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Welcome to the 2024 Riverland Christmas Gift Guide

THE festive season is right around the corner, and with just a touch over a month to go until Christmas, community volunteers and council staff across the Riverland towns have been working hard to plan events for the whole family to enjoy these holidays.

Taylor Group Media's 2024 Riverland Christmas Gift Guide showcases the region's many wonderful district events, and the festive season will shine bright, with attractions in Renmark, Berri, Barmera, Loxton, Waikerie, and Morgan.

We have included a guide to gifts for the whole family including mum, dad, and the kids, all from local businesses. The Riverland has many

amazing choices for some Christmas retail therapy, so grab your friends or family members and make a day of it by shopping 'lo-ho-ho-ho-cal' and giving the gift of the region's finest

The winner and runners-up of The Murray Pioneer's 2024 Christmas poem competition are announced in this guide, and the winning poem is published. We had a great time reading all of the entries we received, and a big festive thank you to everyone who sent in a poem this year.

We wish all of our amazing readers and local businesses a very merry, and safe, Christmas.

- The Taylor Group Media team

Renmark Christmas

RENMARK'S rejuvenated Christmas spirit – marked by the second consecutive pageant since the event's return – will be showcased this year.

The town's festive season will commence with the Renmark Christmas Pageant, to be held on Friday 6 December.

The event will feature side shows, a food court, face painting, clown entertainment and free photos with

Santa by local photographer Grant Schwartzkopff.

The pageant will begin at 6pm, and will be followed by a fireworks display on the river at 9pm.

Renmark Christmas Celebrations Committee member Neil Martinson said high levels of support for the pageant were shown among local businesses and volunteers.

"I'm really pleased with the great support we're getting from the community," Mr Martinson said.

The town will also host a Festive Shopping Night, Twilight Christmas Gift Markets, Slip n Slide, Riverside!, and Party in the Park events.



RENMARK

04/12

RENMARK VIC FESTIVE SHOPPING NIGHT

4.30pm – 7.30pm
Murray Avenue, Renmark

Get a start on your Christmas shopping by giving the gift of local this year! Create beautiful, personalised gift boxes full of delicious regional produce or local giftware items to suit even the hardest to buy for or choose from the custom packs. Enjoy produce tastings, festive entertainment with gift wrapping available.

07/12

TWILIGHT CHRISTMAS GIFT MARKETS

4pm – 9pm
Jarrett Memorial Gardens

'Tis the evening for festive fun in the gardens for Renmark's Twilight Gift Markets. Come along and wander the gift inspired market stalls, indulge in live music, be entertained by roving street performers, enjoy children's activities, savor dinner or a treat from local food trucks and say hi to Santa.

14/12

SLIP N SLIDE, RIVERSIDE!

4pm – 8pm
Jarrett Memorial Gardens

Prepare to get wet as you Slip n Slide, Renmark style with a range of giant, connecting inflatable slides and obstacles, pedal karts, giant lawn games, food trucks and music to get the Christmas School Holidays started. Be sure to wear your bathers and hat, pack your towel and bring a change of clothes for a fun packed family night out!

15/12

PS INDUSTRY CRUISES

Cruises at 10.30am,
12.30pm & 2pm
Renmark Visitor Centre,
Murray Avenue

All Aboard Experience the charm of a bygone era with the Paddle Steamer Industry. Bring up the boiler and get ready to steam! Enjoy a one-hour cruise onboard the historic vessel, where you can learn more about the river boat era, soak up stunning river views and watch the volunteer crew hard at work. Bookings essential!



16/12

FREE* SCHOOL HOLIDAY MOVIE SCREENING HAROLD AND THE PURPLE CRAYON (PG)

2pm
Chaffey Theatre, Renmark

Renmark Paringa Council residents are invited to enjoy a FREE school holiday screening of Harold and the Purple Crayon (PG) – a heartwarming adventure that's perfect for all ages. Bookings are essential – secure your seats by visiting the Chaffey Theatre's website or call the Theatre on 8586 1800. Proudly presented by the Renmark Paringa Council.



