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Renmark man Ivan Smith was recently recognised by Renmark Paringa Council for providing radio equipment and communications advice that proved "invaluable" to council's flood response effort. PHOTO: Deirdre Graham

Operators cashing in on tourism voucher program...

A RIVER REVIVAL

JOSH BRINE

MORE than \$1.3m-worth of tourism bookings have already been made across SA's river regions thanks to a voucher scheme aimed at helping local operators whose peak periods were impacted by flooding.

The first round of the State Government's River Revival Voucher program gave away 12,000 vouchers to South Australians and Victorians at the end of March, after 130,000 people registered for a random draw, with the booking deadline this Friday, April 28.



Destination Riverland general manager Pamela Canavan said it had been "great to see so much support" for both the Riverland and Murray River Lakes and Coorong tourism regions.

"With a few days still to go before the deadline, we are hoping to see that go

much higher..." she said. "For anyone out there who is lucky enough to have a voucher, please use it. Don't let it go to waste."

"Keep supporting our region and our businesses as we recover from our biggest flood in many, many years."

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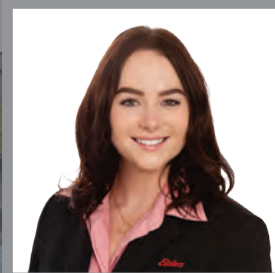
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Highest praise for Renmark's radio star

HUGH SCHUITEMAKER

A RIVERLANDER'S expert-level knowledge of radio and communications equipment was utilised by a local council during the River Murray flood.

Renmark Paringa Council recently distinguished Renmark man Ivan Smith for his support during the recent flood event.

Mr Smith said maintaining communications was vital to the management of all emergency situations.

"My big fear was if we lost the power... we would have been in trouble then," he said.

"The first thing that happens in every major disaster event is a lack of communication.

"We put in a UHF-CB repeater that would give a lot of the general public access to some form of communication.

"We put a repeater up at Paringa, but then solar-powered it so it was totally standalone."

Mr Smith had previously been named Renmark Paringa Citizen of the Year for 2021.

Renmark Paringa Mayor Peter Hunter said Mr Smith's expertise had been an asset for the surrounding community.

"Ivan's help was invaluable at several lev-



els," Mr Hunter said.

"The communications made it possible for the vast majority of our machinery operators, staff and contractors to talk to each other.

"It's one of the major reasons our efforts were so successful. We were able to offer advice and have conversations about the best way to do things.

"Ivan was also exceptional in the monitoring of levee banks. He helped staff go out and check how it was going on a pretty regular basis."

Mr Smith said access to technology was often taken for granted in emergency events.

"The dinghy club had a lot of radios we've used over the years, so I grabbed all of them and set them up in the council office," Mr Smith said.

"People don't think that part of it through,

"I've come from an emergency services background, so I know (communication) is absolutely crucial."



Former Loxton News editor and Loxton Citizen of the Year, Denis Hann. PHOTO: Stephanie Thompson

Loxton mourns giant of community

PAUL MITCHELL

THE Loxton community is mourning one of its most prominent and respected citizens, following the death of Denis Hann last week.

Mr Hann was Loxton's Citizen of the Year in 2022, but became well-known across the district for his 35-plus years as managing editor of The Loxton News.

After working in the banking industry, Mr Hann moved to Loxton in 1964 with his wife Mary, and quickly became active in the local community, particularly the Loxton Rotary Club.

In addition to his community activities, Mr Hann became a powerful and tireless advocate for Loxton, via his newspaper role. He was a life member and past president of Country Press SA, and was held in high esteem by industry figures statewide and beyond.

Through his Loxton News role he mentored many young journalists, several of whom went on to become high achievers in the media and other fields, thanks largely to Mr Hann's firm but careful and deliberate early guidance.

He was an outstanding old-school journalist, blessed with an uncanny ability to accurately recall sentences and conversations virtually word for word. He was adept at holding governments – of all levels – to account and despite reporting 'without fear or favour', managed to maintain productive working relationships with elected members.

He was also a stickler for accuracy, insisting facts – including names, dates and other details – were checked and published

without error.

After retiring from his managing editor's role at The Loxton News in early 2002, Mr Hann maintained his association with the paper for several years, advising staff and proof-reading each edition.

He often described his newspaper position as "a privilege", however that sentiment was mirrored – almost unanimously – by Loxton News staff over the years who reflected on the opportunity to work for and with him.

Mr Hann was the Loxton Rotary Club's longest-serving member and was involved in numerous sporting and community groups.

He was an inaugural Loxton Nippy's Gift committee member and continued to help organise the event each year.

He was a Loxton Swimming Club life member, while his community involvement included the Loxton Golf Club (where he was an enthusiastic and accomplished player), Riverland Golf Association, Loxton Arts Council and Loxton Chamber of Commerce.

In his younger days, Mr Hann was an outstanding footballer, playing at league level for Sturt. A towering ruckman, he played in a premiership for Loxton Football Club in the 1960s, in a single-season Riverland stint.

Mr Hann died peacefully in his sleep last Friday, the day after his 60th wedding anniversary. He was 85.

He is survived by his wife Mary – forever the apple of his eye – and the couple's three children, Kate, Jo and Nick, and their families.

A funeral service for Mr Hann will be held at Loxton's Concordia Lutheran Church tomorrow from 1pm.

Vote for Renmark as your favourite tourism town

VOTING is now open to name South Australia's best tourism town, and one Riverland community is among the top seven nominees.

Renmark, last year's Top Tourism Town, is up against six other towns from across the state in the Top, Small, and Tiny Tourism Town categories in the 2023 SA Top Tourism Town Awards.

The awards, hosted by the Tourism Industry Council SA (TiCSA), recognise towns offering visitor experiences and those committed to developing tourism in the region.

Locals and tourists are encouraged to vote for their favourite town to win the People's Choice award.

TiCSA chief executive officer, Shaun de Bruyn, said SA's regions are "an integral part of the tourism industry".

"Our local towns showcase and connect people with the unique qualities and character of the South Australian visitor experience," he said.

"The Top Tourism Town Awards are a great way for us to celebrate them.

"Regional tourism generates almost \$4bn in visitor expenditure, with many benefits flowing on to the local community and economy.

"Not only do the Top Tourism Town Awards allow us to recognise our towns, but it gives them the opportunity to further improve and develop their tourism marketing and visitor experiences."

The awards are supported by the South Australian Visitor Information Centre Network, Local Government Association of South Australia (LGA

SA), SALife magazine and Adelaide.

By choosing their favourite town, voters go into a draw for the chance to win a \$500 voucher for a SA council-owned caravan park thanks to the LGA SA.

LGA president, Mayor Dean Johnson, said local councils played a vital role in growing the visitor economy.

"Every South Australian town has its own unique charm and character, and local councils are at the heart of it – investing millions of dollars each year to provide services and infrastructure that promotes tourism and visitation," he said.

People's Choice voting closes at 9am on Monday, May 8. Winners will be announced at the 2023 South Australian Tourism Conference on Tuesday, May 30.

RIVERLAND WEATHER

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Metro council's water program saving pays off

HUGH SCHUITMAKER

A SENIOR Riverland MP says programs to improve irrigation efficiency in agricultural communities need more support, amid news a metropolitan council has exchanged River Murray entitlement for nearly \$2m.

The City of Marion last week began construction on a 14km pipeline extension through the Marion Water Efficiency Project.

The project, aimed at increasing water-use efficiency, is expected to save 143.49ML of River Murray water through improved infrastructure.

The Federal Government will also contribute \$1.8m to the City of Marion and \$1m to the State Government through the scheme, in exchange for 126.56ML of River Murray entitlement.

This equates to a price of more than \$21,000/ML, while on Monday the market price for South Australian Class 3 entitlement was \$8300/ML.

Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone said these prices unfairly reflected the Riverland's contributions towards South Australia's economy.

"This is setting a precedent, and not only has the State Government signed off on it, so has the Federal

Government," Mr Whetstone said.

"At the end of the day the Riverland is about producing food and driving the state's economy.

"If they're going to put efficiency programs on the table, it should be for everybody.

"The Riverland is South Australia's premium food-bowl. Every time you take water out of our economy, we have to increase efficiencies or it makes it harder to grow the economy."

A Federation Funding Agreement regarding the project was signed by SA Minister for Water, and Deputy Premier, Susan Close on July 12, 2022, and by Federal Minister for Water Tanya Plibersek on July 25, 2022.

A federal government spokesperson expected environmental and economic benefits from the scheme would justify the investment.

"The Labor Government is committed to delivering the Murray-Darling Basin Plan," the spokesperson said.

"We will continue to work with Basin states and territories to do so, including partnering with local councils like the City of Marion.

"This project was assessed against a range of criteria to

ensure value for money and positive outcomes for the environment.

"It is an investment that will bring a range of economic benefits to the local community, and more importantly help build a healthy Basin."

The 143.49ML saved would be counted toward the targeted 450GL of water returned to the environment under the Murray-Darling Basin Plan.

City of Marion Mayor Kris Hanna said the project's dollar-per-ML basis of \$18,800/ML was cheaper than similar interstate projects.

"(The project) reflects the prevailing market price plus a 1.3-times premium in recognition of the fact works are a more expensive way to deliver water to the environment than a simple buyback," Mr Hanna said.

Mr Whetstone said projects that improved on-farm efficiency for Riverland irrigators needed to be prioritised.

"If (Ms Plibersek) is going to put efficiency programs in place for councils, why can't she do it for river communities?" he said.

"On-farm and off-farm efficiency programs should be on the table.

"There are many environmental projects that could be rolled out."



Riverland RSL chaplain Father Hau Le speaking to the local crowd during Renmark's Anzac Day dawn service yesterday. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

Renmark's 'exceptional' show of respect

ALL sections of the local community again joined to remember the sacrifices of military servicemen at Renmark's Anzac Day commemorations yesterday.

Hundreds of locals attended Renmark's Anzac Day dawn service, at the Cross of Sacrifice, and participated in a march along Ral Ral Avenue before a commemorative ceremony later in the morning.

Renmark Paringa Mayor Peter Hunter said attendance numbers for both Anzac Day events were a highlight.

"It's exceptional to see the respect people have shown, both for the dawn service and morning ceremony," Mr Hunter said.

"It is a very important part of our his-

tory which must never be lost."

Renmark RSL Sub Branch public relations officer Ray Hartigan said growing the town's Anzac Day ceremonies each year was a goal for the group.

"We've been working hard for 10 years to make it a special occasion," Mr Hartigan said.

Mr Hunter said local youth continued to show enthusiasm for Renmark's military history.

"It's heartening to see the age range and the people wearing medals of their parents or relatives," he said.

"Although the numbers marching might be diminishing, the support isn't and that's the most important thing."

- HUGH SCHUITMAKER

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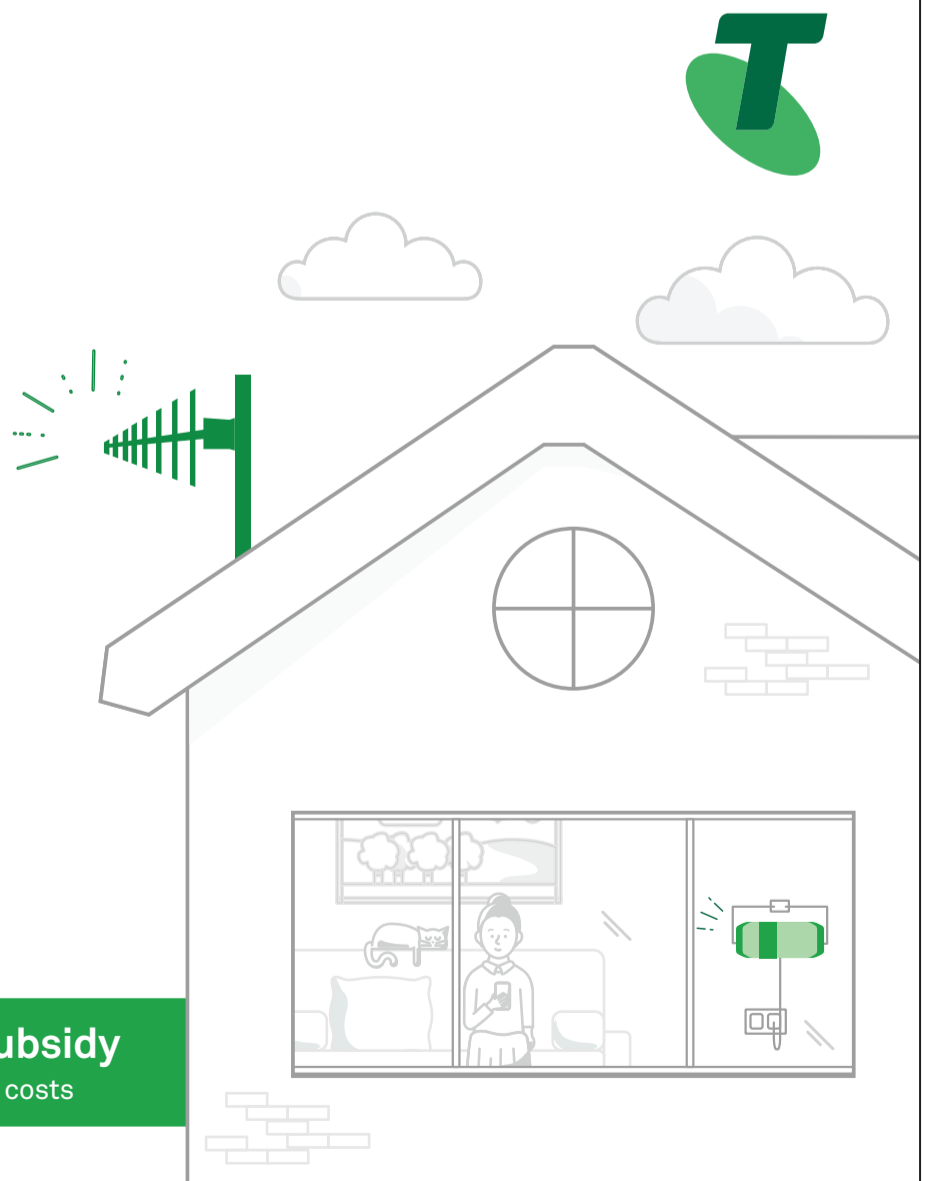
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Waikerie service draws large crowd

CHRISTINE WEBSTER

YESTERDAY'S Anzac Day service at Waikerie's War Memorial Gardens attracted one of the event's biggest ever crowds of about 500 people.

Pastor Julian Bayha from the Waikerie Lutheran Parish conducted the service, which included a rouse and flag raising ceremony by the 420 Army Cadet Unit Waikerie.

Floral tributes were laid at the cenotaph by Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone, Loxton Waikerie Mayor Trevor Norton and Taylorville resident Penny Smith, who represented Barker MP Tony Pasin.

Representatives from the Waikerie RSL, Waikerie High School, the Waikerie, Ramco and Waikerie Lutheran Primary Schools, Waikerie CFS and Waikerie Red Cross were also among those who laid wreaths.

Waikerie RSL Sub Branch president Paul Croft said participation in the service was the "biggest that he could remember".

"It was a fabulous turnout (and) there was a lot of people there," he said.

Mr Croft said in some cases four generations of a family had attended the service.

He said it was important the community remembered the sacrifices of those who have served in WWI, WWII and more recent conflicts.

Mr Croft said the service of Australian Defence personnel at home should also be remembered.



Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone (left), Waikerie RSL Sub Branch president Paul Croft, Loxton Waikerie Mayor Trevor Norton and Waikerie RSL Sub Branch vice president Andrew Walker were among those attending the Waikerie Anzac Day service yesterday. PHOTOS: Christine Webster



Pastor Julian Bayha from the Waikerie Lutheran Parish conducted the Anzac Day service at Waikerie.



Ramco Primary School teacher Susan Santella, school captains Jayden and Max and Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone.



Loxton Waikerie Mayor Trevor Norton laid a wreath on the cenotaph during the Anzac Day service at the Waikerie War Memorial Gardens. PHOTO: Christine Webster

was killed in WWII.

Mr Blake died in Waikerie in 1970.

Mr Norton praised the Waikerie RSL for bringing the community together at the Anzac Day service.

"As we lose our WWII veterans, with most of them close to 100 years old, it is important that the tradition is carried on," he said "It is good to see so many children and schools involved."

- CHRISTINE WEBSTER



JOSH BRINE

HUNDREDS of locals and visitors gathered to pay their respects at one of country SA's largest Anzac Day dawn services at Barmera's Upper Murray Garden of Memory early yesterday morning.

The service, hosted by the Barmera and Berri RSL sub branches with support from Berri Barmera Council, attracted about 800 to 1000 attendees at 6am following the traditional Anzac Day format.

Barmera RSL secretary Kerry Henstridge, said the service "went quite well", despite being unable to find a bugler.

"We didn't have somebody to play the Last Post and Reveille, so we had to use a recording from the (online) Anzac Day portal," she said.

"Otherwise it ran quite smoothly.

"We had a lot of people lay wreaths, not only the RSLs, but Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone, Mayor Ella Winnall and two other councillors, plus lots of school groups and local organisations.

"There was no wind, which was great because it can be very icy up there when the wind blows."

Padre Neil Cooper also served as MC for the service.

About 200 people then proceed on to the Barmera RSL Clubrooms for a sausage sizzle, coffee, tea and rum.

"It was a little bit down on what we thought," Ms Henstridge said.

"A lot of people came from different areas for the dawn service and headed straight home."

Loxton Waikerie's Anzac spirit strong

LOXTON Waikerie council was well represented at Anzac Day services across the district yesterday.

Mayor Trevor Norton said Anzac spirit across the area was "alive and well".

Mr Norton attended the dawn service at Moorook, which drew approximately 300 people.

"It was a fantastic service on the banks of the Murray," he said.

Mr Norton then attended the morning Anzac Day service at Waikerie's War Memorial Gardens.

He said Loxton Waikerie councillors also attended services across the district, includ-

ing at Loxton, Waikerie and Mantung.

He described Waikerie RSL Sub Branch president Paul Croft's tribute to Gallipoli Soldier William Blake, who was awarded a military cross for his gallantry and devotion, as moving.

"It didn't just bring Paul to tears, it brought many of us to emotion," he said.

Mr Blake moved to Waikerie after WWI where he became a carpenter and fruit grower. He was active with the Waikerie RSL and helped design the Waikerie Institute Soldiers Memorial Hall.

