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Easter, mask mandates relaxed, warm weather & tourists flocking to Riverland...



Destination Riverland general manager Ben Patten (pictured in Berri yesterday) says local tourism businesses are anticipating a bumper Easter long weekend. PHOTO: Elyse Armanini

END COVID ERA

JOSH BRINE and PAUL MITCHELL

EASTER looming, unseasonably warm weather, tourists flocking to the Riverland, masks gone from Good Friday and a local population ready to finally move on from Covid.

After two years dominated by the virus, it feels like a turning point for the Riverland – and the

region’s tourism boss concurs.

“I’m told it’s incredibly busy,” Destination Riverland general manager Ben Patten said yesterday.

“Any improvement around Covid restrictions would feed through to a more positive coming period, which we’d be really grateful for.

“We know what an impost

the mandates were. Even though they were the direction at the time, our information says even having to wear masks around had a negative impact on tourism and the way people want to travel.”

The Riverland’s tourism and hospitality businesses have borne the brunt of Covid-19 restrictions, but temperatures in

the low 30s and a raft of events planned across the Riverland over Easter – including Saturday morning’s Berri Easter Carnival – are poised to belatedly mark the end of the Covid era and kick-start a freedom-led pivot back to better times.

“We hope (restrictions) are gone for good,” Mr Patten said.

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Loxton Waikerie councillors, staff and community members pictured with Member MP Tony Pasin at the current jetty, which is prone to being submerged during high river events. A federal government grant will allow the jetty to be replaced. PHOTO: supplied



New Waikerie jetty to make a splash

WAIKERIE residents and visitors will soon benefit from a new jetty – one that will be resilient to high rivers and floods.

Barker Liberal MP Tony Pasin announced the funding last week, with the District Council of Loxton Waikerie set to receive \$178,832 from the Preparing Australian

Communities Program.

Council will match the funding dollar-for-dollar, along with \$25,000 of in-kind support to the project.

“A new floating jetty will minimise the recovery of the community following flood as it will be resilient to flood damage and

remain functional during future flooding events, creating universal and safe access to the river,” Mr Pasin said.

“Importantly, the new infrastructure will reduce response times for emergency and police rescue efforts.

“I know communities are best

placed to understand their unique needs and how they can best improve their resilience and reduce their level of risk to natural disasters that’s why this project has been assessed to be so important to the Waikerie community.”

Loxton Waikerie Mayor Leon Stasinowsky said the project

would benefit Waikerie by fixing a “long-term problem where the local wharf would be submerged in high-river events”.

“Tony Pasin had understood the local needs and pointed us in the right direction to achieve this project,” he added.

-STEPHANIE THOMPSON

Warning on Easter river flow

WITH River Murray flows expected to be high over the Easter long weekend, river users are being asked to take care while on the water.

Department for Environment and Water (DEW) water delivery manager Chrissie Bloss urged the public to exercise additional caution as the higher flows may present hazards.

“People need to be aware

that the river is moving a bit faster and only swim in areas of slow-flowing water, free of submerged hazards and always wear a life jacket,” she said.

“If you are intending to travel on houseboats or explore quiet backwaters and creeks in smaller craft, it’s strongly recommended that you get in touch with commercial boat operators for local advice.”

Covid hits Pasin’s campaign

BARKER MP Tony Pasin is enduring a hamstrung start to his 2022 Federal Election campaign, after contracting Covid-19.

Mr Pasin was due to be in the Riverland in recent days, but was forced to cancel his travel plans, with his office confirming he had contracted the virus.

The 2022 Federal Election will be held on Saturday, May

21, meaning Mr Pasin has ample time to make his case for a fourth term as the Liberal Member for Barker.

Prime Minister Scott Morrison called the election on Sunday.

Mr Pasin’s situation mirrors that of Chaffey State Election contender and One Nation candidate Sab Feleppa, who also contracted Covid-19 on the eve of the SA poll, held last month.



Loxton Waikerie council has allocated an additional \$100,000 to the Waikerie boat ramp project, after the tender process highlighted the need for additional funds. PHOTO: Christine Webster

Extra \$100k to complete boat ramp project

STEPHANIE THOMPSON

A LOCAL council will cough up an extra \$100,000 to ensure a boat ramp project reaches completion.

At last month’s meeting, Loxton Waikerie council elected members agreed to allocate an additional \$100,000 to the Waikerie number two boat ramp after it was revealed the proposed design was over council’s allocated budget.

Council originally allocated \$350,800 to the project, with \$195,000 from a South Australian

Boating Facilities Advisory Committee grant.

However, in a report to councillors, council’s works project officer Claire Victor said a recent request for tender highlighted that the proposed boat ramp design was over council’s allocated budget.

“Council staff have been negotiating an alternate method to undertake the work while lowering costs with the preferred contractor,” the report said.

“The contractor and council staff

are confident the negotiated method is the best process for undertaking the work and have managed to lower costs as much as possible without compromising design.”

The additional \$100,000 was allocated for bank stabilisation works.

The new boat ramp is expected to be dual-lane and include the installation of a pontoon to make launching and retrieving easier and safer.

Car parking facilities and lighting will also be improved.

RIVERLAND WEATHER

	WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY		SUNDAY		MONDAY	
RENMARK		26° 11°		29° 9°		31° 15°		29° 13°		30° 15°		23° 14°
	SUNNY		MOSTLY SUNNY		MOSTLY SUNNY		MOSTLY SUNNY		MOSTLY SUNNY		POSSIBLE SHOWER	
WINDSPEED	9am ESE17	3pm ESE15	9am ENE12	3pm NE13	9am NE12	3pm NNE11	9am NE13	3pm NNE14	9am N22	3pm NNW23	9am SSW15	3pm SW19
LOXTON		26° 9°		28° 9°		29° 13°		31° 12°		32° 15°		23° 13°
	SUNNY		MOSTLY CLOUDY		MOSTLY CLOUDY		MOSTLY SUNNY		MOSTLY CLOUDY		MOSTLY CLOUDY	
WAIKERIE		26° 9°		28° 9°		29° 13°		31° 12°		32° 15°		23° 13°
	SUNNY		MOSTLY CLOUDY		MOSTLY CLOUDY		MOSTLY SUNNY		MOSTLY CLOUDY		MOSTLY CLOUDY	

WATER REPORT

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LEVELS (METRES)	LOCK 6	19.27	LOCK 5	16.32	LOCK 4	13.25	LOCK 3	9.84	LOCK 2	6.15	LOCK 1	3.26	22451 MEGALITRES PER DAY
SALINITY (EC UNITS)	LOCK 6	235	LOCK 5	241	LOCK 4	296	LOCK 3	259	LOCK 2	290	LOCK 1	303	



Devlins Pound Citrus director Navjot Singh, of Taylorville, north of Waikerie, is preparing to send the company's premium citrus to a new international market following the signing of a new trade agreement between Australia and India. PHOTO: Christine Webster

New trade deal to bring new markets and new opportunities

HUGH SCHUITEMAKER

A NEW international trade deal means Riverland citrus producers will benefit from easier export access to one of the world's biggest economies.

The federal government this week announced the finalisation of the Australia-India Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement (AI ECTA), set to eliminate tariffs on more than 85 per cent of Australian goods exports to India.

Taylorville-based Devlins Pound Citrus director, Navjot Singh, said the new market would ensure Riverland citrus production remained sustainable.

"Developing a new market creates another avenue for our produce, and means we're not so dependant on the traditional markets we've established," Mr Singh said.

"We're getting to a point where we've started to over sup-

ply those markets, so opening up India, with more than one billion people, is a massive deal.

"That's one-seventh of the world's population that will have access to our citrus at a slightly cheaper rate now.

"We've been focusing on the Asian countries for a long time now, and it's a breath of fresh air to focus on another market where we've barely scratched the tip of the iceberg."

Included in the agreement was a permanent quota for 34,000 tonnes of almonds, and 13,700 tonnes of oranges and mandarins, with an immediate 50 per cent tariff reduction, plus a reduction on tariffs surrounding bottled wine.

Mr Singh said oranges were a staple food for many sections of the Indian population.

"Like any market you've got to send the right produce, at the right time, to make it work," he said.

"The few key fruits the Indian

community like to consume are apples, bananas, and oranges. They're the staples you'll find at any roadside vendor.

"The Indian population has grown up on those three staples, so providing a good option for Australian navels, which have a good reputation overseas, is definitely a bonus."

Barker MP Tony Pasin said the agreement would promote the expansion of local citrus and wine businesses.

"This deal will open up new opportunities for Riverland businesses which means more jobs and a stronger local economy," Mr Pasin said.

"Australian exports to India are expected to grow to around \$45 billion by 2035, lifting India into our top three export markets.

"This is amazing news for the citrus industry who already exports almost 3500 tonnes of citrus valued at \$4.3 million to India.

"This will boost export opportunities for growers of almonds, citrus, dried grapes, olives, onions, potatoes, summer fruits, table grapes and vegetables."

Mr Singh expected the full benefits of the agreement to be seen when international shipping costs – inflated by the impacts of Covid-19 – decreased.

"The lower tariffs will make fruit more accessible to a wider audience overseas, but we've got to keep in mind that shipping costs are at a record high," Mr Singh said.

"Although we're getting a bit of relief on the tariff front, we're getting shipping rates which we've never seen before.

"We probably won't see the extent of this trade agreement until three to five years when shipping starts to normalise.

"We should see some relief immediately this season... (but) in five to 10 years it could very well be the next China."

Masks and QR codes gone from Good Friday

MANDATES on masks in most public settings will end on Friday, while QR codes will be limited to a few high-risk locations, the state government announced yesterday.

Masks will only be required in public transport (including taxis and rideshare), planes, airports, hospitals, community health, residential aged care and disability care facilities, and correctional service facilities.

QR check-ins will be limited to hospitals, aged care and residential disability facilities.

"(These) changes to Covid-19 rules in South Australia will help bring our state into line with the rest of the nation," said Premier Peter Malinauskas.

"South Australians have overwhelmingly followed the rules throughout the Covid-19 pandemic and this further easing of restrictions is further reward for everyone's efforts."

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A concept image of the new marina precinct at the re-developed Jane Eliza estate. IMAGE: supplied



Jane Eliza marina EOI opens

A RIVERLAND council has begun searching for potential operators of a future “nationally significant tourism marina asset”, as part of a major development project.

Renmark Paringa Council yesterday opened an expression of interest process seeking qualified marina and boat precinct operators and occupiers.

The successful applicant would operate the Marina and Boat Industry Precinct at the re-developed Jane Eliza Estate.

A Renmark Paringa Council spokesperson said “the high-profile tourism role of the precinct and growth expectations of this market” meant finding the right operator was key to its potential success.

“The Jane Eliza Development Project is well progressed and has entered into its second stage to narrow down a development partner,”

THE JANE ELIZA MARINA AND BOAT INDUSTRY PRECINCT IS EXPECTED TO INCLUDE:

- Marina
- Boat repair and maintenance services
- River-based tourism operators
- Boat, vessel and watercraft sales
- Commercial offices and facilities for houseboat operators
- Any complementary boating industry support services or amenity
- Provision of utilities and fuel supplies
- Boat, vessel and watercraft storage
- Hardstand
- Drydock/slipway

the spokesperson said.

“This search for potential operators and occupiers through an EOI is being done in parallel to securing a development partner.

“Potential operators and occupiers have the benefit of their requirements for the Marina and Boat Precinct to be considered by the development partner and council

as part of the design development process.”

The expression of interest process is set to close at 5pm on Tuesday, May 17.

Further details regarding the project can be found by visiting the website (www.renmarkparinga.sa.gov.au/build-invest/investwithus/jane-eliza-development).

No ‘water wars’ mean buybacks not needed

A NATIONAL industry body says a federal Labor intention to reinstate water buybacks would ignore the “hard work and sacrifice” of Riverland irrigators toward meeting Murray-Darling Basin Plan goals.

A five-point Labor policy focused on the Murray-Darling Basin was announced in Adelaide by Opposition Leader Anthony Albanese, and opposition spokesperson for environment and water, Terri Butler, on Friday.

Included in the policy was a pledge to work with “Basin governments and stakeholders to deliver on water commitments, including the 450GL of water for the environment”, which was initially set out in the 2012 Murray-Darling Basin Plan.

The Advertiser reported Mr Albanese said “only Labor has a real commitment to meet the needs of South Australians”.

“I will ensure full compliance and maximum transparency – no more fudging the rules,” Mr Albanese said.

Greens spokesperson for environment and water, Senator Sarah Hanson-Young, last week confirmed her party would support the re-introduction of a water buyback scheme if Labor was successful at the upcoming Federal Election, to be held on May 21.

Ms Hanson-Young said re-introduction of the buyback scheme was “critical” to reach-

ing the targeted 450GL.

“Mr Albanese’s promise to deliver South Australia’s fair share of water is welcome, but will only happen if we can secure buybacks, and that will require a Green vote in the Senate,” Ms Hanson-Young said.

“The 450GL promised to SA cannot be delivered without restoring voluntary water buybacks. This is critical to ensuring the longevity of the Murray and those who rely on it.

“We need representatives who will put the people and environment of South Australia first... we have seen our rivers suffer and corporate interests get rich at the expense of everyone else.”

However, National Irrigators Council (NIC) chief executive officer, Isaac Jeffery, said increasing co-operation between Murray-Darling Basin states meant the initiative was no longer necessary.

“I would urge the (Opposition Leader) to be cautious and not rush to make commitments without genuine consultation – a lot has changed in the last decade,” Mr Jeffrey said.

“The basin community is focused on delivering the plan as a collective team through partnerships, negotiation and consultation... the water wars of over a decade ago have calmed as people understand we are all in this together – and only together can we achieve the triple bottom line results called for in the plan.

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Local growers, mayor, react to federal Labor's water policy...

(Buy) Back-off

HUGH SCHUITEMAKER and ELYSE ARMANINI

THE potential re-introduction of water buyback schemes under a federal Labor government would harm the economic security of local communities, according to two senior growers, an MP, and a Riverland mayor.

Just days ago, Opposition Leader Anthony Albanese flagged a return to water buybacks – if Labor wins the May 21 Federal Election – by announcing a five-point Murray-Darling Basin policy, featuring a pledge to “deliver on water commitments, including the 450GL of water for the environment”, as stipulated in the original Basin Plan.

However, Sunlands-based citrus grower and Citrus SA chair Mark Doecke said it was unfeasible to reach this target through water buyback initiatives.

“The Labor policy on resuming water buybacks is very detrimental,” Mr Doecke said.

“You can say 450GL pretty easy when it’s just a number, but it actually equates to most of the irrigation in South Australia.

“If you want to put that 450GL of water back into the river, then as an example switch off most of South Australia. That’s a lot of jobs, people and exporting gone for zero benefit.”

Mr Doecke said the previous utilisation of buybacks had generated upward pressure on the price of temporary allocation water.

“The Basin Plan has made water more expensive for everybody, because there’s less water in the market,” he said.

“So if you want to lease short term, long term, or if you want to buy water, it’s become more expensive because there’s less of it available in the market.”

Renmark Paringa Mayor Neil Martinson said buybacks had previously negatively impacted the local economy and community.

“You have areas of land that are vacant, because there’s no water, and families can move out of the town,” Mr Martinson said.

“For Renmark Paringa, those economics are the most significant costs to having buybacks, so we certainly don’t support it.

“The river is healthier (now) than it has



Sunlands-based citrus grower and Citrus SA chair Mark Doecke (left), Renmark Paringa Mayor Neil Martinson, and Renmark-based grape grower Jack Papageorgiou have all spoken out against the potential of water buybacks returning should Labor win the upcoming federal election. PHOTO: Elyse Armanini

been for a long period of time, and will be, providing we keep going with the Murray-Darling Basin Plan as is, and get it done in full, on time.”

Barker MP Tony Pasin said additional water recovery needed to be delivered through initiatives with neutral socio-economic outcomes.

“Basin communities, including here in the Riverland, know all too well the devastation buybacks have had, which is why the Coalition Government has ruled them out,” Mr Pasin said.

“We all know the whole-of-community impact water buybacks have on local economies...”

“Taking water away from growers sends shockwaves throughout the community to every small business, every worker, every family.

“I’d love to see Mr Albanese and (Opposition spokesperson for water) Terri Butler step out of metropolitan Adelaide and stand up in towns like Renmark, Waikerie or Berri and explain how his plan will work.

“I get the sense that people living and working in the Basin are sick and tired of people who don’t (know) telling them how to manage the River Murray.”

Renmark-based grape grower Jack Papageorgiou said maintaining a healthy river system was an ongoing priority for irrigators.

“The best friend for the river is us, the irrigator, because we need a healthy river,” Mr Papageorgiou said.

“We’ve been contributing to the River Murray for a hundred years, and we’ll continue to do so. Governments should keep out

of the water market, and allow the regional economies to flow and improve their commodities.

“We want to see all political parties, and state and federal governments, agree to one plan. That will improve the environment.

“Without water, nothing survives. Particularly in our area the foundation of the economy is horticulture, and we need a healthy irrigation system.”

“ You can say 450GL pretty easy when it’s just a number, but it actually equates to most of the irrigation in South Australia...”

- Mark Doecke



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EDITORIAL

THE YEARS GO BY

BY PETER AND CARLA MAGAREY

Time to get back to living normally

TO plagiarise Gough Whitlam's successful 1972 election campaign, it's time.

Time to move on from the Covid-19 era and get back to something approaching normality.

The Riverland has the perfect opportunity this weekend – indeed, the coming few days present a collision of events unlikely to ever be repeated.

Like a greater force has finally decided to shine some long-overdue favour on the population, we are truly blessed with outstandingly ideal weather.

Temperatures in the high 20s and low 30s remove an obstacle that could prevent visitors from enjoying and embracing all the Riverland's tourism offerings across the Easter long weekend.

Tick.

Like the rest of the nation, our events calendar has been severely compromised over the past two years, which have been littered with costly and deflating cancellations.

Helped along by a new SA Premier seemingly determined to cast aside the restrictions of the past two years, events can and should now forge ahead, with postponements and cancellations only a genuine last resort, rather than a convenient go-to. Please, no more "circuit-breakers".

The long list of Riverland activities planned for this weekend offers a chance to take a step forward. Unencumbered by Covid-19 measures, tourists will embrace them all and local businesses will have their coffers boosted.

Tick.

The relaxing of mask mandates across South Australia from Good Friday is the cherry on top.

Regardless of where you stand on the role masks have played in limiting the spread of Covid-19, few would dispute their status as a social roadblock, way beyond a mere annoyance.

Their absence will help create a feeling of getting back to normal, even though some Covid-19 restrictions and conditions will remain in place.

In short, this Easter feels different to the past couple.

Another tick.

In 2019, before the world changed forever, Australia had 953-influenza related deaths. Without downplaying the seriousness of Covid-19, we now have vaccines and a greater awareness of how to combat – and live with – coronavirus.

All of which means, it's time to get back to normal.

Take care of yourself and your family, particularly the physically vulnerable.

Continue wearing a mask if you want to. Bin it if you prefer. And whatever you decide, desist from criticising those who do the opposite to you.

But stop the cancellations. Stop the postponements. Stop pretending certain fear-mongering media outlets care more about your safety than they do about generating shock headlines.

And get back to living as normally as possible.



SA Railways phone box: Known as 'pill boxes', these concrete phone boxes were once a critical part of the South Australian Railways (SAR) train control network. They housed a magneto-telephone for train crews across the SAR network to report their location details from a railway siding or control point to a central location. In reply, the guard received a 'train order', or an 'authority to proceed' along their next section of track for that particular train number and engine number. The pill box provided a small shelf to enable the train order to be written in a book with separate carbon copies for the driver and the guard. Once written, the guard was required to correctly repeat back the order before train control would validate and issue the order. The completed order would instruct the train crew to proceed to the next specified control point. This telephone system worked well in preventing train collisions and is still used on some isolated networks. These days, train control is operated mostly by radio and internet systems. The pictured pill box is part of a newly opened memorial to rail recently unveiled by the SA Governor in Loxton.

WORDS: Richard Wood. PHOTO: PA Magarey

Replace our trees, please local councils

WELL done to Berri Barmera Council, which decided to remove two trees and replace them with another 20 trees.

Where I am, a development was done on private land, with 150 gum trees pulled down and not one tree was planted to replace them.

The council said the owner developer could do this as it was on private land and the trees were not native vegetation, meaning they were planted by man.

But I believe at least 10 trees did not fall into that category.

Even the Department of Environment has said that for every 10 trees removed one tree should be planted in place of them.

That at least would have given us 15 trees for the ones pulled down. Good to see Berri Barmera Council is thinking of the environment into the future.

KEVIN DATSON
Waikerie

I'm humbled and ready to work hard

I WOULD like to thank the people of Chaffey for again placing their trust in me to continue to be their representative in State Parliament.

I am humbled and grateful for all the support I received.

Being elected as the Member for Chaffey is a great honour and an enormous responsibility. Obviously, it's a bittersweet result overall as a Liberal.

However, serving the people and interests of Chaffey will always be my first priority.