17-18/12

CHRISTMAS FUN AT THE LIBRARY CHRISTMAS BISCUIT DECORATING WITH A GIFT BOX

2 sessions each day
10.30am or 2.30pm
Renmark Paringa Library,
James Avenue, Renmark

Children can decorate yummy shortbread biscuits and create a display box to give as a gift. Bookings essential – phone 8586 5544 or text 0499 681 556.

19-20/12

CHRISTMAS FUN AT THE LIBRARY GINGERBREAD HOUSE TEALIGHT HOLDER

2 sessions each day
10.30am or 2.30pm
Renmark Paringa Library,
James Avenue, Renmark

Creative kids will be excited to decorate these cute wooden gingerbread houses. Bookings essential – phone 8586 5544 or text 0499 681 556.



21/12

PARTY IN THE PARK

10.30am – 12.30pm
Jarrett Memorial Gardens,
James Avenue

Join us for a party in the park! The free morning of fun will have you bubbling over with excitement as you dance along with Mr Oopy, sing your heart out with karaoke, enjoy a special visit from Santa and free face painting!



24/12

SANTA'S WORKSHOP AT THE LIBRARY

10am to 12noon
Renmark Paringa Library,
James Avenue, Renmark

Visit Santa in his workshop at the library to share your last minute Christmas wishes and stories. Bookings are not required ... Just drop in and see the big man in red!



Berri Christmas

BERRI'S Christmas spirit will be on show throughout the town. The festivities start early with a Christmas market at the Berri Town Hall on Saturday 14 December, featuring local produce and crafts, giftware and produce. Locals and visitors are invited to enjoy a day out shopping in the lead-up to Christmas, with the Berri Town Hall set to come to life with a boutique gift-style market. Stallholders will have homewares,

jewellery, clothing, candles, children's items, home-baked goods and sweet treats, garden and outdoor ornaments, terrariums, succulents, novelty items and delicious local food. Berri's shopping precinct will be open for business and raring to go, all within walking distance of the hall. The Carols by the River will return to the riverfront in a picnic event, on Sunday 8 December, starting from 6pm, with carols starting at 7pm.

BERRI

08/12

CAROLS BY THE RIVER

From 6pm,
Carols start at 7pm
Berri riverfront

In a picnic event by the Berri riverfront, sing along to your favourite Christmas carols starting at 7pm. Early arrivals can set up their picnic rugs and chairs from 6pm, with a sausage sizzle available for a gold coin donation, with ice cream and coffee vans available. The annual event is free, however a donation to cover costs and for the Riverland Christmas Appeal is welcomed.

14/12

BERRI CHRISTMAS MARKET

9am to 2pm
Berri Town Hall

Get in the festive spirit and enjoy browsing for that special something at the boutique gift-style Berri Christmas Market, held at the Berri Town Hall. Featuring local crafts, giftware and produce, the market promises to have something for everyone.



14/12

BERRI MAIN STREET COMES ALIVE

Berri Main Street

Get ready for a festive day in Berri as the main street comes alive on Saturday 14 December! Follow Santa's walk around town and discover one-day-only Christmas specials at various local businesses. Santa himself will be at the Berri Community Pavilion from 9.30am to 2pm, ready for photos and holiday cheer! Enjoy a barbecue, face painting, and so much more, with something fun for the whole family. Don't miss out - mark your calendars and make it a special day out with loved ones in Berri this holiday season!

BARMERA

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BARWELL AVENUE DECORATIONS

Barmera Main Street

The main street is brought to festive life, with shop windows and Bonney Theatre decorated with Christmas curiosities and sparkly ornaments by hard-working community volunteers.



13/12

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT AND FIREWORKS

Pageant begins at 6.30pm
Barwell Avenue, Barmera

The most wonderful time of year will be well and truly celebrated in Barwell Avenue. Supported by Berri Barmera Council, the annual pageant is a mainstay in the town. Vintage car displays, food stalls, novelty stalls, amusement rides and much more will get the night started, followed by fireworks at the Barmera Oval once the sun goes down.



