

# Space connection

**STAN GORTON**

THE Islander has learned of two unrelated connections to space at Parndana, involving a student and the former deputy premier.

A space-related artwork by Year 4 student Seb at the Parndana campus of Kangaroo Island Community Education has been named one of top-rated entries into the Space to Dream design thinking challenge, an initiative of Commissioner for Children and Young People, South Australia, Helen Connolly.

As part of the Commissioner's Digital Challenge, Seb's design is displayed in an exhibition at the Australian Space Agency Discovery Centre in Adelaide until January 2024, then being in a travelling exhibition to SA's libraries.

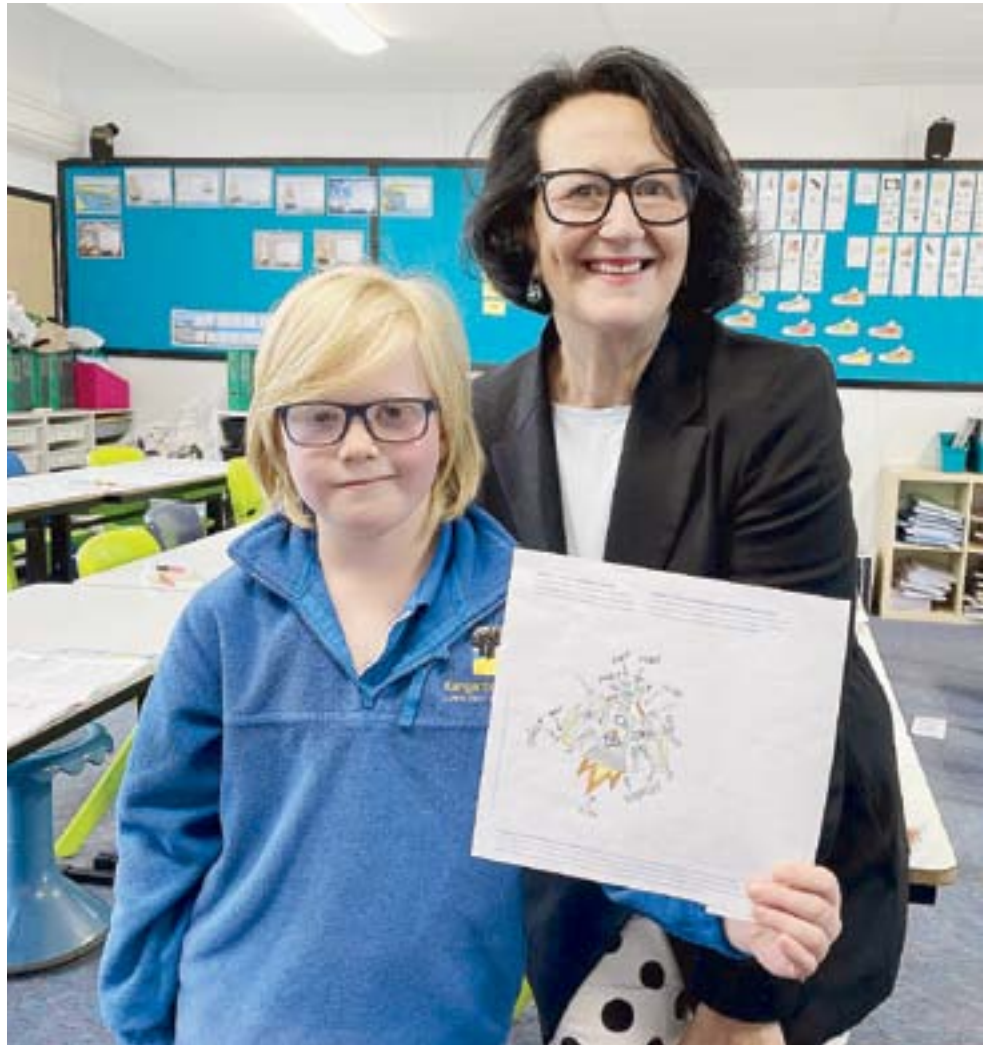
Seb's picture is of the "Scar Sciner", a robot that gets people out of trouble by transforming into a rocket. It is powered by solar panels.

Seb said he liked rockets, space shuttles and machines, although perhaps he wanted to be an author when he grew up.

Former deputy premier Vickie Chapman of Western River meanwhile has just completed her postgraduate studies in space law at the University of Adelaide and next year will receive her Professional Certificate in Commercial Space Law.

Ms Chapman previously practiced commercial and property law but now will be able to focus specifically on space-related issues and approvals, such as the launching of satellites and the recovery of space junk.

One proposal of interest coming up as soon as the 2030s was the mining of ice on the moon, for hydrogen and oxygen, she said.



Year 4 student Seb at the Parndana with his "Scar Sciner" space robot with former deputy premier Vickie Chapman, who just completed her postgraduate studies in space law at the University of Adelaide.

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