I'm extremely grateful to the loyal and hard-working volunteers who put in an outstanding effort and gave their time to the campaign. I am humbled by their support and encouragement.

I'd also like to acknowledge the other candidates that ran for

the seat of Chaffey.

I am pleased that many of the Marshall Liberal Government's commitments to Chaffey were recognised in our four years of government.

I was particularly proud to have overseen the \$17.5m amalgamation of the Berri Regional Secondary College, the \$10m upgrades to the Renmark and Loxton high schools, and the \$87.5m commitment to upgrade the Sturt Highway.

Planning is under way for the \$202m Truro Bypass, we spent \$15m to upgrade the Brown's Well Highway and built eight new mobile phones towers to address mobile blackspots.

We reinstated community legal services in 2018 and our health services were improved in 2020 with the \$4m MRI machine at the Riverland General Hospital.

We continued to focus on biosecurity to protect our market access for local producers, with the \$60m development of a suite of measures to ramp up Q-fly protections to protect our fruit fly free status and 'zero tolerance' enforcement policy.

Millions of dollars were injected into the region through tourism grants and infrastructure projects in the four-year period, in addition to \$3 million into grassroots sports initiatives. The \$25m rebuild of the 1650km dog fence is a once-in-a-generation infrastructure build that greatly benefits livestock owners in our region.

There is still much that can be achieved in opposition and my focus is to now work with the new Labor Government to ensure our election commitments are fulfilled.

As always, I will continue to work hard for the people of the Riverland and Mallee.

Again, thank you for your support and I look forward to continuing to work with everyone in our community.

TIM WHETSTONE
Member for Chaffey

Letter's attack on climate science

I AM concerned about the letter from Donald J Douglas ('Climate change brainwashing', Murray Pioneer, 30/3/22) that is riddled with inaccuracies and propaganda that clearly originates from the fossil fuel industries and far right political groups.

The so-called science he cites has been debunked decades ago and his attack on the level of intelligence of so-called brainwashed greenies in places like schools is inaccurate.

It was proven over 100 years ago that CO2 causes the greenhouse effect and any graph showing CO2 levels and the planet's average temperature shows both going up in tandem.

The following statement needs to be challenged:

"CO2 is continually being promoted by the arrogant and ignorant green movement as a pollutant. It is not, it never has been and it never will be."

As a former science teacher who taught climate topics, it's clear to me that 15-year-olds have a better handle on the science than Mr Douglas.

Students understand concepts such as tipping points where irreversible changes occur. Exactly that is happening as record temperatures in the Arctic and Antarctic are causing permafrost to melt, releasing massive quantities of methane that is 20 times more powerful than CO2 as a greenhouse gas.

Climate scientists say it's inevitable we will have a sea level rise of one metre and probably more by the end of this century.

Have a go at farming once-fertile coastal land that is inundated with sea water.

Mr Douglas also says:

"Carbon dioxide is a plant food, it is not a pollutant. It is a blessing for the environment; how can it be dangerous if we breathe it in and breathe it out?"

Without sunlight, water and carbon dioxide there would be no life on earth."

Ongoing experiments are showing the growth rates of jungles around the world are dropping due to temperature increases.

"It is interesting to note that there has not been any warming for the past 15 years, and 2020 was the coolest year in the last 10."

This statement is a blatant lie, as moving averages recording the planet's temperature keeps rising

"The infiltration of the green left through schools and universities has produced green activists and a generation that cannot write, read, calculate, think, solve problems and look after themselves. They have no knowledge of the past Western civilization, science, critical thinking and the brutalities of previous communist and socialist regimes."

I grew up on an orchard and agree there is an element of wokism in universities and among some secondary school teachers, but the basic science cannot be refuted, regardless how woke one remains.

This gentleman seems to be quoting from a far right political group's manifesto in order to garner votes, and is presenting lies as truths doesn't seem to matter – something that is also going on in the current Covid-19 debate.

ALF RAPISARDA
Elwood, Victoria

Post-natal focus is way too narrow

NEW research conducted by the Centre of Perinatal Excellence (COPE) reveals saddening stories from hopeful, expectant, and new parents about negative experiences at each stage of the journey to parenthood – and the impact of those on their lives and wellbeing.

Approximately 300,000 women give birth every year

“Good to see Berri Barmera Council is thinking of the environment into the future...”

- KEVIN DATSON



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in this country, and behind that statistic are tens of thousands of stories of hidden distress.

Around 15 per cent of couples experience infertility. Many describe it as a physical and emotional roller-coaster with adverse impacts on relationships, financial security and mental health.

Pregnancy can be far from the glowing experience often portrayed. Prolonged and severe morning sickness, negative body image, family violence, anxiety and depression are just some of the challenges faced in pregnancy.

Miscarriage and stillbirth are more common than realised, leaving people shattered and heartbroken.

Birth trauma is underestimated, with the impact lasting for years. The trauma can be magnified by the words spoken by health professionals in the moment that are never forgotten. Professionals take heed.

Alarming, 75 per cent of parents describe emotional and mental distress in their first year of parenting. Severe sleep deprivation, relationship tension and loneliness contribute to poor mental health and can trigger terrifying thoughts, outbursts of rage and postnatal anxiety and depression.

Due to high levels of stigma and social pressure, parents hide challenges from others for fear of judgement and even worry about having children removed from their care. This only exacerbates the impacts on mental health.

The findings emphasise the critical need for routine, universal, mental health screening of all hopeful, expectant and new parents, to identify distress early, and ensure timely referral.

When it comes to education, the current narrow focus on post-natal depression and anxiety is too little, too late.

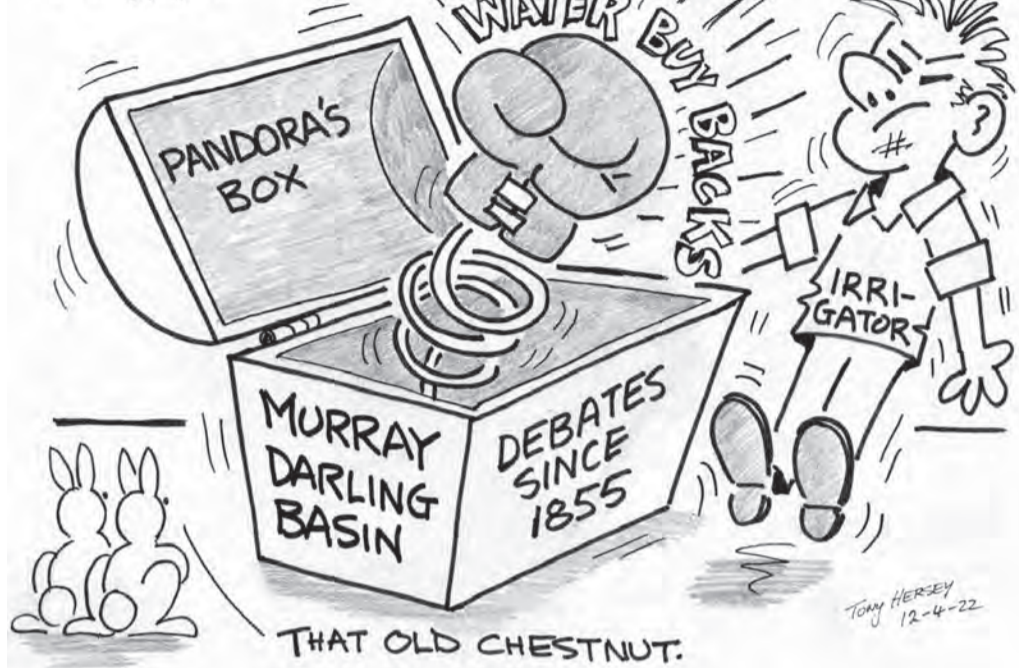
New approaches must offer more comprehensive information on the broader range of challenges at these vulnerable life-stages and address the stigma that exists. See cope.org.au/thetruth

Dr NICOLE HIGHT Founder and executive director COPE

You've gotta be joking! Cartoon comment by Tony Hersey

LABOR RE-OPENS RIVER POLITICS

See story page 5



THAT OLD CHESTNUT.

Plan ahead for this special time

AT Easter, Christians commemorate the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

In a broader sense Easter is about renewal and rebirth, the opportunity for a new beginning. As we spend time with family and friends, it is important to reflect on how we can be our best selves and thus help enrich the lives of those around us.

This is particularly important as we continue as a community to face the challenge of managing and recovering from the pandemic.

Easter is also a special time to gather with family and friends and take a well-earned break making this weekend one of the busiest of the year on our roads.

I urge everyone to stay safe while travelling this long weekend. If we all do our bit by planning ahead, sharing the drive, stopping to rest, we can contribute to a safer journey for all.

Happy Easter. TONY PASIN Federal Member for Barker

Don't leave home without a fight

DO you feel bleak despair when dealing with the encroachment of Death?

No, not the fear of Death, but something much worse: the paperwork.

Does your soul fade in the face of MyAgedCare, Centrelink, Red Cross, Palliative Care, NDIS, and other groups that profit from your misfortunes.

Are you one of the daily stories of people fighting to stay out of a nursing home so that you can stay safer at home?

Because as bad as these groups are, your chances of happiness in a nursing home are rare indeed, in my opinion.

In a nursing home you could be on a production line of showers and feedings, just waiting to get the next variant of Covid. At least dealing with the other bureaucratic monsters you can be at home, where they will mostly just milk your account as much as they can.

The best part of dealing with

them is the hour-long calming Himalayan flute solo that you listen to before someone answers the phone; they play calming music because they know how much it irritates you.

My answer. Unionise.

Create a union of oldies, then sign up. Remember when you were young and strong and could fight?

Saddle up your gophers, hoist the flag of adult diapers, and take to the streets in mostly peaceful protest, before heading home at a reasonable bedtime.

There is no bad guy in all this, it's just paperwork people doing their jobs.

And you may think owning a house and having \$800,000 in the bank will protect you. It will not. That money will be eaten alive. Fight now or your time will come, and you will be alone against the smiling bureaucrat saying how wonderful and amazing they are as they take your money.

Your only consolation is that one day that paperworker will suffer your fate.

Do not go gently. JAKOB GAMERTSFELDER Morgan

Looking back...

10 years ago April 13, 2012



From the 2012 Riverland Sports Network Hockey Club players from left: Margie Thomson, Steve Stone, Brian Cook, Nathan Galloway, and the rest of the team.

Free 84-page Riverland Sports Preview in today's Pioneer

Let the games begin



LOCAL DRIVERS TRY TO ESCAPE POLICE: Two Riverland men allegedly tried to escape police while being pursued on local roads recently.

In Barmera, a 39-year-old local allegedly drove in a dangerous manner to avoid police apprehension, speeding off when he was first sighted. Police later arrested the man and charged him with dangerous driving along with riding an uninsured and unregistered motorcycle while also being unlicensed.

20 years ago April 12, 2002

The Murray Pioneer

Youth unite to make region more exciting

Union, Berri start talks



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TEXT LINE

How much taxpayers' money goes towards an election? Special flights for all to wherever they want to go. And it's blah blah blah, which essentially could be lies. Not sure where I am heading. It is a choice between two liars.

RED T Renmark

Well done to WSB for the makeover on the eyesore shed next to the fire station in Loxton. If council can get rid of the dustbowl depot from the former railyards, Loxton will be all the better for it.

ANDREW Loxton

Congratulations to Renmark High for incorporating an indigenous logo on their new sports uniform (Murray Pioneer, 6/4/22). I hope other schools follow their lead.

DAVID Renmark

John of Paringa (Pioneer, 6/4/22), B-doubles, A-B-triples are no different to long-haul semi-trailers, due to axle placement.

BOB Renmark

All this pork barrelling with billions of dollars for roads and meanwhile the Paringa causeway - which is a national highway - has a steel plate as a long fix for months.

WAYNE Renmark

I love reading The Pioneer's amazing stories about born and bred Riverlanders who step out into the world and conquer it. Major-General Cheryl Pearce, UN Peacekeeping Force Commander,

and Julie McInnes, performer and musician with Cirque du Soleil. Riverland legends.

REEKSY Berri

Travelling from Berri to Renmark? Well, watch out for the cars and trucks that think they have the right of way to merge in front of north-bound traffic when exiting the Monash bypass, because I'm sick of people hitting the brakes and letting them in.

ALAN Berri

Not enough thought was put into the fate of the old Westpac building in Renmark. Why not think of the people of the area? It would make a wonderful art hub, because we do have some wonderful artists. It doesn't always

have to be about money. We sadly lack a gallery here. The back of the building could be taken off to open up along the river as planned and leave the main building. Consider this please. I believe every other town in the Riverland supports their art community but not Renmark. Why not?

LILL Renmark

So there is somebody else in the Riverland area complaining about the damage done at the Paringa Bridge (Text Line, 6/4/22). What about the other areas? When are we all going to realise that the more the Riverland grows and populates the worse the truck noise and damage is going to get? Der.

GARY Waikerie

UNION, BERRI START TALKS: Union officials and Berri Ltd management opened negotiations over company plans to cut more than 150 casual and 30 permanent staff. Berri Ltd announced last week it would be rationalising its operations in the region. It would be closing the Sturt Highway factory and returning to its core operation of fruit processing at the McKay Road factory.

All letters must carry the full name of the writer. We do not accept nom de plumes. An address and phone number must be included for checking purposes. The editor reserves the right to edit all letters.

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Illegal guns in the firing line

Hon. Tim Whetstone MP
Member for Chaffey



Chaffey Community Column

Grateful for your support

I would like to offer my genuine gratitude to the electors of Chaffey for entrusting me to serve as their representative in the South Australian Parliament for a fourth consecutive term. I look forward to advocating for and implementing positive change for Chaffey and South Australia.

Riverland and Mallee Vocational Stars

Congratulations to my previous trainee William Gillett, who was named Trainee of the Year at the recent 2021 Riverland and Mallee Vocational Awards. William recently completed his 12-month Certificate 3 in Business through TAFE SA at my Chaffey Electorate office. The Awards are the largest of their kind and for over 30 years have been highly valued, acknowledging the hard work of our budding vocational workforce. I congratulate all of the winners and finalists and hope they continue their careers in our region.



Honouring our ANZAC heroes

In just under two weeks the Riverland and Mallee communities will come together at ANZAC Day services around the region to honour those who served our country in armed conflict. I will be present at a number of local services. I encourage you to attend your local ANZAC Day Service to reflect upon what is an important part of our nation's history.

Regional Arts Fund

Applications for the Regional Arts Fund are now open. Through Country Arts South Australia, funding of up to \$3,000 for individuals and \$5000 for organisations or community groups is being provided for professional development opportunities. This program is open until the 30 April 2022. For information visit: www.countryarts.org.au/grants/grants/quick-response-grant/

Funds for Regional Events

The Regional Event Fund is open. Through the South Australian Tourism Commission, five categories with funding ranging from \$5,000 to \$50,000 is being provided to develop new and innovative regional events, grow existing events, and drive increased visitation and economic stimulus to the regional economy. This program is open until the 22 April 2022. For information visit: <https://tourism.sa.gov.au/support/regional-event-fund>

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CRIME Stoppers and SA Police are taking aim at illicit firearms in the Riverland community as part of a three-month national campaign launched recently.

Crime Stoppers SA CEO Nigel Smart, who spoke to locals about the new initiative at a pop-up stall at Renmark Square yesterday, urged Riverlanders to share information about illegal guns and to surrender any they had without penalty.

Mr Smart said people should think about how they would feel if they stayed silent about an illegal gun which was then used to harm or kill someone.

"South Australia is certainly not immune from the devastating impacts that come with having illegal firearms in the hands of criminals," he said.

"We have seen the tragic loss of life and severe injuries that occur when people turn a blind eye and allow illegal firearms to remain in the community.

"The demand for illegal firearms is driven by organised crime groups right through to low-level individual criminals, who want and use firearms to protect their interests, threaten and intimidate and commit violent acts.

"If you suspect that someone has an illegal gun, share what you know with Crime Stoppers before it is too late.

"Report safely without the need to say who you are, get involved, or put yourself at risk of harm."

During the three-month campaign, community engagement events raising awareness for illegal firearms will be held in regional and metropolitan communities across South Australia.



Spreading awareness of illegal firearms at the Renmark Square shopping centre yesterday were Crime Stoppers SA section manager Digby Howis (left), Loxton Neighbourhood Watch volunteer Leith McDonald, Crime Stoppers SA CEO Nigel Smart, Waikerie Neighbourhood Watch volunteer Suzie Huf and SAPOL officer Paul Wood. PHOTO: Elyse Armanini

The new campaign follows the success of a national firearms amnesty program held last year that led to more than 11,000 guns being surrendered or seized.

To share information about an unregistered or illegal gun, contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or submit a tip online at crimestopperssa.com.au.

Being caught with an unregistered or illegal firearm outside of amnesty conditions could result in a significant fine, imprisonment and a criminal record.

More information about how and where to surrender unwanted, unregistered and illegal firearms can be found at crimestoppers.com.au/illegalguns/.

What to expect in the Riverland this Easter

THE Riverland will be buzzing this long weekend with Easter events to tickle any fancy, and perfect holiday weather for anyone hitting the water.

Family fun on Easter Saturday is easy to find, including an Easter picnic in Loxton and Berri's Easter Carnival.

The Loxton Chamber of Commerce Easter Picnic will offer hot cross buns, kids' craft activities, an egg hunt and a visit from a floppy-eared special guest at the rotunda lawns, East Terrace, from 10am.

Berri Traders' Easter Carnival will host a free breakfast from 7am, market stalls, live enter-

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tainment, a fashion parade and plenty of fun options for the kids.

For those looking to celebrate the true meaning of Easter, several dawn services will be held on Sunday.

■ Renmark: Combined Lutheran and Anglican sunrise service at St Augustine's from 6.15am.

■ Berri/Barmera: Uniting Church service held at the amphitheatre at Lake Bonney

from 6.30am.

■ Loxton: St Peter's Lutheran service at Apex Park, 6am to 7am.

Sunday afternoon is sorted with a family outing in Barmera.

Grab the kids and head over to the Easter markets at Sargent Park from 2pm and stick around for the open-air cinema screening of Peter Rabbit 2 from 7pm.

Expect plenty of horsing around in Waikerie this long weekend, when the Waikerie Easter Horse Show is expected to draw a crowd.

The event will be held at the Waikerie Pony Club on Curtis Road, beginning Good Friday at

10am and galloping through to Easter Sunday.

Cadell's Easter Sunday fun day will see a full day of family-friendly activities, food and live music at the Cadell Club from 11am to 9pm.

With the weather forecast predicting partly cloudy days, reaching maximums of around 30C, it will also be the perfect weekend to spend by or on the river.

Make sure you get in early for your favourite spot by the water, it will be a busy weekend for the region with thousands expected to enjoy a Riverland holiday.

Riverland set to farewell Covid era this long weekend

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"We have an outstanding events calendar coming up, we've got good weather com-

ing up, there are lot of very exciting things happening in our region and we're looking forward to people coming and enjoying it."

A decision – made a fortnight ago by new Premier Peter Malinauskas – to relax SA's anomalous close contact rules had sown the seeds for the state to wave goodbye to damaging Covid restrictions, Mr Patten said.

"The close contact rules changed a couple of weeks ago and that has... assisted operators in terms of workforce, exposure and restrictions on their business, so it's definitely going in the right direction," Mr Patten said.

"On the whole we survived very well, but certainly that change from 15 minutes to four hours to constitute a close contact has been a fundamental improvement for the industry."

Mr Patten praised local businesses for their resilience and encouraged them to gain maximum benefit from the Riverland's swollen population this weekend.

"I'm hopeful, understanding how busy everything will be, that businesses will stay open as much as they possibly can be to take advantage of (this) opportunity," he said.

"But our operators have been fantastic throughout. I've been amazed by how resilient and, in most cases, optimistic they've been."

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Robbie's final cut at Loxton High

Loxton High School grounds contractor Robbie Seiboth will finish at the end of the term after 20 years in the job. PHOTO: Stephanie Thompson

STEPHANIE THOMPSON

A FAMILIAR face at a local high school is preparing to mow the lawns for the last time after 20 years of maintaining the grounds.

Loxton High School grounds contractor Robbie Seiboth is relocating to Adelaide for family reasons and says he will

miss the staff, students and grounds dearly.

"I was only going to stay two years, but 20 years later I'm still here," he said. "There are lots of things I am going to miss here."

Mr Seiboth said he has enjoyed maintaining the school grounds, particularly the school oval.

"The oval is the PE classroom, so I try to get that as usa-

ble as possible," he said.

Mr Seiboth has accepted a position at Marrayatville High School, where former Loxton High School principal John Tiver is now based.

Loxton High School principal David Garrett said Mr Seiboth had given the school an oval and grounds that were the "envy of many schools around

the state".

"What is most impressive about Robbie is that he's done it for the right reasons - he has really wanted to make Loxton High School a great place to be for our students," he said.

"We will miss him greatly and wish him well."

Mr Seiboth will be replaced by local man Les Lange.