01/12

BARMERA DECEMBER MARKETS

9am to 1pm
Sargent Park,
Lake Bonney foreshore

Don't miss this perfect opportunity for Christmas shopping with fabulous views of Lake Bonney with all the usual Barmera Market suspects. The Riverland Toy and Tucker Run will finish its tour of the Riverland at the markets around midday.

01-22/12

SANTA'S CAVE BARMERA

Thursdays: 2pm to 5pm,
Fridays: 5pm to 8pm,
Saturday & Sundays: 10am to 1pm
Bonney Theatre, Barmera

Children and the young at heart can delight in the annual Santa's Cave in Bonney Theatre, featuring a wonderland of lights and different displays. Activities at selected times including Christmas story time, and face painting.

Barmera Christmas

THERE will be plenty to see and do in Barmera this silly season, with the popular Santa's Cave, Christmas Pageant and Fireworks, and town decorations set to put smiles on faces and bring the festive cheer. The month of festivities starts with a market by the lake for your Christmas shopping. The pageant, on Friday 13 December, offers various entertainment and the float parade, with a visit from Santa before he sets up in his Bonney

Theatre Cave. The Ballistic Fireworks spectacular is set to start once the sun goes down. Santa's Cave will be a treat for the young and young-at-heart to get last-minute Christmas wishes in to the big man in red. As always, the elves from the Christmas Window and Street Display Group have been busy getting the shop windows, Bonney Theatre and parts of Barwell Avenue dressed in their Christmas best.



Loxton Christmas

THE home of Christmas in the Riverland, Loxton comes alive with Christmas cheer, festive nostalgia and magical light shows each and every year. The month-long Loxton Lights Festival features old favourites and new surprises among the light displays, community carols, Santa's Walk and Christmas Wonderland, to name a few. Running from 25 November right through until 31 December,

visitors and locals alike have ample chances to check out the Christmas-loving town. Venture down East Terrace any night throughout the festival to witness the street's trees lit up with a magical light show, or even just take a walk around town to see how Loxton embraces the festive season. Make sure to spend a bit of time in Loxton this Christmas to truly get into the festive spirit.

LOXTON

30/11

LIGHT UP DAY

From 9am
East Terrace, Loxton

Kicking off the festival on Saturday 30 November, Light Up Day is Loxton's most popular party of the year. Filled with free entertainment, twilight markets, music, activities, main stage entertainment, and the grand finale, the fireworks spectacular.



30/11 - 31/12

CHRISTMAS WONDERLAND

From 8.30pm
Loxton North Sports Club

Christmas Wonderland is back at the Loxton North Sports Club. The must-see display features 400 metres of illuminated displays and lights and a new treasure hunt this year. Entry is free, but donations are always welcome.

30/11 - 31/12

SANTA'S WALK

8.30pm - 11pm
Starting at Hilbig Street

Loxton's homes and streets will show the magic of Christmas lights as locals put their seasonal spirit on show. Hilbig Street, where it all began over three decades ago, will be alive with lights throughout the month-long festival. Best viewing times are between 8.30pm and 11pm.



30/11 - 17/12

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

11am - 4pm
Loxton Anglican Parish Hall,
Edward Street
Gold coin donation

For over 28 years, the Christmas Tree Festival has been delighting visitors with displays of trees beautifully decorated by local community groups and schools. Every year has a new theme and 2024 is 'all things bright and beautiful'.

Groups by appointment. Call Marilyn on 0439 849 394.



30/11 - 07/12

FESTIVE FERRIS WHEEL

30 Nov: 10am - 10pm
1 Dec: 10am - 9pm
2 Dec to 6 Dec: 6pm - 10pm
7 Dec: 10am - 10pm
Murray Street crossover,
East Terrace

To celebrate the first week of the Christmas Lights Festival, a ferris wheel will be in Loxton's main street. Take in the unique and spectacular views of the Murray River and surrounds by day, or enjoy the magic of Loxton's Christmas lights by night. Weather permitting.

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15/12

COMMUNITY CAROLS

From 7pm
Loxton Oval, Bookpurnong Terrace

Inclement weather venue:
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Bookpurnong Terrace.