His son, William Blake Jr,

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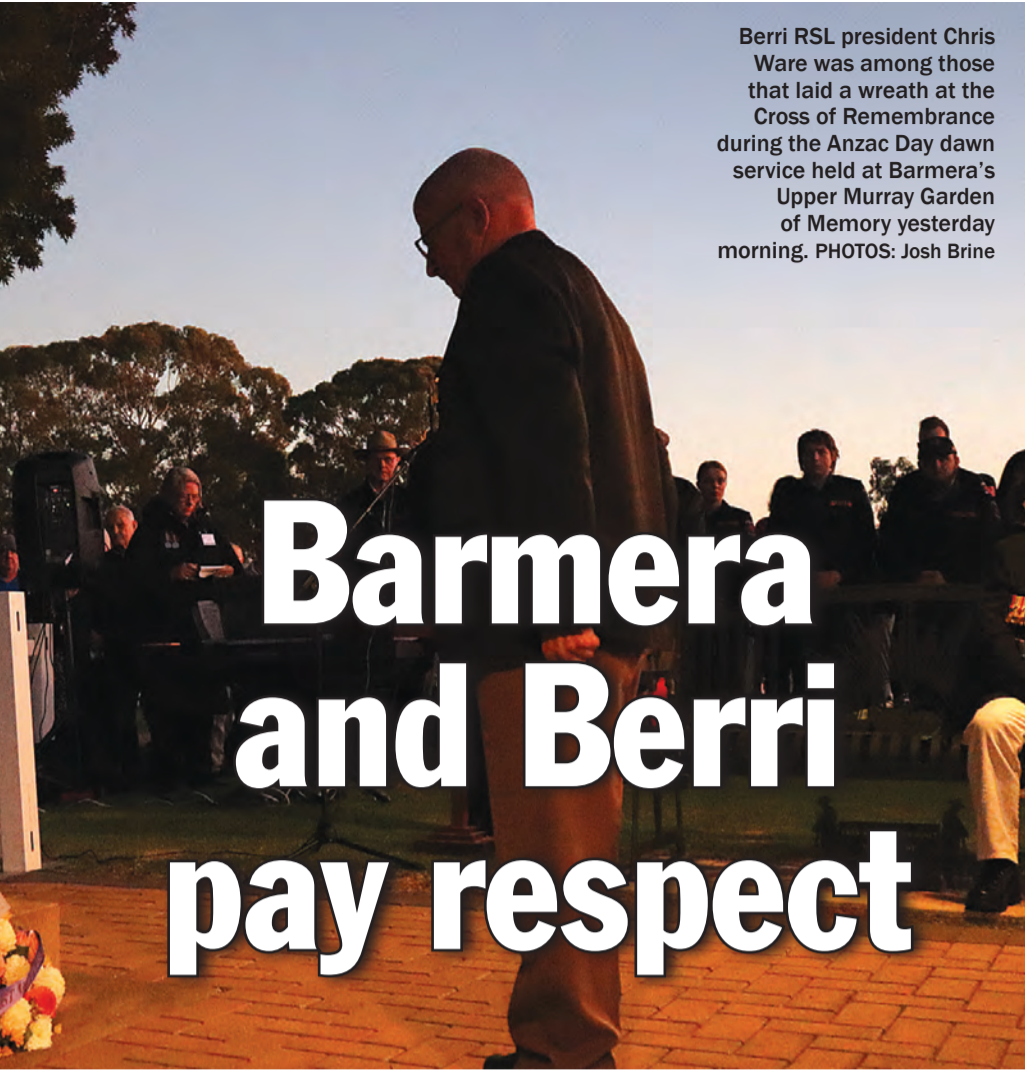
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Berri RSL president Chris Ware was among those that laid a wreath at the Cross of Remembrance during the Anzac Day dawn service held at Barmera's Upper Murray Garden of Memory yesterday morning. PHOTOS: Josh Brine

Barmera and Berri pay respect



Year 11 Loxton High School students Dakota Lloyd (left) and Jessica Inglis (right), who were awarded the Premier Anzac School Prize last year, spoke about their journey to Darwin at the Loxton Dawn Service. They are pictured with Loxton RSL president Rob Manuel. PHOTOS: Alexandra Bull

Strong attendance for Loxton service

ALEXANDRA BULL

OVER 700 people turned out to the Loxton Cross of Sacrifice for the Loxton RSL Anzac Day dawn service.

In what was the biggest crowd since 2019, Loxton RSL president Rob Manuel said he was "really pleased" to see so many people at this year's commemoration.

"Anzac Day is always a great day and a lot of people come together to enjoy it," he said.

"We can't understand what the WWI and WWII veterans went through; the trench warfare and those



Vietnam veteran Mike Woosnam, WWII veteran Howard Hendrick and Mr Manuel at the Loxton Anzac Day dawn service.

sorts of things, it must have been a horrible state to be in. "As a community it's really important that we continue to remember the sacri-

fices these service men and women made for us." After the dawn service a gunfire breakfast was held at the Loxton RSL hall.



About 800 to 1000 people attended the service, often heralded as SA's largest outside metropolitan Adelaide.



The Barmera and Berri RSL's Anzac Day dawn service was led by padre Neil Cooper.



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EDITORIAL

THE YEARS GO BY

BY PETER AND CARLA MAGAREY

Embodying the Anzac spirit

ONCE again, Riverlanders have come out in their thousands to pay their respects at Anzac Day services scattered across the region.

Large crowds, including a record crowd at Waikerie's service in the town's War Memorial Gardens, have well and truly returned for the second year of Anzac Day events after Covid-19 protocols.

This year's services come after a year of significant challenges for local communities, who faced the threat of one of the biggest floods in the region's recorded history late last year, with the impacts carrying into 2023.

While the size of our challenge was nowhere near the scale and horror faced by veterans – whether they fought at Gallipoli's Anzac Cove or anywhere else in any other conflict – it still required locals to embody some of the spirit they showed.

Although the many agencies who contributed to the flood response and recovery effort were rightly acknowledged by Premier Peter Malinauskas at a State Emergency Service event last week, the work done by individuals will largely go unrecognised.

Whether it was industrious residents taking it upon themselves to build walls to protect their – and others' – property, local contractors dropping everything to protect businesses or council works teams dedicating most of their last six months to the flood, the 'Anzac spirit' of endurance, courage, ingenuity, good humour, and mateship has been on full display.

Maybe the deep-running relationship many Riverland towns share with the Anzacs, with several being created as soldier settlements for returned WWI veterans, is part of the reason for the resilience of our local communities and for the deep-seated respect they show through attendance at events like Anzac Day services.

The often-remarkable spirit shown by Riverlanders throughout the flood event is hopefully set to be rewarded throughout the recovery phase.

News that \$1.3m-worth of bookings have been made in River Murray communities thanks to the first round of the River Revival Voucher program is a positive start – rewarding operators who have worked hard to get their businesses back in operation rapidly after the flood passed.

Although the Riverland's share of those bookings in itself is a tremendous stimulus for accommodation and tourism experience providers, the more widespread economic impacts are even more important.

The bookings will translate into more customers for a wide range of businesses beyond those that have provided offerings for the voucher program.

The vouchers will also hopefully produce a busier-than-normal post-school holiday period, to make up for the lack of visitors during the peak periods of the summer school holidays and Christmas.

Two further voucher rounds are also in the pipeline – set to incorporate businesses who are currently battling to get up and running for the winter and the spring.

We can only hope the support they are shown down the line matches the spirit they have exemplified throughout one of the worst natural disasters in the state's history.



Anton Stanitzki's horse yard and farmhouse, Pyap, 1907: This impressive photo has caused some debate. It is captioned in the SA State Library (black-and-white photo SLSA B28178), as '...taken about 1900 ...homestead and horse saddling yard in the Loxton Hut district' (Loxton Hut was the district's official name until April 1908). Further scrutiny of the well-composed photo shows a farmhouse perched above a steep slope down to a high-flowing River Murray. The farmer is obviously keen on fruit trees, which are young and growing well. The horses and German wagon are thoughtfully oriented while the farmworkers are looking toward the camera with hats in hand for clearer view. JC Reiners was a thoughtful local photographer of the era and it turns out that he did take the photo, perhaps standing on the cow shed roof. His valuable photographic record tells us the photo was taken in 1907. Members of Loxton's pioneering Stanitzki family confirmed the photo is their forebears Anton and Pauline's farmyard Katarapko View, at Pyap, 6km west of Loxton. The stone buildings comprise an original house (bedrooms) and extensions (dining and office) and an adjacent detached kitchen and cellar.

PHOTO: Hahn Collection, coloured by Les Peters

Barely scratching the surface

I'VE been warned not to poke the bear or cut off the hand that feeds me in writing this, but at times there needs to be some reality or facts presented.

The stories and editorial from The Murray Pioneer (19/4/23) appear to trivialise the issues facing growers and the wine industry, but at least they were written. There appears to be a push from media outlets to present warm, fuzzy, good news stories and put a positive spin on a negative.

It is obvious that Accolade is selling assets of vineyards, wineries and their UK bottling and warehousing facility.

It is a reality that local growers owned a long list of businesses, including a juice factory, cannery, dried fruit and citrus packing plants, Ford dealership, Mitre 10 store, part-owned the radio station 5RM and of course wineries. Grower control was lost in the Berri and Barmera areas, and all but the radio station and winery no longer exists.

We only have what could now be called cottage industry-style operations for what were massive industries. Lots of factors were involved in their demise, but at times over-trusting and laid-back growers', accepting of people's ability to run and oversee the business, were taken advantage of.

Very few people outside of the wine industry appear to understand or know the dire situation that growers are facing. This includes current ministers of the Malinauskas Government, local parliamentarians, and local councillors.

Figures taken from Wine Australia reports, SA Tourism and PIRSA paint a picture.

In 2021 the value of grapes in the Riverland was \$273 million. In 2022 that dropped to \$197m because of lower crops and prices.

This is only the value of the grapes. To put it in perspective the total tourism industry in the Riverland in 2021 was worth \$232m.

Thirty years ago, in 1993,

the average price per tonne for shiraz grapes was \$400 and \$485 for cabernet sauvignon. In 2021 the average prices were \$552 and \$539, respectively.

In 2022 shiraz was worth \$345, and cabernet \$339.

This year prices of \$120 to \$150 are what is being talked about, or realised once delivery restrictions are accounted for.

The Riverland grows approximately 90,000t of shiraz and 50,000t of cabernet. Everyone can do the maths, 140,000t at \$200 less each tonne, equals \$28,000,000 out of the economy.

This is without factoring in lower yields, diseases, higher input costs and lower prices for other varieties.

Central Irrigation Trust (CIT) figures show the total water access entitlement in 2006 was 154,297ML for the areas they provide water for. In 2022 that had declined to 105,687.

The sell-off of water by growers in the traditional family farm situation is worse than those figures show, as the 2022 figures include three more irrigation districts.

In Berri and Barmera over 80 per cent of horticulture is wine grapes, so any wine grape downturn is going to affect this area more. Since 2006 approximately 25,000ML of water has been sold out of the area, although the figures from this year will push that up to 28,000.

I remember sitting through a presentation from a government representative at a meeting of the Riverland Futures Taskforce meeting 13 years ago, where there was a proposal to remove small horticulture properties and replace them with large greenfield areas further away from the river.

It was confronting for me as our property was one blacklisted to go, along with most CIT irrigation areas.

As the growers in these marked areas are now selling their water and the proposed plan has the potential of being realised, what is the current future plan for these areas?

It's apparent that again growers have been let down by poor representation, are being under-

valued and seen as surplus to requirements.

One Nation's Sarah Game made a speech to parliament trying to explain the situation confronting growers.

What have the rest of our paid representatives and industry leaders done? It might be a harsh criticism but results for growers and the industry are the judge.

Naturally the stroke of a pen changing tariffs could turn the industry around, but will it stop the inevitable decline of the traditional horticulture areas?

TREVOR CHAPPLE
Glossop

A dying art?

AFTER shopping in an Adelaide retail store recently a friend went to the checkout and handed the assistant a \$50 note.

The checkout assistant looked mortified. Totally perplexed and holding the note in both hands he explained to my friend "but this is money" and added anxiously "I don't know what to do with money".

After a few moments of contemplation he said "I will call for the manager". Forthwith the manager was duly summoned and explained what to do with money.

It made me reflect on the days when shop assistants, indeed all of us, could do mental arithmetic quickly and efficiently.

As we speed into a cashless society will this skill be lost forever?

LILLIAN MATTNER
Loxton

Haunting anniversary

GRANT Beaumont died on April 9, 2023, aged 97, after Nancy Beaumont died in September 2019, aged 92.

They were the parents of missing children Jane, Anna and Grant, who vanished on January 26, 1966.

Jane was 9, the same age as me at the time, when they vanished and has haunted me most of my life.

I feel heartbroken for Nancy and Grant, as they both lived to a very old age hoping for closure.

Adelaide needs to have a

very special monument for the Beaumont family because they should never be forgotten.

MARTINA ROBERTS
Loxton

Animals suffering on export ships

ANIMALS are still suffering and dying on live export ships and in foreign slaughterhouses.

More than 200 million animals have been crammed onto filthy cargo ships over the past 30 years, and more than 2.5 million of them died on the journey, before the others had their throats slit in filthy markets abroad. Each one was an individual who experienced fear and pain.

Yet some stories this week are reporting the whinges of the corporations that make huge profits from this vile trade, the ones that sued the government for putting a hold on exports of four short weeks in 2011.

These corporations are now demanding 'damages' of over a billion dollars from the Australian taxpayer, a sum likely to hit two billion with interest payments.

Those who watched the Four Corners exposé a dozen years ago will never forget the horrific scenes of Australian cattle being subjected to appalling brutality in Indonesian slaughterhouses.

We saw animals pulled down with ropes or stuffed into "restraint boxes" supplied by Meat & Livestock Australia, then killed with seemingly blunt knives while fully conscious.

One of the most telling scenes was of a steer named Tommy, who stood trembling in fear as he waited for the same fate he was watching other animals endure.

Regular exposés have shown continuing abuse, including the release of footage in 2018 on 60 Minutes showing sheep panting and heat-stricken, lying in piles of their own faeces and the decaying bodies of their flock-mates. Yet the torture continues, despite overwhelming public demands that the business be halted.

The real victims of this inhu-

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

“Very few people outside of the wine industry appear to understand or know the dire situation that growers are facing...”

- TREVOR CHAPPLE

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mane industry are not the corporations but the cattle and sheep who continue to suffer and die. It's well over time to ban live export for good.

DESMOND BELLAMY
Special projects co-ordinator
PETA Australia

The green foods time bomb

GREEN propagandists continue to inflict lethal damage to our electricity industry – it has become unreliable and expensive.

Their intrusive green energy infrastructure is also nibbling away at our grasslands and farms, thus reducing their capacity to produce food.

These foolish green energy policies are also threatening electric power for refrigeration. City food supplies cannot survive without reliable refrigeration at every level, from farms to retail stores.

Less recognised is the damage green propagandists are doing to our health and our food supply by attacking animal foods, and promoting grains, vegetables, seeds and fake foods for humans.

As far back as we have recorded history, humans have been hunter-gatherers.

They hunted, cooked, ate and sometimes farmed cattle, goats, sheep, pigs, ducks, turkeys, swans, antelope, buffalo, caribou, mammoths, deer, bears, horses, mules, donkeys, camels, seals, herrings, prawns, oysters, crabs, clams, cod, whales, sharks, salmon, kangaroos, possums, rabbits, hares, rats, mice, dogs, cougars, eels and snakes.

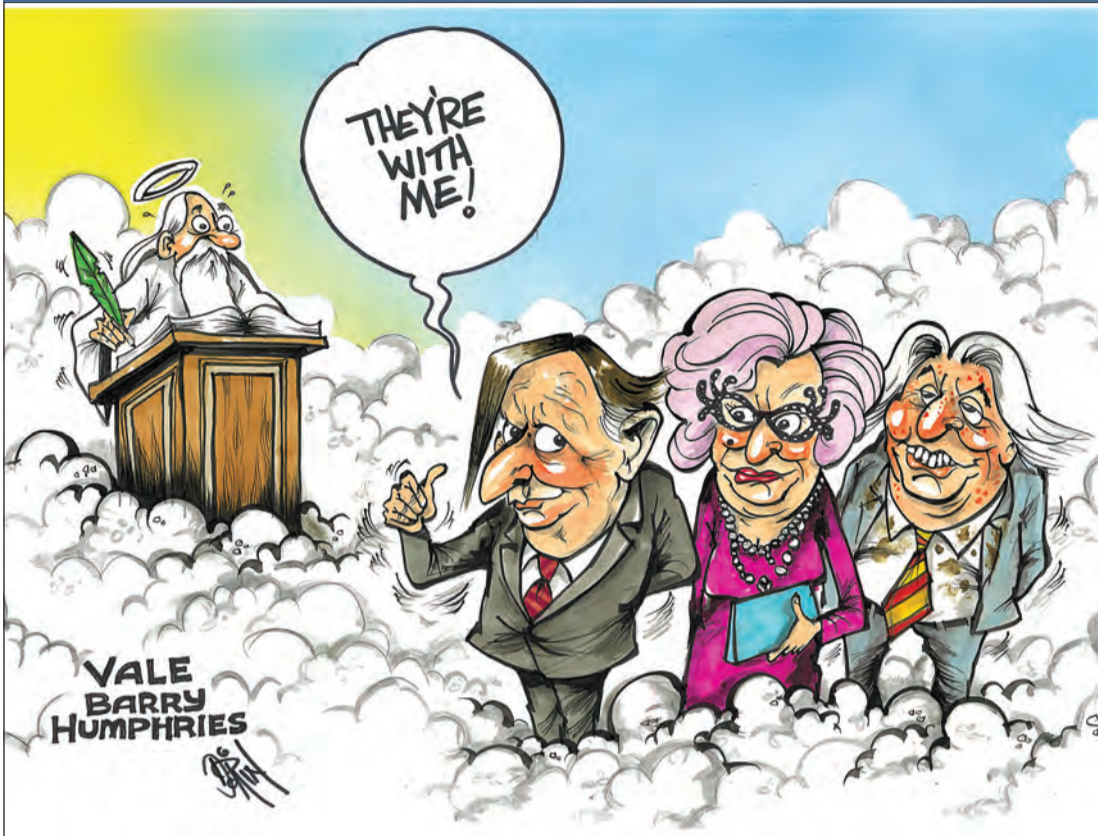
When the hunters were successful, the tribe rejoiced and feasted mightily before the meats spoiled. But when the hunters failed, they relied on the gatherers for ripening fruits, honey, tubers, wild onions, nuts and laboriously harvested grains.

They learned that some plant foods were toxic unless treated in special ways by grinding, roasting, fermenting and cooking. Meat was the staple food but some tribes also consumed raw milk, butter, cheese and blood from their animals. Fruits were seasonal foods and tubers, onions and grains were survival foods. Party foods like sugar and alcohol were more recent inventions.

Human teeth reflect the foods they are designed to use – canines for gripping and ripping meat off bones, incisors for cutting bite-sized bits, and

A DOSE OF DORIN

BY PAUL DORIN



focused eyes of predators, not the all-round eyesight of their wary prey.

Men have always battled over hunting, fishing and farming territory, but now greens are trying to destroy grazing and fishing territory with national parks, world heritage declarations, and bans and quotas on farming and fishing.

They subsidise the sterilisation of farms and grasslands with wind and solar “farms”, access roads and spider webs of power lines.

They also promote the conversion of farmland to bush and encourage offshore bird choppers whose sonic noise upsets neighbours and seems to addle the navigating abilities of some sea creatures.

Now greens are attacking our carnivore diet and promoting a granivore-vegetarian diet for humans. Politicians should be free to choose their own diet but they should not force meat lovers to pretend they are granivores with crops and gizzards, or plant-eating ruminants with extra stomachs and who spend ages re-chewing their vegetarian cud.

The world's teeming cities are becoming increasingly reliant on grains, sugars, oil seeds, fruits and vegetables grown by intense farming and heavily dependent on irrigation, herbicides and chemical fertilisers.

pork, mutton, salmon, prawns, chickens and eggs, and factories produce our baked, frozen and canned foods.

Now greens are promoting denatured fake “meat” and “milks” containing no meat or milk.

While intense farming has fostered a dramatic increase in human population, the human food chain is swamped with grains, greens and seed oils with their unhealthy lectins, glutens, oxalates, phytic acid, harmful oils, artificial sweeteners and chemical additives and sprays.

This process parallels a dramatic deterioration in human health. Like green energy, green food for humans is proving a disastrous choice.

Pretending humans are herbivores and granivores has accompanied an epidemic of ill health. Obesity, arthritis, heart disease, Alzheimer's, leaky gut, fatty liver, dental caries, heart failure, cancers, brain fog, knee replacement, stomach stitching, birth defects and gender confusion seem to be hallmarks of our age.

The surgery waiting lists keep expanding.

But instead of trying to fix our dietary problems, we have created a massive new “health” industry. While human diets race off in the wrong direction, health research seeks magic bullets and focuses on profitable vaccines,

Even grazing animals that once lived mainly on grasses and herbs (with a little ripening grass seeds just before the hard times of winter) are now confined in food factories, with little exercise and encouraged to gorge on farmed grains.

Omnivorous pigs and chickens and vegetarian cattle and sheep now stand in pens and feedlots eating grain-rich feeds.

The bun, chips and salad have swamped the meat in the “beef” burger and there is often more batter and potato than seafood in “fish and chips”.

Breakfast cereals have replaced bacon and eggs, and fake “meat” and fake “milks” are lauded as healthy choices.

We can see the obese results of this green food revolution waddling down the aisles of supermarkets and ordering green smoothies and muffins in the food courts.

Green energy will prove a disaster for our economy, and green foods will be a deadly choice for many humans. Footpaths will be crowded with mobility scooters and hospitals and care homes will be overwhelmed by unhealthy, ageing vegans.

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TEXT LINE

Huge congratulations to the Barmera-Monash Football Club for a clean sweep of all grades for their opening round of the RFL 2023 season, but especially to the B grade Roos on breaking their drought with their first win since around round 9, 2019.

