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AUSTRALIAN NEWS

Kemp and Milera asked to pay $150,000 towards legal fees

The South Australian Government is seeking $150,000 from two citizens who lost their Federal Court challenge against the redevelopment of the North Adelaide Golf Course.

Earlier this month, the court dismissed a case brought by public servant Edwin Kemp Attrill and Janette Milera, a woman of Kaurna and Arabana heritage. They argued that the felling of nearly 600 trees as part of the redevelopment breached federal environmental protection laws.

On Monday, South Australian Premier Peter Malinauskas said the government's total legal costs were estimated at between $450,000 and $550,000.

He described the $150,000 demand as a compromise aimed at recovering some taxpayer money without placing an excessive financial burden on the applicants.

Mr Malinauskas said the government was seeking to balance the protection of public finances with the rights of citizens.

However, the applicants' lawyer, Ted Hui, warned that the amount would have serious financial consequences for his clients. He also expressed concern that such demands could discourage people from exercising their legal rights to protect the environment.

Mr Hui said he would consider the government's offer and relevant legal precedents before deciding on the next legal steps.

The Premier warned that if the offer was rejected, the government reserved the right to seek recovery of a greater proportion of its legal costs.

Asbestos detected at Seaford fisherman's caves

Asbestos-containing materials have been detected at the historic fisherman's caves on Seaford Beach following an investigation by SafeWork SA, Onkaparinga City Council has confirmed.

The caves were used by fishermen to store boats, nets and equipment. Nearby structures built during the 1960s included shelters, ramps and buildings made from concrete and corrugated metal.

Council director of operations Matt Buckell said the beach remained safe to visit, but warned people not to enter the caves or stand near the cliff base because of the risk of collapse.

"Asbestos can present a health risk when fibres become airborne and are inhaled," Buckell said, adding that its presence did not necessarily mean people had been exposed.

SafeWork SA contacted Council, warning that asbestos might be present. An independent specialist confirmed its presence on September 25.

Additional warning signs have been installed, and collection of the materials and airborne fibre monitoring have commenced. Visitors are urged to avoid the caves.

Council said the materials posed a low risk if left undisturbed. Similar discoveries have occurred at Aldinga, Port Noarlunga and Sellicks Beach, where coastal erosion has exposed materials.

Although Australia banned asbestos in 2003, it remains widespread because of its extensive use in buildings until the mid-1980s. Exposure can cause mesothelioma, lung cancer and other serious diseases.

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Helen Haines MP remains critical after car attack

Independent federal MP Helen Haines remains in a critical condition, a week after being struck by a four-wheel drive outside her electorate office in north-east Victoria. The 65-year-old has lost both legs as a result of her injuries.

The attack has shocked the community and intensified concerns about the safety of elected representatives, particularly women in politics.

Floral tributes and heartfelt messages have continued to arrive outside Ms Haines's Wangaratta office, which has become a gathering point for people wishing to express their support.

Visitors have praised her integrity, compassion and political values. Newcastle resident Peta Diercke said she had followed Ms Haines's work for years and regarded her as a sensible and compassionate politician.

Although the electorate office remains closed, volunteers have been caring for the flowers and messages left outside. Ms Haines's chief of staff, Kaz Rourke, said the incident had been deeply traumatic for the team, several members of which witnessed the attack or helped provide immediate care.

She said staff were receiving strong community support and hoped the office could reopen next week.

Meanwhile, donations to Save the Children Australia have exceeded $400,000 in just 24 hours after Ms Haines's husband, Phil, requested contributions to the charity instead of flowers.

The organisation's chief executive, Mat Tinkler, described the response as overwhelming and said the funds would strengthen support for vulnerable children.

The alleged attacker, 43-year-old Brendan Nugent, has been charged with three offences relating to the incident and appeared briefly in court on Wednesday. He was not asked to enter a plea and did not apply for bail.

Mr Nugent is due to return to court on February 4 for a committal mention.

The motive for the alleged attack remains unknown. Police Commissioner Mike Bush said investigators would examine every possible angle to establish what happened and why.



Helen Haines MP

Electric vehicle sales surge in Australia

An electric car is now being sold every 100 seconds in Australia, with EVs accounting for one in four new cars sold, according to the Electric Vehicle Council's (EVC) annual State of Electric Vehicles Report.

EV sales have more than doubled in the past year, and last month electric cars outsold petrol and diesel vehicles for the first time. The EVC says EVs are increasingly being seen as a cost-of-living measure, with prices approaching parity with petrol cars and some models available for less than $20,000.

