Cuts threaten ABC's live footy coverage

SA show for hardy Wurlitzer

A THEATRE organ that dodged the devastation of Dar- win's Cyclone Trace will be the focus of an Adelaide celebra- tion next month.

The Wurlitzer, now housed at Goodwood's Capri Theatre, belonged to a Darwin man and arrived in Adelaide just three weeks before the Christmas Eve 1974 cyclone.

The organ was bought by the Theatre Organ Society of Australia which spent years rebuilding it.

Immediate past president Malcolm Patterson says it was fortunate the Darwin owner hadn't decided to sell.

“We got it out not long be- fore the cyclone, which blew his house to bits,” he says.

The organ’s inaugural Adel- aide concert was on April 2, 1983 at the Capri. The theatre opened in 1941 as the Good- wood Star Theatre and was bought by the Theatre Organ Society in 1978 as a home for its theatre organ.

Mr Patterson says the organ now has almost 1800 pipes.

The Capri will hold a free Christmas show, celebrating 40 years of the organ in SA, on December 8.

Messing by phone hurts spine

OUR addiction to reading texts and Facebook posts on our phones is putting about as much stress on our spines as carrying around a big sack of potatoes on our heads each day, a new study suggests.

According to a new study by spine surgeon Dr Kenneth Hansraj, looking down at our phones is having your ears – essentially, a pre- cursor to cataracts.

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University of SA midwifery student Sian Smithson wants to be a Tatts Finke Desert Race grid girl

“While my Government re- ceives its fair share of scrutiny from the program, I stand by 7.30 NT as an important source of balanced and considered in- formation on important stories right across the Territory,” Mr Giles said.

AFLNT chief operating offi- cer Stephen Nugent said he had been informed the ABC would not broadcast football after this season.

The planned 2014/15 season broadcast schedule would not be affected.

Bike beeswax battle for position in starting line-up

By STEVE MENZIES

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He, and girlfriend Kait Pas- coe, talked to her about being a grid girl so she applied.

“Ivan wants to do it next year as does my partner Joel Jamison – it will be the first time for Joel,” Ms Smithson said.

“I can ride but I can’t afford to lose my job,” Mr Pascoe said.

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