New Berri Barmera CEO Dylan Strong

Berri Barmera set to welcome its new CEO

A LOCAL council will welcome its new CEO next week after operating under an acting chief executive for almost three months.

Berri Barmera Council acting CEO Peter Bond will finish in his role on Monday, April 18, with Dylan Strong set to take the reins permanently.

Mr Strong, who has worked as CEO at the District Council of Orroroo Carrieton for three years, was selected by council in late January to succeed Karyn Burton, who resigned from the position.

Prior to working in local government, Mr Strong filled a number of executive and management positions in the private sector and state government, and served as CEO of Regional Development Australia Yorke and Mid North.

Mr Strong previously told The Murray Pioneer he hoped to bring "some new perspectives" to council and "help grab some of the new opportunities that may not have been uncovered yet".

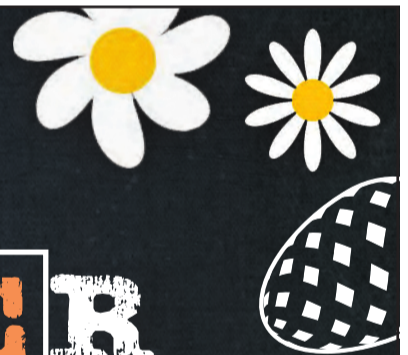
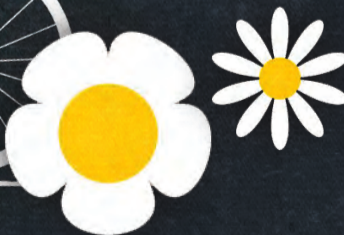
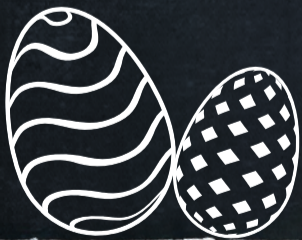
"My initial goal is to settle into council and get to know and understand the elected members and the team at council, to see how I can best contribute to some of the priorities the community has shaped and captured in council's strategic plan," he said.

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Local links to deadly virus

JOSH BRINE

THE majority of the state's Japanese encephalitis virus (JEV) cases had visited the Riverland before getting ill, with SA Health urging locals to remain vigilant and protect themselves from mosquito bites.

An SA Health spokesperson said although the majority of JEV cases had reported travel to the region, evidence of exposure to the virus in animals had been widespread across the state.

So far three JEV cases have been confirmed in SA, with five probable cases including one death.

"JEV is transmitted to humans through bites from Culex mosquitoes, which have been infected with JEV," the spokesperson said.

"Culex mosquitoes are commonly found in SA and the virus exists in a transmission cycle between mosquitos, pigs, and birds."

SA Health's health protection and licensing services executive director, Dr Chris Lease, said

Encephalitis spreads to local piggery



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although an effective vaccine against JEV did exist, demand currently exceeded supply.

"The vaccine is in relatively short supply – as you can imagine across Australia there is very high demand and we're working on those vaccine supplies," he said at a recent press conference.

"We are looking to rollout the vaccine more extensively really targeting those people most at risk."

The vaccine is currently prioritised for people working in the pork industry, personnel working in mosquito surveillance, control and management, and lab workers exposed to the virus.

Dr Lease said increased water flow and water bird migration



The majority of South Australia's Japanese encephalitis cases reported visiting the Riverland prior to their illness.

due to the La Niña weather pattern was one of the theories for how the virus entered the state.

"More water and more water birds coming down are usually associated with increases in mosquito-borne diseases in South Australia," he said.

"These are diseases that we were anticipating we might see increases of, and increases in range of, as climate change occurs and this is looking like

what we might be seeing here.

"With the increase in the rainfall, the La Niña weather pattern that's occurring, extensive flooding and increased water in the interior of Australia, those (JEV) reservoirs or those birds that can carry (the virus are) moving further and further south."

For more information on how to protect against mosquito bites, visit www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/fightthebite.



Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone, pictured with Nicola Centofanti MLC at a sterile fruit fly release last year, says he will work with the new state government to help eradicate fruit fly in the region.

Co-operation necessary on fruit fly, says Tim

By HUGH SCHUITEMAKER



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THE Labor state government has pledged to continue the Riverland's defence against the spread of fruit fly, in the wake of another new local outbreak.

PIRSA last week declared a new outbreak of Queensland fruit fly at Loxton North, following a detection of the pest in surveillance traps.

A state government spokesperson said fruit fly control measures that had been established previously, under the ousted Marshall Liberal government, would continue.

"PIRSA is currently responding to five outbreaks of Queensland fruit fly in the SA Riverland and is continuing to deploy the necessary resources to manage these in accordance with Australia's National Fruit Fly Management Protocol," the spokesperson said.

"This work involves a team of around 90 to 100 staff which will be required through until at least the end of November to manage the current outbreaks.

"This outbreak is being treated with the same response efforts as previous outbreaks."

Chaffey Liberal MP Tim Whetstone said working with the new state government to continue fruit fly eradication programs would be a priority.

"We could escalate the education, and messaging, to every Riverlander," Mr Whetstone said.

"I will work in a bipartisan way with the incoming minister to seek ongoing support for eradication.

"We have to continue the fight on the ground, as well as taking it to the air."

Mr Whetstone urged locals inside outbreak areas to minimise the movement of fruit between households.

"Sadly April is the most prevalent time for fruit fly detections, and we continue to see pressure on backyards and commercial orchards," he said.

"We've got to be vigilant. If we are genuine about winning this war, we can't just rest on our laurels.

"We've got to make sure fallen fruit is cleaned up in back yards. There's not a lot there left on the trees.

"People need to be aware we've still got fruit fly in the area, and we've still got a part to play. Backyard hygiene is just as important as hygiene in commercial orchards."

“If we are genuine about winning this war, we can't just rest on our laurels...

– Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone

Renmark Vietnam vets to reunite after nearly five decades

MORE than 70 young men from Renmark served in the Vietnam War, most called up and some volunteer members of the ADF.

A reunion, the first for 47 years, will be held in Renmark over the Anzac weekend, when local vets will be joined by others from around the country.

The number of Renmark men who served in Vietnam is remarkable given the popula-

tion of the town in the late 1960s and one of the reunion organisers, Paul Clancy, said the high number was almost certainly a record for any town of similar size.

"Just why Renmark has so many Vietnam vets is a mystery," Mr Clancy said.

"While there is no official data on where those who served enlisted, local research reveals that 77 enlisted from Renmark.

"All of them would have attended Renmark High School – something the school might like to note.

"The remarkable number is made even more amazing when a Google search shows that the Thomas Edison High School in Philadelphia claims the US record of former students who served in Vietnam at 54.

"When you think about that figure of 77 it's worth equating it to the equivalent of three football teams, in a period of just five or six years.

"That's a fair hole in the youth of a town the size of Renmark."

Mr Clancy said Renmark boasts a strong tradition of offering up its citizens for war service.

Eighteen men from Renmark enlisted for the Boer War, 554 served in World War I and around 1100 men and women served in World War II. That tradition continued for Korea, Malaya-Borneo, Vietnam, and the latter-day conflicts.

"There is no doubt that Renmark has offered up more than its share of the blood of its sons and daughters in the defence of freedom," Mr Clancy said.

The reunion will kick off with a meet and drink welcome at the Renmark Hotel followed by a dinner. The vets will also lead the Renmark RSL Anzac Day March on Monday, April 25.

Organisers of the reunion are Tony Hersey, Roger Edmonds, Graham Newstead and Paul Clancy.



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Loxton North the newest fruit fly victim

NEW approaches to combat fruit fly will be put in place after a third local outbreak so far this year was declared last week.

The state government announced a new outbreak of Queensland fruit fly at Loxton North, after the pest was detected in surveillance traps.

Riverland Fruit Fly Committee chair Jason Size urged residents to follow measures to prevent the risk of further outbreaks.

“It’s having a massive effect on our local industries, and if we can’t get on top of it, we risk losing local jobs and there will be flow-on effects to our local economy,” Mr Size said.

“Please, help prevent fruit fly – keep orchards and gardens clean, and don’t leave fruit on the ground to rot.

“There are extensive measures in place to ensure growers can maintain market access by keeping the region fruit fly free.

“But this relies on us, as a community, to prevent opportunities for fruit flies to breed and spread.”

PIRSA fruit fly response general manager Nick Secomb said a new eradication strategy would see sterile fruit flies deployed by plane – from next week – over the affected area.

“In addition to the community playing their part, PIRSA will increase response tactics by releasing four million sterile fruit flies from the air each week over Loxton North,” he said.

“This is in addition to the millions of sterile flies that continue to be released from the ground as part of existing outbreak response measures.

“We have been releasing sterile fruit flies via vehicle and ground release in the Riverland as part of the eradication program and we are now building on this with aerial release to help reach larger properties with land far away from roads.

“Residents will see the plane, which is white with two propellers and red wing tips, flying over the Loxton North and surrounding areas to release sterile fruit flies.”

Other fruit fly outbreaks are ongoing at Renmark West, Pike River, Pike River West, and Loxton.

Mr Secomb said historically, April had been the most prevalent time for fruit fly and maggot detections.

“Our teams in orange overalls are contacting residents with infor-



A PIRSA map illustrating the current fruit fly outbreak areas in the Riverland. IMAGE: supplied

mation about what to do now they are in a red outbreak area, and will be regularly applying organic bait to suitable foliage in properties as well as checking fruit for signs of fruit fly,” he said.

“Search your address on the map on the fruit fly website to check if you’re in a red outbreak area and

how the movement restrictions affect you.

“If you are in a red outbreak area, please keep your fruit and vegetables on your property and don’t share, sell or give them away.”

Local primary producers negatively impacted by the fruit fly outbreaks are encouraged to seek free

advice and support by contacting the Family and Business Support program via phone on 1800 931 314, or by visiting the website (www.pir.sa.gov.au/fabs).

Further information regarding fruit fly outbreaks in the Riverland can be found by visiting the PIRSA website (www.fruitfly.sa.gov.au/).

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About 65 people attended the Loxton Mardi Gras appreciation service on Sunday morning at the rotunda in East Terrace. PHOTO: Stephanie Thompson

Morning service to appreciate

ABOUT 65 people gathered for an appreciation service on Sunday morning.

The Loxton Mardi Gras Appreciation Service, attended by Her Excellency the SA Governor Frances Adamson, was held at the East Terrace rotunda.

Loxton Mardi Gras publicity and events co-ordinator

Chris Sheahan said the service recognised past, present and future nurses.

"It was a moving ceremony," he said.

This year marks 80 years since the Bangka Island massacre, with many of Loxton's streets named after nurses who were executed in 1942.

One of Loxton's roads,

Cashmore Avenue, is named after Sister Patricia Cashmore, of whom Ms Adamson is a descendant.

As part of the appreciation service, Mardi Gras parade flag bearers Melvin Fielke and Allan Hucks were recognised for their involvement to the Loxton Historical Village and wider community.

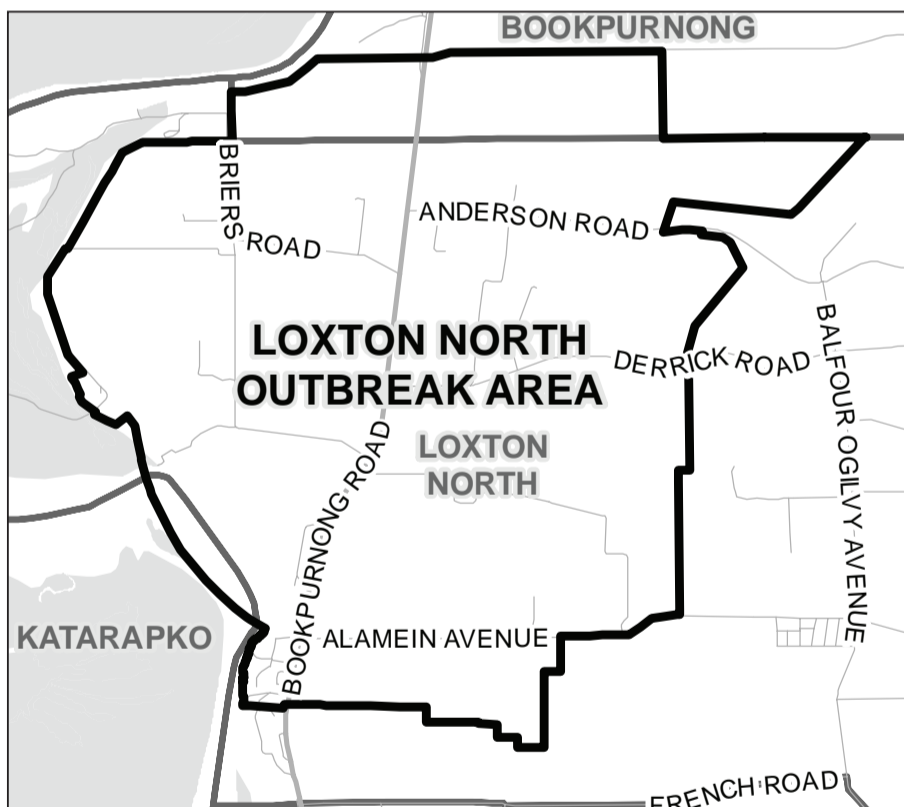


Awarded Loxton Mardi Gras life memberships on Saturday were Mary Probus (accepted by Phillip Goodes, pictured), Peter Mangelsdorf, Chris Smith, Lynn Schmaal and Aub Mattner
PHOTOS: Stephanie Thompson



Loxton Mardi Gras chairperson Liz Dymott and Her Excellency the SA Governor Frances Adamson cut the cake to celebrate 65 years of the Loxton community event.

FRUIT FLY OUTBREAK LOXTON NORTH



Queensland fruit fly has been found at Loxton North. A 1.5 km radius outbreak area, which includes surrounding localities, has been established. This will apply until at least 29 November 2022, depending on any further fruit fly detections.

If you live in the area, visit fruitfly.sa.gov.au to understand the restrictions in place where you live, work or go to school.

Once purchased or picked from the garden, some fruit and vegetables cannot move from your property within the outbreak area.

An eradication program has begun to keep your area fruit fly free and help protect our state's important horticultural industries.

PIRSA staff wearing orange overalls and carrying ID will be entering front and back yards in the area to apply organic fruit fly bait and check fruit.

What you need to do:

- **Allow easy access** to properties so PIRSA staff can do their work quickly and efficiently.
- **Pick up** all fallen and over ripe fruit as well as remove any remaining fruit from fruit trees. Seal the fruit in a plastic bag and call the Fruit Fly Hotline on 1300 666 010 to arrange collection.
- **Don't move** fresh fruit, fruiting vegetables or garden waste from your property.
- **Check your fruit** regularly and if you find a maggot or suspect fruit fly, seal it in a plastic bag and contact the Fruit Fly Hotline on 1300 666 010 to arrange collection.

Special arrangements need to be put in place for the movement of commercial produce. Call the industry hotline on 1800 255 556.



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Winners of the Loxton Mardi Gras ambassador program were Eliza Albrecht (junior), Angel Hockey (community and charity) and Jo Hentschke (senior). PHOTOS: Stephanie Thompson

“What I love about Loxton is the strong community spirit...”
- Chris Sheahan
Loxton Mardi Gras
Publicity and events co-ordinator

Fruit Fly Update

Fruit flies and maggots have recently been detected in the Riverland.

Outbreak areas and restriction end dates are regularly changing. Please check the fruit fly website for current information.

Keep your gardens and orchards tidy to prevent fruit fly outbreaks:

- **Keep** at-risk fruit and vegetables on your property if you live in an outbreak area - do not share them.
- **Pick** fruit from your trees as soon as it is ripe.
- **Collect** fallen fruit in your yard. Put it in your green bin or seal in a plastic bag and call the Fruit Fly Hotline for advice.
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Loxton icon celebrates 65 years

STEPHANIE THOMPSON

A SUNNY April day ensured the success of a long-standing community event in Loxton on Saturday.

The Loxton Mardi Gras celebrated 65 years when the parade kicked off with about 40 floats from local schools, organisations and ambassador entrants, along with vintage cars.

Loxton Mardi Gras publicity and events co-ordinator Chris Sheahan said it was a “fantastic” weekend.

“We had about 2500 people attend,” he said.

“We prayed for good weather and we certainly got it.”

The event, which is usually held on the last Saturday in February, was rescheduled to April due to uncertainty surrounding Covid and regulations

MARDI GRAS FLOAT WINNERS

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| ■ Most Outstanding Float: Loxton Lutheran School | ■ Best Ambassador Float: Jo Hentschke |
| ■ Most Humorous Float: Loxton Ladies Probus Club | ■ Best School Float: St Albert's Catholic School |
| ■ Best Themed Float: Loxton Primary School | ■ Best Rural Community Float: Hannah Hampel |

earlier in the year.

Collectively, the Mardi Gras ambassador entrants raised over \$27,000.

“Apart from our running costs, it all goes back to into the community,” Mr Sheahan said.

Angel Hockey won both the community and charity ambassador titles, while Jo Hentschke won the senior sash for her fundraising efforts, raising over \$5500. In the junior section, Eliza Albrecht won the ambas-

sador title.

Community ambassador entrants Angel, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Loxton, and Keira Fielding, sponsored by the Loxton Club, raised over \$19,000.

Mr Sheahan said the committee would meet to discuss the future date of the event.

“There’s a bit of interest in trying it a bit later,” he said.

“We will look into those possibilities and keep an open mind.

“It’s unlikely to be in April again because we have the sport.

“None of the football clubs could participate because they were having practice matches and we would like them to be able to participate.”

At the announcement ceremony, locals Mary Probus, Peter Mangelsdorf, Chris Smith, Lynn Schmaal and Aub Mattner were recognised for their service to Loxton Mardi Gras, receiving life membership.

Meanwhile, Loxton businesses Totally Exposed and Terrific Toys were the joint winners of the Murray Pioneer Mardi Gras Window Display competition.

Mr Sheahan thanked the community for supporting the event.

“What I love about Loxton is the strong community spirit,” he said, “and we just see it in events like this.”

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SA Governor Frances Adamson and Loxton Waikerie Mayor Leon Stasinowsky unveil a plaque for the new railway memorial at Mill Corner, Loxton, which recognises the role of rail in the northern Mallee. PHOTOS: Stephanie Thompson



At the opening of the new railway memorial at Mill Corner in Loxton on Saturday afternoon were Loxton Railway Memorial working group and local historian Peter Magarey, SA Governor Frances Adamson, Loxton Railway Memorial working group Kent Spangenberg and Loxton Waikerie Mayor Leon Stasinowsky.

Rail heritage set in stone

LOXTON'S Mill Corner now pays homage to another significant aspect of the town's history, following the unveiling of a railway memorial on Saturday.

The Mill Corner Historical Park now features a railway memorial, fit with a shelter, storyboards, railway lines and a telephone hut.

Loxton Railway Memorial working group member Kent Spangenberg said the vision for the area is to be a historical park, with the centenary sculpture and the

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Avro Anson Crash Memorial already included at the site.

"The Loxton railway memorial represents the next significant achievement in realising this vision," he said.

"This undertaking is a memorial to the people who built and maintained the railway."

"Equally, it is a memorial for the early settlers who

utilised the services of the railway and opened up the northern Mallee for broadcast, dryland agriculture."

Loxton Waikerie Mayor Leon Stasinowsky spoke about his memories of railways in the Mallee as a farmer and later unveiled a plaque alongside Her Excellency the SA Governor Frances Adamson.

Loxton historian Peter Magarey, who was instrumental in the memorial, also spoke at the unveiling, along with National Railway Museum's Bob Sampson.

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Loxton history speakers announced

THREE guest speakers will prove Loxton's history is interesting at an annual event next month.

Rose Mawby, Jackson Wickham and James Altmann will take to the stage as part of the annual Loxton's History Sure Ain't Boring event.

Organising committee co-ordinator Trevor Fielke said this year will mark 10 years of the event.

"What started as perhaps a one-off in 2012 has continued right through to now because of the interest by the locals," he said.

"As a highlight we are inviting back all the previous speakers to attend. It's also the first one we are going to have at The Precinct, which should be good."

This year's attendees will hear the following talks:

□ Rose Mawby, 'School's in' – The history of schools in Loxton and district.

□ James Altmann, 'It's a bug's life – Away with the sprays'. A

modern approach to insect and disease control.

□ Jackson Wickham, 'The river trade' – The lifeblood of our early town.

Each speaker has 25 minutes to tell their story.

The event, which coincides with South Australia's History Festival, attracts about 200 people each year.

"With that interest, we would hope we can keep this going into the foreseeable future," Mr Fielke said.

The event will be held at The Precinct, mezzanine floor, on Tuesday, May 3, at 7pm for a 7.30pm start.

Tickets are \$5 for adults and available from the Loxton Public Library and Loxton council office. Students are free.

Masks are to be worn. For more information, call Kathy Schliebs on 0429 388 938.

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WWI vet's grave finally marked... Family's 'proudest day'

JOSH BRINE

AFTER being unmarked for more than 70 years, the grave of an Aboriginal World War I veteran was finally given a headstone at a special dedication ceremony in Barmera last week.