The sales boom is being driven by suburban commuters, with particularly strong uptake in areas such as Tarneit, west of Melbourne. Australia now has access to almost 200 electric models, while incentives including the fringe benefits tax exemption have helped encourage purchases.

Rising fuel prices following disruption to shipping through the Strait of Hormuz have also increased interest in EVs. More than 600,000 electric vehicles are now on Australian roads.

However, EVs still represent only about 3 per cent of Australia's 21 million-vehicle fleet. The EVC says the current rate of uptake is insufficient to meet Australia's emissions targets, which require around five million battery-electric cars on the road by 2035.

Charging infrastructure remains another challenge, with the EVC calling for a coordinated national plan to give drivers greater confidence about accessing chargers.



Australia also remains heavily dependent on diesel, particularly for freight. Electric trucks account for less than 1 per cent of truck sales, despite growing availability. The EVC says high costs, limited financial incentives and a lack of dedicated charging infrastructure are preventing small freight operators from making the switch.

The report describes heavy freight electrification as one of Australia's biggest opportunities in the country's transition to cleaner transport.

Community Life

Odyssey Cultural Festival 2026

The Odyssey Festival was launched on 2 October 2026 at the Olympic Hall, attended by a large crowd of local Art loving members of the community. The event was presented by the Chair of the Cultural Committee, Sophie Diamandi. Official guests included the Hon Hilton Gumbys MP representing the Premier of SA the Hon Peter Malinauskas, the Hon Josh Teague MP representing the Leader of the Opposition, the Consul General of Greece Dr Alexandra Theodoropoulou, the Mayor of West Torrens Michael Coxon, the Mayor of the City of Charles Sturt Angela Evans, Councillor of West Torrens Zoe Papafilopoulos and many more.

The crowd enjoyed a spectacular performance by the Dance Academy, Greek music by the Zorbas band and the event was sealed off with light refreshments.



The three winners of this year's Art Awards with the Chair of the Cultural Committee

At the end of the formalities, the winners of the 2026 Greek Odyssey Art Prize were announced by the President of the Greek Orthodox Community of SA Peter Ppiros.

THE WINNERS 2026

First Place: won by Anastasia Mavrides with an artwork on Acrylic on canvas, titled "Μόνο Πέντε Χρόνια (Only Five Years)"

Second Place: won by Sophia Zavlagkas, with a Charcoal on cotton paper artwork titled "PATRIS"

Third Place: won by Ariana Tsourtos with an oil painting titled "WEAVING OUR OWN PATH".

Congratulations to the winners and all the contributors of art works, thanks to the volunteers and the general public who attended on Friday night.

CYPRUS COMMUNITY OF SA FESTIVAL 2027

The Adelaide Cyprus Festival returns on 6 and 7 February 2027, featuring a special program filled with music, dance and Cypriot tradition.

"For the first time, the festival will welcome two outstanding orchestras, which will provide the entertainment for two special evenings of celebration, music and fun" an announcement by the Cyprus Community said.

"We are also delighted to welcome six exceptional Adelaide dance groups, which will showcase our rich cultural heritage through traditional Cypriot dances.

"Further information about the festival programme and events will be published in our next edition.

"We look forward to welcoming everyone to this wonderful celebration of Cypriot tradition and hospitality", the announcement concludes.

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From the reception celebrating the 66th anniversary of Cyprus' independence. Among others (from left): Mayor Angela Evans, Liberal MLC Michelle Lensink, Cyprus Community President Yiannoula Michael, Cyprus Consul Nikos Varelas, Minister for Multicultural Affairs Nadia Clancy MP, Aria Bolkas MP, and Chloe Kourakis from SA Multicultural Commission.

Grant Stevens appointed South Australia's next Governor

South Australian Police Commissioner Grant Stevens has been appointed the state's 37th governor, succeeding Frances Adamson, whose five-year term expires today.

Premier Peter Malinauskas announced the appointment, confirming he had recommended Mr Stevens to King Charles III.

"It is the sovereign's appointment — the governor is the sovereign's representative in the state of South Australia," Mr Malinauskas said.

"I'm very grateful that His Majesty King Charles has decided to appoint Grant."

Mr Stevens will be sworn in on Wednesday, December 9. The state government described the appointment as recognition of his deep commitment to public service, which has earned him the respect and trust of South Australians.

The 62-year-old has served as police commissioner since 2015 and played a key role as state coordinator during the COVID-19 pandemic. He will formally leave the position on October 23, with Deputy Commissioner Linda Williams assuming the role in an acting capacity.

Mr Stevens, who joined the police force in 1982, said he was excited and deeply honoured to have been approached for the position.