TYSON
Berri

sense. It would be lovely to camp for free, but what follows that decision is a lack of responsibility for the area and cleaning it up. The hundreds of carp all over the bank, the used toilet paper where children could be playing, the rubbish not picked up and the ash left from a fire not properly dealt with. If everybody followed the rules and took responsibility for cleaning up after themselves it would be lovely. Unfortunately we cannot rely on the public to

do so. If people really cared they would understand how bad free camping is for the River Murray. This has nothing to do with 'paying for nature' and has everything to do with safely maintaining the health of our river banks. If you want to enforce responsibility, that generally comes with a cost.

SHARON
Berri

Spot on Rosemary Gower (Time for People Power, Murray Pioneer,

19/4/23). I wish we had many politicians that think the way you do. May I add, because we export our meat products overseas, it therefore generates higher prices in our community. I'm sure there are thousands, if not millions, of us that think like you, but money always talks louder and a small voice in a large room is seldom heard.

GARY
Waikerie

Looking back...
10 years ago April 26, 2013

The Murray Pioneer
Friday, April 26, 2013



Winkie fire sparks warning for rural properties

Burn notice

BURN NOTICE: An out-of-control burnoff that caused \$10,000 damage to a shed in Winkie on Tuesday has sparked a warning for locals to remain vigilant – especially during the cooler months. Around 15 fire fighters from both the Glossop and Barmera Country Fire Service (CFS) units were called to the fire at about 8.40am. It destroyed the shed before the units extinguished the blaze around 30 minutes later.

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HOLD-UP BREAKTHROUGH: Warrants have been issued for the arrest of two men suspected of being involved in three bank hold-ups at Barmera and Renmark earlier this year. Both men are currently believed to be interstate and Riverland detectives are working with NSW police to locate the two suspects. Warrants were issued in the Berri Magistrates Court last month for the arrest of both men in relation to a robbery at Renmark's National Australia Bank branch on March 6.

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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Operators cashing in on voucher program

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The first round of the program included \$50 experience vouchers, \$100 vouchers for one or more nights of accommodation, and \$200 vouchers for two or more nights of accommodation.

“The \$200 vouchers are the most popular so far, which is also a good sign because it means people are spending more and committing for a minimum of two nights – staying longer and spending money in our local businesses,” Ms Canavan said.

With a historically quieter period for tourism coming up after the current school holidays, Ms Canavan encouraged visitors to “plan ahead and enjoy a break on the river”.

“The travel period is until the end of June, so we are hoping that people will jump on and book...” she said.

“Autumn and winter are perfect times to be up here – we’re keen to see visitors explore the Riverland all year round...”

“From a Destination Riverland perspective, we are continuing to promote our region and encouraging people to visit – regardless of whether they have a voucher or not.”

A second and third round of vouchers are expected later this year.

“We know there are winter and spring voucher campaigns coming, so we can expect to find out more about them in the



Destination Riverland general manager Pamela Canavan says she is pleased with the response to the first round of the River Revival Voucher program. PHOTO: Josh Brine

next month,” Ms Canavan said.

“The second and third rounds will include the \$750 houseboat vouchers, which we know will be a welcome addition to help support our Riverland houseboat operators.”

For more information about the River Revival Voucher program, visit the South Australian Tourism Commission website (www.southaustralia.com/voucher).



State Minister for Trade Nick Champion, with Mallee Estate manager and winemaker, and Riverland Wine representative, Jim Markeas, at Mallee Estate, during Mr Champion's visit to the region last week. PHOTO: Deirdre Graham

Trade minister says we're 'on the right track' to ending wine tariffs... Champion-ing the call

HUGH SCHUITEMAKER and DEIRDRE GRAHAM

A SENIOR state minister believes discussions that would allow Riverland wine producers to resume exports to China are “on the right track”.

Minister for Trade Nick Champion last week met with Riverland Wine representatives at Mallee Estate during a visit to the Riverland, amid speculation the Federal Government was close to a breakthrough in re-establishing certain trade links with China.

Mr Champion said co-operating with the Federal Government to seek an early end to Chinese-imposed tariffs on Australian wine was a priority.

“We have been pretty consistent in our advocacy for the industry,” Mr Champion said.

“Obviously the new Federal Government has...stabilised the relationships with China at the national level.

“Clearly we all want to see a normalisation of trade, and we have seen that in the

barley markets, which was a very important precursor to seeing the same sort of progress being made in seafood and in wine.

“We are working in co-operation with the Federal Government.

“It is important to have national leadership on this to stabilise the relationship with China and hopefully see a normalisation of trade, which we know is very important to the industry's health in the long term.”

A five-year tariff – of more than 200 per cent – on Australian wine sold in quantities of less than two litres was initially imposed by the Chinese Government in March 2021.

However, the Federal Government announced earlier this month it would suspend an appeal to the World Trade Organisation regarding similar tariffs on barley that were imposed in May 2020.

The two countries will instead seek to reach a settlement on the matter through negotiations.

Mr Champion expected further trade discussions between the two governments would occur in the coming days.

“I don't think it is useful to navel gaze or speculate on these things, but (Federal Minister for Trade Don Farrell) has already had one online meeting with his Chinese counterpart, the Chinese Minister for Trade,” he said.

“That is a really important sign that things are on the right track, and we hope that the face-to-face meeting that will occur later in the month will develop a greater understanding between the two countries, and a normalisation of trade in the longer-term.”

Mr Champion said ongoing growth of the Riverland wine industry was key to South Australia's economic future.

“Every wine-making region has its own unique contribution to SA's strength in the wine industry,” he said.

“We are a hugely important state to the national wine industry, and the Riverland obviously has a really important role to play in all of that.

“But we know the Riverland also has to develop its unique identity, and its unique proposition for the wine industry, and we want to help with that effort.”



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Renmark Paringa Council will trial extended general public swimming hours at the Alan Coulter Recreation Centre in Renmark. FILE PHOTO

Renmark Paringa strikes swimming hour balance

A LOCAL council has catered to requests from the community by increasing the hours an indoor swimming pool is open to the public.

Renmark Paringa councillors passed a motion at last week's general meeting to run a trial of additional general public swimming hours at the Alan Coulter Recreation Centre (ACRC) from Monday, to September 30.

Council had in January asked Belgravia Leisure – which is contracted to supervise the ACRC pool – to open the outdoor Renmark Swimming Centre pool for an additional two mornings per week for lap swimmers, until the end of the 2022/23 season.

Council was then advised by Belgravia a lack of available staff meant the request was unfeasible.

However, Renmark Paringa director corporate and community services Tim Pfeiffer said using the indoor pool would allow Belgravia to manage the extra demand.

"It is worth noting that the additional

hours do not heavily impede on lifeguard demand as they can leverage to switch between reception, swim instructing (and) gym instructing," Mr Pfeiffer said, via a council report.

"Attendance will be tracked in order to report back and consider if it is beneficial for council and Belgravia to continue the additional sessions in future years.

"The three additional swimming hours allow for general swimming, however, the lane rope can be put up to also cater for lap swimming."

Figures in council's April agenda show the total cost for the winter trial would be \$6314, resulting in an additional 4.75 hours of public swimming access per week.

This includes \$112 per week in reception costs and \$175 in lifeguard costs.

The additional public access time will run on Tuesdays, from 7pm to 8pm, Thursdays, from 11.15am to 12.15pm, and Fridays, from 6am to 8.45am.

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The reduction in houses on the market follows an unprecedented property value boom where homes have increased approximately 20 to 25 per cent since the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Rising construction costs have also made established homes more attractive assets.

"Our properties here in the Riverland are still



relatively affordable and the amount of debt first homebuyers go into is much less than in our capital cities," Mr Kanizay said.

"With the increase in property values, existing homeowners are now in a much more favourable equity position than they were pre-Covid.

"Growth in property values is very good for our area. It provides people with additional equity and therefore borrowing power so they can reinvest in their own home, upgrade or purchase an additional property. It frees up capital and its certainly very good for our region."

With 16 years in real estate, Mr Kanizay said his experience guides clients effortlessly through a "the buying and selling processes, while reducing risk and stress along the way".

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If you are considering your next move, or even if you are just curious about where your property sits in today's market, call Dave or Kelsey. They will be more than happy to pop out and have a chat about what is likely your most valuable asset.

To contact Elders Renmark, call 8586 2200 or drop in to their office at 53-55 Renmark Avenue, Renmark.

Charity group's wish for committee members

JOSH BRINE

A RIVERLAND community group helping give wishes to critically ill children is asking for locals to join its committee to ensure it can continue fundraising.

The Make-A-Wish Foundation's Riverland branch is seeking members to fill roles on its committee and to provide volunteer work for fundraising initiatives and activities.

Branch president Ken Wilkinson, who has been involved for eight years, said the group had helped grant about 40 wishes over the past 25 years.

"We punch well above our weight," he said.

"We raise \$20,000-\$30,000 per year with what we do.

"Outside of our own fundraising, we do things like helping out at the motocross..."

"Usually once a year we have a big fundraiser. We had the Singing with the Stars event at the Renmark Football Club a few months ago and that raised \$4000."

However, Mr Wilkinson said committee numbers had "dwindled very quickly" over the past two years.

"With our reducing numbers now, we're struggling..." he said.

"Realistically with just three or four of us at the

moment, we probably need about eight on the committee.

"It's not just the manpower, it's different ideas and fresh thoughts.

"It's not a big commitment because we only meet 11 times per year.

"Then it's the manpower if we do organise something... You need people to give you a hand."

For more information or to get involved, call Mr Wilkinson on 0413 113 730 or wish-granter and treasurer Dallas Zeliff on 0413 352 168, or visit the Make-A-Wish website (www.makeawish.org.au/support/volunteer).

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Berri Club public officer Alan Ranford and president Nancy Murdock are bidding goodbye to the club site after 54 years. PHOTO: Josh Brine



Last locals out turn off the Berri Club's lights

JOSH BRINE

AFTER 54 years of operation, the president and public officer of the community-owned Berri Club says they have "mixed emotions" as they bid goodbye and prepare to settle on a sale.

The club, which was officially opened in 1969, is set to be sold to Australian Paving Centre and turned into a 'service trade premises' after the redevelopment was granted planning approval.

Since the site was listed for sale in 2020,

following a closure in 2019 under mounting debts, president Nancy Murdock and public officer Alan Ranford have continued to open the club for meals twice per week to pay off the debts.

"(Following the closure) the members took the club back," Mrs Murdock said.

"We had a committee and then it just dropped back to Alan and I until now.

"The club did get a bad name and we just wanted to work our way out of it and pay (locals) back to let them know it wasn't our fault and we've done the right thing."

Mrs Murdock said she had been coming to the club for "years and years", with husband – and life member – John.

"We used to have 30, sometimes 35, people here every Thursday night, and it had become like a family dinner..." she said.

"It'll be sad, but nothing is forever

"It's a bit of Berri history gone."

The club had also previously closed and restructured in 2013.

Mr Ranford said the two days of trading per week had allowed the club to pay off all outstanding local debts, with the Australian Taxation Office the only remaining creditor.

"Before Covid hit, for those two days (per week) we were probably turning over enough to satisfy the bank," he said.

"We were paying off previous debts –

some we didn't know about and took up to 12 to 18 months before we found.

"We could have survived just on that alone. But when Covid hit, it all dropped off."

A meeting of club members earlier this month included a visit from two Adelaide-based experts, former Clubs SA deputy president Bill Cochrane and BRI Ferrier's Andre Strazdins.

"After they spoke, we had a few options thrown around," Mrs Murdock said.

"The one that was moved and passed was to keep the money that was left over in the bank for 12 months, but we'll keep the association and the liquor licence (for one year)."

Mr Ranford, who had been involved with the club on and off since 2013, has worked to communicate and negotiate with the club's creditors since its 2019 closure.

"It's mixed emotions, because we've had some lovely people who have supported the club and have come to support me and Nancy supporting the club," he said.

"But we also have a handful of people that are just bagging the club and causing a lot of trouble... That's the bit we won't miss."

Final settlement is currently scheduled for this Friday, with a clearance sale currently ongoing at the club site – 1080 Old Sturt Highway, Berri.

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Memories of the flood captured

ELYSE ARMANINI

A WELL-known Riverland photographer has collated more than 900 images taken throughout the River Murray flood event of 2022/23 into three brand new books.

Murray in Flood (and the river rose), Murray in Flood (and the river kept rising) and Panoramic Images of the Murray in Flood showcase hundreds of photos taken by Renmark-based photographer Grant Schwartzkopff.

“The first one runs from August 1, 2022, to the end of November and the second is December through to the end of the flood in February (2023),” Mr Schwartzkopff said.

After the first draft was deemed too big to print as one book, Murray in Flood totals almost 600 pages across the main two books.

“I tried to cut it down,” Mr Schwartzkopff said.

“I went home and deleted photos to get the pages down to 400, but I looked at it and I realised it had lost all of its flow and it didn’t really make sense.”

Mr Schwartzkopff said the project inadvertently started while taking photos in August 2022 of Pike River being flooded by the Department of Environment and Water (DEW) to recover wetlands.

“It looked pretty spectacular so I thought I would take a few photos,” he said.

“Then we had the big rains here, and the rains further up, and then the flood was happening. I just continued taking photos, with nothing (like this) in mind.”

Comments on his social media posts calling for the photos to be made into a book were “disregarded” to begin with, but when the calls continued and his mother chimed in, Mr Schwartzkopff had to listen to demand.

“Mum got out all of her 1956 flood books and said, ‘When we have another flood, people will want to know what happens and if you put them in a book, there is a record,’” he said.

“I had to start thinking about it. What I was going to do and how I was going to do it.”

The books predominately cover areas of Renmark, however photos from Berri, Barmera, Loxton, Waikerie, Morgan and Moorook are included to a lesser degree.

“I would’ve loved to have done from Echuca right through, but you physically can’t,” Mr Schwartzkopff said.

“I got a couple of flights in with DEW. We went to the border and back to Morgan.

“Then Angoves wanted a picture of their winery a bit later on, so I got to go up again which was good because there’s a bit of a comparison.

“The overhead shots are spectacular and you can see the vastness



Riverland photographer Grant Schwartzkopff has collated hundreds of photos from the River Murray flood event into three spiral-bound books. PHOTOS: Elyse Armanini

of the water. It’s just incredible.”

Mr Schwartzkopff said the books, which are spiral-bound to allow panoramic viewing of the photos, can be ordered and printed by demand.

“Now that it’s on the system, if I want five books the button can

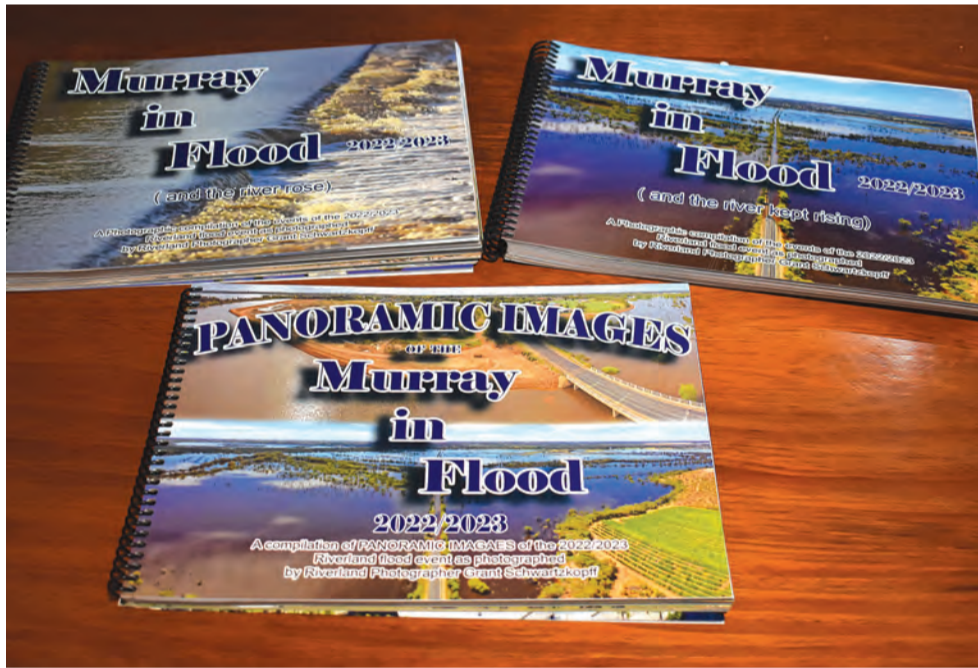
be pressed and the book printed,” he said.

“It’s been good and well-received so far. I put one thing on Facebook and I’ve been getting comments for orders.”

Murray in Flood (and the river rose) and Murray in Flood (and the

river kept rising) are \$60 each, while Panoramic Images of the Murray in Flood is available for \$50.

To order the books, contact Mr Schwartzkopff via email (gswaty@adam.com.au), phone (0409 545 235) or message his Facebook page.



The three Murray in Flood photo books are available for purchase now.

Berri Barmera COUNCIL

INVITATION TO BERRI SPORTING CLUBS TO BE PART OF HISTORY MONTH SPORTING DISPLAY

The Berri Barmera Council and Our Town Berri are organising a sporting clubs display for groups from Berri and the immediate surrounds like Winkle and Monash for History Month in May 2021.

The display will take place over three days from
Friday 19th to Sunday 21st May, in the Berri Town Hall
 and be open for school visits on
Friday 19th and to the public over the three days.

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SA Health system outages, caused by fire, disrupted operations at local hospitals, including the Riverland General Hospital in Berri (pictured), last week.

Local hospitals caught out by server incident

JOSH BRINE

RIVERLAND hospitals were caught up in an ICT outage that disrupted business as usual last Wednesday, with an offline system slowing down operations.

A fire at a server facility triggered widespread SA Health system outages, including a patient administration system that assists staff at regional hospitals, including all Riverland hospitals, to find patient's paper-based records.

While the outage slowed hospital administration work, The Murray Pioneer understands business continuity plans came into effect

with no adverse clinical outcomes or cancelled surgeries reported.

SA Department for Health and Wellbeing chief executive Dr Robyn Lawrence said all ICT systems were restored by Thursday evening.

"Thank you to our front-line staff and all involved who ensured continuity of care and safety for our patients."

The Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation (ANMF) SA Branch CEO and secretary Adjunct Associate Professor Elizabeth Dabars said the incident highlighted the "clear fault in the backup

system used by SA Health".

"We are pleased that SA Health is prioritising the migration to new servers as a matter of urgency and hope this incident acts to inform improved data storage and management," she said.

"Thought should also be given on how to better prepare and support staff members to manage an emergency scenario where manual workarounds are required.

"Members reported that the outage had wide-ranging effects and resulted in heightened workloads...

"These outages will place an increased burden on an already stressed system."



Repairs are being made to the Waikerie Community Sports Centre with a master plan for required works set to be created by Loxton Waikerie council staff. FILE PHOTO

Plan to keep Waikerie Sports Centre in good nick

URGENT and necessary repairs on the Waikerie Community Sports Centre have commenced, with a master plan for the repair of the building set to be created by the local council.

At last month's meeting of the Loxton Waikerie council's Sporting and Recreation Facilities Committee, members received an update on the centre, which highlighted an estimated \$150,000 to replace roof sheeting.

The committee moved to

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recommend council create a master plan and to "effect all repairs required immediately" – roof repairs, reinstating the ceiling in the facility's gym room, and fixing the gym room carpet.

The recommendation was then endorsed by the full council at its ordinary meeting last Wednesday.

Loxton Waikerie council CEO David Beaton said urgent repairs had "already started" at the facility.

In 2021, council undertook public consultation on a proposal to redevelop the facility's basketball and netball court, in which 470 written submissions were made in support of creating a two-court stadium.

Council staff are currently investigating "different build methods for an additional court and court extensions to make it more affordable".

A proposal to lease an area at the Waikerie Civic Centre to the RAA to install a rapid electric vehicle charging station will go to public consultation.



Consultation ahead for proposed EV charger lease

A PROPOSAL to lease land for an electric vehicle charging station on one of Waikerie's main streets will proceed to public consultation following a recent council meeting.

At last Wednesday's Loxton Waikerie council meeting, elected members granted approval for public consultation to take place to licence an area at the Waikerie Civic Centre, adjacent to Strangman Road, for the installation of an RAA rapid electric vehicle charging station.

Last year, Waikerie was identified as a preferred location to install an "ultra rapid" charging station, with three potential sites nominated in August 2022 by council's Asset Committee.

According to a report to council, due to the civic centre's close proximity to public amenities and appropriate power supply, the RAA selected it as the preferred location.