The gravestone of Ngarrindjeri man Private Lush Wilson was unveiled at the Barmera Cemetery last Thursday at a ceremony organised by The Headstone Project and Aboriginal Veterans SA (AVSA).

Private Wilson's grandson Uncle Norman Wilson, of Berri, said the ceremony had meant a lot to his family.

"We've been waiting for this day for many years," he said.

"I've been in correspondence with (AVSA co-chair) Frank Lampard for the last 12 months to get this going and it all ended up with the ceremony.

"It's the proudest day of my life, not just

for me but my family. All my cousins, sisters, brothers, uncles and aunties are all proud of the day.

"There's a lot of people who couldn't make it today, due to Covid, but there will be videos and photos to send to the people who couldn't make it."

Mr Lampard said the ceremony was "incredibly successful".

"Along with AVSA co-chair Ian Smith's consummate leadership, the service was presented fabulously like clockwork and every presenter was exceptional in terms of their part in the ceremony," he said.

"Humbly, AVSA thanks all the participants for their part in the service, which was one of the most moving ceremonies I've ever experienced..."

"The attendance was overwhelming and a great tribute to all the locals and visitors from afar such as places like Robe, Point McLeay and Adelaide, totalling well over a



Conway, Uncle Norman and Josh Wilson at the newly marked grave of their ancestor, World War I veteran Lush Wilson (inset), after last Thursday's dedication ceremony.

MAIN PHOTO: Josh Brine

couple of hundred, who all, of course, contributed to making the dedication ceremony a huge success."

The ceremony included a guard of honour by students from Barmera Primary School and St Joseph's School Barmera, with Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone, Barker MP Tony Pasin and RSL SA president Cheryl Cates among those in attendance.

Mr Wilson, also known as "Tinawin", said learning that his grandfather's grave had been found more than seven decades after his death in 1944 was "unreal".

"Here I am looking at these photos from 30-40 years ago because he died before my time... so when this sort of came to life my heart was pumping and I was very joyful," he said.

Wilson family members were also pre-

sented with replicas of Lush Wilson's medals from World War I.

"We'll keep them in the family and they'll never be lost, I can guarantee that," Mr Wilson said.

"They'll be under lock and key - they're something I'm really proud of.

"Everyone as a collective all worked together to make this happen.

"It is the happiest day of my life."

AVSA also ran education sessions with Barmera Primary School, St Joseph's School Barmera and Berri Regional Secondary College students last Wednesday and Friday.

Mr Lampard said the students had shown "energetic participation" during the sessions.

"To say the least, AVSA's Education Team... were delighted by the turn-up from the local schools," he said.



Members of the Wilson family make their way down a guard of honour by students from Barmera Primary School and St Joseph's School Barmera. PHOTOS: Josh Brine



Aboriginal Veterans SA co-chair Frank Lampard and Norman Wilson unveil Lush Wilson's gravestone.

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Boundary realignment for Berri caravan park project

JOSH BRINE

BERRI Barmera Council will pay to realign a property boundary to “minimise risk” near a new multi-million-dollar tourism project in Berri.

The parcel of land encompassing the Berri Riverside Caravan Park and its riverside apartment development will be realigned to remove a section that extends on to council’s footpath and road.

Elected members voted to

rectify the issue and cover the costs of the realignment at council’s most recent monthly meeting.

“What was discovered as part of the new development... was there was an area of encroachment on the road reserve which historically should have been dealt with but for whatever reason wasn’t,” said council’s acting CEO Peter Bond.

“What we’ve agreed to

do in that resolution is fund bringing that boundary back to where the physical fence line is currently and just doing a corner cut-off, so the road reserve is in the right area.”

The caravan park had also requested that council contribute to the cost and installation of fencing at the northern border of the development, which neighbours the town’s No. 2 oval.

The total cost of the fencing

works was quoted as \$16,000.

At the meeting, council staff put forward a recommended motion to contribute 50 per cent of the cost of the fencing but this was omitted from the motion passed by elected members.

Twenty high-quality apartments will be built as part of the project, which is part funded by the federal government.



A corner of the parcel of land where the Berri Riverside Caravan Park is located will be realigned, as it currently encroaches on the road reserve and footpath along Riverview Drive. IMAGE: Berri Barmera Council

Housing shortage ‘hurting Riverland’

LACK of available housing is impacting business growth in the Riverland, a local business development authority says.

In the wake of a federal budget that critics believe ignored regional SA, the effects of limited accommodation options within the region have been highlighted by Regional Development Australia’s local CEO Ben Fee.

Mr Fee, also a corporate member of Business SA, says the three priorities for the Riverland are workforce, accommodation and regional infrastructure.

“Without these, business expansion is limited, seeing us rob Peter to pay Paul, rather than adding to the collective pie,” he said.

“Housing is a fundamental regional issue impacting business growth, and we are not immune to that in the Murraylands and Riverland.”

Mr Fee’s comments follow data unveiled in last week’s Murray Pioneer showing local properties on the market are being snapped up in record time.

While welcoming budget measures to assist first-home buyers, Mr Fee said any accommodation shortages would generate additional problems for the Riverland.

“This will further drive up housing costs, interest rates and the cost of living,” he said.

“To resolve this, we need incentives over the long term to increase the workforce, reliably source materials, ensure effective supply chains, and open planning.

“These will encourage further industry investment and expansion in the regions.

“In terms of skills, we have found that budget initiatives have tended to be inflexible and not designed to facilitate people to move along and between skills pathways.”

Business SA said while the 2022-23 Budget delivered some “hefty spending” in regional Australia, SA largely missed out.

“While there are a range of short-term cash injections, incentives and subsidies that are a positive boost, we did find the lack

HOT PROPERTY

STEPHANIE THOMPSON reports on the local property market for the past 12 months, with many snapped up within a week of being listed, according to a local agent.

“Elderly” Riverland real estate sales manager Steve Kesting told me on the market is an “inflation indicator” of the market strength of the Riverland area.

“There are a lot of people out there looking for the right home to grow the business and they’re willing to pay the price for it,” he says. “It’s a real indicator of the market strength.”

“We do not expect property levels to change significantly in the short term to the Riverland real estate market.”

RIVERLAND AVERAGE DATES ON MARKET

TYPE	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
RESIDENTIAL	45	55	65	75	85
COMMERCIAL	120	130	140	150	160
INDUSTRIAL	180	190	200	210	220
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of significant regional infrastructure investments disappointing,” Business SA said in a statement.

“An additional \$17.9b has been committed to road, rail and community infrastructure projects across Australia.

“Of that, however, very little of that flows to regional South Australia – with most – \$2.3b of the total \$2.8b – committed to the final stages of the North-South Corridor in metropolitan areas.

“Further, the Budget promised investment of \$7.1b to transform regions ‘primed for growth’, but none of that is coming to South Australia...”

“NSW, Western Australia and Northern Territory are sharing those dollars as it has been decided that they are the nation’s ‘export frontiers and poised for major growth at a scale that will boost our national prosperity’.

“Business SA has felt a lack of game-changing infrastructure investments in South Australian regions over multiple subsequent budgets.”

Mr Fee said \$600m for agriculture innovation and biosecurity set aside in the budget deserved “special mention”.

“Of interest are funds to control Japanese encephalitis, carbon credit tax changes and the Regional Drought Resilience Plans,” he said.

“Regions need budgets with purposeful and co-ordinated investments that create the right settings to attract people and allow our businesses and communities to comfortably expand.”

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Local schools avoid fallout from Catholic vaccination mandate...



All staff at Catholic school across the Riverland, including those at St Francis of Assisi College in Renmark (pictured), are vaccinated against Covid-19, meaning staffing levels will remain intact, following a CESA mandate directive.

Riverland staff good to go

ELYSE ARMANINI

STAFF numbers at Riverland Catholic schools will escape any fallout from a proposed Covid-19 vaccination policy, according to the region's Catholic Education director.

The policy would see vaccination requirements continue for all Catholic Education SA (CESA) employees, contractors, board members and volunteers, unless an approved medical exemption applied, despite state education sector mandates recently being lifted.

Other controls implemented include maintaining physical distancing, regular sanitation of classrooms and other high-traffic areas,

and ensuring unwell people do not enter the schools.

Catholic Education Diocese of Port Pirie director Nichii Mardon said local CESA schools would be spared any repercussions from the proposed continuation of mandates.

"There will be no impacts to current staffing as there are no staff from Catholic schools in the Riverland on leave because they are unvaccinated," she said.

"Our teachers and staff have been amazing.



Nichii Mardon

"I can't thank each one of them enough for the way they have cared for and ensured continuity of learning for students throughout the Covid pandemic. I know this has been greatly appreciated by families too."

Ms Mardon said Catholic schools in regional areas "have been fortunate" in experiencing lower numbers of Covid-positive cases.

"Across the term we've seen up to 8 per cent of total students in our Riverland Catholic schools with Covid," she said.

"With five Catholic schools in the Riverland, it has been great to see our staff supporting each other.

"It has been a challenging start to the school year, but fortunately, no Riverland Catholic schools or classes have closed and we have not reverted to online learning for any classes at this time."

While vaccinations do not stop the contraction or spread of Covid-19, CESA director Neil McGoran said "the evidence is clear" to support their use.

"Vaccination is the most effective and efficient control available to combat the risks posed by Covid-19," he said.

"We believe that continuing to maintain Covid-19 vaccination requirements as a condition of employment and workplace entry is very important. We know that these measures are beneficial in preventing serious illness, and potential death, arising from Covid-19 transmission.

"We are being very transparent. We want to hear the views of our staff and that will inform our policy and processes going forward."

A policy consultation period for all Catholic Education employees, contractors, board members and volunteers is open until Wednesday, April 20 at 4pm.

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Curriculum changes gain local support

By ELYSE ARMANINI

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A COLLECTIVE of Riverland secondary schools has backed recent changes to the Australian Curriculum that include a stronger focus on history and teaching phonics in English.

Endorsed by education ministers, the "decluttered" Australian Curriculum also promises a clearer mathematics program.

Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority chief executive David de Carvalho said the updated curriculum "ensures the same high standard curriculum content is available to every student, regardless of where they live".

"It reflects the priorities and expectations we hold for our young people, and this curriculum sets a new high benchmark," he said.

"Importantly, this is a more stripped-back and teachable curriculum that identifies the essential content our children should learn.

"Together with new resources designed to support our teachers, it is expected the Australian Curriculum will lead to improved student outcomes."

The Riverland Secondary Schools Alliance (RSSA) agreed that changes to the curriculum "need to reflect the diversity of our students across the region's public schools".

"We are all driven to deepen our students, staff and community knowledge and understanding of Australian history, cultural diversity and identity, consent, physical activity, and privacy and security," a RSSA spokesperson said.

"Within our schools, we already have a large focus on these important areas through a range of curriculums and programs, throughout years 7 to 12.

"However, we also welcome the additional recognition, resources and supports around these identified areas."

The updated F-10 Australian Curriculum (Version 9.0) will be available on a new website from the start of Term 2 this year.

It will be implemented in schools according to timelines determined by the state education and curriculum authorities.

Key Curriculum changes:



- Removal and reduction of content to teach the curriculum with depth, including a 21% reduction in the number of content descriptions.
- A stronger focus on students mastering the essential mathematical facts, skills, concepts and processes, and being introduced to these at the right time
- Prioritising Australian history in years 9 and 10 within a global context.
- Deepening understanding of First Nations Australian histories and cultures, the impact on First Nations Australians of the arrival of British settlers as well as their contribution to the building of modern Australia
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Job title: Principal Lawyer | Years of service: 16 years
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MICHAEL Atsaves has been the principal lawyer of Riverland Commercial Lawyers for three years, but has spent a total of 16 years practising law. Michael was born and raised, and completed all his schooling, in Renmark. He then completed his Law and Commerce degrees at the University of Adelaide, before moving to Melbourne to begin his legal career at Freehills (now Herbert Smith Freehills), which is one of the largest law firms in Australia. After a few years he returned to Adelaide and worked at Kelly & Co Lawyers for four years. Michael then decided to return home to the Riverland with his young family to work at a local firm, before taking the plunge and starting his own legal practice. Having gained valuable skills and experience at city law firms, Michael says the most enjoyable part about being a lawyer in the country is getting to know his clients and assisting them with their legal and conveyancing requirements. He also enjoys being part of a regional community and prides himself on working hard to get the best possible outcome for his clients. Michael says his business has many strengths when it comes to assisting Riverlanders. Sally Shorrock, Leanne Atsaves, Katherine Owen and Michael are experienced locals and have a comprehensive understanding of the challenges and issues facing rural communities and businesses. For service you know you can trust, contact Michael and his reliable team for the legal and conveyancing advice you are looking for.

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Job title: Principal | Years of service: 5 years
BERRI REGIONAL SECONDARY COLLEGE

EMILY Griggs has been the Principal of Berri Regional Secondary College, formally known as Glossop High School for the last 5 years. Emily was born and raised on a farming property outside Renmark and completed all of her schooling in Renmark. After finalising her teaching degree at the University of South Australia she worked as the Senior Design and Technology Teacher and Senior School Leader at Naracoorte High School for 5 years before returning with her young family to her home roots here in the Riverland. Emily has had 12 years of leadership experience in a range of executive leadership positions, none more exciting, challenging and rewarding as her current Principal role at Berri Regional Secondary College. Emily is proud of the accomplishments achieved by the schooling and wider community around the consolidation of Glossop High School to Berri Regional Secondary College. The amazing facilities, consolidation of staff and students and the community connection that this project has achieved will continue to strengthen the educational opportunities and achievements of future generations. Emily is a passionate, dedicated educator who strives for greatness and success for all students and staff and continues to lead through compassion, empathy and high professionalism as a leader within Riverland Secondary education.



Some of the Riverland's landmarks that Rivergraphics have made and installed



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Riverland's oldest sign company turns 43

RIVERGRAPHICS in Renmark has designed, manufactured and installed high-quality, contemporary signage for over 40 years, and has adapted as technology and needs changed.

After being established in 1979 by Tony and Judy Hersey, then-employee Brett Sunstrom and his wife Sue purchased the business in 1997 and will celebrate 25 years in business next month.

Since 1979, Rivergraphics has continued to be the leading sign and graphic art company in the Riverland.

Over his 25 years at the helm, the development of the business in logo design is a strong standout for Mr Sunstrom.

"We've certainly been, we think, the leader in graphic design up here as far as the logos go," he said.

"We have done the majority of the logo design in the last 25 years, since I've been here. Before I was a sign writer, I did graphic arts in Adelaide. So, we're really passionate about design.

"That's led to us doing logos for people, and sometimes not necessarily doing any signage for them. Years ago, we were approached by the Berri Barmera Council about doing their logo and they weren't interested in any signs at the time, but they wanted a more simplistic logo for the council to use.

"That is our point of difference between us and our competition. That's the reason we've got businesses like Almondco, Accolade and the councils - they just love our designs and they want to keep running with that."

MR Sunstrom said the skills he learned as a sign writer, when everything was marked out by hand, were unique.

"You couldn't be a sign writer unless you could draw or had lettering skills," he said.

"In my day, unless you had really good brush skills - and it took three or four years in trade school to learn that - you could not be a sign writer. We were like the brain surgeons of the paint industry.

"Anyone can grab a computer, grab a cool font and off they go. It's a lot more involved than that. You've got to design a logo based on the business type, not just a font type - it's all about the business.

"People come to me even though I'm a bit old school because I've been doing it a long time... they want someone with experience to design something."



Rivergraphics celebrates 43 years in business this year, and owner Brett Sunstrom has spent 25 years at the helm.

PHOTO: supplied

Mr Sunstrom said given all the changes in technology, and the changes in business needs, he sometimes misses the way it was when he first started.

"It was so unique back then, and it's not so unique anymore. There are sign companies all over the place," he said.

"When I used to do things by hand, I was probably even more creative, because paint is awesome.

"I used to teach airbrushing here many years ago, I did it for about 10 years, and young people loved it. They literally had never used paint before.

"If you know anything about airbrushing, it's about trying to recreate life-like-looking things, whether it's a background, or a person, or even lettering. There's a real skill in that.

"Computers make it easy, and you can't disregard technology. We make that many signs these days, if we painted them by hand, there'd be 20 people working here."

THE success of Rivergraphics is seen not just in the Riverland, but across SA and interstate, via the design of logos, plus the manufacturing and installation of signs for many businesses.

"We have done work in Broken Hill, Mildura, Euston, Robinvale, Murray Bridge and are currently doing work in Hahndorf, Nuriootpa and Adelaide," Mr Sunstrom said.

Mr Sunstrom said he has a few local projects coming up this year.

"We've got a really cool houseboat coming up for Tony Sharley, for his Murray River Trails. It's a

beautiful boat and we've just done the design for that," he said.

"We've got more work for the new Berri villas, for the Berri Hotel. We're doing a heap of really nice wayfinding signage, for tourists to find their way around.

"We've done a lot of work for Grower Services lately, and we're doing work for Simfresh, a large citrus company from NSW."

Mr Sunstrom said clients can expect "good feedback" from him and his team.

"I have people come in to me and they say, 'I'm about to start a business, and I have really no idea of how I want it to look. I know what I'm going to sell but I need someone to create an image for me,'" he said.

"That's where signs are not just signs, it's a whole look of a building.

"My clients know me. They know what I've achieved over the last 25 years, and a lot of them just want me to take over.

"They give me guidance of what they want, but they want to know what I think. That's where experience wins every time.

Mr Sunstrom is one of a handful of people in the signage industry with a builder's licence, so he can meet the requirements of any job, big or small.

"With the sign game these days, it's getting more and more involved as far as sign manufacturing and installation," Mr Sunstrom said.

"We are doing more and more architectural and construction type signage these days, and you must be qualified."

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Blanchetown's Lock One brings up a century

A NOTABLE Riverland landmark's centenary of service to River Murray users was celebrated last week.

Lock One, at Blanchetown, marked 100 years of operation last Wednesday, with the first successful lockage for river traffic having taken place on April 6, 1922.

SA Water senior manager of River Murray operations, Garry Fyfe, said the site was the first lock, or weir, constructed along the River Murray system.

"From the early days of cargo boats and paddle steamers to the modern-day fleet of tinnies and speedboats we see today, Lock One continues to play a significant role in the safe movement of water vessels between the Murray Mouth and upstream communities in the Riverland and interstate," Mr Fyfe said.

"In fact, Lock One remains one of our busiest locks along the South Australian stretch of the Murray, with just under 700 vessels passing through the concrete chamber during 2021.

"Our crew estimates this lock would have seen around 100,000 vessels pass through the chamber



SA Water and the River Murray Boat Owners Association of SA last week celebrated the 100th anniversary of Lock One's first successful lockage.

PHOTOS: supplied

since the first lockage 100 years ago, and we look forward to seeing many more over the next 100 years."

Mr Fyfe said a plaque had been installed at the lock to commemo-

rate the occasion.

"This is a significant milestone for both South Australia and our team who have safely operated Lock One for the community over

its lifetime, and we're proud to have played a part in this historical achievement," he said.

"Our team of lock operators – known as 'lockies' – stationed along

the Murray love getting a chance to explain the rich history of these sites as visitors pass by every day, and we thank everyone for continuing to visit our locks in a safe way."

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The centenary celebration was marked with a lock visit from the Murray Princess paddle steamer.

Feedback about carryover improvements set to close

HUGH SCHUITEMAKER

LOCAL irrigators have been encouraged to provide feedback on potential changes to carryover legislation before a submission process closes tomorrow.

The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board (MRLB) last month held

an information session at the Berri Bowling Club regarding proposed changes to South Australia's private carryover policy.

Renmark Irrigation Trust general manager Rosalie Auricht said the initial response from local irrigators had been positive.

"The information session on the proposed changes to private carryover in Berri was the last of four sessions held by government," Ms Auricht said.

"The trust attended all sessions to listen to feedback from irrigators and the significant change allowing private carryover water to be added to annual allocations was welcomed.

"There will be a need for further information sessions for irrigators on the application process should the proposed changes come into effect."

The proposed changes would remove roll-over and forfeiture of carryover volumes and would allow carryover to be used in the year that it is granted.

A presentation on the changes can be viewed by visiting the website (https://cdn.environment.sa.gov.au/landscape/images/Presentation-given-at-online-and-drop-in-events_Mar2022.pdf).

Public submissions on the changes will remain open until 5pm tomorrow and can be made by completing an online survey (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8C27SCZ>).