Gather the whole family together for Loxton's very own carols by candlelight. The combined churches of Loxton invite the community to come together and sing along to your favourite carols at the Loxton Oval. Bring your own chairs and rugs, or even a picnic dinner.

CHRISTMAS NOSTALGIA

Normal trading hours
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12 East Terrace, Loxton

A colourful, historic display of all things Christmas from goose feather and novel trees to unique decorations and toys. Re-live traditions and special Christmas customs over many decades through this treasured private collection. Permanently displayed in the Loxton Newsagency, 12 East Terrace, during normal trading hours.



30/11

VISIT SANTA

10am - 1pm
4pm - 8pm

Get ready for a truly enchanting experience this Christmas. Santa is coming to Loxton and he is bringing the magic to a brand new workshop, with the secret location of Santa yet to be revealed.

Enjoy an unforgettable encounter with Santa himself as he personally presents you with a special Christmas gift, creating magical memories that will last a lifetime.

Light Up Day, Saturday 30 November, from 10am to 1pm, and between 4pm and 8pm.

Professional photography will be available should you wish to capture the joyous moment.

WAIKERIE



29/11

WAIKERIE COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

From 6pm
Waikerie CBD

It's the most wonderful time of the year – celebrate with family and friends at the Waikerie Community Christmas Pageant. Get behind the Waikerie community by supporting a fun and entertaining night.

29/11 - 24/12

WAIKERIE SANTA'S CAVE

10am - 5pm
Until 13th Dec Santa is only in residence from 3pm - 5pm
Waikerie Institute

Santa's Cave is situated in the Waikerie Institute and decorated by local volunteers with the assistance of the Loxton Waikerie District Council. Visitors can view and interact with the scenes around the cave, visit Santa (except during school times) and browse the gift shop, a lot of which is handmade by the community.

MORGAN



07/12

MORGAN CHRISTMAS PAGEANT AND FETE

3pm - 9.30pm
11 Railway Terrace

The Lions Club of Morgan & District is excited to announce they will be hosting the Morgan Christmas Pageant and Fete event on Saturday 7 December. The award-winning pageant will roll through the streets from 6pm, finishing at the Morgan Riverfront Precinct, so lock it in on your calendars.

Waikerie & Morgan Christmas

HAVE yourself a holly jolly Christmas in Waikerie this year.

The Waikerie community comes together each year to decorate the town for the festive season and celebrates the occasion with a number of annual events.

The town's festive celebrations will be highlighted by its annual pageant, set to take place on Friday 29 November.

Riverland West Chamber of Commerce administration officer Gini Gatgens said the Christmas parade will start at 6pm with the Riverland Vintage and Classic Car Club opening the event by doing two laps of the circuit.

"People put in so much effort into their floats," she said.

"It is quite amazing to see.

"I was delighted to see the pageant for the first time last year and see the effort the

people put into the event, which was such fun, everyone was just so happy."

The award-winning Morgan Christmas Pageant, set for Saturday 7 December, will roll through the streets from 6pm, finishing at the Morgan Riverfront Precinct, so lock it in on your calendars.

The Waikerie Institute is set to turn into Santa's Cave from 29 November, and will host the jolly man himself for the whole festive season.

Santa's Cave has been running for more 25 years and features a dinosaur Christmas scene and a gingerbread house.

Volunteers spend numerous hours getting the streets ready for all the festivities, including hand assembling the Christmas trees in the street and every individual bauble attached by hand.



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Police Band bringing Christmas spirit to Chaffey

JOIN us this December for a festive entertainment experience.

With Christmas just around the corner, Chaffey Theatre is gearing up to celebrate the season with our final performance for 2024. Don't miss the Band of SA Police Christmas Concert on Friday 6 December, at 2pm.

Get into the Christmas spirit with Australia's oldest police band and enjoy their extensive repertoire of classic carols and sing-a-longs for a morning of traditional cheer, just in time for Santa.

Formed in 1884, this beloved 140-year-old band is a delight for all ages.

Named as a State Heritage Icon in 2016, the Band of SA Police performance is sure to sell out quickly.

"We are so pleased to have the Band Of SA Police to conclude our 40th year Anniversary 2024 program at Chaffey

Theatre" said Sharlene Goodman, Art Centre Manager, Chaffey Theatre at Country Arts SA.