As the proposed lease from the RAA of

the site is for longer than five years, council must take the proposal out for public consultation under the state's Local Government Act.

Council CEO David Beaton said the consultation would be undertaken "soon".

The proposed charging station is part of a statewide RAA strategy, funded by a \$12m state government grant, to create a "border-to-border network of electric vehicle charging points".

The strategy, being delivered with Chargefox, will reduce the maximum distance between charge points in South Australia to around 250km, with charge points able to serve "all types of EV".

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Local councils honoured at SES event

THE Riverland councils were among groups honoured at a recent State Emergency Service event, attended by the Premier, to thank those involved in the River Murray flood response.

The Berri Barmera, Renmark Paringa and Loxton Waikerie councils, plus Mid Murray Council, were among the organisations acknowledged at a River Murray Appreciation Event at SES headquarters, Keswick, last Tuesday.

More than 50 people attended the event, including Premier Peter Malinauskas, Deputy Premier Susan Close, Police Commissioner Grant Stevens, Emergency Services Minister Joe Szakacs and representatives from a range of councils.

A 'thank you' video was also created and published on the SASES Facebook page.

"It was a pleasure to have morning tea with our emergency services, councils and other community representatives who worked so hard to steer us through the flood emergency," Mr Malinauskas said.

"Clearly, we still have a considerable road ahead of us in recovering from this flood event. But the work

we saw during the emergency itself was truly inspiring.

"Businesses worked hand in hand with government and councils to build defences and keep people safe.

"Points of difference were resolved quickly, with everyone working towards a sense of common good.

"I want to wholeheartedly thank everyone for their efforts."

SASES chief officer Chris Beattie said the flood was "undoubtedly the most significant emergency response" ever led by the service.

"The complexity, duration and scale of impacts have not been experienced by this state since the 1956 floods," he said.

"The flood affected tens of thousands of South Australians and caused substantial infrastructure, property and crop damage, as well as significant business and economic impacts.

"Led by the SES, the well-coordinated whole-of-government, whole-of-community response could not have been achieved without the help of the supporting agencies."

- JOSH BRINE



Berri Barmera Council CEO Dylan Strong receives a plaque, in recognition of council's work during the recent River Murray flood, from Premier Peter Malinauskas at a recent State Emergency Service event. PHOTO: Facebook



SES Chief Officer Chris Beattie, the Department for Environment and Water's (DEW) John Schutz, Chrissie Bloss and Grant Pelton, Police Commissioner Grant Stevens, Minister for Emergency Services Joe Szakacs and DEW's Ben Bruce at the event. PHOTO: supplied

Chief executive officers to converge on Berri for two-day event

DEIRDRE GRAHAM

MORE than 40 local government CEOs will converge on Berri this week, for a forum organised in part by District Council of Karoonda East Murray chief executive officer Martin Borgas.

Mr Borgas said Local Government Minister Geoff Brock and Independent Commissioner Against Corruption Amanda Vanstone are among the guest speakers for the two-day event on Thursday and Friday.

"It is aimed at supporting each other on our journeys as CEOs, but also sharing knowledge, and a good chance for networking and supporting each other in terms of health and wellbeing," Mr Borgas said.

"Once CEOs are appointed they are kind of at a bit of a loose end, and it can be a pretty lonely job sometimes when you are leading an organisation with all these com-

munity services."

He said that he and three other CEOs got together a number of years ago to plan for a forum where CEOs could congregate, share experiences and ideas, grow their network, and support each other.

"The first forum was run in the Clare Valley and we had eight CEOs that came along," Mr Borgas said.

"The next one was at Port Augusta and we had 28."

He said looking after mental health would be a feature of the forum.

"It is quite a unique role, in that you are part of the community, but you are not, because there are often some really tough decisions that have to be made where you are alone, and while they are in the best interest of your community they don't always please everybody," Mr Borgas said.

"That is part of the job, and that is why we all love the challenge and all love the job, but to be able to pick up the phone and just go, 'I am having a crap day' or 'I have come across this problem', has never been a priority for (our) lead organisation, which is why we decided, 'Hey, time to get off our butts and do it'."

Mr Borgas said an "uncut calendar" had also been put together.

"Essentially it is about what are you doing when you are not being a CEO," he said.

"We have 12 CEOs that have shown what they do when they are not at work, to just open everyone's eyes.

"Our conversations are normally based around work, but there is another side to each other that we don't often make a priority that it should be."

The forum will be held at the Berri Hotel.

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Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone believes a second year with 100 per cent opening water allocations gives the region a chance to prepare for future drought scenarios. PHOTO: Italo Vardaro

100 per cent a chance to prepare for drought

HUGH SCHUITEMAKER

A SENIOR local MP believes current opportunities to “drought-proof” the Riverland need to be maximised, after it was confirmed allocations for local irrigators would open at 100 per cent for a second straight year.

The Department for Environment and Water last week announced SA River Murray irrigators would

begin the 2023-24 water year with full allocations.

Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone said while the 100 per cent announcement would benefit local growers, preparing for future dry years was also necessary.

“One hundred per cent allocation is a no-brainer,” Mr Whetstone said.

“We’ve had significant rain and all of our storages are at capacity.

“We should be looking at ways we can better drought-proof our region in the good times so that we are best positioned for looming drought, which could be just around the corner.

“Industry and government should be looking at ways to drought-proof river communities to deal with the challenges that the dry and drought brings to fruit producers.”



Proposed designs have been presented to Loxton Waikerie councillors for a new library, VIC and public amenities at the Loxton Institute building (pictured). PHOTO: Stephanie Thompson

Library and VIC project out to tender

JOSH BRINE

A PROJECT to redevelop a local council’s former office building into a new library and visitor information centre (VIC) is currently out to tender, with council to evaluate its options in June.

Following last Wednesday’s Loxton Waikerie council meeting, elected members met with the council’s project manager Daniel Brown to go through the proposed designs for the Loxton library, VIC and public amenities develop-

ment to be built at the Loxton Institute building on East Terrace.

The session comes with council currently undertaking its 2023/24 budget planning.

Loxton Waikerie council CEO David Beaton said tenders for the project would close in May.

“We’ve had some good interest, including some local and state-based interest,” he said.

“Hopefully that makes (the process) competitive and we

can try and keep to the budget we’ve got allocated.

“It’ll come back and then we’ll do the evaluation in probably the middle of June when we know what the prices look like and whether we can afford it, or if we need to change the scope.”

Council assigned \$1.6m in funding, from the third phase of the Federal Government’s Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program (LRCIP) announced in 2021, to be used for the project.

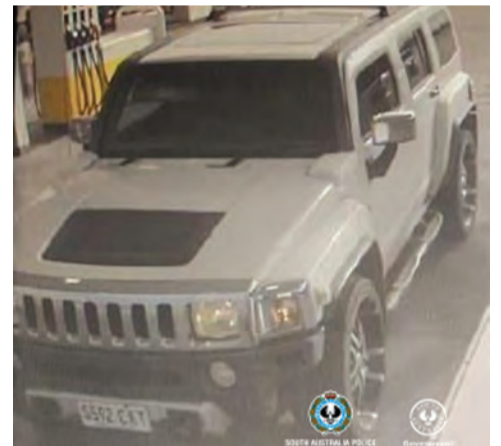
Hummer stollen from Riverland home

LOCALS have been asked to look for a distinctive car stolen from a Cadell home last week.

The keys to a white 2008 Hummer station wagon were stolen from inside a house on Murbko Road, which was broken into sometime between 7am on Wednesday, April 19, and 10am on Saturday, April 22.

The car – with the South Australian registration of S592CKT – was then driven away from the property and was last seen heading south on the Sturt Highway, at Willaston, just before 10.30am on the Saturday

Riverlanders with information that may assist police are asked to contact Crime Stoppers by phone on 1800 333 000, or by visiting the website (www.crimestopperssa.com.au).



This 2008 Hummer vehicle was stolen from a Cadell home last week. PHOTO: supplied

Police seeking car involved in Waikerie crash

POLICE are investigating a collision between a motor vehicle and a stobie pole on the Sturt Highway at Waikerie.

A police spokesperson said they were called to the scene of the incident just after 4am last Wednesday.

Police searched the area

but were unable to locate the involved vehicle.

The spokesperson said on Monday the incident had not yet been reported to police.

Police are asking anyone who was a witness to the collision or has any information to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.



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Two new fruit fly outbreaks, growers answering the call

INCREASING numbers of Riverland growers are supporting efforts to eradicate fruit fly, as two new outbreaks of the pest were recently declared.

PIRSA declared a new outbreak of fruit fly in Waikerie – called Waikerie D – on April 6, following the detection of maggots in residential peaches, and in Cadell on April 17 (Cadell B), after maggots were found in grapefruit on a small commercial property.

Riverland Fruit Fly Committee chair Jason Size urged growers in new outbreak areas to register for self-baiting initiatives.

“In the past six weeks it’s been encouraging to see 12 more growers register to apply bait or deploy lures to kill fruit fly, which means we currently have 49 growers involved in the program,” Mr Size said.

“The more we can do to reduce fly numbers the more effective other eradication tools like sterile flies will be in breaking the fruit fly life cycle.

“To register for the grower self-baiting program, go to the fruit fly website or call the Fruit Fly Hotline (1300 666 010) to request a registration form.”

The total number of inactive outbreak areas in the past fortnight – among the 40 total – with no detections for more than 12 weeks was five, while extensions were made to the Glossop, Monash A, Renmark and Renmark West outbreak areas.

PIRSA incident controller of the fruit fly emergency response, Rob Baker, advised the region was “still in the peak months for fruit fly detections”.

“The most recent fruit fly outbreaks... were discovered thanks to community vigilance and calls to the Fruit Fly Hotline prompting further investigation,” Mr Baker said.

“Early intervention gives us the best opportunity to eradicate the fruit fly hot-spots.

“Our teams are working hard to eradicate fruit fly from outbreak areas, and we’ve started to see fruit fly detections decrease in several outbreak areas in recent weeks.”

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

Opera house nets banned from July

OPERA house yabby nets will be banned in Riverland waters from July 1, in an effort to protect native animals at risk of entrapment.

Opera house nets pose a threat to freshwater turtles and the Riverland water rodent, rakali.

Announcement of the ban followed extensive research and consultation with key recreational fishing stakeholder groups, and puts South Australia in line with bans in WA, NSW, Victoria, Tasmania and the ACT.

“Engagement with the former Minister’s Recreational Fishing Advisory Committee, and more recently RecFish SA, has been an important part in finalising this decision,” said Professor Gavin Begg, PIRSA Fisheries and Aquaculture executive director.

“The biggest issue with the nets is the real dangers that we identified to air-breathing animals that can get caught in them. With that risk in mind there was a common desire to ensure people could still enjoy the time-honoured tradition of yabbing in a way that didn’t impact on the non-targeted species.

“On that basis we worked together to deliver a result that meets those needs and at the same time places the state in line with the practices that are now in place across most of Australia.

“Fishers currently in possession of opera house yabby nets will need to obtain and be aware of the different options to legally fish for yabbies in South Australia.

“In the lead up to the ban the Department will be communicating with recreational and commercial fishing sectors and retail stakeholders as broadly as possible to ensure everyone is aware and abreast of the new arrangements that will come into effect.”

Fishers will still be able to use pyramid nets – permitted since July 1, 2021 in South Australia – for yabby fishing.

For more information on the ban, and advice on permitted yabbing devices, visit: www.pir.sa.gov.au/fishing-gear



Young Paringa yabby enthusiast Hannah Slee, 6, with an opera net that will be banned in SA waters from July 1. Her Brother Jake, 4, is demonstrating a pyramid net, which will still be permitted to use.

PHOTO: Will Slee

“Fishers currently in possession of opera house yabby nets will need to obtain and be aware of the different options to legally fish for yabbies in South Australia...”

- Gavin Begg, PIRSA Fisheries and Aquaculture executive director

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Loxton's Lancaster landing

AN aviation historian is seeking photos of a local property at the time a WWII plane visited the Riverland.

This week marks the 78th anniversary of a WWII Lancaster bomber's trip to the Upper Murray region, with the plane known as 'G for George' landing outside Loxton on Anzac Day in 1945.

Initially there was no landing ground in the Loxton area large enough for the Lancaster, however local citizens and the council made it happen in honour of crew member Harry Tickle (1911-1969), who was a local resident prior to joining the RAAF.

The property where the 'pop-up' airfield appeared was made available by Oscar Habel, and the grading work was carried out by the Loxton District Council.

Aviation historian David Vincent is writing the story of Mr Tickle and the Loxton Lancaster for the South Australian Aviation Museum, and is seeking images of Mr Habel's property being cleared or the Lancaster while it was there.

To assist Mr Vincent with his search, get in contact with him via davevincenzo50@gmail.com or 0449 644 459.



The WWII Lancaster bomber, 'G for George', landed outside of Loxton on Anzac Day in 1945. PHOTO: supplied

Awareness key for suicide prevention workshop

ELYSE ARMANINI

A ONE-day suicide prevention course for Riverland community members will be held in Loxton next week

The free course – run by Community Response to Eliminating Suicide (CORES) Riverland – will help community members recognise signs and assess a person who may be at risk of self-harm or suicide.

With family members and friends under increasing pressure due to emotional, financial, work

or personal situations, CORES Riverland chair Val Fewster said anybody in the community could take the course.

"It's a very simple, very easy course to take," she said.

"It's not heavy and we know that participants can finish the day with the knowledge of what to look for when someone is going through some tough times so they can recognise they might need help.

"It can (also) be for someone who might have experienced suicide in their family, or of a friend. Often, though not straight away,

it's good for them to go through the course because it can help them see some of the things of what their friend or family member had gone through."

Mrs Fewster said the course would also include information on what mental health services are available to Riverlanders.

"There are a lot more services around than people realise," she said.

"We have the Riverland Community Suicide Prevention Network which is there to support anyone in the community, and any-

one from the community can join the network."

Throughout the day, breaks will be taken and encouraged for participants.

"At any time in the course, people can become emotional and feelings can come back," Mrs Fewster said.

"They can go take a break somewhere, but we ask them not to leave the building until one of us has spoken to them."

Anyone over the age of 15 can join the workshop, however those 17 and under require parent per-

mission to attend.

The course will run from 9am to 3.30pm on Tuesday, May 2, at Loxcare, 13-19 Drabsch Street, Loxton.

Morning tea will be provided; however, participants are asked to bring their own lunch.

Reservations are preferred due to limited space. Contact Mrs Fewster by mobile (0466 278 511) to RSVP.

Mrs Fewster said a course would also be held at the Berri Library in July, with a date to be confirmed.

Thousands to test their grit at Cadell this weekend

CHRISTINE WEBSTER

APPROXIMATELY 2500 people from across Australia will participate in the annual True Grit SA challenge at Caudo Vineyard this weekend.

The military-style obstacle course has been held in Cadell since 2013 and each year draws visitors to Waikerie and surrounding towns.

True Grit Events director Tom Gilmartin said participation was slightly down on last year's number of 3000.

He attributed the 2022 figure to a "post-Covid bounce" after the easing of restrictions acted as a catalyst for people to take part in outdoor exercise and activities.

Mr Gilmartin said due to the River Murray flood from November to January, the route of the endurance event was only finalised a month ago.

"We have established that we are still able to use the entire property as usual," he said.

Mr Gilmartin said parts of the obstacle course affected by the flood had to be replaced.

"We had to clean up a lot of mud and replace a few things here and there," he said.

"But on the whole the damage wasn't too bad."

Mr Gilmartin said the venue at Cadell was ideal, featuring three different zones



Last year's True Grit SA military-style obstacle course at Cadell's Caudo Vineyard drew 3000 participants with 450 from interstate. PHOTO: Paul McCormick

for the course.

"You have the river part of the property, then the central area of the vineyard and at the back a desert area."

Mr Gilmartin said gates open for partici-

pants at 7am on Saturday and Sunday, with the elite entrants leaving first at 8.30am.

Spectators are able to enter from 9am on Saturday and Sunday.

The event will feature food vans and music.

Commemorations at Galga feature silo art unveiling

THE Galga community, south of Waikerie, has marked Anzac Day with the official unveiling of artwork honouring WWI and WWII soldiers by Loxton artist Jarrod Loxton on two privately owned silos.

Northern Murray Mallee farmers Bev and Trev Heidrich own the site and funded the project.

The couple also own a farm at Sandwood, south of Galga, and also own the silo site at Copeville, where Mr Loxton completed artwork on the silo in October last year.

Mrs Heidrich said they purchased the silo site in September 2021 and decided it was an ideal opportunity to recognise the sacrifices defence personnel and nurses have made for the nation.

She said being part of the Australian Silo Art Trail would boost tourist numbers in the area.

"Tourists will be able to visit the silo artworks at Waikerie first, travel to Galga, then Copeville and to Karoonda," she said.

These towns were connected on the former railway line, running from

Waikerie to Karoonda

Mrs Heidrich said it should also increase the demand for accommodation in Waikerie, Loxton, and the Murray Mallee.

She said visitors to the area were already stopping to watch Mr Loxton at work on the project.

"It has been great to see this interest," Mrs Heidrich said.

Mrs Heidrich said Mr Loxton took two months and completed the silo art on Friday, just in time for Anzac Day commemorations.

The murals on the silos feature silhouettes of Australian WWI and WWII soldiers and a portrait of Australian army nurse Lieutenant Colonel Vivien Bullwinkel.

Lt Colonel Bullwinkel was the only female survivor of the Japanese massacre at Banka Island in Indonesia during WWII.

Mrs Heidrich's step-grandfather Hurtle Murdoch Zil, who served in Egypt during WWII, is also painted on one of the silos.

The surnames of the service personnel featured on the Galga War

Bev Heidrich's step-grandfather Hurtle Murdoch Zil is one of the WWII soldiers painted on one of the silos by Loxton artist Jarrod Loxton. PHOTO: supplied



Australian army nurse Lieutenant Colonel Vivien Bullwinkel, the only female survivor of the Japanese massacre at Banka Island in Indonesia during World War II, is featured in the Galga murals.

Memorial also appear on the Galga silos adjacent to the town's avenue of honour.

– CHRISTINE WEBSTER

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Mental health training available in the Riverland

LOCALS can now access Mental Health First Aid in the Riverland and Mallee, with bookings available for the life-saving training.

Mental Health First Aid allows people to talk about mental health freely and helps to identify others who may need support and guidance.

Kaizen Business Support offers both Standard and Youth Mental Health First Aid in the Riverland and Mallee.

Facilitator Suzi Evans said the courses teach valuable skills for the workplace and personal environments.

"It's all about how we can have those conversations and how to refer people who may be struggling," she said.

In the Standard training, participants learn how to assist an adult who may be experiencing a mental health problem or mental health crisis until appropriate professional help is received.

"You will be able to recognise the signs and symptoms of mental health problems and acquire the toolkit which will enable you to feel confident to help," Suzi said.

"Each year, one in five Australians

experience a common mental illness and many organisations and businesses are finding worth in appointing an accredited Mental Health First Aid officer to the workplace."

Suzi encouraged those working in the agricultural sector to consider taking part in the training, particularly those in contact with farmers and other clients.

Youth Mental Health First Aid helps participants learn how to assist adolescents in a time of important change and development.

"During high school years, mental health problems are among the leading causes of falling grades, problems with friends, and relationships, substance use or abuse, and they can have lifelong impacts," Suzi said.

The Youth training focuses on improved mental health literacy and early intervention, and is for adults who work, live or care for adolescents, such as:

- Teachers
- School support staff
- Parents
- Sports coaches

- Community group leaders
- Youth workers

Kaizen Business Support offers the two-day courses in a group setting throughout the Riverland and Mallee and Suzi said it would be beneficial for all locals to learn some form of Mental Health First Aid.

"It's more about knowing how to handle

people and how to give them advice," she said.

Suzi was proud to offer the training for those working and living locally.

"You shouldn't have to travel to Adelaide for the course, or wait for the once or twice a year it is offered in the Riverland," she said.

"Being a local myself, I can run a course anywhere, anytime."





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Dancers Madalene Macera, Charlie Wilkins and Bhodi Hu will perform in Restless Dance Theatre's production Exposed at Renmark's Chaffey Theatre next month. PHOTO: supplied

A chance to see 'powerful' theatre show

LOCAL art enthusiasts have the chance to win tickets to an upcoming theatre show capturing the challenges of lived experience of disability.

