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DIXIE SULDA

HE'S the first pooch to win an official State Government award – and for good reason. Zero, the canine court companion, provides vital support to vulnerable victims and witnesses giving evidence in courtrooms. The labrador was yesterday the first dog to receive the Premier's Excellence Award for public sector values.

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Zero, the court companion pooch, with handler Darren Evans, has become the first dog to win the Premier's Excellence Award for public sector values. Picture: Tom Huntley

EXCLUSIVE Heat on retail hours in push for first referendum in 30 years

PAUL STARICK

SOUTH Australians would be given a vote on extended shopping hours under a historic referendum push about to be put to parliament by the State Government.

Voters would decide the issue at next March's election.

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SHOPPING SHOWDOWN

Japan wants our wines

GABRIEL POLYCHRONIS

MORE than 30 million Japanese wine drinkers are waiting to be introduced to quality South Australian wines, Japan's top diplomat in Australia says.

In a wide-ranging interview, new ambassador to Australia Shingo Yamagami urged

SA winemakers to diversify their exports, declaring he wanted Japanese to be able to enjoy everything from Penfolds to Fruity Lexia.

He made the plea while also revealing senior officials were still hurt after losing out on the Future Submarines contract five years ago.

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HIGH FLYER HURT IN NIGHTCLUB BRAWL

[SPORT]

Cash splash for the ages

CLAIRE BICKERS

AN improvement in Australia's budget bottom line of more than \$30bn will help fund a record cash splash to radically overhaul aged care.

South Australia's slice of GST will also be bigger than expected when Treasurer Josh Frydenberg unveils the 2021

Federal Budget tonight. Almost \$18bn will be announced for major reforms to address key recommendations from the aged-care royal commission, such as abolishing the waiting list for home care and increasing staffing. It will boost the "understaffed" and "underpaid" workforce.

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Japan ready for SA wine 'delights'



Japan's ambassador to Australia, Shingo Yamagami, at Adelaide University yesterday. Picture: Tom Huntley

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Mr Yamagami said there was "growing demand" in Japan for SA wine, as the local industry reeled from China's unrelenting trade tariffs.

"That kind of high-quality wine is yet to reach the Japanese market," he said.

Mr Yamagami said Australia was "lagging behind" other nations, such as Italy and France, when it came to exporting wine to Japan.

"This is high time for (SA) to diversify export destinations," he said.

"Japanese people drink wine like whales; consumption is enormous."

On his first visit to SA since becoming ambassador in December 2020, Mr Yamagami gave a talk at the University of Adelaide yesterday.

"There are over 30 million regular wine drinkers in Japan just waiting for some-

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Japanese people drink wine like whales

Shingo Yamagami

one to introduce them to the delights of a good Barossa Valley shiraz," he said.

"As much as I love being able to have a nice glass of Jacob's Creek in Tokyo, what I'd really like is to be able to enjoy the full range of SA wines - from a fancy Penfolds to a Berri Estates Fruity Lexia."

Mr Yamagami is tomorrow due to meet with Premier Steven Marshall, with whom he is expected to discuss wine exports, the

state's hydrogen plans and future space co-operation. "SA was quite fast in coming up with a (hydrogen) strategy and they are ahead in the game," he said.

"In particular, Japan is excited about SA's endeavour to create the largest green ammonia plant in the world (on the Eyre Peninsula)."

He also declared "the sky is the limit" with Japanese-SA space co-operation, pointing to last year's landing of the Hayabusa2 at Woomera as one example.

Meanwhile, Mr Yamagami told The Advertiser there still remained a "great deal of disappointment" among senior Japanese government officials after losing the bidding process for the Future Submarines contract to French company DCNS (now Naval Group) in 2016.

"Never in the history of Japan did we enter into the

bidding for any foreign country," he said. "But, because we were urged by the Australian government, we reluctantly decided to enter."

"We thought this was going to be Japanese submarines (built in SA)."

"That is something we should never repeat in our bilateral relationship. There is a great deal of disappointment on the part of the Japanese."

"While I am always astonished by the beauty and tranquillity of the Australian ocean, I can't help but think it would have been even more beautiful and quiet with SA-manufactured Japanese submarines in it."

Mr Yamagami, however, left the door open to Japanese companies manufacturing other defence equipment in SA in the future.

"It will be possible, but we failed once, we cannot have a second failure," he said.

Dodgy doctor's bizarre Nazi call

KATHRYN BERMINGHAM

A DOCTOR allowed to continue working after he was convicted of using forged prescriptions said conditions placed on his registration made him feel "like a Jew in Nazi Germany".

Dr Graeme Murphy, who was found guilty by a magistrate in 2015, breached the conditions by prescribing medications to himself and his brother, referring his wife for testing, prescribing banned drugs and working without an approved supervisor.

South Australia's Civil and Administrative Tribunal has now cancelled his registration and disqualified him from re-appearing for three years.

Dr Murphy, 64, developed an addiction to opioids in 2002, but overcame the acute phase 14 years ago, a judgment published online reveals. He had his registration suspended for six months in 2007.

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There was a perverse pleasure in defying the autocrat

DR GRAEME MURPHY

It was reinstated in 2010 with conditions, including a ban on taking unprescribed medication. But, in 2012, the Medical Board reported he had breached the conditions many times.

Dr Murphy was charged with two counts of uttering forged prescriptions for tramadol and stiloxx in 2013. He was found guilty in 2015 and given a suspended sentence.

In 2015, he was placed on a new set of restrictions. The tribunal heard those conditions were also breached.

Dr Murphy said he felt overwhelmed by the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) and "like a Jew in Nazi Germany". "So, defying them at that point was like defying my ex-wife over packing the dishwasher, in that there was a perverse pleasure in defying the autocrat," he said.

"Dr Murphy's use of analogies referring to ... Nazi-led Germany were inappropriate," the judgment said.