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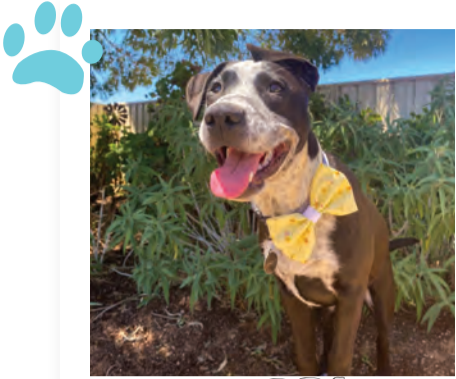
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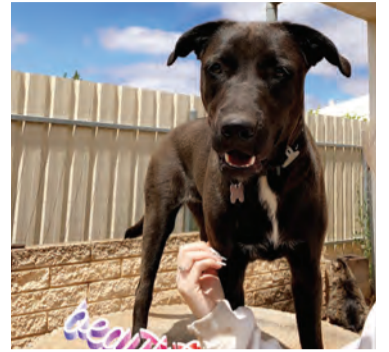
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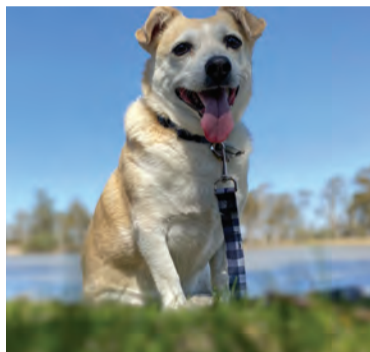
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2 years // Female
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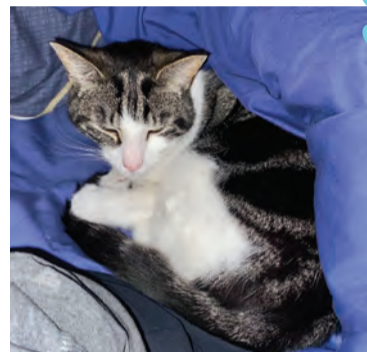
PUMBA

5 years // Male // Red Heeler x Kelpie
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SPROCKET

11 years // Male // Mixed / Unknown
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BENNY

2 years // Male // Tabby
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SHEEKA

8 years // Female // Kelpie
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CILLA

4 years // Female // Long Haired Cat
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Bruce Mellett (middle) received a Paul Harris Fellow recognition for his contributions to the Rotary Club of Berri and the Riverland and Mallee Vocational Awards from Berri Rotary's Bruce Richardson (left) and past district governor Jane Owens at the recent awards night.

PHOTO: Elyse Armanini



Rotary's top honour for Bruce

ELYSE ARMANINI

A LONG-serving MC of the Riverland and Mallee Vocational Awards was recognised with Rotary's highest award at the recent presentation night.

Bruce Mellett began his time with the Vocational Awards in 1994, via the Renmark Rotary Club, and has continued to MC since then, while also becoming a judge six years ago.

"I started way back when Laurie Wilkinson was doing it for Renmark Rotary and it just became an annual event. I've just loved it," Mr Mellett said.

At this year's awards in late March, Mr Mellett was recognised with a Paul Harris Fellow with one sapphire, which acknowledges individuals who contribute, or have contributions made in their name, between US\$2000 and \$2999 to The Rotary Foundation.

"Bruce has provided a professional approach for a smooth-running event that recognises the contribution of our young people to their careers and the region," said past president and past district governor of Rotary, Bruce Richardson.

"The Rotary Club of Berri is

proud to honour Bruce with its highest award for his dedication, honour and integrity and he is a worthy recipient of a Paul Harris Fellow award with one sapphire."

Mr Mellett said receiving the Paul Harris Fellow was "a massive surprise" and that he was left almost speechless on the night – a rare occurrence.

"I just didn't know what to say, quite frankly. I was just blown away," he said.

"You never do it for that. There're a thousand other reasons why you do what you do, but it's always nice to get a thank you, and in this case it was a massive one."

It was announced on the night that this year's awards would be Mr Mellett's final one as MC.

"I just felt that it was time for others to do it," Mr Mellett said.

"It was never something I was going to do for a lifetime... the years kept rolling around and I kept enjoying it.

"But I also feel that there's room for others now if they want to go into that space."

Mr Mellett said he had enjoyed many things during his time with the

Vocational Awards.

"Being on the judging panel added a new dimension to the whole event," he said.

"The thing that never ceased to amaze me was just how talented young apprentices, trainees, school-based apprentices and VET students are. The amount of potential that exists within the Riverland, the generosity of the community, businesses and sponsors make that night so good.

"Hearing the stories of those young people just starting out on their career journeys is just something that, every year, is so fulfilling. We have some great local talent."

Mr Mellett commended the Vocational Awards, describing them as a "fabulous showcase for this region".

"To be the largest vocational awards in regional Australia, and it has been for 30-odd years, I think that is just testament to the amount of hard work and commitment that goes on behind the scenes," he said.

"There is just so much that goes into making that night a success. It's just been fabulous to be a part of that."

Jabs recommended ahead of 'monster' flu season

RIVERLANDERS are being urged to prepare for a potential resurgence of flu cases by getting vaccinated early this year.

With an end to lockdowns and state and international borders reopening, the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP) and Consumer Health Forum (CHF) are warning of a "potentially monster flu season".

RACGP president Professor Karen Price said GPs were "concerned" for the flu season as people's exposure to the virus had been

low for the past two years.

"Children born since the start of the pandemic are likely to have had no exposure to the influenza virus in their lifetime, meaning it's now more important than ever to ensure they are protected," she said.

"Flu is something to be taken seriously – in 2019, just before the pandemic, there were 953 influenza-related deaths in Australia. And we are already starting to see cases in some parts of the country.

"Getting your flu vaccine as soon as it becomes available in April gives

you protection before the expected peak of the influenza season.

"So, I encourage everyone to be proactive and prepare for influenza season."

The flu vaccination program begins this month, with jabs recommended for everyone aged six months or older.

The vaccine is free for children aged six months to five years and for adults aged 65 and over, plus pregnant women, indigenous people and people with certain medical conditions.

Caravan industry issues pre-Easter road warning

LOCAL caravan and RV owners are being encouraged to take precautions and pre-plan their trips ahead of the Easter long weekend.

A Caravan Industry Consumer Sentiment Report – released yesterday – showed regional Australians are ready to begin travelling again following the easing

of Covid-19 restrictions.

In preparation for the influx of caravans and RVs hitting the road and regions, the caravan industry is urging travellers to prepare their vehicle, manage fatigue and use rest stops.

Road safety research indicates:

❑ RV road users are most likely to have a crash on Monday or Sunday as

drivers return from their holidays

❑ Crashes are most likely to occur between 10am and 12 noon.

❑ Fatalities are more likely to occur on regional roads

❑ Rear ends are the most common reason for a crash (18 per cent) followed by angle collision i.e., turning (14) and losing control (13).

OUT & ABOUT

IN THE RIVERLAND

Another dose of days gone by from Tamworth

By ROBYN MCINTOSH



MY KIND OF COUNTRY

THIS past week I've been reminiscing again while watching more Tamworth videos from my earlier years of involvement with the festival.

And yes, once again my eyes got a good wash-out.

It sure makes you wonder where some of those that were filmed are now, as there are many whose names I don't hear any more.

Of course there are those who have since left us, but to see ones who are still on the scene 30 years on is very special.

My heart sings when I see people back in their younger days like:

Chris Callaghan, Camille Te Nahu (on her first visit to the festival), **Peter Denahy, Susan Denahy, Paul Gibbs, Kelly Tassone & JB Douglas** (who passed away recently), **Shane Hogan, John McSweeney, Deniese Morrison, Brent Parlane, Nev Nichols, Barry Croft, Jenine Vaughan, Alan Cameron, Steve Crick, Kikkatinnalong, Shadow Rock** (the for Costa brothers), **Desree Crawford, Olive Bice, Troy Cassar-Daley, Tanya Walsh, Norma Murphy, Rosemary Dick, Brian Letton, Beccy Cole, Olivia Crick, James Blundell, Happening Thang, Keith Urban, Kerrie Beeston, The Crosby Sisters, Angela Hayden, Rex Dallas, Reg Poole, Andrea Bice, Terry Gordon, Clint Beattie, Gina Jeffreys, Felicity Urquhart, Corinna Cordwell, Hugh Crawford** (of Luhrs & Crawford duo), **Warren Derwent, The McKean Sisters, Jean Stafford, Tania Cassidy, Colin Thompson, Benedetti Sisters, Pat Drummond, Virginia Coad, Karen Lynne, Colin Buchanan, and Frank Turton.**

Locals who travelled to Tamworth in the 1990s will appreciate the reminder of some of these people.

I will be forever grateful to the organisers of the festival, BAL Marketing, for putting these videos back together.

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Great to see that Kross Kut Records artists **Lindsay Waddington, Lloyd Back and Lynchburg** have made the cut in the 2022 ISSA (International Singer-Songwriters Association) Awards official nominees listings. In addition, **Lloyd Back** is in Male Vocalist of

the Year, Male Rising Star, Male Single of the Year, and Male Music Video of the Year sections.

Lynchburg is in Band of the Year, Band Single of the Year, Male Songwriter of the Year, and Vocal Duo of the Year.

Lindsay Waddington is in Male Songwriter of the Year, Male Album of the Year, Promoter of the Year, and Sound Engineer of the Year.

You can go to 2022 ISSA International Official Nominees and vote for any of the above artists.

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Anna Rose has arrived back in Tamworth ready for the festival, and I am sure she will already have her list of must-do events for the festival.

There is an updated program but it didn't get finished in time to post it out, with this making it a bit hard for those travelling to the festival.

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A bit of a shame to hear that both **Wayne Horsburgh**, who had a mishap and badly broke his arm, and **Kerran Keats** have had to withdraw from the Lameroo Country Music Festival line-up.

Replacing them are popular entertainers **Col Thompson** and **Ian 'Bidge' Boyd**.

The festival is on from Friday, April 29, to Sunday, May 1, at the Lameroo Memorial Hall, and tickets can be purchased via the website www.lameroochf.com.

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Got a bit of a surprise to read the notification on facebook that **Owen Page** had passed away at Banksia House, Loxton on April 2.

A musician, Owen enjoyed the chance to join in on the piano at Melaleuka House when **Ross Baker** was entertaining there.

When Ross took a special mug I had given to him in to show Owen he said he loved it, and would like one, so I gave Ross one for him.

Owen had a very interesting life, including working on the river.

His funeral will be conducted at the Zion Lutheran Church, Vaughan Terrace, Berri tomorrow, Thursday, April 14, at 11am, followed by a private cremation.

I extend my condolences to **Marilena** and family, as I will be unable to attend.

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HAVE SOME SOCIAL PICTURES TO SHARE?

Send your photos with captions to: editor@murraypioneer.com.au and we'll feature them on this page



WAIKERIE FORMAL: Ebony Jinks and Samantha Cabot at Waikerie High School's formal from earlier this year.
PHOTOS: Connie Little



Aydin Wilksch



Simreet Kaur and Jaskan Singh



Mackayla Blyth



Chloe Edwards and James Skinner



Naish Andrew and Trista Carter



Emma Highnam and Jai Mickan

Waikerie High formal correction:

A PHOTO caption in last week's edition of the Murray Pioneer was incorrect.

A photo from the recent Waikerie High School formal that had the caption "Mackayla Blyth", was in fact Aydin Wilksch.

COMMUNITY DIARY

A guide to what's on in the Riverland and Northern Mallee for community non-profit events.
Email: editor@murraypioneer.com.au with an event description in 30 words or less.

WEEKLY

Every Sunday at 2pm – Guided tours of The Pines Historic House, 18 Henry Street, Loxton. Gardens open seven days. Extra tour inquiries to Helen 0421 601 903.

WEEKLY

The Berri Community Men's Shed is open Mondays and Thursdays 9am to 12 noon. Men welcome.

WEEKLY

Every Thursday & Friday 9:30am to 3:30pm, and Saturday 9:30am to 11:30am, the Barmera Theatre Art & Craft Gallery on Barwell Avenue is open for sales. Inquiries to Ruth 0428 899 506.

WEEKLY

Palms Bingo Club hold a bingo session every Tuesday at the Monash Club. Doors open at 11am and eyes down at 11.30am. Lunch and drinks available from the bar. Some Covid restrictions still apply.

WEEKLY

Every Monday, even long weekends, 1pm to 4pm. Card and board games at Renmark Lutheran Church, 62 Seventeenth Street, Renmark. Phone

Roz Frazer 8595 1560.

WEEKLY

Social badminton is played at the Barmera Recreation Centre every Thursday evening from 6.30pm to 8pm, and Tuesday mornings from 9am to 10.30am. Racquets are available and all welcome. For more information contact Judy 8588 8000.

WEEKLY

Tennis doubles. Every Saturday afternoon at the Berri Tennis Club at 1.30pm there is social tennis. All welcome.

WEEKLY

Riverland Brass Monday nights 6.30pm to 8.30pm. 1 Verran Terrace, Berri. All welcome.

WEEKLY

Meet, Greet & Eat at Loxcare Community Hub, 13 Drabsch Street Loxton, every Friday at 10am. Come and enjoy morning tea and a chat. Inquiries phone 8584 6954. Good food, good people, good times.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13

Monster Car Park Sale on Easter Saturday at 11 Drabsch Street, Loxton. Bric-a-brac, clothing, toys, household & electrical goods, cakes, plants, lucky

dip. Starting at 9am, all proceeds to Loxcare's Emergency Assistance program.

THURSDAY, APRIL 14

Loxton Charity for All Bingo at the Loxton Club this week. Eyes down at 7pm. Easter raffles and delicious supper available. All welcome.

SATURDAY, APRIL 16

Loxton Historical Village's Alive Day. Blacksmith operating, bakery open, shearing and whip-cracking demonstrations, horse and cart rides, food and craft stalls, Devonshire tea, coffee van, free kid's art and craft activities, stationary engines, 32-volt display, tractor parade and more. Open 10am to 4pm, including Easter Monday.

SATURDAY, APRIL 16

Free Easter picnic in Loxton from 10am to 11.30am. The Loxton Chamber of Commerce invite you to enjoy kids' craft activities, face painting and an egg hunt 'with a difference'. Free hot cross buns, Riverland orange juice and eggs from the Easter Bunny. Loxton's vibrant shopping precinct will be open from 9am to 12.30pm.

APRIL 20 - MAY 1

School holidays music and movement

with Riverland Youth Theatre. Carers, mums and dads sing, dance, play and read a book together. Bookings and details of the venues can be found at: trybooking.com/BXBIJ or call 8586 3437.

APRIL 21 - 25

THERE I AM at Renmark Institute, 1pm-6pm. Design the bravest, boldest version of yourself. Costume design workshops for exploring identity and imagining an exciting future. For participants aged 12 to 24, call 8586 3437 to speak to Fleur.

THURSDAY, APRIL 28

QUIZZITCH at Renmark Institute, 6pm. Join the Wizard of Quiz, and Master of Mirth, Magic and all things Potter, Andy Jones, and test your knowledge on all things Harry Potter! Bookings at: trybooking.com/BXIKV or call 8586 3437.

SATURDAY, MAY 14

The Waikerie Rowing Club invites all present and past members and interested people to a boat naming ceremony from 12.30pm on the Waikerie river front opposite the rowing club boat shed. BYO refreshments. Lunch will be provided at a minimal cost. RSVP by Saturday, May 7 by contacting Leslie on

Barmera Primary School students taking part in a water safety program on Lake Bonney last week were Amelie, Owen, Braxton, Taylor, Lucas and Mitch.



Water safety in focus for Barmera Primary

BEING safer in a local aquatic environment was the goal of a water safety program undertaken by Barmera Primary School last week.

Run by the Department for Education, the pilot program involved all students from reception to year 5 and was conducted from the Lake Bonney Yacht Club.

“Students... were given the opportunity to learn about being safe in their local aquatic environment by building their con-

fidence, skills and knowledge,” a school spokesperson said.

“Students rotated through numerous activities both on the bank and in the water, with the highlight being the kayaks.

“Engagement from students was extremely high and students thoroughly enjoyed themselves doing the variety of activities.

“Special thanks to the water safety team in Adelaide and the local instructors for making it such an enjoyable experience.”



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First Ag visa partner found

AN Asian country has become the first to enter a partnership with the federal government on a new visa scheme targeted at providing workers for Riverland fruit growers.

Vietnam last month agreed to sign onto the Ag Visa initiative, aimed at addressing ongoing workforce shortages among the local horticulture industry.

AUSVEG CEO Michael Coote said generating a source of long-term workers was necessary for the future sustainability of horticulture growing in Australia.

“This latest development demonstrates the Ag Visa is progressing well and will be able to provide another avenue for Australian growers to access the workers that they need to plant, harvest and pack produce for local

and international markets,” Mr Coote said.

“The Ag Visa was never intended to be a short-term solution to issues that stemmed from the Covid-19 pandemic.

“It is a long-term structural change for the industry to access a more efficient and effective workforce and reduce its reliance on working holiday makers.”

Mr Coote said ensuring “high worker welfare standards” were met by potential employers would be crucial to the initiative’s success.

“The new visa will only be successful if the health and safety of workers is protected. Workers who come to Australia to pick fresh produce do so to work hard and earn good money, but we also want them to enjoy the experience and feel safe

while they work,” he said.

“The Ag Visa will be a sponsored visa, which is strongly supported by industry so that only businesses that are able to demonstrate that they are fit and proper will be able to access workers through the Ag Visa.”

However, the ABC reported Federal Opposition Leader Anthony Albanese – speaking at the National Farmers Federation national conference in Canberra last week – said a Labor government would consider other solutions to current workforce availability issues.

“We’ll do something better,” Mr Albanese said

“We’ll sit down with (the agriculture industry) and work on how we get a proper visa system, and how we get a proper workforce here.”

“It is a long-term structural change for the industry to access a more efficient and effective workforce and reduce its reliance on working holiday makers...”

- Michael Coote
AUSVEG CEO

Variety fundraising appeal to Easter shoppers

RIVERLANDERS are encouraged to give a little extra this long weekend by donating to an Easter fundraising appeal for families in need.

The Woolworths Easter appeal donates 100 per cent of funds to Variety, in support of children through initiatives such as the Variety Heart Scholarship Program.

“Our commitment to Variety has spanned six years now and thanks to the support of the Riverland community we have been able to provide support to more than 30,000 chil-

dren in need,” said Woolworths group manager Nathan Tomlinson.

“The Easter Fundraising Appeal is a great example of how working together as a community we can collectively make a big difference to the lives of many people across South Australia.”

Running in-store and online until Tuesday, April 19, customers can support the appeal by adding a \$2 egg-shaped token to their shop or by making a round-up donation at self-serve checkouts.

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8:30 Shaun Micallef's MAD AS HELL
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7:30 Anh's Brush With Fame
8:00 Art Works
8:30 Tate Britain's Great Art Walks
9:15 Finding The Archibald
10:20 Keeping Australia Safe
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1:35 ABC News Update
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6:30 SBS World News
7:30 Celebrity Letters And Numbers
8:30 Titanic - Dead Reckoning
9:30 Cycling Paris-Roubaix 2022
12:30 The Young Victoria
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8:30 Whose Line Is It Anyway?
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9:45 Schitt's Creek
10:10 The Office
10:40 Black Books
11:05 Defending The Guilty
11:35 Whose Line Is It Anyway?