The Restless Dance Theatre production Exposed will be performed at the Chaffey Theatre on Tuesday, May 9.

Director Michelle Ryan said the work, featuring a core cast of seven dancers with and without disability, explored themes of "vulnerability, uncertainty and risk".

"I recently had an experience as a person living with disability where I was made to feel very vulnerable in the public space," Ms Ryan said.

"I felt overwhelmed with fear and distress at the lack of empathy shown

"I initially showed my vulnerability but quickly realised the situation required me to show strength.

"This work questions what happens when your usual defences are challenged."

Country Arts SA chief executive Anthony Peluso said the production was vital to expanding inclusion in the arts sector.

"Restless Dance Theatre creates high quality, beautiful and powerful works of art," Mr Peluso said.

"Audiences all over keep coming back to Restless' performances to see the beauty and humanity reflecting diverse minds and bodies on stage."

Exposed will be performed at the Chaffey Theatre, in Renmark, on Tuesday, May 9, at 7pm.

Further information can be found by visiting the Country Arts SA website (www.countryarts.org.au/events/exposed).

Councillor questions CEO leave

JOSH BRINE

A LOXTON Waikerie councillor has posed questions related to policies regarding CEO leave and the Mayor's ability to seek legal advice at a recent ordinary meeting.

Cr Kent Andrew asked a question on notice about the policy regarding the appointment of an acting CEO when the full-time CEO is on leave, the power of the Mayor to override acting CEO decisions, and the Mayor's legal ability to

"expend funds not specifically budgeted for" – referring specifically to legal advice obtained in early March.

A response supplied by council staff, stated an acting CEO is appointed for leave of greater than five days and that the responsibilities of the CEO and Mayor "do not change when there is an acting CEO".

"The council has a policy for the Mayor to get legal advice if required," the response read.

"The CEO arranged

for the legal advice to be obtained directly with the legal firm in consultation with the Mayor (in relation to advice sought in Match)."

Since January, Loxton Waikerie council CEO David Beaton has taken three sick leave episodes, one for two days and two for three days, during which he was contactable and an acting CEO was not required.

Mr Beaton told The Murray Pioneer the legal advice was sought in regards to a conflict of interest matter.

Cars, bikes and firecrackers: a reckless Riverland youth?

WHEN he was about 16, a younger brother who shall remain nameless went shares with eight mates in an old EJ Holden station wagon. The car cost \$90.

As a mother now, I see a sizeable difference between adventure and risk taking. Not that we recognised it as such, but life then was sustained by adventure.

Kids were roaming, free to seek experiences beyond parent knowledge or supervision.

However, these schoolmates seemed marginally confused between entertainment and risk taking.

With three in the front and three in the back – all minus seatbelts – and three standing on the tailgate holding onto the roof rack, they'd set out for Saturday nights of spotlighting.

Counting on leg speed instead of guns, my brother says he personally never caught a rabbit because he was "too slow or too scared of rabbits".



One night they came across a pack of kangaroos. Chasing them at 60 to 70 km/h the pack unexpectedly veered left, with the driver also abruptly careering the car in the same direction.

Suddenly the car flipped and did a 360, sending bodies flying everywhere, and then landed on its wheels. The sum total of human injury that night was a broken finger.

It was the last time they used the EJ. Coupled with a risk-taking mentality there was also a 'dare' culture that, perhaps mercifully, seems less prominent now, but triggered some downright dangerous pursuits.

I'm unclear whether this was a dare, but there were stories of young boys climbing the Renmark Water Tower, jumping in and swimming around in the town's water supply.

Leading into Guy Fawkes Night and starting with Tom Thumbs, then graduating to larger firecrackers, we would dare each other to hold them in our hands when they went off.

At home we played Lawn Darts using a screwdriver as the 'dart'. We threw the screwdriver towards our opponent's feet and if the pointy end stuck in the ground, the opponent had to stretch their foot to that spot until they couldn't stretch any further – thongs not recommended.

There was no warning of 'don't try this at home' prior to the Findon Skid Kids' displays, but they would explode through spectacular, petrol-fuelled firewalls on their bikes; or pedal backwards sitting on the handlebars with a pyramid of kids riding on their shoulders; or spin around like a top on the front wheel.

This commonly inspired plenty of dares and trials on the streets. Mercurochrome smelt, stung and stained, but was the chief remedy for subsequent grazes and cuts.

One afternoon, circumstances summoned every energy we had. A group of teenage friends spontaneously decided to swim across the river from Jane Eliza.

Either unable or unwilling to touch the ground on the other side – think slimy mud entangled with willow trees – we swam back, unprepared for the exhausting effects of distance and of waves smacking our faces.

Underground tanks were virtually all open-topped and unsecured and – by any standards with so many young kids around – dangerous.

There were stories of slug guns. Almost every household had one and sometimes they were more than just a tool against spoggies. Brothers getting up a head of steam took shots at each other, in most cases leaving stinging indents, but sometimes blood.

Kids having access to tractors and taking school friends at night on bumpy trailer rides at the highest possible speed still leaves a chill.

It's excruciating, reflecting on the death or injuries I might have caused.

This comment I read recently implies part of the mentality of the time, "Kids today are soft. I died once when I was five, and my mum made me walk it off".

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Artwork pays tribute to our RSL

DEIRDRE GRAHAM

THE RENMARK RSL sub branch has welcomed the installation of a motif bin in its Cross of Sacrifice garden.

The artwork on the bin was undertaken by local business Plasma Art following an idea from RSL members.

Renmark RSL sub branch public relations officer Ray Hartigan hoped other similar bins would be installed across town in the future.

“Plasma Art have done the other icons in the Cross of Sacrifice gardens,” Mr Hartigan said.

“They have been incredibly supportive of returned servicemen and women and went ahead and made the motif bin with the three services on.



Jodie and David Wynes from Plasma Art, Renmark RSL sub branch public relations officer Ray Hartigan and Mick Greatz, from Renmark Paringa Council, with the new bin artwork at the Cross of Sacrifice garden. PHOTO: Deirdre Graham

“Renmark Paringa Council has also been incredibly supportive – both (former Mayor) Neil Martinson and Mayor Peter Hunter – and have gone

ahead and put the concrete slab there, and facilitated the donation.”

Mr Hartigan added Renmark RSL president

Jason Schubert was grateful to the citizens of Renmark for the long and continuing support of Anzac Day and Remembrance Day services.

Tasting Australia puts the Riverland front and centre

DESPITE hosting just one event, the Riverland will be front and centre in this year’s Tasting Australia celebrations.

At the festival’s Victoria Square hub, patrons will be able to have their dishes served on a take-home, enamel Tasting Australia plate for \$1, with all proceeds to be donated to the State Emergency Relief Fund to help people impacted by the River Murray floods.

The Town Square will be open throughout the festival, from this Friday, April 28, to Sunday, May 7.

Closer to home, Renmark’s Mallee Estate will be hosting

a Winemaker for a Day event.

The event will include a wine-blending experience led by chief winemaker Jim Markeas, followed by a lunch with Jim and his mother, the namesake of the winery’s restaurant, Eleni.

The menu will include family-style recipes such as katsarola, with a glass of wine to accompany the two courses.

The experience will be held on Saturday, April 29, Sunday, April 30, and Saturday, May 6.

For more information about the festival, visit the website (www.tastingaustralia.com.au).

- JOSH BRINE

Park owner’s call to Gather Round the regions in 2024

THE owner of a Riverland caravan park says tourism benefits from the AFL’s Gather Round need to be expanded outside Adelaide and its surrounds in future years by incentivising visitors to extend their stay.

Grant Wilckens, CEO of the G’Day Group that owns Barmera’s Discovery Parks Lake Bonney, said attention must be turned to converting Gather Round visits into two-week regional South Australian holidays.

While the group’s properties in Adelaide, Barossa Valley, Adelaide Hills and McLaren Vale received a 101 per cent boost in bookings during Gather Round, Mr Wilckens said the event needed to be used as a “platform to encourage people to extend their stay in South Australia”.

“While it was great to see our guests spend nearly four nights here on average during Gather Round week, I would hope that the (State) Government and AFL are already looking at how we can make these benefits go further,” he said.

“This could be increasing the number of games outside of the CBD, designing travel packages that take in some of our incredible regions or ensuring we have high-visibility campaigns in markets that encourage interstate visitors to stay a little longer.

“Ultimately, I would hope that we see



Grant Wilckens (inset), CEO of the G’Day Group that owns Barmera’s Discovery Parks Lake Bonney, says the AFL and State Government must expand the economic benefits of the Gather Round to regional South Australia.

many more people turning Gather Round into a two-week South Australian holiday where they’re not just seeing the city and the Hills, but taking the time to check out some of our other incredible regions.”

Mr Wilckens said that major events also provided certainty for operators to invest in accommodation and experiences to support increased visitation to the state’s regions.

“These kinds of investments are integral to supporting growth in regional visitation and to ensure that regional SA can also weigh in on the benefits of major events such as Gather Round,” he said.

“This certainty and a continued focus on major events is integral to support private investment, which in turn supports increased visitor numbers.”

“I would hope that the (State) Government and AFL are already looking at how we can make these benefits go further...”

– Grant Wilckens, CEO of G’Day Group

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\$15k for youth theatre consultation and rebrand

ELYSE ARMANINI

A LOCAL community arts group has been awarded a \$15,000 grant to assist with rebranding the organisation.

Riverland Youth Theatre (RYT) was one of 60 organisations to receive the funding through the State Government's Arts and Culture Grants program.

The money will go towards community consultation and an RYT rebrand, and creative director Fleur Kilpatrick said after being Riverland Youth Theatre for 38 years, it was time for a change.

"We genuinely find that at times we're almost fighting against the name, because we also do things in the Mallee, or online for regional kids anywhere in the state," she said.

"We are for youth but also have events for adults. We're a theatre but we're so many other wellbeing and arts things too.

"That led to the conversation with the board and unanimously deciding they wanted to move forward and discuss a name change, and trying to figure out a name that might better represent us."

Due to many Riverlanders and those beyond the region feeling "a sense of ownership" over the organisation, Ms Kilpatrick said community consultation was a top priority for the rebranding process.

"We want to do it with the community's

help," she said.

"We have kids whose parents came here, so we don't want anyone to feel left out in the cold by this process.

"We really want input from current or former members, and also community members who haven't yet engaged with us but might if the name reflected them better.

"We're hoping this process can really let the community know who we are today and how diverse our offerings are."

The grant will also help pay for marketing and eventual signage once a new name has been chosen.

"We're not expecting to launch a new name until the end of this year," Ms Kilpatrick said.

"It's a long process to make sure the name is changed on every possible document and registration of a charitable organisation.

"We're really excited. People are thrilled to finally have this change happening.

"It would have been a very tough one to do without the grant, and it would've meant a more stripped-back version of community consultation.

"This grant means we can really take our time and sit down with community groups and have great facilitated conversations with stakeholders, whether they be seven years old or on council."

“We’re hoping this process can really let the community know who we are today and how diverse our offerings are...”

- Fleur Kilpatrick, Riverland Youth Theatre creative director

Can another Riverlander take out a state award?

RIVERLAND apprentices, trainees, schools and organisations can now nominate for the SA Training Awards.

The awards recognise achievements of the state's best vocational education and training (VET) students, with winners going on to represent South Australia at the 2023 Australian Training Awards in Hobart in November.

Renmark High School student Sakina Qambari was named the state and national School-based Apprentice or Trainee of the Year at last year's awards.

Minister for Education, Training and Skills, Blair Boyer, said the awards are "an important opportunity to recognise the outstanding achievements of apprentices, trainees, training organisations, VET students, and employers".

"If you know of anybody who has achieved fantastic things in their studies or in making our skills system excellent, I encourage you to nominate them for an award," he said.

"More than ever before, our TAFE and vocational training sector is critical to giving South Australians the skills they need for the jobs they want.

"Events such as the South Australian Training Awards highlights VET as an equal pathway that leads to high quality, secure jobs - while building our states' future."

Thirteen awards are up for grabs - six for individuals and seven for organisations - plus a Voter's Choice Award will be presented to the public's favourite individual finalist.

- Award categories are:
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student of the Year
 - Apprentice of the Year
 - School-based Apprentice or Trainee of the Year
 - Trainee of the Year
 - Vocational Student of the Year
 - VET Teacher/Trainer of the Year
 - Organisation Awards
 - Industry Collaboration
 - Small Employer of the Year
 - Large Employer of the Year
 - Small Training Provider of the Year
 - Large Training Provider of the Year
 - VET Innovation for Schools (state-based award)
 - Excellence in Diversity (new state-based award)

Nominations close on Friday, May 26 at 5pm. Judging will take place in July and winners will be announced at a gala dinner in Adelaide on Thursday, September 21.

For more information, or to nominate, go to: <https://skillscommission.sa.gov.au/sa-training-awards>



Renmark High School student Sakina Qambari was named the SA School-based Apprentice or Trainee of the Year at the 2022 SA Training Awards. FILE PHOTO

Explore Waikerie



Rock 'n' roll enthusiasts are regulars at Oscar's Bistro & Bar during the Waikerie festival. PHOTOS: supplied

Waikerie Hotel a tourist draw

THE Waikerie Hotel Motel is a popular destination for locals and tourists during the annual Riverland Rock 'n' Roll Festival.

Located in the centre of the CBD, the community hotel was originally built in 1911 but a 2011 fire caused extensive damage to its original building, most of which had to be rebuilt.

Oscar's Bistro & Bar offers a menu inspired by cuisines from around the world.

Waikerie Hotel Motel manager Andrew Tyson said the restaurant's capacity had significantly increased over the past decade and it regularly caters for 200 guests in one sitting.

"During January when tourists were coming up to have a look at the river in flood, in one lunch session we served more than 350 guests," Andrew said.

The hotel also features rooms for functions and conferences, and a sports bar with gaming machines, TAB, Lotteries and Keno.

Its bottle-shop, well-stocked with all the latest types of beverages, features a three-lane drive through.

Andrew said the hotel had recovered from the Covid-19 pandemic.

"It took time to build the hotel back again, but since then we have been going strong," he said.

The Waikerie Hotel Motel is the largest accommodation provider in the Waikerie area, consisting of 35 hotel and motel rooms in McCoy Street, and five cabins and 10 motel rooms at its offsite motel, on Ian Oliver Drive.

Andrew said demand for accommodation had been high over the last 18 months.

He said tourists, emergency services personnel and tradespeople - including those that built the levees - were among those staying at the hotel and motel during the River Murray flood.

Andrew said people were still flocking to the area as it recovered from the flood.

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CHRISTINE WEBSTER

THREE decades of rock 'n' roll spirit will be celebrated at an iconic Riverland event's 30-year anniversary.

About 500 people from across SA and interstate are expected to converge on Waikerie for the Riverland Rock 'n' Roll Festival, running from Thursday, May 4, until Sunday, May 7.

Festival founder Judy Maskell said rock 'n' roll became popular in Waikerie after Barry and Wendy Stewart began dancing classes in 1992.

She said the festival started as a night of dancing at the Waikerie High School in 1994,

as part of the town's centenary celebrations, and initially attracted 220 participants.

Judy said it gradually grew into a four-day event.

"After the first night of rock 'n' roll dance, no one wanted to return to Adelaide," she said.

"So, we invited them to breakfast at our house the next morning so we could carry on dancing in our carport."

Judy said the festival had since attracted national media coverage, putting both Waikerie and the Riverland on the map.

Riverland Rock 'n' Roll Festival treasurer Jenny Gruzlewski said photographs of the events 30-year history would be exhibited at the Waikerie

Gliding Club Hangar.

Partner dancing begins at the hangar next Thursday, from 6pm, and will continue on the Friday, from 6.30pm.

Rock 'n' Roll dancers will also perform at the Waikerie Rotary Market, which will run next Saturday, from 9am to 2pm, at the Waikerie Community Sports Centre playing fields.

Classic/muscle or hot rod vehicles and unique/show motorcycles will also be on display at the Waikerie Show 'n' Shine at the market.

Melbourne band The Up Town Catz will perform on the Friday and Saturday nights, and DJ Ron, from Adelaide, will provide music throughout the festival.

Breakfast will be served at the hangar on the Sunday, from 9am, for \$10, and free dancing will continue until 1.30pm.



The original Riverland Rock 'n' Roll festival committee Sharyn and Drew Wilson, (back left) Paula Arid, Geoff Hartwig, Craig and Judy Maskell at the 1996 Grease themed event. PHOTOS: supplied



Taking part in the 1998 Rock 'n' Roll festival at Waikerie: event founder Judy Maskell (left), Desi Pavlou and Sharyn Wilson.



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All systems go for Ebert match 2.0

Thousands made their way to Loxton Oval for last year's inaugural Russell Ebert tribute match.
PHOTO: Paul Mitchell

BEN LENNON

FOLLOWING a successful inaugural edition in 2022, Port Adelaide and West Adelaide are set to return to the Riverland for the second Russell Ebert tribute match at Loxton this Sunday.

Over 3600 people packed into the home of the Loxton Football Club last time out to honour the memory of arguably the greatest footballer South Australia has ever produced.

West Adelaide CEO and former Riverlander Conny Wilson was at the heart of the action last year and knew coming back for a second crack was always going to be a top priority for the Bloods.

Sunday's format is a "bit of a cut and paste" from last year's event, with the Riverland Superdogs and Peninsula

Magpies masters sides opening up proceedings, before Loxton and Waikerie lock horns in the curtain raiser to the SANFL contest.

Last year's main event went the way of the Magpies, but Ms Wilson and the rest of the West Adelaide cohort are looking forward to a shot at redemption this year.

"We're pretty excited because we're really keen to bring the cup home this year," Ms Wilson said.

"I went and picked it up from Port Adelaide and told them 'have one last look at this'.

"We're under a new coach. He's excited and really wants to show what we can do in changing up our game plan and we've got some youth in the side, so it's all about development for us.

"We're keen to get back to

Loxton, we love the crowd there."

While the format is the same, some new additions have been made to the festivities this year, with Ms Wilson and her fellow organisers keen to boost the event's community involvement.

Local youngsters will get the chance to rub shoulders with some of the best footballers in the state, with schedules adjusted slightly to help include them more in the event's second instalment.

"At half time we're going to do a bit of an AusKick clinic for the littlies to get involved in, which is something we didn't do last year," Ms Wilson said.

"We're also going to make sure that players are available post-match to hang around for a little bit, sign some autographs and just say g'day to the kids.

"That's building on from last year, we've jiggled the timing a bit so the kids can get involved more and in the morning prior to the game, a few of our senior players will be taking a clinic at Loxton North as well.

"It's about touching the community and making sure we're not just flying up for a game and then turning around and going back."

Ms Wilson expects plenty of Ebert family members to be in attendance on the day following a glowing review of last year's event from Russell's daughter Tammie Kernich.

"I spoke with Tammie and sought her permission before we went further with it this year to make sure the family is up for it," Ms Wilson said.

"She said everyone had a

great time last year. We've left quite a number of spots for her and the family at the half time function and we'll be calling on them to toss the coin and present the trophy, because that helps keep the whole Ebert memory alive.

"We've also got a raffle going with Loxton Football Club, with half of that going to the Leukaemia foundation so everyone benefits, not just the football side of it.

"We want to raise awareness and put a bit of coin towards it. It's not a moneymaking exercise for us, that's not our goal."

Action kicks off at 9.30am with the old boys in action, before Loxton takes on Waikerie at 11am, with the SANFL seniors first bounce scheduled for 2.10pm.

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West Adelaide captain and former Berri junior Kaiden Brand (centre) will not be in action this weekend, but is looking forward to returning to the region and seeing some familiar faces. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

Berri's Brand heading back

BEN LENNON

BERRI-born Kaiden Brand was one of the standout performers for West Adelaide in the inaugural Russell Ebert tribute match at Loxton Oval last year.

The former Demon lined up on Port Adelaide forward Charlie Dixon for the majority of the day, but a second homecoming for the key defender is set to look a little different this year.

Brand suffered a concussion late last season and the lingering effects have caused a delayed start to his 2023 campaign.

Named captain of the club heading into the season, Brand is yet to feature for West Adelaide as he continues to recover from the head knock.

"I've had some lingering symptoms and given the landscape of the game it's become a pretty serious topic," he said.

"There's still a little bit of dizziness and a bit of fatigue but I'm definitely closer to playing than I was at the start of the year.