"Audiences love their skills as musicians and the chance to see serving police officers having fun and entertaining the community."

Tickets are adults \$24, groups of 6+ \$22, Friends Club member \$20; transaction fees apply. The price includes a delicious complimentary afternoon tea after the show. The performance begins at 2pm.

Bookings can be made online at (www.countryarts.org.au) or by phoning 8586 1800, or in person at the Chaffey Theatre box office Theatre Lane (via Seventeenth Street), Renmark during office hours, Wednesday to Friday, 12.30pm to 4pm.

It's the perfect way to kick off the festive season for the young and the young at heart.

Easy Christmas Cookies

100g unsalted butter, at room temperature
1/2 cup caster sugar
1 1/3 tsp vanilla extract
1 free range egg
1 1/3 cup plain flour
1/3 tsp baking powder
1/4 tsp salt
1 free range egg white
1/3 tsp lemon juice
1 cup pure icing sugar, sifted

1 Using an electric mixer, beat butter, sugar and vanilla until pale and creamy. Add egg, beating until combined. Sift flour, baking powder and salt over butter mixture, then stir to combine. Shape dough into a disc, wrap in baking paper and refrigerate for 15 minutes to rest. Meanwhile, preheat oven to 190C. Line two baking trays with baking paper.

2 Roll dough out between two sheets of baking paper until 5mm thick. Using assorted Christmas cookie cutters (about 5 x 8cm), cut shapes from dough, re-rolling off cuts and cutting shapes. Place 4cm apart on trays, then bake, swapping trays halfway through cooking, for 12 minutes or until light golden. Stand on trays for 10 minutes before transferring to a wire rack to cool completely.

3 Meanwhile, to make the icing, lightly whisk egg white and lemon juice in a bowl. Gradually add icing sugar, whisking until smooth and combined. Spoon mixture into a piping bag fitted with a 2mm plain nozzle. Using picture as a guide, decorate cookies with icing. Stand for 30 minutes to set, then serve.





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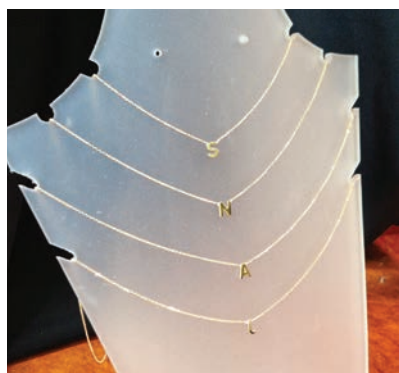