6:00 NBC Today; 7:00 Weekend Sunrise; 10:00 The Morning Show - Weekend; 12:00 House Of Wellness; 1:00 Police Academy 6: City Under Siege; 3:00 The Crows Show; 3:30 AFL
6:00 Seven News
7:00 Hey Hey It's 100 Years
9:00 The Sapphires
11:00 The Blacklist
1:00 Cleaning Up
3:00 TBA
3:30 Million Dollar Minute
4:00 NBC Today
5:00 Seven Early News
5:30 Sunrise

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1:20 Talking Honey
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6:00 Mass For You At Home; 6:30 Farm To Fork; 7:00 Joseph Prince; 7:30 Joel Osteen; 8:00 The Offroad Adventure Show; 9:00 Luca's Key Ingredient; 9:30 Studio 10: Sunday; 12:00 The Living Room Encore; 1:00 Destination Desert; 1:30 Freshly Picked With Simon Toohy; 2:00 The Dog House Australia; 3:00 Everyday Gourmet With Justine Schofield; 3:30 Good Chef Bad Chef; 4:00 Farm To Fork; 4:30 Taste Of Australia With Hayden Quinn; 5:00 10 News First
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1:45 ABC TV Plus Programs Resume At 7.30pm

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6:00 Seven News
7:00 Home And Away
7:30 The Voice
9:00 20th Anniversary - Return to Hogwarts
10:30 The Latest: Seven News
11:00 The Resident
12:00 Criminal Confessions
1:00 Motorway Patrol
2:00 TBA
4:00 NBC Today
5:00 Seven Early News
5:30 Sunrise

6:00 Today; 9:00 Today Extra; 11:30 Nine's Morning News; 12:00 Now Add Honey 2015; 2:00 Pointless; 3:00 Tipping Point; 4:00 Millionaire Hot Seat; 5:00 Nine's Afternoon News
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7:00 A Current Affair
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5:00 Nine News Early Edition
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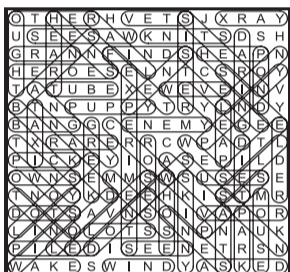
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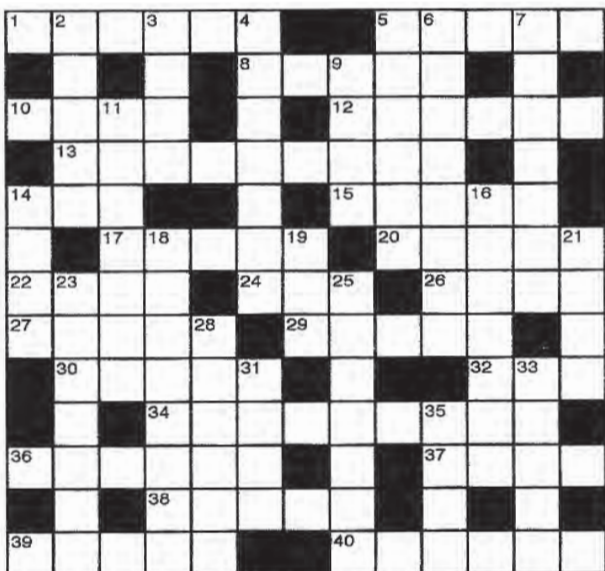
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Crossword

ACROSS

1. Assault
5. Shores up
8. Eagle's nest
10. Headland
12. Solution
13. Drowsy
14. Writing instrument
15. Drench
17. Trembling poplar
20. Cold
22. Period of fasting
24. Female pig
26. Memorandum
27. Surface of a gem
29. Stoop
30. Elevates to an upright position
32. Soaked food
34. Explosive device
36. Part of the eye
37. Barren
38. Rims
39. Prepare for an exam
40. Picturesque



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION



11. Voluntary punishment
14. Money
16. Supporter
18. Stabilised
19. Signify agreement
21. Sharp cry of a dog
23. Serious
25. Dampness
28. Fashionable
31. Hart
33. African antelope
35. Docile

DOWN

2. Flake
3. Encourage in crime
4. Papal envoys
5. Small toothed wheel
6. Saving
7. Injunction
9. Torn clothing

April 2022 Horoscopes: week 2

ARIES (March 21st - April 20th)

A powerful aspect to Saturn may leave you drained for a while. Do your best not to focus on negative ideas: a meeting at the beginning of the week will help you to see everything in perspective. **Romance.** A friendly gesture from someone whom you have barely met will bring a new admirer into your life.

TAURUS (April 21st - May 21st)

You may feel that your needs are not being taken seriously enough. A critical remark from your boss could be the last straw. **Romance.** A friendly comment from a colleague will surprise you at first, as this person has ignored you in the past. It won't be too long before this relationship starts to develop further.

GEMINI (May 22nd - June 21st)

A challenging aspect to Neptune could make you quite diffuse at times. Be careful not to get involved in any financial deals, especially towards the end of the week. **Romance.** Don't mix work and pleasure. A relationship which is casual to begin with could soon become much more serious.

CANCER (June 22nd - July 23rd)

An unexpected move by a close friend will change your feelings towards this person. Don't judge the situation until you have all the facts, however. **Romance.** An unscheduled meeting will put you to the test: don't be afraid to act on your intuition. Your initial thoughts about the situation will be correct.

LEO (July 24th - August 23rd)

A comforting dream later in the week may surprise you. Try to remember the details of your dream, as they will help to guide you over the coming weeks. **Romance.** Your partner may seem to be a little more critical than usual at the moment. Do your best not to get upset, but make sure that you stick to your limits.

VIRGO (August 24th - September 23rd)

A positive aspect to Jupiter early in the week will give you the confidence to ignore some recent criticism. You know exactly what you want and won't appreciate any outside interference. **Romance.** If you make the effort to mend bridges you will be overwhelmed by the response.

LIBRA (September 24th - October 23rd)

If you are too subtle you will get what you want. Your powers of observation will be especially strong at the moment. **Romance.** A recent change in your relationship will have a positive side as well as a negative side. It will be a while before you can see a complete picture.

SCORPIO (October 24th - November 22nd)

Don't ignore it when an acquaintance lets you down. You can still be good friends with this person but you need to be a little firmer. **Romance.** A bold move will pay off, despite your reservations. Your emotional needs will soon be satisfied despite a recent disappointment.

SAGITTARIUS (November 23rd - December 21st)

You will be determined to get what you are looking for, but may find that you need to be a bit more subtle. **Romance.** Compliments from a stranger will help to give your self-esteem a boost. This person will tell you exactly what you have been hoping to hear.

CAPRICORN (December 22nd - January 20th)

Before you try to change a recent decision, give yourself the chance to assess it properly. It may be a while before the benefits start to come in, but when they do you won't be disappointed. **Romance.** A few quiet evenings at home with your partner will help you to make up for lost ground.

AQUARIUS (January 21st - February 19th)

A negative aspect to Mars early in the week could make you a little aggressive at times. You may need to calm down a little, especially when you are dealing with your boss. **Romance.** A favourable aspect to Venus later in the week will help to make a romantic trip go with a bang. Time spent alone together will be especially memorable.

PISCES (February 20th - March 20th)

Some important changes are coming into your life. Don't try to stop a change which is inevitable, and which you just need to accept. **Romance.** An original approach will help to make a positive impression with a person whom you are strongly attracted to.

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Local school's agriculture workshop

STUDENTS at a Riverland primary school enjoyed an agriculture workshop recently.

AgCommunicators director Belinda Clay visited Moorook Primary School to run the Educating Kids about Agriculture—Healthy Plants Healthy People workshop on Wednesday, March 30.

Students participated in planting activities, used microscopes to view plant cells and learn about stomata, and completed a grain milling activity to see how flour is made.

The session aligned with the Department for Education's science curriculum, as students learned about plant structure and

function, pollination, germination, photosynthesis, plant breeding, and the grain journey from the paddock to plate.

Year 5 student Eden Piltz enjoyed the workshop and learning about pollination.

"Belinda taught us about how bees get pollen and move it across from flower to flower," Eden said.

Sam Hogg, also in year 5, learned plenty during the session with Ms Clay.

"We talked about pollination and how animals and insects can pollinate," Sam said.

"We planted some beans and watered them, now we are waiting for them to germinate. Another activity we did was to grind flour from



Moorook Primary School student Sam looking at plant cells through a microscope.

wheat. To do this we put seeds in a funnel and spun the lever to grind it.

"We also used a microscope to look at plants. It was very interesting to see different cells – long and also circular."



AgCommunicators director Belinda Clay (right) explaining the grain milling process to Moorook Primary School students, including Eden, Belle and Aynsley, during a recent agriculture workshop. PHOTOS: supplied

New members highlight Probus club's AGM

THE Waikerie Ladies Probus Club held a successful annual general meeting in March, including new members coming on board.

"AGMs are often an anxious time with too few people willing to take a position," a club spokesperson said.

"Instead, Waikerie and District Ladies Probus Club welcomed three new members to their committee during their March meeting.

"All involved are grateful that the club has continued to have meetings with interesting speakers, despite the problems caused by Covid, and look forward to events this year."

Cheryl Mortimer from the Waikerie Hospital Guild was guest speaker and gave members a history lesson in the Guild's 100th year.

"From an idea in July 1916 to a four-bed ward, five single rooms, operating theatre, nurses' room, bathroom and admin block with two bedrooms, kitchen, laundry and cellar in 1922 to what stands today, the Guild has done an outstanding job in raising funds for necessary equipment," the spokesperson said.

"They progressed from growing fresh flowers for the wards and vegetables for the kitchen, to buying a cow and separator, chickens, pigs, a preserving outfit for bottling fruit, hemming sheets and getting their husbands to build a tool shed.

"They then moved into supplying items needed for staff, patients and aged care residents, ranging from an electric light plant, refrigerator and freezer, operating



Waikerie Ladies Probus Club's new committee and new members, back (from left): Pauline Kalms (treasurer), Ros Simpfendorfer (new), Jan Gaeta (caterer), Maxine Morley (secretary) and Chris Hoffmann (president). Front: Barbara Morete (new), Sandra Lambert (scribe) and Pat Brandon (new). PHOTOS: supplied

table, wheeled stretcher, colour televisions, outside tables, chairs, curtains, floor coverings, kitchen stoves, ice maker, suture card, stethoscopes, ripple bed and air mattresses, musical organ, tympanic (remote ear) thermometer, intensive care monitors, bariatric beds, cuddle cot, ultrasound add-on transducer, oxygen concentrator and more.

"They also put money towards a humi crib, laparoscope (for keyhole surgery), X-ray processor, paediatric pulse oximeter, new anaesthetic machine plus. All up they must have raised hundreds of thousands of dollars.

"Fundraising included egg appeals from schools, hospital days, balls and then raffles, fashion parades, Spring into Music events, card luncheons and the ever-popular annual fete. Without doubt, most people in the room and the town would have benefited in some way from the Guild's work."

Although Covid has limited the club's recent activities, plans are going ahead for a major centenary celebration in November.

"And like all groups, we would definitely welcome more members at our meetings on the first Friday of the month from March to



At the Waikerie Ladies Probus Club's recent AGM were Margaret Dohse, Norma Modistach, Cheryl Mortimer, Dorothy Ziegler and Sandra Franke.

December," the spokesperson said.

The club's next meeting is at the Waikerie Bowling Club on Tuesday, April 26, from 10am. Guest speaker is former jockey Wayne Burris. Visitors are welcome. More information is available from club president Chris (0428 412 495) or secretary Maxine (0402 008 752).

An advance notice for May 24 for Maureen Howell's Biggest Morning Tea event and Peter Santella Music's activities and functions.





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LOOKING BACK AT 130 YEARS



On the Berri Softball Club float at Berri's Easter parade was softballer and Easter Bunny Mary Dallow, with from left, Klay Schrapel, 6, of Berri, Abby Smith, 5, of Adelaide, Rebekah Hembling, 3, her brother Bradley, 6, of Kingston-on-Murray, Isabella Jarvis, 3, Tyson Schrapel, 6, Brogan Schrapel, 3, and Kaitlin Schrapel, 4, all of Berri.



Easter crowds flock to region

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ABOVE: Catherine Reeks and Kimberley Dunn wave their carrots around to the large crowd while on the Berri Playgroup float in the Berri Easter carnival procession.

BELOW: With the Easter Bunny are Kristen Bradtke, 5, Chelsea Awramov, 6, Emily Rankin, 8, Coen Lindsay, 6, Trevor Rankin, 7, Tia Lindsay, 4, and Ainsleigh Howard, 5.

Celebrating Easter in the Riverland



Sarah Beech, Lauren Traeger, Ellee Eleftheriadis, Nicola Thiele, Kelsey Jones and Amy Beech, all of Berri at the Berri Easter parade on Saturday morning.



ABOVE: THE RUSH IS ON: Keeping up with the hungry early risers on Saturday morning at the Easter 5RM breakfast in Berri were Berri Rotary Club helpers, Ron Grosser and Kaye Campbell.



SMILES ALL ROUND: The Renmark Uniting Church annually arranges a special Easter entertainment program for young Renmark students. After the puppet and clown show at the Renmark Junior Primary School, the clowns, Elaine Morrison, behind the tree, and Annette Cameron, right, played a few jokes on seven-year-old students, Stanley Culberston, Samantha Wainman-Riley and Tori Michaels.



ABOVE: Rolling down the barrel for the barrel push on Saturday were the eventual winners, the police team, of Silvano Coden and Mark Prowse.



RIGHT: Celebrating Easter at Berri Primary School's recent Gala Night were Bindi Stone, 5, Talia Caputo, 3, both of Berri, with her sister Karissa, 4, and Alyshia Gay, 5, of Barmera.



RIGHT: BUNNIES GALORE: Theo Papageoriou, 4, of Renmark, thought he was in Heaven when surrounded by hundreds of chocolate Easter eggs. He couldn't make up his mind which colour he preferred, so he decided to take the lot!

Pasin's Anzac Day sentiments materialise

BARKER MP Tony Pasin says one of his special privileges as a federal Member of Parliament is to attend Anzac Day services across the electorate.

"To support local Anzac Day services, and to promote a better understanding of the significance of Anzac Day, I distribute annually across the electorate an Anzac Day brochure," Mr Pasin said.

"My annual Anzac Day bro-

chure will land in letterboxes across Barker this week and includes a full list of local services that I encourage people to attend.

"As there is a strong cultural cross over between the Murraylands and Riverland, residents in the Riverland will receive both the Murraylands and Riverland brochures in their mailboxes this year.

"I encourage you to honour the

service and sacrifice of Australian Defence Force personnel past and present by attending an Anzac Day service in your local community."

Meanwhile Mr Pasin has also officially begun his annual Anzac Day "Bundy Run" across the electorate.

"I always look forward to my annual Bundy Run, where I visit RSLs all over the electorate deliv-

ering a bottle on Bundy Rum for members to enjoy on Anzac Day," he said.

"It's a small gesture of appreciation for the service they gave to our nation.

"Whilst I can't be at every Anzac Day service across Barker this small gift is intended to ensure diggers right across Barker can at least have a drink on me Anzac morning."



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Riverland butcher's eye on nationals

CHRISTINE WEBSTER

RIVERLAND butcher Rollbusch Quality Meats is tipped to be a favourite in a national sausage and smallgoods competition in Adelaide next year.

The Waikerie and Barmera-based butcher won 14 trophies in the Riverland and South East region's Sausage King and Smallgoods competition in Mount Gambier last month.

Rollbusch Quality Meats owner Nigel Rollbusch said six of the trophies were for first place, five for seconds and three for thirds.

The smallgoods and sausages that

earned Rollbusch Quality Meats first place were its cheese kransky, Spanish bacon, smoked chicken portions, bratwurst, smoked bone in leg ham, and boneless leg ham.

"We were pretty happy with this, most of the manufacturing is done in Barmera in our processing room," he said.

Mr Rollbusch said competition was tough and his team just missed out on first place in five categories.

"The seconds we won were apparently not far off winning," he said, "so it could have been even better."

Mr Rollbusch said it was particularly satisfying to win the ham on bone and con-



Rollbusch Quality Meats Owner Nigel Rollbusch and his team took six first place trophies in the Riverland and South East region's recent Sausage King and Smallgoods competition. INSET: The cheese kransky and Spanish bacon, which earned Rollbusch Quality Meats' first place trophies. PHOTOS: Christine Webster

tinental section (the latter with bratwurst), after narrowly missing out on winning the categories last year.

Winners of the Riverland and South East competitions will compete in the state titles in Adelaide on November 5, against butchers from the Mid North, Eyre Peninsula, Barossa Valley and Adelaide.

Mr Rollbusch is keen to gain a guernsey in the national competition, expected to be held in Adelaide in February. Last year's Australia-wide competition was postponed due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Mr Rollbusch said the cancellation was disappointing, as his business won last year's state award for its bacon and had hoped to snare another national award.

"NSW and Victoria did not have their state awards due to Covid-19, so they canned the national competition, which was unfortunate," he said.

Mr Rollbusch and his team won the National Sausage King awards in 2019 with their bratwurst sausage. In the Riverland and South East region's competition two other Riverland butchers also won first prizes.

Berri North Butchers won the mettwurst fermented category with its mild pepperoni, while Renmark's Riverland Country Style Meats won the value-added category with its sticky pork belly in traditional fried rice.

ROLLBUSCH QUALITY MEATS WINNERS IN THE RIVERLAND/SOUTH EAST COMPETITION:

- Best Sausage in a Cooked Casing: Cheese kransky
- Dry Cured category: Spanish bacon
- Deli Meat: Smoked Chicken portions
- Continental: Bratwurst
- Ham On Bone: Smoked bone in leg
- Boneless Ham: Boneless leg ham

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Easter message from Waikerie kids and 'Dazz'

CHRISTINE WEBSTER

WAIKERIE Lutheran Primary School has joined forces with retired Waikerie carpenter and builder, Dazz Napier, to create a Happy Easter message in wooden letters.

The decorations are on display in his front yard in Miller Street.

The Waikerie Men's Shed member has become well-known in the Riverland West area for his Christmas decorations and wooden map

of Australia to celebrate Australia Day this year.

Mr Napier approached the Waikerie Lutheran Primary School about a month ago to invite students to help him with the project.

"I got sick of painting myself, so I decided to visit the school principal and ask if students could become involved," he said.

"They did a great job."

The Waikerie Men's Shed supplied all the wood for the "Happy Easter" message and



Waikerie Lutheran Primary School students: Harrison, year 4 (left), Savannah, year 3, and Jasmine, year 4, with their principal Tania Fragnito and Waikerie Men's Shed members Dazz Napier and Steve Callaghan. PHOTO: Christine Webster

Mr Napier cut out the shapes and delivered them to the school to be decorated.

Mr Napier painted several of them, but most were completed by year 3 and 4 students.

Waikerie Lutheran Primary School principal Tania Fragnito welcomed the opportunity for some of her students to become involved in decorating the Easter message. She said the students

spent an afternoon working on the project.

Ms Fragnito said it was important for students to participate in real-life activities in an authentic way, especially during a time when Covid-

19 posed challenges to the general community.

She said it was also valuable for the school to learn more about the Waikerie Men's Shed and its role in the local community.

THIS week we share together the 2022 Easter weekend. As much as we have endured Covid-19 and the precautions and changes we had to make, hasn't the year gone so quickly? The Riverland region will, as always, welcome visitors at this time to share and enjoy our River Murray, and its surrounds.

Members of the Morgan and District Lions Club welcome all to the Easter Bazaar on Saturday at the Morgan river front from 8am to enjoy the activities, check out the lawn sales for a bargain, and catch up with friends.

If you enjoy food, music, friendship, kite flying, laughter and Easter eggs, all roads lead to Cadell on Easter Sunday when the Cadell Club hosts a family-friendly day at its beer garden, adjoining the tennis

court and playground, from 11am until 9pm. The event will feature music by Woody, variety stalls, bar service, lucky wheels, fun games and competitions, yabby races, and evening meals. Starting at 2pm are fun games for children and adults.

"Forget egg and spoon races, try ping pong balls and beach spades for youngsters, keg-barrel rolling for teens and adults," said spokesperson Julie Dawson Daniel.

Following the games is the great Easter egg hunt. Lunches will be available from 11.30am, including pulled-pork rolls and coleslaw, seafood rolls and more. Throughout the afternoon fun competitions will be run, including decorated Easter bonnets, hand-crafted novelty kites, junior colouring-in competitions. Proving popular in previous years are the Great

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There has been a happy group of 20 members from the Mitcham Probus Club enjoying a week at the Waikerie Holiday Park, having the park as their base and exploring what our region has to offer. It is a pleasure to have a chat with

visitors to our towns when we meet in the street or shops.

Last week I mentioned that the Ezy Sauce, which is so popular with many chefs and home-made chutney and sauce cooks, was going out of production. Well, there was such an outcry that the decision may be revoked. Watch this space.

The Waikerie community is delighted to see our 1924 Garford fire truck relocated to its former home, in the building that was the original council chambers, now the Waikerie Historical Society. We give thanks and appreciation to Bryan Jenke and the team at Waikerie CFS for bringing it home.

As many residents would be aware, we are nearing May and that brings on the SA History Festival, with good news that the brochure has

been reintroduced again this year. Locally, they are available free from Foodland supermarkets and you may see them in VICs, local libraries, the Rain Moth Gallery and in other places. Check out the Riverland region section on page 64, and see what will be happening during May so you can plan a visit to some of the events.

Make a diary date for Music on the Deck, on Saturday, May 14. It will feature modern country music duo from Keith, and support act The Chasers. To pre-purchase tickets phone Susan Santella (0417 854 972).

Waikerie Horse and Pony Club is expecting up to 200 horses at this year's Easter Horse Show. Friday events begin at 10am, Saturday (which includes evening events) and Sunday both at 8.30am, with the latter featur-

ing an Easter egg hunt for the young ones. Spectators are welcome to watch those participating, at no cost. We congratulate the club on reaching its 60th anniversary and give thanks to those dedicated families and residents who have over those years cared and nurtured this popular sporting event. A canteen will be available throughout the weekend. If you're able to, head to the Waikerie Horse and Pony Club and enjoy the events, especially those in the evening.

As we enjoy the Easter weekend we acknowledge the message of Easter, and what it means to us all. We ask that you keep safe in whatever you do.

Thought for the week: The secret of a balanced life is to live each moment in the right spiritual frame of mind. - Harold Klemp

the quiz



1. What country has won the most medals in the sport of Alpine skiing?
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2. Who was responsible for the "Great Leap Forward" and the "Cultural Revolution"?
.....
3. What is the name for the master of ceremonies at a circus?
.....
4. What is the military rank of a one-star general?
.....
5. Which town in England is the namesake of a popular sport?
.....
6. What is the northernmost country where tigers can be found in the wild?
.....
7. What is the capital of Tunisia?
.....
8. What does the A stand for in NATO?
.....
9. What is the largest landlocked U.S. state?
.....
10. What comes next in this sequence: Microwave, Infrared, Visible Light, ...?
.....
11. What shark species has the highest number of recorded attacks on humans?
.....
12. What musical instrument is like a flute, but smaller?
.....
13. Complete the song lyric: I am the very model of a modern major _____.
.....
14. What machine is Samuel Morse credited with inventing?
.....
15. What German sportswear company has a mountain lion as its logo?
.....
16. Which movie starring Frank Sinatra was later remade starring George Clooney?
.....
17. What feature of Jupiter is a storm that has lasted for centuries and has a bigger diameter than planet Earth?
.....
18. What type of plant do shamrocks come from?
.....
19. Who is Sherlock Holmes's sidekick?
.....
20. Which famous person was born in Stratford-upon-Avon?
.....