"It's a slow process and the doctors are taking a cautious approach with it which is understandable.

"I'm hoping to be back sooner rather than later so its just one of those things. The protocol is I need two weeks with zero symptoms which I haven't reached yet and you can't really rush it."

West Adelaide will enter the match off the back of a rousing win against South Adelaide last Sunday.

It was the first victory for new coach

Adam Hartlett, and Brand believes the group is looking forward to building on that in Loxton.

"It's a really exciting time," he said.

"In the SANFL you don't get a lot of opportunities to travel as a team and stay somewhere overnight, so it's certainly something the boys are looking forward to.

"The group really enjoyed it last year and we're excited to hopefully get another win and show off our talent and what we're trying to do as a group to the Riverland to entice more Riverlanders to come down and have a crack at Westies."

While he won't be in his playing kit this Sunday, Brand will still be busy as he looks to catch up with some familiar faces in the crowd and around the region.

"I'll certainly catch up with mum and dad while I'm there and I'm really looking to catch up with some mates as well," he said.

"Obviously I got to play last year and, even though it probably won't be the case this year, I'll still be involved and it's always a great time to get back and see everyone.

"Even though we didn't win last year, it was a competitive game and this year we want to do the same thing and really honour Russell's name.

"These kinds of things add a bit extra to the game and it's really exciting to be a part of it."

In the way of West Adelaide will be a hungry Port Adelaide side that is yet to register a win in three attempts this season.

The Magpies held the cup aloft last season off the back of strong performances from a number of AFL listed players.

The action kicks off at 2.10pm following the curtain raiser contest between Loxton and Waikerie.



The Bloods picked up their first win of the year last Sunday, downing South Adelaide in emphatic fashion. PHOTO: WAFC

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COLOUR RUN: Waikerie Lutheran Primary School (WLPS) celebrated the end of term one with its annual Holi Colour Run. The year 5/6 class set up an obstacle course and filled bottles with different colours of powder for the celebration. Pictured are year 6 students Arlee (left) and Jannat participating in the run. PHOTO: supplied



WLPS teachers Amy Lloyd (left) and Sandie Canney, learning support officers Shaz Paschke and Kirsty Smith, and principal Tania Fragnito. PHOTO: Paul McCormick



HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES: Riverland Youth Theatre held various school holiday activity sessions last week. Samrath Brar, 11, enjoyed playing acoustic guitar at the Waikerie Play it Loud session. PHOTOS: supplied



Jedrick Jachmann, 7, on the electric guitar during Play it Loud in Waikerie.



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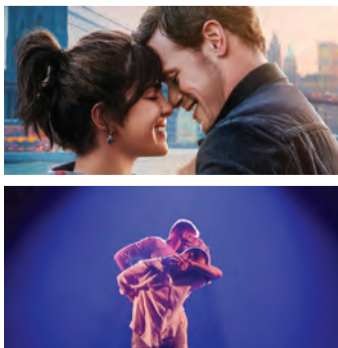
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COMMUNITY DIARY

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

Guided tours of **The Pines Historic House** are held every Sunday at 2pm, at 18 Henry Street, Loxton. Gardens open seven days. Extra tour inquiries to Helen (0421 601 903).

WEEKLY

Barmera Theatre Art & Craft Gallery in the Bonney Theatre complex open for sales Tuesday to Friday 10am to 2pm, and Saturday 9:30am to 11:30am. 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.

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

Line dancing at the **Monash Club** every Thursday, 11am to 2pm. Lunch and drinks available.

WEEKLY

Berri Senior Citizens welcome anyone over the age of 55 to attend the BSC Hall at 4 Draper Road, Berri, each Tuesday, 1pm to 4pm. Activities include bridge, cards, games, pool, computer use and socialising.

WEEKLY

The **Barmera Community Men's Shed** is open Monday and Thursday from 8am to 12.30pm at the Bruce Oval. All men are welcome. Not open on public holidays.

WEEKLY

The **Loxton Legacy Widow Group** meet on the fourth Monday of the month at 10.30am at the Loxton RSL hall.

WEEKLY

Barmera Lake Bonney Quilters meet every Wednesday 9am to 4pm at the Riverland Field Days site. Friendly group. All welcome, beginner or experienced. Contact 0438 837 307.

WEEKLY

The **SACWA Loxton District Branch** meets every Thursday, from 10am-2pm, at its hall on Kokoda Terrace, Loxton. Come along and enjoy a cuppa, companionship and craft.

WEEKLY

Riverland Woodworkers at the old Renmark High School, Ral Ral Avenue, Wednesdays 9am to 4pm, Sundays 1pm to 4pm. Any skill level welcome. For more information contact Luke Bihun (0400 253 572).

WEEKLY

Riverland Concert Brass Band. Monday nights 7pm to 8.30pm, except public holidays. 1 Verran Terrace, Berri. All musicians 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. For inquiries phone 8584 6954.

WEEKLY

Social badminton at the **Barmera Recreation Centre** Thursday evenings, 6.30pm to 8pm, and Tuesday mornings, 9am to 10.30am. Racquets available and all welcome. For more information contact Judy (8588 8000).

WEEKLY

Loxton Historical Village open Tuesday to Sunday, 10am to 4pm, and public holidays. Pet friendly. Phone 8584 7194 or visit the website (www.thevillageloxton.com.au).

WEEKLY

The **Renmark Senior Citizen's Club** meet every Tuesday at their clubroom, 75 Ral Ral Avenue. New members welcome. Please call Marina (8586 3331).

WEEKLY

The **Berri Community Men's Shed** is open from 8am to 12 noon on Mondays and Thursdays. New members welcome. Inquiries phone 0428 215 114.

WEEKLY

Renmark Bowling Club on Cowra Street would like to welcome you to bingo. Every Thursday night, from 7pm.

WEEKLY

Ukulele every Thursday during school terms, from 5.15pm to 6.45pm at the **Monash Hall** supper room. Inquiries to Margot (0407 796 508). Beginners welcome.

WEEKLY

Loxton Senior Citizens Club meet every Tuesday from 1pm to 4pm at RVCC, corner of Bookpurnong Road and View Street. New members welcome. Please phone Jean (8584 7313).

WEEKLY

Loxcare Community Hub free mobile phone/tablet/computer questions and answers on the third Friday of each month from 10am. Enjoy a cuppa and learn about your devices as part of the Be Connected Network.

THURSDAY, APRIL 27

Charity for All Bingo at the Loxton Club. Raising funds for RFDS. Seated by 6.30pm for eyes down at 7pm, so don't be late to join in the fun.

SATURDAY, APRIL 29

Renmark Lions Club Fundraising Bazaar, 8am to 12 noon at Renmark No. 2 Oval - W E Wood Hall. Many bargains. EFTPOS, barbecue, hot doughnuts. Contact Colin (0419 801 996).

TUESDAY, MAY 2

Community Response to Eliminating Suicide (CORES) one-day suicide prevention course at Loxcare, 13-19 Drabsch Street, Loxton, 9am to 3.30pm. Free to all in the Riverland.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3

U3A Riverland community singing group commencing in the U3A clubrooms. All welcome. No experience necessary, just an enjoyment of singing together. RSVP to Marian (0412 649 766).

SUNDAY, MAY 7

Coronation high tea at the **Loxton Historical Village Institute**. Watch the coronation on the big screen. \$15 per person and includes Village entry. Tickets available from the Village, phone 8584 7194.

TUESDAY, MAY 9

Loxton Neighbourhood Watch meeting in the Pyap Room, Loxton Hotel, at 7.30pm. Guest speaker is Genni Lehmann talking about being a Mallee mum. All welcome.

SATURDAY, MAY 13

Berri Barmera Health Advisory Council quiz night at Berri Bowling Club, 7pm for 7.30pm start. Fundraising for Riverland General Hospital fetal monitoring equipment. Tables of 8, \$10 per person. RSVP Josie Nelsson (0400 291 311).

Loxton's history showcased

THE stage is set for the 11th annual Loxton's History 'Sure Ain't Boring' night which will take place next Tuesday, May 2, from 7pm at the Loxton Precinct.

This year's event will feature speakers Peter Magarey, Ashlee Pontt and Leith McDonald, who will expand on the opening of the Northern Mallee by rail (Magarey), the Milich family early settlers in the Loxton area (Pontt) and the involvement of the Loxton Town Beautification since its inception (McDonald).

Light refreshments will be provided on arrival and at the completion of the evening.

Tickets for the event are available at the Loxton



● Peter Magarey

Council office, and Loxton Library and Visitor Information Centre.

Tickets are \$5 for adults, with children admitted free.

DVDs and CDs of the presentation can be ordered prior to the event at the Loxton Library.



● Ashlee Pontt



● Leith McDonald



The official opening of the Waikerie Institute and Soldiers Memorial Hall in 1921.

PHOTOS: Waikerie District Historical Society

Reflecting on Waikerie RSL's formation

THE Waikerie RSL Sub Branch was established in 1919 by Major Thomas Heming.

This occurred after the formation of the Returned Services League of Australia in 1916 at a conference where concern was expressed about the welfare of returned servicemen from WWI.

Representatives of veterans from Queensland, South Australia, Tasmania, and Victoria recommended the formation of the Returned Sailors and Soldiers Imperial League of Australia.

After several name changes, in 1965 this became the Returned Services League of Australia.

Major Heming was instrumental in establishing the Waikerie RSL and was the driving force to build a memorial to those who had served and died in WWI.

He was the first president, serving for 22 years.

The Waikerie Institute and Soldiers Memorial Hall was partly funded from a fund that was set up in Waikerie.

This was a voluntary fund where growers and farmers pledged to donate a percentage of their crops to be kept in a fund for soldiers who had volunteered.

After the war, the Soldiers Fund offered a share to each man who served and to each family of a fallen soldier.

Almost all declined to take this money and instead proposed to fund a lasting memorial and something useful for the area.

In 1919 the Soldier's Fund was allocated to build the Waikerie Institute and Soldiers Memorial Hall.

The completed building was officially opened in 1921 by RSL state president W.D Price M.C, who also unveiled the WWI Honour Board.

Many presidents of the RSL became prominent in community affairs.

George Burns M.M., president during 1941 to 1944 was instrumental in beginning the Waikerie Emergency Fire Service, of



Waikerie RSL Sub Branch's first president Major Thomas Heming.

which he became the brigade captain.

William Foster, president from 1965 to 1966, was a tireless volunteer and a driving force in the establishment of the St John Ambulance Service in Waikerie and the surrounding district.

During WWII Waikerie formed a Father's Association modelled on the organisation that had been in operation during WWI and had become defunct during the inter-war years.

The group involved themselves in hospital visits, repatriation issues, the employment of returned servicemen and the establishment of returned servicemen's rights relating to principles such as pensions and housing.

It had a close co-operation with the RSL.

After 70 years in the Institute, in 1996 the Waikerie RSL Sub Branch moved to the former Masonic Lodge in Thompson Street.

With better facilities and more room to expand, it was at this time that the military museum came into being, made up from military memorabilia from RSL members and the community.

During the late Arthur Hall's term as Waikerie RSL president, a bar was built, a library established, and a cadet unit formed.

- Waikerie District Historical Society



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Mr Size has more than 30 years'



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Historical images of Renmark during the 1956 major flood. The town's recovery from the flood will be discussed by a panel of locals at a RIT-hosted SA History Festival event.

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Flood memories in spotlight

LOCAL memories of the Riverland's largest flood event will be shared at an irrigation trust's upcoming history event.

Renmark Irrigation Trust (RIT) will next Wednesday host a panel event at the Renmark Paringa Public Library discussing the rebuilding of Renmark after the 1956 flood.

The panel will feature locals Max Burr, Clarence 'Clacker' John, Ian Tolley and Robert Tucker.

An RIT spokesperson said the event, part of the SA History Festival, would highlight "memories of RIT's role in the reconstruction of Renmark, and how families rebuilt

their lives" after the flood.

"(The speakers) all lived in Renmark at the time of the 1956 flood but will give different perspectives on how the flood affected them and their families," the spokesperson said.

The panel event will be held on Wednesday, May 3, from 3pm to 4pm.

Attendance is free, however registration is required.

Further information can be found by visiting the website (www.festival.history.sa.gov.au/events/renmark-irrigation-trust-the-rebuilding-of-renmark-after-the-1956-flood/).



Survey for post-flood recovery plan

RIVERLANDERS are invited to share their thoughts, issues and ideas in a survey to help in the development of a River Murray flood recovery plan.

The State Government has opened up the community survey to inform the official plan to help communities, businesses and councils recover and move forward after the 2022/23 flood.

According to the Department of the Premier and Cabinet all responses are welcomed, whether directly affected or unaffected by the flood.

The Department also invites responders to share the anonymous survey with others so more information can be provided.

FLOOD EVENT

The survey is made up of 14 questions, with 12 requiring written answers, and will close at midnight on April 30.

It can be completed online with a computer or mobile device by visiting: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RM-Recovery-Plan>

Those unable to complete the survey before the closing date, or online, or wish to provide more feedback can contact community recovery co-ordinator Alex Zimmermann via mobile (0455 984 411) or email (alex.zimmermann@sa.gov.au).

New program helping businesses reduce emissions

RIVERLAND small to medium-sized businesses now have more support options to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions.

The launch of the new Net Zero Essentials Program will allow businesses to access practical support.

The program – following a successful pilot – will be delivered by Business SA over six months, supported by a \$150,000 state government grant.

"The South Australian Government is serious about supporting businesses to reduce their emissions," said Susan Close, Deputy Premier and Minister for Climate, Environment and Water.

"This program will support small to medium businesses to take substantive steps to a net zero future for their business."

Business SA chief executive Andrew Kay said many businesses "haven't known where to get started with net zero".

"With the day-to-day challenges of running a small business, taking the necessary steps to create change is not necessarily a priority," he said.

"By offering a subsidised essential learning program we are removing one of the barriers for South Australia's small business community to contribute to a net zero future.

"We look forward to working with businesses over the course of the program, helping them to learn how to run sustainable businesses, save money and capitalise on the opportunities of a net zero economy."

Participants will be able to access online training and face-to-face support to help them better understand their emissions and how to reduce them.

"Through our extensive engagement with small and family businesses, I know that there are a lot of businesses in South Australia thinking about their emissions and sustainabil-

ity practices," said Andrea Michaels, Minister for Small and Family Business.

"This program will be one important way to support small and family businesses to achieve their sustainability goals, and we look forward to exploring further initiatives as part of our upcoming Small Business Strategy."

Businesses can register their interest in the Net Zero Essentials Program by visiting the Business SA website (<https://business-sa.com/lp/netzeroprogram>).

The new program comes as more than 800 South Australian business leaders gathered in Adelaide for the two-day Industry Climate Change Conference late last week.

The conference explored the challenges and opportunities for businesses as the state transitions to net zero, with a state government target of at least 50 per cent reduction in net emissions by 2030 and net zero by 2050.

TV GUIDE

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26 TO TUESDAY, MAY 2



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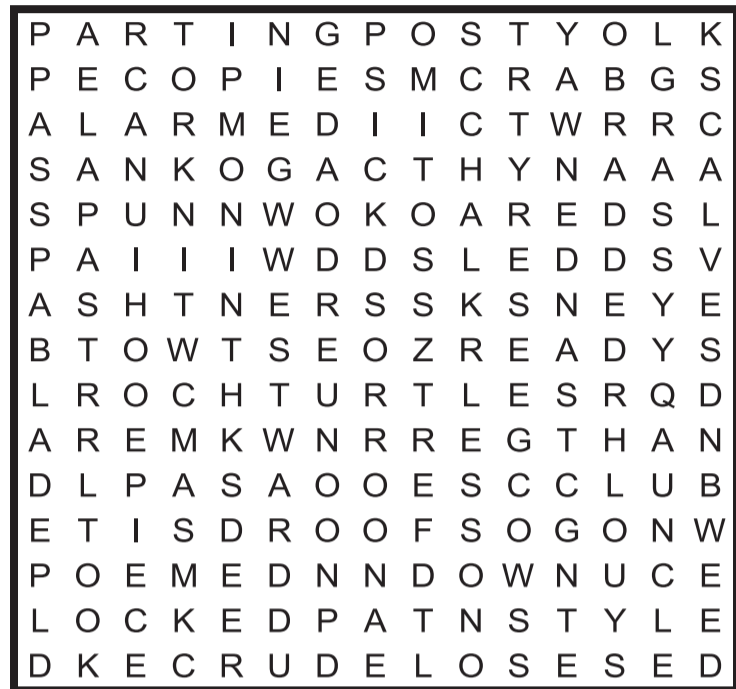
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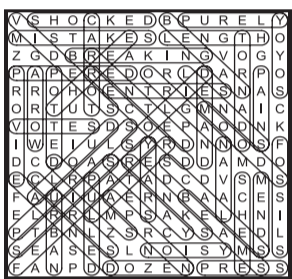
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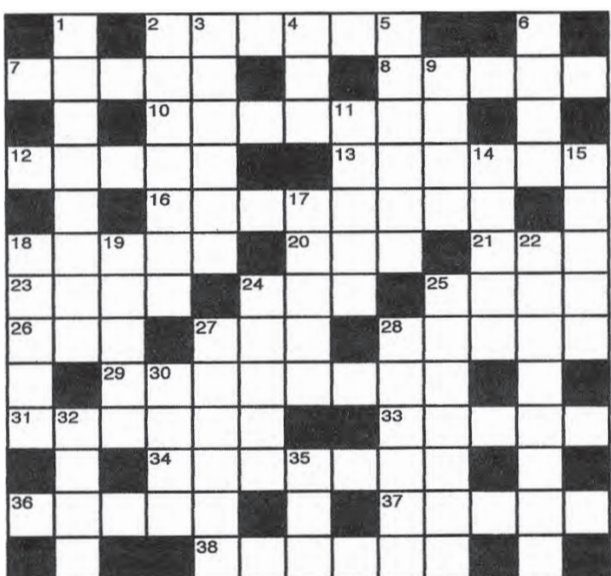
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- Food
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- Scholarly essays
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- Former Russian ruler
- Offensive to sight
- Deep-red resinous substance



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION



ARIES (March 21st - April 20th)
A colleague at work whom you have not spoken to for a while may suddenly want to move your friendship to the next level. **Romance.** A person who seems a little out of the ordinary will be worth getting to know. You may be put off by their unusual approach, but if you persist you won't be disappointed.

TAURUS (April 21st - May 21st)
Don't be led on by promises which are unlikely to come to fruition. **Romance.** A meeting later in the week will help to put your love-life back on track, so long as you follow through with it. You are feeling very positive, and should not be held back by negativity from your friends.

GEMINI (May 22nd - June 21st)
The people around you will have much less energy than you, and may try to hold you back. **Romance.** You made a promise recently. Your partner may have forgotten, but you should keep your word, even if this seems a little impractical. Your partner may be feeling a little fragile at the moment, and will need all the support you can give.

CANCER (June 22nd - July 23rd)
An acquaintance whom you have not seen for a little while will soon be coming back into your life. A meeting around the middle of the week will give you a chance to catch up with what this person has been up to. **Romance.** A powerful aspect to Neptune could make you a little vague at times.

LEO (July 24th - August 23rd)
One phone call one after another will leave you exhausted. You must be firm with people who waste your time. **Romance.** Your emotions will be very strong at the moment. This is not really the best time to make a major decision, especially one which involves your partner as well. Within a week or so you will have a clearer idea of which way to go.

VIRGO (August 24th - September 23rd)
Don't be too upset about a recent disappointment. A discussion with a close friend will help to get you back on your feet. **Romance.** A favourable aspect to Venus later in the week will put your love-life into higher gear. A romantic meeting will go much better than expected, and should go a long way towards restoring your confidence in yourself.

LIBRA (September 24th - October 23rd)
Don't worry too much about something which you have lost. It will turn up anyway in a few days, but not until the time is right. **Romance.** A meeting with a person who is much older than you could prove interesting. You will soon feel that you know this person extremely well. A favourable aspect to Mercury around the middle of the week will help you to communicate well.

SCORPIO (October 24th - November 22nd)
A long-standing misunderstanding may come to a head this week. It might be better to avoid this discussion until a better time. **Romance.** A liaison with a member of the opposite sex could make your partner jealous. You will be surprised how easily they can misinterpret the situation.