"I don't think I can express sufficiently just how honoured I am that I have been asked to step in as the replacement for Frances Adamson," he said, acknowledging the strong work ethic demonstrated by his predecessor.



Reflecting on his career, he said he could never have imagined becoming police commissioner, let alone governor, when he entered the police academy as a 17-year-old.

Asked about his successor, Mr Stevens said the selection process was a matter for the state government, while expressing confidence in Ms Williams.

He also identified road safety as a priority for his term, following the death of his son Charlie in a hit-and-run incident in 2023.

Earlier this month, Ms Adamson and her husband, Rod Bunten, farewelled Government House after five years in the official residence.

Odyssey Festival 2026 opens in splendour

The official opening of this year's Odyssey Festival was celebrated in grand style on Friday, October 2, at Olympic Hall, attracting a large gathering of community members, political representatives, the Consul-General of Greece in Adelaide, Dr Alexandra Theodoropoulou, and representatives of various Greek community organisations.

The event was held at the Greek Orthodox Community of South Australia's own Olympic Hall, a landmark that has long served as a home for Adelaide's Greek community. For generations, it has been a place where Greeks have gathered to celebrate their heritage, share their joys and sorrows, and maintain their cultural and national identity.

This year's festival carries particular significance as the Community marks 96 years since its establishment in 1930. Over nearly a century, it has played an important role in preserving Greek language, culture, and religious traditions in South Australia.

The opening celebrations featured the presentation of award-winning artworks, alongside craft creations by students, many inspired by Greece, the homeland and the experiences of migration. The Community's Dance Academy also delivered an impressive performance, adding colour and excitement to the evening.

Special congratulations are due to Cultural Committee Chair Sophie Diamandi, whose organisation helped ensure the event ran smoothly and successfully. Recognition is also deserved by the three young artists whose creative work brought this year's festival theme, "Beyond the Seas", to life.

The brief addresses delivered by state political representatives conveyed warm wishes for the festival's success. However, Dr Theodoropoulou's speech was particularly memorable for its references to the richness of Greek culture and the ways it continues to find



expression through music, art and traditional dance.

She highlighted how Greek culture speaks through the songs of the orchestra, the exhibits on display and the performances of the younger generation.

For those with roots in Crete, traditional dances such as the pentozali and the island's historic rizitika songs can evoke particularly powerful emotions. Such traditions remind us that Greek culture is not simply a link to the past, but a living heritage carried forward by each new generation.

This year's festival also commemorates the epic struggle of 1940, when Greek forces resisted fascist aggression in the mountains of Northern Epirus. Against this historical backdrop, the songs, dances and traditions celebrated throughout the festival take on an even deeper meaning.

As the Greek Orthodox Community of South Australia approaches its centenary, it continues to demonstrate its commitment to preserving Hellenic heritage and strengthening community life

Vagelis Bogias

Glenelg beach brawls raise concerns for local businesses

Traders near Adelaide's popular Glenelg Beach fear repeated public brawls could drive away families, tourists and shoppers as police investigate another alleged disturbance involving young people.

Police responded to a disturbance involving a large group of youths near Glenelg Jetty on Sunday afternoon, arriving about four minutes after being alerted.

A 15-year-old boy from Marino was charged with disorderly behavior over the alleged incident. He was granted bail and is due to appear in the Adelaide Magistrates Court in December.

The incident followed separate public fights at Glenelg and Henley Beach in September, which attracted crowds of hundreds of young people. A 14-year-old boy was subsequently reported for aggravated assault over the September incident and will appear in the Adelaide Youth Court.

Police brought forward the launch of Operation Jericho following the earlier disturbances, increasing patrols at popular Adelaide beaches to tackle antisocial behavior.

Shop vendor Candice Pemberton said further incidents could damage local businesses, particularly as the summer tourist season approaches.

"If it continues to happen, it'll keep families away from the area as well, and we rely on families to come in, have a look and buy our stuff," she said.

Ms Pemberton warned that repeated fights could discourage visitors from shopping and enjoying Glenelg, threatening businesses that depend on tourism and family trade.

Joshua Hissey, who works at the Stamford Grand Hotel, witnessed Sunday's incident and estimated that between 50 and 100 people had gathered.

He said the latest disturbance was unexpected so soon after the September incidents but praised the swift police response, adding that visitors should feel safe enjoying Glenelg.

Nineteen-year-old beachgoer Luke Craker suggested peer pressure and social media content promoting fights could contribute to the behavior. He said some influencers and streamers encouraged such activities for financial gain.

South Australian Premier Peter Malinauskas issued a stern warning to young people involved in disorderly behavior, saying they would face serious consequences.

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