BONUS QUESTION: Which British monarch was known as the 'Sailor King'? Answer in next week's Quiz.

Answers on page 40

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High-profile chefs Duncan Welgemoed and Mark Best will cook for Tasting Australia's Let the Good Times Flow: A Feast of the Riverland on Saturday, April 30. PHOTO: supplied

Star chefs spearhead world-class local feast

TWO chefs, touted as among the world's best, will drive a "once-in-a-lifetime" event bringing together the Riverland's people, landscapes and diverse, flavour-some produce.

Mark Best and Duncan Welgemoed will use their award-winning skills and techniques to cook up a five-hour shared dinner of local produce for the 300-strong guest list at Tasting Australia's Let the Good Times Flow: A Feast of the Riverland on Saturday, April 30.

Described by the chefs as "a generous evening of primal cooking", the event will feature eight courses of local food, served up with a backdrop of the River Murray sunset.

"This event is about celebrating the spirit of the Riverland community," said Best, who has featured on Netflix's The Final Table.

"The local produce is world-class and our intention is to prepare it in a way that most people will have never before experienced, drawing on styles from across the world as inspiration.

"We've also selected new world styles of wine to complement the flavours on the night, bringing together a full Riverland dining experience."

Best will team up with Welgemoed, known for his prowess at high-profile Adelaide venues Africola and Golden Boy.

Those attending can expect to dine on anything from native cod, to spit-roasted dorper lamb and steer with smoked ancho. These will be complemented with wood-fired Italian breads, caper relish, native river mint, wood-roasted quince, triple cream brie, honeycomb and more.

The event has been funded by the Australian Government under the Murray-Darling Basin Economic Development Program, with support from the District Council of Loxton Waikerie, Destination Riverland and Regional Development Australia Murraylands and Riverland.

For tickets, visit Tasting Australia's tickets page.



Riverland Easter CHURCH NOTICES

Lutheran Church of Australia

BERRI | BARMERA

Maundy Thursday April 14
Barmera 7pm Combined
Pastor Dean Mills

Good Friday April 15
Berri 9am Combined
Pastor Dean Mills

Easter Sunday April 17
Barmera 9am Combined
Pastor Dean Mills
All Welcome
Phone 8582 1853

LOXTON

Maundy Thursday April 14
St Peter's Concordia 7pm
Concordia & Outlying Service

Good Friday April 15
St Peter's Concordia 9.30am
Myrla & New Residence 10am
Bookpurnong 8.30am
da Costa at Myrla Kohrt 9am HC

Easter Sunday April 17
St Peter's Easter Dawn Service at Apex Park, Loxton 6-7am
BYO chairs/blanket, thermos, hot cross buns, and warm clothing!

St Peter's Concordia 9.30am
Myrla 10.30am HC
at New Residence
Meribah Canceled
Bookpurnong 7am HC
at Gurra Lakes Rest Home Wed, Apr 27 10.30am HC

Lutheran Ministry Centre
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Pastor Darrin Kohrt (Concordia and outlying)
Pastor Jason Sander (St Peter's)

RENMARK | PARINGA

Maundy Thursday April 14
Renmark 7.30pm HC

Good Friday April 15
Paringa 10am
Combined Churches 3pm
Stations of the Cross
Jarrett Memorial Gardens

Easter Sunday April 17
Combined Churches 6.15am
Morning prayer at sunrise
The riverside at St Augustine's
Renmark 9am HC
Paringa 10.30am HC
All Welcome
Pastor Roland Adams
Phone 0460 300 492

WAIKERIE

Maundy Thursday April 14
Waikerie 7pm

Good Friday April 15
Lowbank 8.45am
Ramco 8.45am
Waikerie 10am

Easter Sunday April 17
Ramco 6.20am
Waikerie 10am
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Anglican Church Riverland

Holy Wednesday April 13
10am - Renmark
St Augustine's Eucharist

Maundy Thursday April 14
6pm - Renmark
St Augustine's
6pm - Waikerie
St James

Good Friday April 15
9am - Barmera
St Edmunds
9am - Loxton
The Resurrection
11am - Waikerie
St James

1.30pm - Renmark
Way of the Cross
Jarrett Memorial Gardens

3pm - Renmark
St Augustine's

Holy Saturday April 16
6pm - Monash
St Oswald's

Easter Sunday April 17
6.15am - Renmark
St Augustine's
Morning Prayer at sunrise
9am - Barmera
St Edmunds & Loxton
The Resurrection Eucharist
11am - Renmark
St Augustine's & Waikerie, St James Eucharist

Contact:
David Patterson
8586 3288

Catholic Church Mass Times

Our Lady of the River Catholic Parish

EASTER LITURGIES

Holy Thursday April 14
Berri & Loxton 7pm

Good Friday April 15
Passion at:
Renmark & Barmera 3pm
Waikerie 5pm

Holy Saturday Vigil April 16
Renmark 7pm

Easter Sunday April 17
Morgan 9am
Berri 9am
Loxton 11am
Waikerie 11am
Barmera 6pm

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Easter Sunday April 17
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RENMARK

Good Friday April 15
10am
Ian Forsyth
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Easter Sunday April 17
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NORTON, Sid.

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DEATHS

MURDOCH, Irene (nee Whibley).

23/12/1928 – 6/4/2022

Loving wife of Bill for 71 years. Mother and mother-in-law of Gary (deceased) and Sue (deceased), Ian and Lyn, Colin and Jill, and Roger and Julie.

Passed away peacefully at Karoonda Hospital. Farewell lovely lady.

NIKOU, Triandafillia 'Phyllis'.

We sadly announce the passing of Baba.

A loving and devoted wife to George.

Mother and mother-in-law of Chris and Deb, Alex and Michael, Jim and Angela, Peter and Helen, John and Cathy.

Grandmother to Lena, Timothy, Anthony, Lucy, Eva, Kassie, Ashley, Jami, and Daniel.

Great-grandmother to Willow.

We will miss her unwavering love, devotion and guidance in our lives.

Rest in peace.

Funeral arrangements to be confirmed.

DEATHS

SCHILLING, Bronwyn Merle.

Passed away at the Renmark Nursing Home on Wednesday, April 6, 2022.

Aged 75 years. Loving wife of Brian. Loved mother of Craig and Anne-Marie.

Loving granma of Ivy, Oliver and Cooper.

At peace in God's loving arms.



SCHILLING, Bronwyn Merle.

Peacefully passed away Wednesday, April 6, 2022.

Loved sister and sister-in-law of Bev and Dave.

Loved aunty of John, Todd, Trevor (deceased), and Bianca.

He took her hand, Let her stand, Where no-one stands alone.

He took her hand, Let her be with Mum and Dad, And finally She's home.

Rest in peace, Big Sister.

STRAKER, Peere.

Of Stirling.

31/8/1944 – 2/4/2022.

Aged 77 years.

Dearly loved father and father-in-law of Paula and Peter, Jon and Rana.

Loved granddad of Zac and Sienna.

Loved son of Rodney and Patti (both deceased).

Brother of Wanda and Leon.

Loved by their families.

A hardworking, generous and kind man, who was totally devoted to his family, his friends and his community.

"A respected man now at rest."

DEATHS

SUKALIC, Maria Ivanka.

Passed away peacefully surrounded by family at the Riverland General Hospital on Wednesday, April 6, 2022.

Aged 59 years. Loved daughter of Maria and Ivan (deceased).

Loved sister of Mike and Steve.

Rest in peace.

FUNERALS

SCHILLING.

The relatives and friends of the late Bronwyn Schilling are respectfully invited to attend her funeral service to be conducted entirely at St John's Trinity Lutheran Church, Seventeenth Street, Renmark on Wednesday, April 20, 2022, at 11am, followed by a private cremation at the Riverland Crematorium.

In lieu of flowers if desired, a donation to Dementia SA in Bronwyn's memory would be appreciated.

Donations may be made at the service.



STRAKER, Peere.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend Peere's funeral service to be held in the Carr Memorial Chapel, 1 Morphett Street, Mount Barker, on Thursday, April 14, 2022, at 2pm, followed by a private cremation.

Relatives and friends are also invited to view Peere's funeral service via live streaming. The link is available via our Adelaide Hills Funerals website.

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FUNERALS

SUKALIC.

The relatives and friends of the late Maria Sukalic are respectfully invited to attend her funeral service to be conducted at St Mary's Catholic Church, Verran Terrace, Berri on Thursday, April 21, 2022 at 11am.

At the conclusion of the service the cortege will proceed to the Berri Lawn Cemetery for the committal.



MEMORIAL SERVICE

CZECHOWSKI, Troy.

John and Kaye, and family will be holding a memorial farewell for their much-loved son, brother and uncle, Troy. Saturday, April 30 at the blue tree, Loxton, at 2.30pm to celebrate his life.

Tragically taken too soon.

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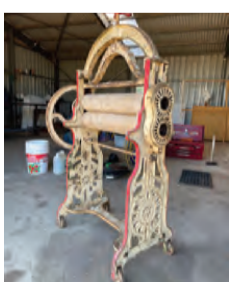


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(1) Pursuant to section 33 (1) of the Road Traffic Act 1961, hereby make an order directing that the following schedule of roads be closed to traffic between 7.30am and 9.30am on Monday 25 April 2022 for the Waikerie ANZAC Day March:

- Burns Street, Waikerie from Jemison Street to Lawrie Terrace
- Lawrie Terrace, Waikerie from Burns Street to Cates Street
- Jemison Street, Waikerie from Burns Street to Cates Street

(2) Pursuant to Section 33 (1)(b) of the Road Traffic Act 1961, hereby make an order directing that persons taking part in the Event be exempted (in relation to the roads) from the duty to observe Australian Road Rules 230 and 238.

For further information contact
Greg Perry 8584 8000
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David Beaton
Chief Executive Officer

Cobdogla Oval Committee AGM

Thursday 28 April 2022
7pm | Cobdogla Club

Apologies to Marianne Smith on 0428 814 099



LOXTON RSL ANZAC DAY DAWN SERVICE

The Loxton RSL Sub-Branch will conduct the annual ANZAC Day Dawn Service from **6.15am on Monday, 25 April, 2022 at the Cross of Sacrifice opposite the roundabout between Kokoda and Tobruk Terraces.**

Afterwards, a Gunfire Breakfast at the RSL Hall.


Parties intending to lay a wreath are asked to advise the Secretary on 0437 764 881 before Thursday 22 April 2021.



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I declare that the '2022 ANZAC Dawn Service and Mid Morning March' is an event to which this section applies and that the following road/s be closed to traffic **between 5.00am and 12 noon on Monday 25 April 2022.**

Within the Renmark Paringa Council:-

- Murray Avenue, Renmark between Renmark Avenue and Para Street.
- Ral Ral Avenue, Renmark between Renmark Avenue and Thurk Street.

I direct that persons taking part in the '2022 ANZAC Dawn Service and Mid Morning March' on the above road/s be exempted from all Australian Road Rules relating to pedestrian behaviour on roads.

I also hereby authorise the **Renmark Paringa Council** or its agents and contractors to install and remove, or cause the installation and removal of necessary and appropriate traffic control devices for the conduct of this event.

I direct that the installation and removal of necessary and appropriate traffic control devices for the conduct of this event can only be performed by a person with work zone traffic management training.

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ALL MEMBERS AND INTERESTED PERSONS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.



Change of April Council meeting date


Notice is given that the Ordinary meeting of Council has been rescheduled from the 15 April 2022, to be held on Friday 22 April 2022 commencing at 9:00am at the Precinct, Loxton.

David Beaton
Chief Executive Officer

the quiz answers

1.Austria 2.Mao Zedong 3.Ringmaster 4.Brigadier General 5.Rugby 6.Russia 7.Tunis 8.Atlantic 9.Montana 10.Ultraviolet 11.Great white 12.Piccolo 13.General 14.Telegraph 15.Puma 16.Oceans 11 17.Great Red Spot 18.Clover 19.Dr John Watson 20.William Shakespeare

BONUS QUESTION ANSWER (from last week): Aristotle first declared that the world was not flat.



National Volunteers Week

Renmark Paringa Council recognises and acknowledges the contribution volunteers make in our community and encourages community members to nominate people for 'National Volunteer Week Recognition'.

Community members are offered the opportunity to recognise any volunteer from the Renmark Paringa area by nominating or self-nominating in three categories.

- Service recognition for those who have been volunteering at one club for 10, 15, 20, 25 or 30 years plus.
- Significant contribution for those who have made a noteworthy contribution to the club/group they are involved in.
- Club event or project recognition for those who have assisted with organising a significant event or project at their club/group. The event or project must have been held during the past year 2021 in the Renmark Paringa area.

If you know someone who has been volunteering at their club for many years or has made a significant contribution to their club please consider nominating them for recognition and acknowledgement for all that they do in our community.


Nomination forms can be downloaded from Renmark Paringa Council's website - www.renmarkparinga.sa.gov.au/community/volunteering

Nominations close at 9am, Tuesday 19 April 2022.

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Gas leak causes road closure at Waikerie

CHRISTINE WEBSTER

A LEAKING gas cylinder at a local business forced the Waikerie CFS to close a section of Ian Oliver Drive for about two hours on Sunday.

Waikerie CFS lieutenant 1, Raymond Davis, said the incident at Waikerie Garden and Landscape Centre occurred around 2pm and

had the potential to become more dangerous if traffic had been allowed to pass through.

"We made the situation safe by closing off Ian Oliver Drive from the stop sign to McCutcheon Street," he said.

"The gas was drifting over the road and if a caravan went past with a pilot light on, it could have caused an explosion."

Three Waikerie CFS units attended the incident and two CFS officers wore breathing apparatus to investigate the problem with the gas cylinder.

SA Ambulance also attended the scene. No one was injured in the incident.

Mr Davis said a fault with the gas cylinder caused the leak.

"We couldn't get a cap to fit on

the pressure relief valve," he said. "We tried everywhere to find a cap."

Mr Davis said the CFS hosed water onto the gas cylinder to dilute the gas and prevent it from spreading.

He said it took about two hours to make the situation safe.

Mr Davis urged people to monitor the condition of their gas cylin-

ders, especially when using them for cooking barbecues.

He said the O-ring on a gas cylinder's connection to a hose can sometimes become brittle if stored in sunlight.

Mr Davis said the gas company was investigating what caused the fault with the gas cylinder's pressure relief valve.

Prestigious Rotary honours go to local duo

ELYSE ARMANINI

TWO long-time supporters of the Rotary Club of Berri were presented with awards of high recognition at the Riverland and Mallee Vocational Awards last month.

Vicky Andriske and Karen Inglis were recognised with a Paul Harris Fellow award for their hard work and dedication to the club and the awards.

The Paul Harris Fellow acknowledges individuals who contribute – or have contributions made in their name – US\$1000 to The Rotary Foundation.

Mrs Andriske has been part of the Rotary Vocational committee for eight years and said she enjoys preparing the awards.

"My role is looking after the School Based Apprenticeship/Trainees and

VET student area, among other administration duties," she said.

"Quite a bit of time is allocated to these awards during the year and obviously when award night draws near."

Mrs Andriske said she was taken "entirely by surprise" when she was called on stage to receive the award and that she was "very grateful" to share the stage with Ms Inglis.

"I am very humbled and honoured to receive this wonderful award and acknowledgement of the value of work that this night entails," she said.

"(Karen and I) don't do this for recognition, as the night is about our inspirational recipients of these awards, but at the same time it is very nice to be acknowledged for our work.

"I have recently become a member of the Rotary Club of Berri and look forward to

servicing the community with the many projects that the club are involved in."

Ms Inglis, who has spent five years with the committee, said she was "honoured" to be presented with the Paul Harris Fellow.

"It was certainly not something I expected and I really appreciated the recognition," she said.

"Thank you to the Berri Rotary Club."

Ms Inglis shared similar sentiments about sharing the stage with Mrs Andriske, saying it was "great to be recognised together".

"Vicky's contribution to the committee is very valuable," Ms Inglis said.

"She is always willing to help out where she can. I enjoy working with Vicky, along with Bruce Richardson and Kerry Woolston, on the committee.

"I also enjoy being able to help Rotary host such a prestigious night to recognise the talent in the Riverland and Mallee. It's great to award those apprentices and trainees who provide vital skills to our community."

Rotary Club of Berri president Peter Jarvis said Mrs Andriske and Ms Inglis have "supported the club and Rotary with dedication and integrity and are worthy recipients of a Paul Harris Fellow award".

"Vicky and Karen were selected to receive this recognition because the Rotary Club of Berri believes they exemplify the humanitarian and educational objectives of The Rotary Foundation," Mr Jarvis said.

"We thank them for demonstrating a commitment to these awards and their objectives."

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Vicky Andriske (left) and Karen Inglis received the Paul Harris Fellow award in recognition for their work with the Rotary Club of Berri at the recent Riverland and Mallee Vocational Awards presentation night.

PHOTO: Elyse Armanini

Successful SA CWA held event in Loxton

THE SA CWA's state council meeting was hosted by the Loxton branch last month, with over 100 members from across the state attending.

The meeting was held in The Precinct and Loxton Waikerie Mayor Leon Stasinowsky officially opened the event.

Dealing with policy and procedures, committee reports and community involvement, the state council held three times a year, with the March meeting always hosted by a country branch.

A meet and greet 'pizza and poetry' night, organised by the SACWA State Arts Committee, was held in the local SA CWA hall the night prior to the Loxton meeting. Loxton branch president Carol Beswick said the night provided "many laughs and good fun as unlikely poets read their impromptu creative writings".

Author of From the Ashes of Eden, Rachel Ireland, was guest speaker. Rachel and her family lost everything, including their home in the Pinery Fires.

"Her speech was very moving and enjoyed by all," Mrs Beswick said.

After a morning tea, some members – accompanied by their partners – enjoyed a bus tour around Loxton, a visit to Pyap Produce and lunch at Lock 4.

On Wednesday night a dinner was held in the



Over 100 SA Country Women's Association members from across the state took part in the group's state council meeting in Loxton last month. PHOTOS: supplied

mezzanine at The Precinct, where chef Clinton Schubert created the menu focusing on local produce.

"A huge thank you must go out to all the local businesses who made donations to be used in our sample bags, which were sewn and filled by the Loxton District Branch members with the aim of promoting our diverse area," Mrs Beswick said.

"Thank you to the Loxton Chamber of Commerce whose members gave vouchers and discounts to add to the sample bags."

Bags full of tourist information were put together at the Loxton Visitor Information Centre.

"SA CWA state committee and branch members were very surprised at how beautiful Loxton is and how much we have to offer," Mrs Beswick said.

"The local wildlife also added to the experience for two members who had



a brown snake hitch a ride under the bonnet of their vehicle up to the main street.

"It made the big mistake of popping its head out during the drive. Thank you to the council worker who came to the rescue – the snake lives to tell the tale."

Mrs Beswick said SACWA Loxton District Branch members "did themselves proud" and also mentioned the efforts of The Precinct manager, Rachel Wagner.

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Mission Australia's Sam Mitchell (second from left) and Relationships Australia's Miriam van der Woude (right) last week joined forces with the Barmera-Monash Football Club in the name of providing junior footballers with adequate tools to deal with difficult situations regarding drugs, alcohol and gambling. They are pictured with junior footballers Lucas Alder (left) and Aiden Scordo, and their coach Michael Scordo. PHOTO: Ben Lennon

Barmera-Monash's mission possible

BEN LENNON

SAM Mitchell of Mission Australia and Miriam van der Woude of Relationships Australia teamed up to deliver presentations to the Barmera-Monash Football Club juniors last week across two nights, focussing on the topics of alcohol, drugs and gambling.

The duo worked with the club to deliver information sessions surrounding their respective workplaces and the services they offer.

The pair spoke to the club's under 13s, 15s and 18s on Tuesday night and delivered the program to the under 15 girls side the following evening.

Mr Mitchell said the presentation was primarily to alert children and their families about programs.

"The purpose of the joint program that Mission Australia (Youth Alcohol & Other Drugs) and Relationships Australia (Gaming & Gambling) are running is to raise awareness of both of our programs," he said.

"So, if young people, their families, sporting clubs and the community in general need any assistance on these important issues they know what our services do and how we can assist them.

"Our main objective is not to go into the clubs and lecture the young people about not doing it, it's more about providing the accurate information and education around safe use, tips and strategies.

"For example, if they are going to drink, do they have a sober driver? Can they call parents or family members to get a lift home from a party?"