SAGITTARIUS (November 23rd - December 21st)
If your friends can't stand the pace you will have to carry on by yourself. Don't let their apathy hold you back. **Romance.** Pressure from other people may cause strains in your love-life. Otherwise, this will be a very good week. A powerful aspect to Mars at the beginning of the week could make you a little nervous at times.

CAPRICORN (December 22nd - January 20th)
Don't get carried away. A remark which you make could easily be misinterpreted. **Romance.** You may bump into an "ex" this week. Don't ask too many awkward questions! You have both changed a lot since you were together, but you will be surprised how much spark is still left in your relationship.

AQUARIUS (January 21st - February 19th)
You will be feeling a little restless at the moment. A series of positive co-incidences will help you to find your feet. **Romance.** A person whom you met some time ago may suddenly take a greater interest in you. Don't lead them on unless you believe that this relationship might ultimately lead somewhere.

PISCES (February 20th - March 20th)
You may have much more energy than the people around you. You will be the one who has to motivate everybody else! **Romance.** Your partner may be a little less responsive to your changing moods than you might like. There may be tension hidden below the surface: make sure that you deal with this properly as soon as possible.

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To solve a sudoku puzzle, fill the empty cells with the numbers 1 to 9

Each number only appears once in each row, column and 3 x 3 box.

Level of Difficulty: **Medium**

Solution No. 424

AS we welcome the merry month of May and look toward all the activities we have in the coming weeks, I was reminded of something a friend from the city said: "You must have time on your hands living in a regional area with not too much to do?". When I explained a fortnight's regular events she was blown away. That was for my age group, without the school and sporting activities for families with children.

You would be aware we celebrate the past and present during the SA History Festival in May. This is the first time for several years Waikerie events are not included in the 2023 History Festival brochure, available at all Foodland supermarkets. Have you got one of the informative brochures yet?

There are special events planned at Waikerie and from May 1, to May 31, you are welcome to visit The Great War At Home exhibit at the Waikerie RSL Hall. This pictorial display shines a light on the experiences of South Australians during WWI, with a special focus on home-front activities. It brings this period of history to life with South Australian information and stories, particularly concentrating on the work of woman and children. The museum is in Thompson Street, and open Monday to Friday. For further details contact Michael Cox (0468 365 971).

The Waikerie Library and Visitor Centre welcomes you to a presentation with historian Rosemary Gower on Wednesday, May 10, on the Loveday Internment Camp. Come and hear the interesting history of the products and services provided to assist forces during wartime. Rosemary will also be at the Loxton Library and Visitor Centre during the afternoon.

Yes, it is on again. Saturday, May 6, from 9am until 2pm. Together with the Rock 'n' Roll Festival, hot rods, classic cars and motorcycles will be displayed at the Waikerie Show and Shine, plus the Rotary Markets are all happening at the Waikerie Community Sports Centre playing fields. Drivers are requested to enter via Smith Drive.

KEEPING IN TOUCH WITH GWEN WEBBER

gwenwebber21@gmail.com

Registration forms are available via Facebook or email (waikerideshowshine@gmail.com), or contact Sandra on 0418 886 910. Several sections of the car display are awarded prizes.

Locals enjoy the markets and what they offer. Produce, jams, cooking, art, crystals, fashion, tasty food and the coffee van are always popular. Look for a chair, chat with friends while enjoying the music and watching the rock 'n roll dancers. We thank the group that plans this event as it brings so many visitors each year to our town.

Thanks to all the supporters who attended the Riverland Crows Bingo night at the Barmera RSL recently and donated prizes. It was a great success and we thank the RSL members for their support. It is pleasing to know Barmera residents were happy with the recent window display in Barwell Avenue. Yes, it's been another win for team Crows this week.

Last week I mentioned the Waikerie Lutheran Church presenting a 40-hour non-stop praise and worship event. Throughout you are welcome to morning and afternoon tea, breakfast, lunch and dinner, and entertainment. On Saturday evening the very talented Fijian singers, who won over our hearts at the Carols by Candlelight service, will be entertaining from 8pm to 9.30pm.

Sincere condolences to the family of Joan Wilson upon her recent passing.

Our thoughts are with the Christiansen family upon the passing of their much-loved Louisa. She will be sadly missed.

Thought for the week: "Your mind is like a garden, tend it well by filling it with positive, encouraging, and faith-building thoughts." - Maria Fontaine



Retired Riverland dentist Swee Poh Cheah (left) and former nurse Letchemi Velauthapillai of Waikerie have downsized and moved to Canberra to be near family. PHOTO: supplied

A farewell to health-dedicated couple

CHRISTINE WEBSTER

THE Waikerie community recently bid farewell to a much-loved Malaysian couple who made Australia their home due to a Rotary Club nurse training scholarship in the 1970s.

Letchemi Velauthapillai and her husband Swee Poh Cheah (now a retired dentist) met in Adelaide during their training in 1974.

The couple have left South Australia for a second time, but are remaining in Australia and moving to Canberra to downsize and live near one of their two daughters.

Ms Velauthapillai had been sponsored by the Waikerie Rotary Club to study in Adelaide through a program assisting developing countries to train more nurses.

She was studying nursing at the Royal Adelaide Hospital (RAH) and Mr Cheah was studying dentistry at the University of Adelaide.

She grew to love Waikerie and Adelaide and developed firm friendships during the three years she trained as a nurse.

Waikerie Rotarian Albert Noll and his late wife Gladys were Ms Velauthapillai's host parents.

After completing her training Ms Velauthapillai was invited to stay at the RAH, but because the Rotary scholarship's aim was to assist developing nations, she returned to her home country.

"I chose to go back to Malaysia, as the scheme was tailored to sponsor young women to train as nurses in Australia and go back to serve their country," she said.

Ms Velauthapillai and Swee Poh worked for the Malaysian public service and both took up postings in what was then a remote village in Kelantan state in 1978, where they also married.

She said being a nurse in that part of Malaysia meant she had fewer resources

than the midwives depicted during the 1950s and 1960s in the BBC series Call The Midwife.

"I had to cross rivers and climb up cliffs to visit homes, and try and coax expectant mums to go to the hospital to have their baby," Ms Velauthapillai said.

She said in the 1970s residents in this village relied on kerosene lamps for lighting as there was no electricity.

However Ms Velauthapillai said since then, the state had become a developed part of Malaysia.

Mr Cheah also worked as a dentist in the same village where he sometimes performed up to 100 tooth extractions in one day.

The next posting for the couple was at the Royal Malaysian Airforce base Butterworth, in Penang.

Mr Cheah worked for the Malaysian airforce and Ms Velauthapillai worked as a civilian nurse in the Royal Australian Airforce Hospital

In 2002 the couple visited Australia to catch up with friends and former university classmates and learned about a nurse and dental shortage in SA.

After encouragement from their friends they decided to return to Waikerie in the early 2000s to work in their specialised fields.

"Because we had trained in Australia we didn't have to do a bridging program and we could work straight away as locals," Ms Velauthapillai said.

Mr Cheah took up a post with the SA Dental Service and provided adults and children with dental care for nine years.

This included providing services to schools in the Riverland and the Barossa Valley in dental vans.

Ms Velauthapillai was employed as a nurse at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital before she obtained a role at



An article in the River News in October 1974 about the Rotary Club of Waikerie's hosting of Ms Velauthapillai as a student nurse for three years.

the Cadell Training Centre, where she worked for eight years.

They both retired in 2014 and became active volunteers in the Waikerie community, giving their time to Meals on Wheels, the Rotary Club of Waikerie and Australian Red Cross.

Ms Velauthapillai said Waikerie was an ideal place to retire but it made sense to downsize and move to Canberra to be with family.

Ms Velauthapillai, 71, and Swee Poh, 69, are gradually adjusting to the colder weather.

"It is mind over matter, we realised moving here now was the sensible thing to do," she said.

"It was best to downsize and move once before we got older.

"Now we can make friends and join social and church groups."

The couple are planning to regularly visit the Riverland to catch up with Ms Velauthapillai's Rotary host father Mr Noll, who is 93-years-old.






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An open letter to Treasurer Jim Chalmers regarding the Budget

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With the stroke of a pen you could help secure the future of critical regional news services, using money already allocated in the budget.

All you need to do is allocate a fairer percentage of the federal government's advertising budget to local and regional news services, rather than spending almost all of it with corporate capital city media and foreign-owned digital platforms (which don't produce any content or employ any journalists).

This can be achieved by simply adopting the Victorian Govt policy that mandates a weekly full page government advertisement in every regional and community paper.

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This shouldn't be controversial.

A recent parliamentary inquiry recommended that a minimum of 20% of government print advertising should be placed with regional news services. A recent study conducted by Deakin University recommended the same thing. In fact, the Minister for Communications, Michelle Rowland, has been advocating for more regional newspaper advertising for many years.

We know there may be bigger budget issues, but this small policy change would be a simple and fair solution to a growing problem for regional Australia.

A policy that ensures weekly federal government advertising is placed in regional newspapers would be great news for the country.

And it won't cost you a cent.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Manuel
President
Country Press Australia

Tony Kendall
Managing Director
Australian Community Media

Sunraysia music festival set for last week in September

ARTISTS that will appear at the 2023 Mildura Wentworth Music Festival, running from September 22, to September 30, have been listed and there is a good selection of country music included, despite it being listed as a music festival.

At this stage the announced artists are **Justin Standley, Paul Costa, The Sullivans, Dwayne Elix, Dean Perrett, Long & Short of It, John O’Dea, Matt Manning, Evan Platschinda, Bec Hance, Rodney Vincent, Gina Timms, Kickass Cowgirls, Christine Clifford, Sandie Dodd, Parle Brothers, Nev & Tony, Lyndsie Storer, Anthony Tenace, Aaron Schembri, Neil McArthur, Rod & Rhonda, Lance Birrell, Rob Breeze, Greg & Julia, Overtime Duo, Kaelin Haimes, and Jarrod Shaw.**

The above artists will be performing from September 23, to September 29, at a variety of venues around the Sunraysia region, with artists for the opening and closing concerts, on September 22 and September 30, still to be announced.

Get in now and book your accommodation while there is still some available. Of course we know some caravan parks and camping areas suffered during the floods, so hopefully all will be going again by September.

Frances Peters-Little has written a book on her late father



By **ROBYN MCINTOSH**

MY KIND OF COUNTRY

James Henry Little OAM, and I was able to purchase this from Big W for \$29, but at the time of compiling this column, I’m only up to the times of Jimmy as a young bloke.

‘Jimmy Little A Yorta Yorta Man’ is a biography written by Frances and published by Hardie Grant Books (Melbourne). It is dedicated to Jimmy Little, with the cover photo being taken by renowned photographer **John Elliott**.

April 2, 2012, was when Jimmy passed away, but part of him died when his wife of over 50 years, Marj, died on July 25, 2011. She was his everything, as were his daughter Frances and grandson **James ‘Jimmy’ Henry Little**.

This book celebrates the life of an Australian music legend, and contains quotes from Jimmy’s conversations with Frances as they were reliving his life for this special piece of history.

Also included are words from the artists who performed at Jimmy’s State Service held at the Sydney Opera House on May 5, 2012, as they conveyed their respects to Jimmy backstage.

Jimmy was not the first generation of the Little family to entertain, but a quote from **Troy Cassar-Daley** describes him as



JR Williams, Jimmy Little and Dave Pincombe at Tooleybuc during the Kings Of Country Tour.
PHOTO: Robyn McIntosh

“our first Aboriginal pop star, the glue between Black and White Australia”.

It really was a privilege to be able to have a chat with **Jimmy Little**, as he had an unreal aura which stays in your memory forever.

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Bush ballad singers feature on many Queensland festivals, so maybe it is time for me to relocate to northern NSW or Queensland, as that is where I could catch the good bush baladeer shows.

A few of those are between May 2 to 7, Weethalle Country Music Muster, Weethalle Showground, undercover area; May 15 to 21, Jammos Bouldy Bush Ballad Bash, Recreation Complex, Bouldercombe, Queensland; May 23 to 28, Phil & Chris Coad’s Country Muster, Wyper Park Scout Camp, Bundaberg, Queensland, enquiries to 0458 728 464 or 0419 603 371; June 12 to 18, 2023 Crows Nest Country Music Festival, Crows Nest Showground, New England Highway, Crows Nest, NSW; September 7 to 10, Heritage

Nanango Country Muster, Nanango Showgrounds, inquiries to Sandra on 0429 631 273, or (nanangoshowsociety.net); October 3 to 8, Bedgerabong Country Music Campout, Bedgerabong Showgrounds (main artists appear Saturday and Sunday).

Then there is the Clarence Valley Muster one-day shows, held four times a year with the next being a Christmas In July Spectacular, on July 8. Others include a High Tea in the Garden from October 28 to November 5 (extended during the Jacaranda Festival), and Christmas Concert Day on December 9.

There will be some extras that I’ve missed, as they seem to pop up out of the blue.

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I have mentioned before **Dianne Lindsay** and **Peter Simpson** have a weekly bush ballad radio show every Sunday, at 7am, replayed on Thursdays, at 10pm (NSW time), on 94.1fm.

This can be heard online at (www.todayscountry94one.com).



LEST WE FORGET: Pioneer contributor Robyn McIntosh recently took these photos at the Mantung War Memorial, which yesterday hosted an Anzac Day commemoration.

PHOTOS: Robyn McIntosh

the quiz



- How many time zones does Russia have?
- In British legend, what is the name of King Arthur’s sword?
- What was the first team sport included in the Olympic Games?
- Which three letter suffix ends the names of more than 2/3rds of Periodic Table elements?
- What animal is typically used to represent Russia in political cartoons?
- What do you call a kitchen when it’s on a ship?
- What is one of the world’s driest countries despite having “rain” in its name?
- What is the title of the leader of the United Nations?
- What track and field event uses a 16 pound object (7.26 kg)?
- Who has been the longest serving Prime Minister of the United Kingdom in the 21st century?
- What verb means “to abandon someone on a desert island”?
- What are the traditional and modern gifts for a 3 year wedding anniversary?
- What sea does the Danube River empty into?
- What actor did Dan Aykroyd trade places with in the movie “Trading Places”?
- What is the coldest country in Oceania by average annual temperature?
- What musical word starts with W and ends in Z?
- What common spice is made from tree bark?
- Complete the song lyric: “Hey, I just met you and this is crazy but here’s my number so ...”
- What became, in 1999, the first file-sharing program to reach mainstream adoption?
- What animal is known as “simba” in the Swahili language?

BONUS QUESTION:

Which fruit is known by the scientific name of Malus pumila? Answer in next week’s Quiz.

Answers on page 36

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Sunday Berri 9am
Loxton 11am
Waikerie 11am
Barmera 6pm

WEEKS 2 & 4

Saturday Waikerie 6pm
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Sunday Renmark 9am
Morgan 9am
Barmera 11am
Loxton 6pm

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Sunday, April 30

9am - Berri St Alban's
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9am - Loxton The Resurrection
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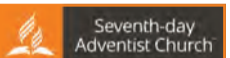
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EDMONDS, Pauline (nee Evans).

To our very special and wonderful mum, grandma and great-grandma, we wish you a happy 90th birthday for Thursday, April 27, 2023.

We hope your special birthday is full of sunshine and rainbows, love and laughter as you deserve the best day ever!

With pride, you can look back on your life today, And enjoy the happiness it has brought into play.

You have worked so hard and accomplished so much, with your commitment to volunteering and a beautiful family, it's the best touch.

When you celebrate your special day, we hope that your heart is filled with love and joy and when you look forward to the future, we hope that all your dreams and wishes come true.

Of all the mums and grandmas in the world, we are all so grateful that we got you.

With so much love, lots of hugs and best wishes from Liz and Andrew, Emma, Jo, Rylee and Rikki; Kate, Mark, Sophie and Benson; and Mikala.

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St Therese's Catholic Church, Renmark.

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Thank you for all your love, support and sacrifices.

We are lucky to have a place to call home with two wonderful parents and grandparents in our lives.

Love always Angela and Anthony, Travis and Cassie, Belinda and Karen, and three spoilt grandchildren Tate, Lara and Kara.

xxx

APPROACHING MARRIAGE



LITTLE - THORPE.
Our son, Jed, is marrying Tash on Saturday, April 29.

Wishing you both a lifetime of love and happiness.

Love and best wishes to you both.

Mum and Dad.



THORPE - LITTLE.
Our mummy and daddy are getting married on Saturday, April 29.

We are both super excited about being part of your special day! We can't wait!

We love you both very much.

Jaxon and Alyssa.

DEATHS



CHRISTIANSEN, Louisa Diana (nee DellaZoppa).

March 28, 1956 - April 18, 2023

Loved daughter to Arno and Maria (both deceased).

Beloved wife of Chris.

Cherished mother of Tanya, Andrew and Hayley and mother-in-law to Lee, Naomi and Jason.

Adored Nonna to Oliver and Vincent, Ella and Avery, and Sophia.

She fought for eleven years with all her strength to stay with us and was the anchor of our lives.

She will always live on in our hearts and those she touched.

Louisa's family wish to express their gratitude to all the health professionals who have helped her on her journey and to all the wonderful friends and family who meant so much to her and gave her and us so much support.

DOECKE, Edna Ruth.

Passed away peacefully, with family by her side, in Riverland Regional Hospital on Sunday, April 23, 2023.

Aged 84 years.

Dearly loved wife of Norman for 64 years.

Adored mother of Ken, Rodney, Sandra, Darren, Steven, and their partners.

Loved grandma of 7 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

A silent sufferer at rest.

Remembered always.

DEATHS

GRAHAM, Joan Ingeborg.

Passed away peacefully at the Loxton hospital on April 21, 2023.

Aged 99 years, 1 month, 1 week and 1 day.

Beloved wife of Bruce (deceased).

Dearly loved mum and mother-in-law of Pat and Campbell, Doug (deceased) and Julie, Derrick, Ralph (deceased) and Maria, Darryl and Janise, Leonie and Andrew.

Loved grannie to 12 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren

"I had a good life".

HANN, Denis Bruce.

Died peacefully in his sleep on April 21, 2023, the day after his 60th wedding anniversary.

Youngest son of Norman and Violet Hann.

Youngest brother of Peter and Don (both deceased).

Much-loved husband of Mary.

Adored father of Kate, Jo and Nick.

Father-in-law of Andrew.

Papa Den to Hannah, Harry, Emilie, Mia and Mikaela, whom he loved very much.

He will be sadly missed.

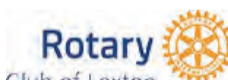
HANN, Denis.

Passed away on April 21, 2023.

Aged 85 years.

Our condolences to the Hann family on the passing of Denis.

Rhonda Taylor, Ben Taylor, Sue Taylor, Sam Fielke, and families.



HANN, Denis Bruce.

Members of the Rotary Club of Loxton acknowledge with great sadness the passing of long-standing fellow Rotarian of 58 years, Denis Bruce Hann.

Denis served the community with dedication and commitment in numerous ways, through Rotary, sporting activities, and journalism.

Our thoughts are with his wife, Mary and loving family.

DEATHS

HANN, Denis.

Passed away April 21, 2023. Aged 85 years.

Denis Hann was a highly valued managing editor of The Loxton News from 1964 - 2002.

During its existence, The Loxton News was named best newspaper in its circulation category on 15 occasions, many of which were under Denis's guidance.

He mentored many young journalists in community journalism over his 35 years at the Loxton News.

A dedicated newspaper man and a very dedicated Loxton man and much-loved family man, he will be greatly missed.

Management, staff and friends - Taylor Group Newspapers.

HANN, Denis.

Passed away April 21, 2023.

Aged 85 years.

Denis Hann made a wonderful contribution to community newspapers at large and especially The Loxton News for over 35 years.

Award-winning editor and Country Press South Australia life member.

RIP Denis Hann.

Country Press S.A. Executive.

LINDSAY, Rita Emily Ann (nee Trevorrow).

Passed away in the Meningie Hospital Aged Care on April 9, 2023.

Aged 82 years.

Daughter of Joseph Trevorrow (deceased) and Annie Mason (deceased).

Loved now and forever by her daughters Audrey and Daphne, and grandchildren Rita, Michael, Ashely and Kristy.

Loved, respected and cherished by all.

DEATHS

MONSON, Warren.

Tragically lost his life doing what he loved on April 23, 2023.

A huge loss to our motorcycle speedway family.

RIP Wazza.

Respected by Robmac.

OWNSWORTH, Maureen (nee Drewett).

Aged 82 years.

Passed away peacefully on April 21, 2023.

