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Lunch funds

A whopping \$127,800 was raised at the ac.care Homeless Luncheon on Friday.

The funds will be used to assist those experiencing hard times in regional South Australia.

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GUEST SPEAKER: ac.care's Jason Wallace, premier Peter Malinauskas and ac.care CEO Shane Maddocks at the Homeless Luncheon.

AI detects bushfires

ARTIFICIAL intelligence will be used to help monitor potential bushfires within the Green Triangle region in a first for the nation.

A brand new camera will be installed on a number of fire towers across the Green Triangle region with Pano AI being announced as the initiative's successful tenderer. It is being implemented alongside the Green Triangle Forest Industries Hub (GTFIH) with \$1m of the funds targeting the new technology.

The new and innovative bushfire detection and monitoring system will be Australia's first fully integrated bushfire detection platform using satellite technology, ultra high definition panoramic cameras and artificial intelligence.

It comes following trials conducted at The Bluff, Penola North and Mount Burr towers.

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Revved up

ON the weekend, Mount Gambier was lucky enough to have a glimpse of the history of classic and vintage motorbikes in Mount Gambier during the 2023 Mount Gambier Classic and Vintage Motorcycle Show.

Bikes from several different eras were on display at City Hall, which gave interest to all ages looking to learn more about the evolution of the trusty two-wheelers.

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Life-changing build

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ABOUT 40 public homes will be built on a 1.8-hectare block near Hastings Cunningham Reserve in an effort to combat the current housing crisis.

The State Government initiative was an-

nounced by Premier Peter Malinauskas last week during his fly in, fly out visit to the Blue Lake City.

According to the Premier, preliminary works have been completed, allowing the homes to be built quickly.

"We have got good engagement with industry and trades to get these houses online,"

Mr Malinauskas said.

"As a government, we are investing a lot more in public housing, including here in Mount Gambier, because the need is there," Mr Malinauskas said.

He said for those who would live in the homes, it would be life-changing.

"We also acknowledge that the need is sub-

stantial, and no matter how much we seem to invest in this area, there is an unmet need," Mr Malinauskas said.

"There are a lot of people on the waiting list to get access to public and social housing and the category one waiting list is massive."

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