"I talk about how the choices they may make now might have an impact on their future."

After identifying that sporting clubs in the region might not be getting this information, Mr Mitchell and Ms van der Woude produced a proposal that the RFL swiftly accepted to get the sessions under way.

Barmera-Monash was the first club to get involved thanks to a number of key figures from the club identi-

fying it as a valuable opportunity.

Former committee member and clubman Darran van der Woude was one of those people and cited the need to help the juniors become better people, as well as footballers, as a driving factor.

"The board are pretty clear that our footy club is more than just what happens on Saturday afternoon," he said.

"We are in a privileged position where we are assisting in building community and therefore have a responsibility to do all we can to arm our members and enable them to grow into the best version of themselves possible.

"Sam and Miriam kicked around a couple of different ideas with the club and we felt this was a good fit for our juniors, with high prospects of drugs, alcohol and gambling confronting all teenagers."

Mr van der Woude said participants enjoyed the sessions, while the presenting duo thanked the juniors for their engagement.

For Mr Mitchell, the task



The program took place last week across two nights, with information sessions delivered to players in the under 13, 15 and 18 age groups. PHOTO: Ben Lennon

now becomes what to do next as the RFL season kicks off in just over a week's time, with plans already in place to move forward with further education.

"We are aiming to do a few follow-up sessions with some of the players as well as support the club and teams during the season by

having a couple of stalls at one of the home games to show that we are here for the community," he said.

"I would like to thank the Riverland Football League for endorsing the initiative and the Barmera-Monash board, the committee, coaches, players and parents for being brave enough to be the

first club in the RFL have these discussions with their junior teams.

"I would also encourage any other sporting clubs to reach out to myself at Mission Australia on either 0459 313 031 or via email MitchellS@missionaustralia.com.au if their club is interested in having these sessions."



The Riverland representatives in this year's West Adelaide Football Club under 18 boys squad. Back row: Darcy Minchella (Berri, left), Ethan Wagner (Loxton North), Jack Oates (Loxton), Oscar Kregar (Berri), Jameson Whitbourne (Barmera-Monash). Front row: Judd Hansen (Renmark, left), Kade Hilton (Waikerie), Will Hawke (Waikerie). PHOTO: supplied

Riverland young Bloods

BEN LENNON

EIGHT young Riverland boys have been selected in the West Adelaide Football Club under 18s squad for the 2022 season.

At a recent event held at the football club, Darcy Minchella, Ethan Wagner, Jack Oates, Oscar Kregar, Jameson Whitbourne, Judd Hansen, Kade Hilton and Will Hawke were presented with their Bloods guernseys.

Westies talent manager and under 18s coach Paul Streatfield said he was "extremely pleased to see such a strong cohort coming from the region".

"It demonstrates that West Adelaide is serious when it comes to working more closely, and developing stronger ties with local clubs to identify and grow some of the most talented young players coming out of the Riverland," he said.

"We are extremely proud to have them representing Westies and making their own contribution to the game."

CEO and former Riverland resident

Connie Wilson echoed Streatfield's statement and knows the role that West Adelaide is set to play in the careers of these young footballers.

"West Adelaide Football Club is proud to be able to contribute to their success by providing opportunity and skills development," Ms Wilson said.

"I congratulate the boys on their achievement, and of course the parents and caregivers who enable them to be here with us in Adelaide."

The side began the season with a win over Norwood, with Hansen and Whitbourne featuring in the best players and combining for three goals.

A loss to Sturt in the second round halted the side's momentum but the Bloods bounced back in round three with a win over Central District last weekend.

This week will see the side take on Woodville-West Torrens, with the Eagles still searching for their first win of the year.

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ROUND 4 RESULTS

Ross Campbell(6)25	Flint Trevor(6)23
Frank Drougas(5)25	Baker Boys(6)23
Bob Taylor(6)24	Melissa Greer(6)23
Paul Reid(6)24	Curtiss Lynch(5)23
Chloe Brown(6)24	Karen Brown(5)23
Marlene Schultz(6)24	Dianne Morgan(5)23
Duani Vowles(6)24	Nancy Battams(5)23
Thiel Boys(5)24	Ron Harvey(5)23
Chris Schutz(5)24	Ryder, Brodie & Madison(6)22
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Netball welcomes Waikerie A1 back

BEN LENNON

THE Riverland will welcome Waikerie back into the A1 netball competition for the first time since 2017.

This season, Ashleigh Leuders and Rachel Sparrow will take the helm, co-coaching the A1 team as it re-enters the fray and Leuders believes the benefits extend beyond just the club itself.

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“Having said that, it is good for our girls to strive for and aim at the top level too. Some of our junior girls and teams are looking strong and as a club we can not wait to see how our girls go this year.”

Numbers across other Riverland sports appear to be dwindling, with soccer facing difficulties attracting senior players and the Riverland Hockey Association battling for

female competitors.

Still, Waikerie has attracted a strong amount of players keen to try their hand at A grade netball, something that Leuders says was the “driving factor” behind entering an A1 side.

“Between seniors and 17 and under, we had just over 20 girls nominate for senior A grade,” Leuders said.

“When numbers and interest are that high, we wanted to give as many girls the opportunity to play A grade as we could.

“We know that it will be a hard season and are hoping to see some promising development throughout the year. We’re looking at a long-term picture of becoming competitive over the next couple of years.”

Leuders coached the club’s A2 team last year and cited wanting to develop the core group she coached last year as one of the reasons for putting her hand up to coach in the top division.



Waikerie Netball Club will enter a team in the A1 division for the first time since 2017. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

“I’ve been playing for Waikerie since I was in the juniors and then continued through to seniors,” she said.

“Throughout that time I’ve been involved as a player, coach, umpire, committee member... whatever needed doing at the time.

“I also have just had my third baby so I’m not sure if I will be back on the court playing, however I still wanted to play a role within our club.”

The Riverland netball season kicks off on Friday, April 22.



THAT’S A WRAP: The RFL under 15 girls competition celebrated the conclusion of its inaugural season on Monday by hosting a combined game in Berri.

PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff



Renmark Olympic Soccer Club’s Millie Koumbarakos is eager for the 2022 Riverland Soccer Association season to begin. PHOTO: Hugh Schuitemaker

Game Plan returns for 2022

RIVERLAND sporting tragiacs need not fear, with the 2022 edition of Game Plan included free in this week’s edition of The Murray Pioneer.

Our team of Taylor Group journalists spoke with members of every Riverland hockey, netball, soccer and football club ahead of the winter sporting season.

The result is a 40-page bible of sporting content, with your favourite clubs under the microscope.

This year, due to the ever-changing team line-ups that are still yet to be finalised a

week out from some competitions kicking off, we made the decision to put a greater focus on the clubs rather than the teams themselves (but don’t worry, we still asked who your club’s players to watch are).

Our favourite part of putting this all together was asking coaches and office bearers to tell us something good happening at their club in 2022.

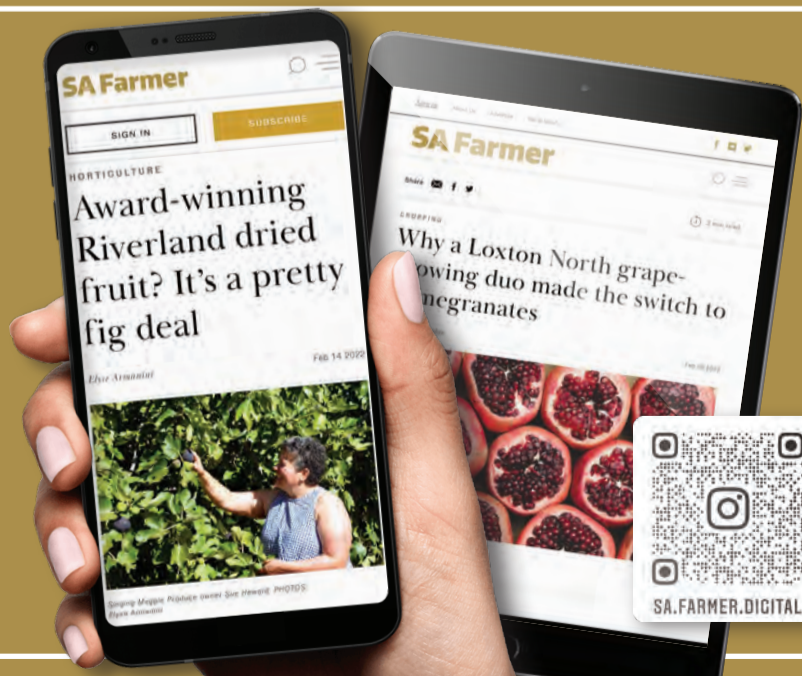
We won’t spoil anything, but it’s safe to say that there is plenty to look forward to this winter. Anyway, don’t take our word for it... grab the Game Plan and see for yourself.

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Cricket's elite recognised

BEN LENNON

THE Riverland Turf Cricket Association held its annual presentation night last Wednesday, with the region's standout performers recognised for their efforts in the 2021/22 season.

Loxton all-rounder and RTCA president Brian Lynch hosted the event and his teammate Jake Albrecht took out the league's highest honour, crowned RTCA Cricketer of the Year.

Albrecht was impressive with both bat and ball throughout the season, particularly in the Mallee cross-over rounds which saw him also named RivaMallee Super League Player of the Year.

A rock at the top of the Loxton order, Albrecht was dismissed for a score in single digits just twice in his 18 games this year and finished the season with 594 runs at an average of 39.94.

He managed just three half-centuries throughout the season but consistently scored above 30 against the new ball.

His medium-pace bowling proved difficult for the opposition to deal

with as Albrecht helped himself to 34 wickets across the year including finals.

Albrecht's captain Ben Hoffman took out the bowling aggregate award after a stellar regular season that saw him pick up 27 wickets.

Berri captain Brad Rosenzweig was named all-rounder of the year after taking 27 wickets and amassing 528 runs for the season.

Lynch, Hoffmann and Albrecht were joined in the RTCA A grade Team of the Year by Loxton teammates Josh Deren, Luke Zdanowicz and Jake Durdin.

Hoffmann was named captain of the side that included Rosenzweig and Wes Frankel of Berri, Ben Files, Drew Mills and Tarque Williamson of Renmark North and Waikerie Ramco's Marcel Waanders.

Brown's Well skipper Brian Hampel picked up both bowling awards in the B grade, while Paul Burnett was named Cricketer of the Year after taking out both batting awards.

Burnett was constantly in the runs for the Berri B grade, scoring 612 runs in just nine innings including

two centuries.

Renmark North's Deakin Aston was named the Premier Sports Riverland Young Cricketer of the Year after a string of consistent performances, including six wickets in the Bluetongues' preliminary final against Monash.

A GRADE

Batting aggregate: Brad Rosenzweig

Batting average: Josh Deren

Bowling aggregate: Ben Hoffmann

Bowling average: Brad Rosenzweig

Riverland Cricketer of the Year: Jake Albrecht

All-rounder of the Year: Brad Rosenzweig

RivaMallee Super League Player of the Year: Jake Albrecht

Team of the Year: Jake Albrecht, Brad Rosenzweig, Ben Hoffmann (c), Ben Files, Josh Deren, Drew Mills, Tarque Williamson, Wes Frankel, Luke Zdanowicz, Brian Lynch, Jake Durdin, Marcel Waanders.

B GRADE

Batting aggregate: Paul Burnett

Batting average: Paul Burnett

Bowling aggregate: Brian Hampel

Bowling average: Brian Hampel

Cricketer of the Year: Paul Burnett

Premier Sports Riverland Young Cricketer of the Year: Deakin Aston

Team of the Year: Paul Burnett (c), Harley Campbell, Dean Hill, Jono Wood, Brian Hampel, James Patterson, Kyle Gillespie, Brandon Williss, Luke Pontt, Luke Harder, Lachlan Patterson.



Loxton's Jake Albrecht was named Riverland Cricketer of the Year at last week's RTCA awards night after an impressive season with bat and ball. PHOTOS: Ben Lennon



Paul Burnett took out the B grade Cricketer of the Year award after scoring over 600 runs in just nine games for Berri.

Young Warrior Thomas' Waanderful cricket season

BEN LENNON

WAIKERIE Ramco junior Thomas Waanders produced a clean sweep of the under 16 cricket awards after a remarkable year.

Picking up the bowling aggregate, bowling average, batting aggregate, batting average and junior cricketer of the year awards, Waanders was the clear standout of the competition.

Waanders accrued 298 runs at 42.57 in the under 16 competition and picked up 17 wickets along the way at an average of just 3.76.

While his improvement on years gone by was reflected in his statistics, he has room for growth.

"In the last 12 months, my batting in particular has improved, especially the ability to control myself more, be more aggressive when needed, along with an improvement in scoring," he said.

"The ability to build an innings and survive difficult periods also improved.

"My wicket-taking capacity increased as my line and length improved, which provides more opportunities for wickets.

"I was never really focusing on any specific skills, just playing my part in the team, and doing so to the best of

my abilities.

"My main focus was improving my footwork while batting to open up more scoring options.

"(I) am definitely happy with my development from last season, but there are still simple errors that can be worked on."

Waanders credits his first coach, Darren Colbert, as the biggest influence in his career, having worked with him one-on-one in his formative crickering years.

Last season saw him coached by his brother Marcel, but Thomas also played senior cricket for Waikerie Ramco in the RTCA A grade competition.

"I found seniors much more enjoyable than juniors, as it is more laidback, where we just go out and play cricket for fun," he said.

"There is a lot less responsibility and pressure, as I am still very young compared to most of them.

"(It's) a lot different from juniors, with me being one of the most experienced players and a captain."

His involvement with Waikerie Ramco is set to continue next year, with Waanders citing the "chilled"

environment the club provides as one of the things he enjoys the most.

His mum, Natasha, is the president of the junior club and has been a long-standing supporter of cricket in the region.

"As a mum, driver, and junior club president, I always enjoy watching Thomas and my other boys play and supporting them individually," she said.

"Thomas is a natural talent and goes out there and does his thing."

With the season now in the books and the awards night marking the end of formal proceedings, Waanders now has his sights set on playing more senior cricket for the Warriors in 2022/23.

"I am looking forward to getting out with the team again and hoping to play more senior cricket," he said.

"Basically, just getting out and having fun and hopefully earning a few more wins."

UNDER 16S

Batting average, bowling average, batting aggregate, bowling aggregate and Cricketer of the Year: Thomas Waanders.

Team of the Year: Thomas Waanders (c), Daniel Zdanowicz, Deakin Aston, Flynn Andrew, Trent Coombs, Sam Andrenacci, Paul Efthimiou, Danielle Nobile, Isaac Leske, Mason Aston, Kaiden Evans, Paul Dale.



Thomas Waanders was named Riverland Junior Cricketer of the Year after an impressive season in both the under 16 and A grade competitions. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

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Victorian athlete Calvin Amos (middle) triumphed in last weekend's Murray Man long-course triathlon ahead of James Hammond (left) and Chris Deegan.

Murray Man's mighty weekend

BEN LENNON

LAST weekend marked the return of the Murray Man triathlon as athletes from across the country travelled to Barmera's Lake Bonney to compete.

Athletes entered any one of six categories, with the long-course event the main attraction and it was Victorian Calvin Amos who took out the victory.

Amos crossed the finish line five minutes ahead of the next best competitor and given the quality of athletes in the race he was "super pleased".

"I had done a little background check of a few of the athletes prior to the race and there were some really good athletes who I wasn't sure I could beat," he said.

"To come out on top by five minutes in the end was probably the race of my career to date and well worth the trip."

The Victorian hadn't left his home state since 2019 due to Covid and prior to the weekend had never competed in a Murray Man event.

He is however no stranger to gruelling challenges like Murray Man, having competed in two half-ironmans earlier in the summer.

Amos cited preparation as the biggest factor in competing at an elite level, but faced his own challenges in that regard leading in to last weekend's event.

"It's a boring answer but consistency is key," he said.

"I had a case of 'man cold' from Thursday through to Tuesday of the week leading in.

"I only entered on Wednesday night before entries closed, so I wasn't sure how my body would respond.

"I also wasn't sure how eight and a half hours in the car would affect my body, but obviously that all turned out fine."

The day itself grew warmer in the afternoon, but Amos said conditions were perfect for the 7.30am start.

"The lake swim had a nice water temperature and the course was clear and easy to sight the buoys," he said.

"The bike course was relatively flat with minimal wind and the run course was pretty tough with a fair portion of it on gravel.

"It was also tough being four laps and having to pass the finish three times before eventually finishing.

"It got hot towards the end of the bike and throughout the run, so I was glad to be first finished and felt for the athletes that were still competing later in the day."

It wasn't just the interstate stars that enjoyed the day, with a number of Riverlanders also taking part in the event.

Riverland Cycling Club's Phil Pfennig and Ruth Strout both featured, as did father-daughter duo Andrew and Ashleigh Haigh.

A timing hiccup in the recording of the bike leg means that official race times are yet to be confirmed, but once finalised they will appear in next week's Murray Pioneer.



Father-and-daughter duo Andrew (left) and Ashleigh Haigh, of Barmera, were two of the Riverland competitors involved in last weekend's Murray Man triathlon. PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff

RIVERLAND GOLF RESULTS

Krollig takes the win

LEIGH Krollig won the Don Walker Memorial stableford competition at the Barmera Golf Club on Saturday.

Krollig posted 42 points to record his best score since returning from an achilles injury that sidelined him for weeks.

The retired Berri Ltd QA guru finished two points ahead of Ray Kuchel and a further four points ahead of club president Nev McPherson, who has also returned to form.

Other good scores: B. Uren 35, N. Jones 35, G. White 34, R. Wickstein 33, M. Ubhey 33, L. Bowers 33, K. Martin 32, G. Denton 32, J. Bowers 32.

Local policeman Steve Alexander kept up

his purple patch of mid-week form with 36 points last Wednesday, but he could not rein in his colleague James Bentley, who had 39 points to win the event. Gus White had 38 while Steve Brown and Paul Ivanovic were next best on 37.

Other good scores: Phil Ashton 35, M. Ubhey 35, N. Kelton 35, C. Gladwin 34, T. Wood 33, J. Bowers 33.

BERRI

Wednesday, April 6
 Stableford: A. Thurmer 37, K. Wyman 37, W. Thiele 36, T. McHugh 36, I. McHugh 35, I. Bradshaw 35, P. Mudge 35, K. Traeger 35.
 Saturday, April 9
 Stableford: M. Baylis 42, P. Efthimiou 40, R. Day 37, K. Traeger 37, S. Renfrey 37, K. Wyman 36, P. Mudge 36, M. Gray 36, L. Seddon 35, E. Dawson 35.
 Sunday, April 10
 Stableford: M. Gray 35, R. Vagg 33, K. Wyman 32.

More coaches needed for Olympic's juniors

HUGH SCHUITEMAKER

AN increasing number of junior players for the 2022 season has forced a Riverland soccer club to search for extra local volunteers.

Renmark Olympic Soccer Club president, and under 6 team coach, Jim Koumbarakos said coaches of junior teams require assistance during training sessions.

"We've got really good numbers, and we're happy about that, but we still need help with it," Mr Koumbarakos said.

"With age levels like under 6 and under 8, you need to split the kids up into groups so you can keep them engaged in the training.

"It also makes sure keeping an eye on all the kids, and keeping them safe, is manageable for us as coaches.

"We need more people to put their hands up to help on that coaching side."

Mr Koumbarakos said the number of junior players at the club was expected to double compared to the previous season.

"We've got a lot of kids this year, more than last year," he said.

"I had a feeling there would be more. We pushed early to the schools this year and the kids get excited.

"We had a few new kids last year, so their friends will want to come out this year as well.

"We had enough in some divisions last year for two teams, and this year we have enough for three or four."

Mr Koumbarakos said supporting the continual development of junior players was a priority for the club.

"That's where the focus is, because that's where the movement forward comes from," he said.

"If you haven't got the juniors, you haven't got a future. But for us it's looking bright.

"We've made a concerted push over the last couple of years towards the schools... because we're competing with the other sports.

"It's got to be sustainable."

Any locals interested in volunteering as a coach for the club is invited to contact Mr Koumbarakos by phone on 0427 526 119, or via email (renmarkolympicsoccer@gmail.com).



The Renmark Olympic Soccer Club under 6s team, with coach and club president Jim Koumbarakos (back). An increased number of junior players has meant the club requires extra coaching volunteers. PHOTO: Hugh Schuitemaker

Riverland heads to SAPSASA softball

THE Riverland has entered two teams in the SAPSASA state softball carnival at West Beach, with competition taking place this week.

Children from the region's primary schools

are being coached by Beth Hueppauff and Sue Jungfer, with the duo placing an emphasis on "learning to play and playing to learn".

Look out for the results and a recap of the carnival in next week's Murray Pioneer.



Wishing you a Safe and Happy Easter

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Renmark Rovers 2021 premiership winning vice-captain Fraser Sampson holding the 2022 edition of Game Plan, Taylor Group Media's comprehensive winter sports preview. PHOTO: Hugh Schuitemaker



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