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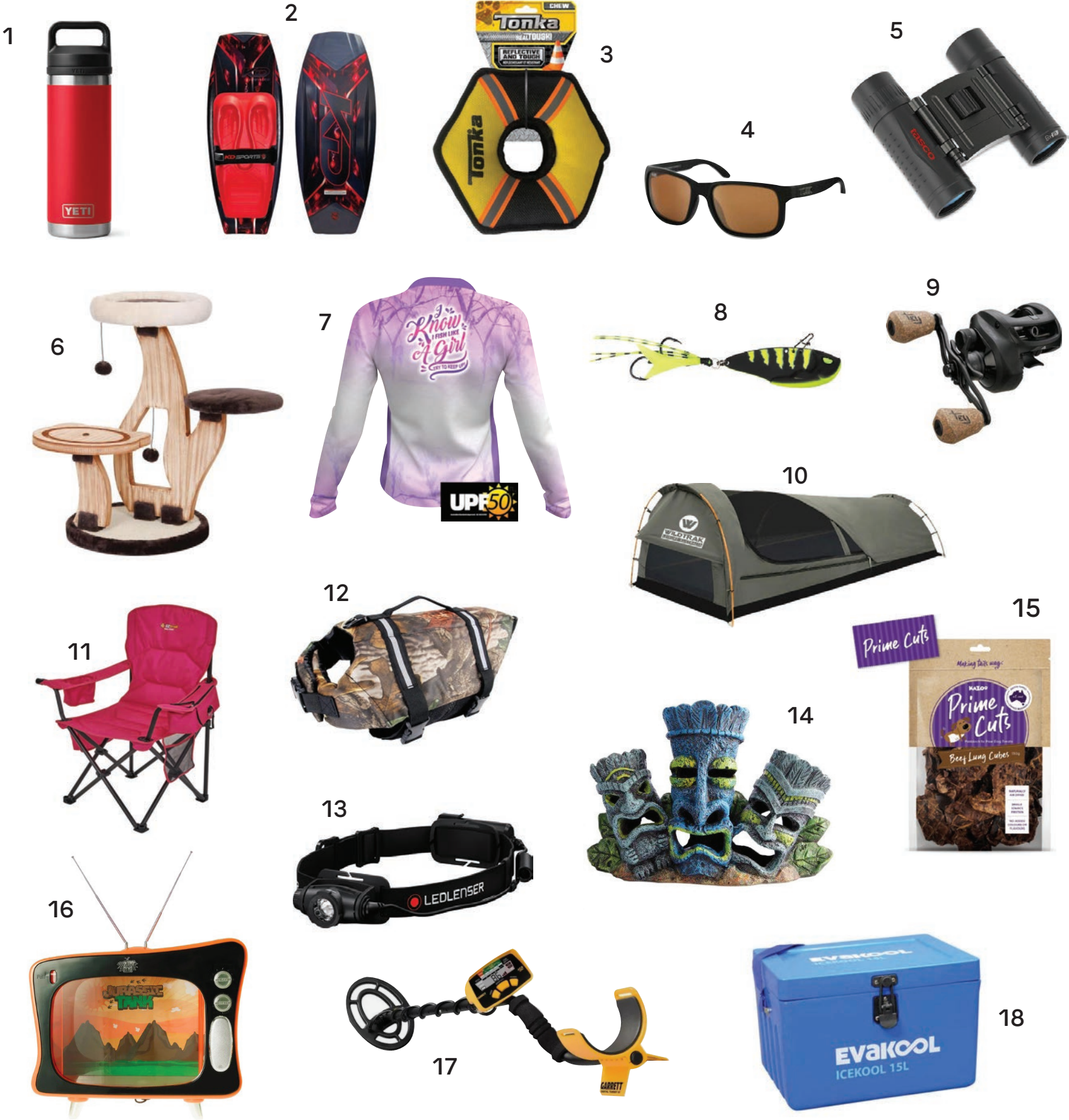
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Eli Waterson

Age: 12 | Waikerie Lutheran Primary School

Down at the Murray River

Christmas time is coming, December twenty fifth,
For us it's tackle box and rod, because it's time to catch a fish.

We will head down to the Murray, in our boardies and our thongs,
Mum, Dad and the family, everyone tags along.

Although some people have a different idea of how to keep themselves cool,
On a scorching sunny Christmas Day they'll be chilling by the pool.

After lunch everyone's full, the oldies take a nap,
And then at tea all you hear is Christmas crackers going snap.

When it comes to dinner time, there will be Christmas treats galore,
Turkey, prawns, seafood sauce, Christmas pudding and more.

We all hate it, when the day comes to an end,
Just wait until next year and we will do it all again.

**RIVERLAND
CHRISTMAS
POEM WRITING
COMPETITION**

Congratulations

RUNNERS-UP



Clara Parrotta

Age: 11 | Barmera Primary School

Gurshabad Singh Dhillon



Age: 11 | Renmark Primary School

Clara and Gurshabad's poems are available to read in this week's edition of The Murray Pioneer (27/11/2024).

In addition, all entries will be on display for public viewing at the Chaffey Theatre throughout December.

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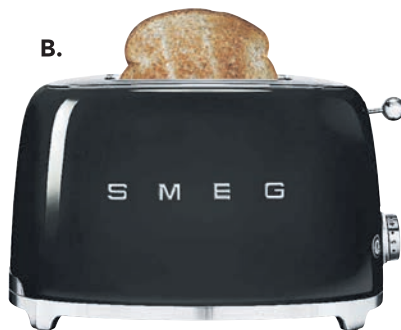


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