is also being considered for redevelopment, converting it into a community centre that would include basketball courts and a gym. "It will be zoned for mixed use so we're going to make use of that," Lelio, an Adelaide-based consultant engineer, said. "A lot of it will be dictated by demand. "When it comes to shops, we're open to anything — we'll consider everything at this stage." NDRA President Mark Clemow said the plans were well-received by the 60 community members who turned up to the presentation. The NDRA's regular business meetings usually involve around 12 members. "The mood in the room was quite buoyant," he said. "We think the redevelopment is going to be the best thing to happen to Nairne since the Chapman's factory opened in 1899. People are excited because it's been talked about for a very long time and now we believe it's really going to happen." Lelio expects the project to create more than 130 full-time jobs once completed, in addition to providing jobs for local contractors during a three to five year construction phase. "Bringing jobs to a town has got to be one of the best things you can do," he said. "A lot of the jobs will be for young people as shop assistants at the supermarket. There should also be quite a few part time jobs for students." With the Bald Hills freeway interchange now making Nairne more accessible to motorists, Lelio hopes the town could become "a mini Hahndorf" with thriving businesses and appeal for tourists. (continued on page 6)



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"I saw a sign that said archery club, inquired about coaching and it went from there. "Now I shoot four days a week because I'm retired, but if you want to get to a really good level you have to practice every day. Bruce said archery is a mental challenge. "You're competing against yourself and when you've been shooting for a while you know where the lapse in concentration was for that shot and you can try to rectify the next one," he said. If you would like to give archery a shot there are three clubs in the Adelaide Hills at Lobethal, Tanunda and Strathalbyn. Archery SA's State Target Championships will be held on Sunday, November 6 at Mylor Oval, Lot 1620 Strathalbyn Rd, Mylor. Register to compete at www.archerysa.org.au. Shooting will start at 10am and the Mylor Country Market will be open from 9am-3pm.

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