Loving wife of Mick (deceased).

Mother to Kerry-Lee and Julie Ann (deceased), Carol and Chris, Bryan and Carmelina, and Mark.

Grandmother to 8.

Great-grandmother to 3.

Sadly missed but forever in our hearts.

Rest in peace.

OWNSWORTH, Maureen.

A mum and nan that will be missed forever.

"A life beautifully lived, deserves to be beautifully remembered".

Forever an angel, together again with her forever love, Mick.

Sadly missed and forever in our hearts.

Bryan, Carmelina, Saffron, Poppy and Daniel Ownsworth.

PASCHKE, Joyleen Ann (nee Andretzke).

18/5/1956 - 20/4/2023

Died suddenly at home.

Aged 66 years.

Now at home with Jesus.

Beloved wife of Denis.

Much-loved mother and mother-in-law of Andrew and Shazz.

Adored grandma of Ruby and Bradley.

Funeral details to follow.

DEATHS

RENNER, Ruth Eleanor (nee Anderson).

Died peacefully on Friday, April 14, 2023 at Wheatfields Aged Care Home, Freeling.

Aged 94 years.

Much-loved wife of Ophie.

Dearly loved and treasured mother and mother-in-law to Andrew (son) and Amanda, James (son), Elizabeth (daughter) and Dean, Anne (daughter) and Matthew.

Loving nanna to six grandchildren; Ashley and Micha'el (husband), Oliver and Kelsey (fiancé).

William, Kieran, 'Angel' Bryn (deceased), and Stewart.

Beautiful great-nanna to Ashley's children; Kineret, Sara'i, Eden and Eliel.

Fondly remembered by nieces, nephews and godchildren.

"To God be the glory".

STOLZ, Maureen Joan.

Passed away peacefully in the Riverland on Wednesday, April 19, 2023.

Aged 80 years.

Loving wife of James 'Jim' (deceased).

Loved mum of Joanna and Drazen, Steven and Donna.

Doting grandma of Jarrod and Torin.

Loved member of a large extended family.

At peace in God's loving care.

SWEENEY, Eileen May.

25/8/1930 - 22/4/2023

Aged 92 years.

Passed away suddenly at home in Loxton.

Much-loved mother of Robert, Malcolm, Patricia (deceased), Kym, Jill, Lyn, Helen, and their families.

Cook up a storm in Heaven.

In God's loving care.

FUNERALS

CHRISTIANSEN, Louisa Diana.

Family and friends of Louisa are invited to attend her funeral service commencing at 11am on Thursday, April 27, 2023 in the St Thomas More Catholic Church, Waikerie. This service will conclude with a burial in the Waikerie Cemetery.



DOECKE, Edna Ruth.

Relatives and friends are advised that Edna's funeral service will be conducted at St Peter's Lutheran Church, Loxton on Monday, May 8, 2023 at 11am.

After the service, the cortege will proceed to the Loxton Lawn Cemetery for the committal.



ALTSCHWAGER FAMILY FUNERALS

0400 012 089

GRAHAM, Joan Ingeborg.

Relatives and friends are advised that Joan's funeral service will be conducted at the Loxton RSL Bowling Club on Friday, April 28, 2023 at 12 noon followed by a private cremation.

In Joan's memory, donations to Legacy would be appreciated.

Envelopes will be available at the Service.



ALTSCHWAGER FAMILY FUNERALS

0400 012 089

HANN, Denis Bruce.

Relatives and friends are respectfully advised that the funeral service of the late Denis Bruce Hann will be conducted at the Concordia Lutheran Church, Bookpurnong Terrace, Loxton on Thursday, 27 April, 2023 at 1 pm.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the Loxton Hospital Complex would be appreciated.

Envelopes will be available at the service.



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FUNERALS

LINDSAY, Rita.
Rita's funeral service will be held in the Meningie Uniting Church, 2 Princes Highway, Meningie, on Friday, May 12, 2023 at 1:30pm, followed by her burial in the Meningie Cemetery.

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RENNER, Ruth Eleanor.

Family and friends of the late Mrs Ruth Renner are respectfully advised that her funeral service will be conducted at the Immanuel Worship Centre, corner of Second and Seventh Street, Gawler South on Thursday, April 27, 2023, commencing at 10am.

Following the service, we will cortege to the Gnadefrei Lutheran Cemetery (Marananga) for the committal.

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Funeral Directors

OWNSWORTH, Maureen.

The relatives and friends of the late Maureen Ownsworth are respectfully invited to attend her funeral service to be conducted at the Riverland Funeral Chapel, 231 Twentyfirst Street, Renmark on Tuesday, May 2, 2023 at 11am.

In lieu of flowers if desired, a donation to the Royal Flying Doctor Service in Maureen's memory would be appreciated. Donations may be made at the service.

At the conclusion of the service, the cortege will proceed to the Renmark Cemetery for the committal.

Riverland FUNERALS
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SCHWARTZKOPFF.

Family and friends of Stephan Schwartzkopff are welcome to say goodbye at Sensible Funeral's Chapel, 151 South Road, Ridleyton, on Friday, April 28, 12 noon. Parking at chapel and adjacent streets.

FUNERALS

STOLZ.
Family and friends of Maureen Stolz are invited to attend her funeral service to be conducted entirely at the Zion Lutheran Church, Berri on Friday, April 28, 2023 at 1pm, followed by a private cremation at the Riverland Crematorium.

In lieu of flowers if desired, a donation to Cancer Council SA in Maureen's memory would be appreciated. Donations may be made at the service.

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SWEENEY, Eileen May.

Relatives and friends are advised that Eileen's funeral service will be conducted at St Albert's Catholic Church, Loxton on Monday, May 1, 2023 at 11am.

After the service, the cortege will proceed to the Loxton Lawn Cemetery for the committal.

ALTSCHWAGER FAMILY FUNERALS
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IN MEMORIAM



BROWN, Dulcie Hedwig (nee Frahn).

3/2/1928 - 30/4/2022

Loving wife of Ron (deceased).

A special lady, A special face. A special lady, We cannot replace.

Treasured and much-loved mother and mother-in-law of Heather, Kevin, Sue and Dianne.

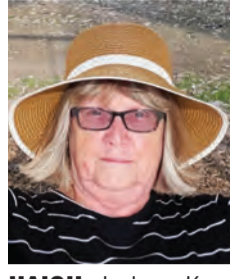
Cherished grandma of Jenna and Allan, Chelsea and Luke.

Loved great-grandma of Georgia, Olivia and Ellie.

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ONE MONTH MEMORIAM



HAIGH, Joyleen Kaye (nee Tieste - Kruger).

4/6/1957 - 25/3/2023

Forever 65.

Remembered for the person you were; the loving, caring, hardworking, irreplaceable mum and nanna.

The woman who taught me to have morals, know right from wrong, stand up for myself and be okay with doing things on my own.

Through your nursing career, you cared for others but in your own life faced many challenges, betrayal, single parenting and sickness, none of which you deserved!

A strong, brave fighter you were, who is immensely missed every day, nothing in this world has broken our hearts more than losing you!

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LOXTON - Peter Jackson Crescent. Saturday, April 29 from 7.30am - 12.30pm. Glass window (2.65m L x 2.15m H), black electric recliner chair high-lift, writing desks, dressing table with mirror, office chairs, tables, wardrobes, glass units (1.55m L x 2.16m H), ceiling fans, electric organ, gas heater, bathroom sink cupboard, glass shower screen door, lamp shades, 4-person tent, electric paper shredder and lots more.

MONASH - 437 Distillery Road. Saturday, April 29 from 8am - 2pm. Bar fridge, bread maker, disabled aids, student desk, antique furniture, gardening equipment and pots, MDF sheets (1.220m x 800mm), and sundry items.

REMARK Lions Club Fundraising Bazaar, undercover in the W.E Wood Pavilion, No. 2 Oval, Renmark. Saturday, April 29, 8am - 12 noon. Lots of the usual bargains with new stock arriving regularly. Filing cabinets, furniture, full-size basketball stand with water tank base, Stratco raise garden container, bric-a-brac and lots more. Something for everyone. Be early and grab a bargain. Sausage sizzle, egg and bacon sandwiches, and donuts available. Further information contact Colin 0419801996. This month the catering proceeds will be donated to the Cancer Council Biggest Morning Tea and we will be selling homemade cakes and slices.

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Notice is hereby given that the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Of the Association will be held at the **Renmark Paringa Council Chambers** Eighteenth St Renmark

Wednesday May 10th, 2023, at 4pm.

ALL MEMBERS AND INTERESTED PERSONS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.

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PROPOSAL TO UPGRADE A TELSTRA MOBILE PHONE BASE STATION AT 167 MURTHO ROAD, PARINGA SA 5340, SITE ID: RENMARK CMTS, WWW.RFNSA.COM.AU/5340001

1. The proposed facility comprises the swap out of seventeen (17) redundant panel antennas (11 x 2120mm L and 6 x 2533mm L) with six (6) new panel antennas (2533mm L) on the existing headframe; ancillary equipment to be upgraded including remote radio units, tower mounted amplifiers, mounts, cables, feeders, and internal works within the equipment shelter, to improve Telstra's mobile phone network (including 5G).
2. Telstra regards the proposed installation as a 'Low impact' Facility under the Telecommunications (Low Impact Facilities) Determination 2018, based on the description above. The proposed infrastructure will comply with the ACMA EME regulatory arrangements.
3. In accordance with Section 7 of C564:2020 Mobile Phone Base Station Deployment Code, we invite you to provide feedback about the proposal. Further information and/or comments should be directed to: Planning Consultant on behalf of Telstra (Telstra Ltd A.C.N. 086 174 781), via email to planning.wa@servicestream.com.au, phone: 0487 949 301, via post to Planning Consultant, Servicestream, PO Box 14570, Melbourne, VIC 8001 by 5pm 12th May 2023.

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Berri Barmera COUNCIL



ROAD CLOSURE ORDER

49th Tour of the Riverland

The Berri Barmera Council exercise power delegated to it by the Minister for Transport under Section 11 of the Road Traffic Act and through the Instrument of General Approval, part 1, Clause F: Delegation of Power to Close Roads and Grant Exemptions for Road Events to:

- a) Declare the 49th Tour of the Riverland to be held in the Berri Barmera Council area, South Australia as an event to which Section 33 of the Road Traffic Act applies.
- b) Hereby make an order –
 - 1) To close the Road specified in the Schedule (below) to traffic including bicycles and scooters, excluding motorised wheelchairs, as provided in Section 33 (1) (a) of the Road Traffic Act

Location	From	To
Winkie Road, between The Old Sturt Highway and Bill Hunt Road, Glossop.	11am Saturday 13 May 2023	4:15pm Saturday 13 May 2023
Dalziel Road, between Winkie Road and Slaven Road, Glossop.		
Slaven Road, between Dalziel Road and Macgillivray Road, Glossop.		
Macgillivray Road, between Slaven Road and Puddletown Road, Glossop.		
Puddletown Road, between Macgillivray Road and Rumball Road, Barmera.		
Hunt Road, between Puddletown Road and Gordon Road, Barmera.		
Gordon Road, between Hunt Road and Thiele Road, Barmera.		
Thiele Road, between Gordon Road and Puddletown Road, Loveday.		
Rumball Road, between Puddletown Road and Bill Hunt Road, Winkie.		
Bill Hunt Road, between Rumball Road and Winkie Road, Winkie.		
Riverview Drive, between Ahern Street and Crawford Terrace, Berri.	7am Sunday 14 May 2023	1pm Sunday 14 May 2023
Crawford Terrace, between Denny Street and Riverview Drive, Berri.		
Denny Street, between Crawford Terrace and Vaughan Terrace, Berri.		
William Street, between Wilson Street and Denny Street, Berri.		

- 2) Exempt persons in these areas when they are closed to vehicular traffic from Road Rules 230 (crossing a road) and 238 (pedestrians travelling along the road).

For further information please contact the office on 8582 1922 or bbc@bbc.sa.gov.au

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- 1.Eleven 2.Excalibur 3.Football (soccer)
- 4.ium 5.Bear 6.Galley 7.Bahrain 8.Secretary General 9.Shot put 10.Tony Blair 11.Maroon
- 12.Leather (traditional), Crystal/glass (modern) 13.Black Sea 14.Eddie Murphy
- 15.New Zealand 16.Waltz 17.Cinnamon
- 18.'Call me, maybe' 19.Napster 20.Lion

BONUS QUESTION ANSWER (from last week): Astronaut Alan Shepherd hit the first golf ball on the moon.

PUBLIC NOTICES



Naming of Roads and Public Places Policy

Notice is hereby given that at its meeting on 18 April 2023, Mid Murray Council resolved to adopt an updated Naming of Roads and Public Places Policy pursuant to section 219 of the Local Government Act 1999.

A copy of the policy is available for inspection on Council's website, www.mid-murray.sa.gov.au or at any of the Council Offices: 49 Adelaide Road, Mannum, Main Street, Cambrai or Cnr Fourth & Eighth Streets, Morgan.

Written comment to be received no later than 5:00pm 18 May 2023 via postbox@mid-murray.sa.gov.au or PO Box 28, Mannum SA 5238.



Ben Scales
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Barmera the pennant powerhouse

BARMERA leads all comers after three rounds of Riverland pennant golf action, with the Lakesiders shooting out to the front in all grades.

The side completed a clean sweep of Waikerie last time out, winning all three match-ups to secure top spot in each grade.

Loxton occupies second spot in the top two divisions, with

Berri and Waikerie rounding out the four.

ROUND THREE RESULTS DIVISION ONE

Berri 4 d Loxton 1.
G. Morrison d C. Wooldridge 2/1, P. Martin d S. Palat 5/4, M. Boon d K. Rivett 5/3, S. Wade lost to J. Goldsworthy 4/2, B. Eckermann d D. Forbes 20th.
Barmera 3 d Waikerie 2.
P. Johns lost to C. Davis 2/1, S. Retrolats d W. Collins 1up, T. Swanbury

d A. Hutcheon 1up, M. Lewan lost to J. Hancock 3/2, G. Shields d M. Coleman 3/1.

DIVISION TWO

Loxton 3 d Berri 2.
P. Campbell lost to D. Sawyer 19th, A. Pfeiler lost to S. Hawkins 6/5, K. Martin d P. Jealous 6/5, B. Chapman d W. Thiele 5/4, B. Whitelaw d J. Wood 3/2.
Barmera 5 d Waikerie 0.
A. Parkyn d T. Neideck 7/5, M. Morrel d A. Geehman 2up, T. Wood d S. Ziegler 2/1, G. Blytham d C. Robinson

6/5, H. Banks d P. Stringer 6/5.

DIVISION THREE

Loxton 3 d Berri 2.
H. Kara-Ali d E. Day 2up, G. MacInnes lost to G. Harris 6/5, R. Nickolls d P. Efthimiou 4/3, S. Semmler lost to D. Gregoric 19th, J. Sandlands d G. Tognon 3/2.
Barmera 5 d Waikerie 0.
T. Graetz d T. Hancock 19th, S. Knight d A. Hammon 4/2, S. Jericho d M. Kroehn 6/5, P. Selve d C. Horstmann 7/6, B. Uren d D. Dearman 4/3.

RIVERLAND GOLF RESULTS

VETERANS GOLF

A grade: K. Martin 38, C. Hyde 37, W. Thiele 35, T. Wood 35, K. Traeger 33.
B grade: P. Wenman 36, R. Chabrel 35, A. Zito 34, S. Brown 34, J. Sierakowski 34.
C grade: G. Johnson 37, G. Robinson 36, C. Zwartz 34, R. Knight 33, A. Henderson 32, S. May 32, G.

Seddon 32.
Ladies: M. Thomson 38, S. Pannell 33, S. Gore 32, M. Heuzenroeder 32.

LOXTON

Wednesday, April 19
Stableford: Men - J. Henwood 37, R. Nicholls 37, D. Peberdy 35, D. Tyler 35. Women - L. Rowe 37, S.

Pannell 34, C. Arndt 33.

Friday, April 21

Mixed stableford: R. Nicholls 34.

Saturday, April 22

Stableford: Men - J. Walker 38, O. Walkley 35, R. Page 35, E. O'Callaghan 35. Women - M. Thomson 33, S. Grein 33, S. Pannell 31.

Superdogs off the leash in round one

ROUND one of AFL masters saw West travel to the Riverland to face the Superdogs at the Lyrup Dog Park, and the dogs came to play.

From the first bounce the Superdogs were on song. Great tap-work from Greg Schloithe was finding hungry midfielders Dale Lellmann, Matty Recchia and Kym Polst.

This had the forward-line up and about providing strong leads, reward-

ed by pinpoint passing from the midfield.

Early goals to Rob Venning, Jason King and Shane Healy had the Superdogs out to a quick five-goal lead halfway through the first quarter.

Once West realised what had hit them, they fired back with clearances of their own, putting the Riverland backline under repeated pressure.

West finished the first quarter off strongly with three goals of their own.

The second quar-

ter belonged to West. Riverland had opportunities but were finding targets up forward harder to hit, while West found their range with some accurate shots adding five goals to Riverland's one.

The third quarter saw Riverland fired up after the break. Sammy Lloyd continued his strong performance up forward, kicking a goal before injury struck.

Riverland kept the pressure up and had the

better of a tightly played quarter adding five goals to West's one.

Heading into the final quarter, the game felt close and both teams were evenly matched.

Riverland had confidence in their fitness after a gruelling pre-season run by new coaches Rob Johnson and Paul Glassey.

Ian Forsythe and Lance Gum stood strong up forward, with Gum providing the play of the day by making an errant

kick look good, with an outstretched mark and quick dish off to keep play flowing.

Unfortunately, the player calling was wearing a West jumper flowing the other way.

Riverland though ran out the game kicking the last two goals to run out 34-point winners for the opening round.

Best: C. Minerds, D. Lellmann, M. Recchia, B. Rothe, R. Romeo, J. King.
Goals: S. Healy, R. Venning 3, J. King, G. McDonald, D. Lellmann 2, S. Lloyd, K. Polst, M. Recchia.

SWATTY'S JUNIOR FOOTY FIX



SWATTY'S SNAPS: The return of Riverland footy means local photographer Grant Schwartzkopff is back for another winter. Check out some of his shots from the under 13s, under 15s and under 18s clashes between Renmark and Waikerie last Saturday.

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RIVERLAND A GRADE

BARMERA-MONASH		BERRI				
ROOS	4.2	8.3	11.6	12.12	84	
DEMONS	0.1	0.3	0.3	1.3	9	

BEST: Barmera-Monash - B. Drogemuller, S. De Michele, J. Barker, S. Butterworth, P. Spiliotis, D. Westley. Berri - A. Langford, E. Penaluna, W. Frankel, J. Marr, B. Thompson, R. Correll.
GOALS: Barmera-Monash - J. Barker, S. De Michele 3, D. Campbell 2, B. Drogemuller, J. Freeman, A. Karpany, D. Westley. Berri - S. Hawkins.

LOXTON NORTH		LOXTON				
PANTHERS	2.3	10.5	16.7	20.13	133	
TIGERS	3.2	7.2	9.2	9.3	57	

BEST: Loxtion North - R. Proud, Z. Wooldridge, T. Kent, A. Kudra, S. Lewis, J. Worsfold. Loxtion - L. Harder, C. Knapp, L. Salmon, C. Fisher, D. Kassulke, J. Bates.
GOALS: Loxtion North - R. Proud 7, Z. Wooldridge 4, D. Eleftheriadis, T. Kent 2, J. Drake, M. Eckermann, T. Eleftheriadis, C. Koehne, A. Kudra. Loxtion - C. Knapp 3, N. Flight 2, J. Bates, J. Evans, W. Gutsche, J. Will.

WAIKERIE		RENMARK				
MAGPIES	2.1	5.4	9.7	13.10	88	
ROVERS	3.2	6.3	8.5	11.6	72	

BEST: Waikerie - M. Hahn, J. Burgemeister, T. Geehman, T. Bevan, S. Hausler, S. Braun. Renmark - M. Woolford, J. Vater, Z. Gartery, T. Thorpe, H. Brown, T. Blight.
GOALS: Waikerie - M. Hahn, R. Shaw 4, J. Burgemeister, L. Nitschke 2, J. Bee. Renmark - T. Blight 3, T. Thorpe, M. Woolford 2, A. Haynes, L. Lellmann, J. Vater, N. Zunic.



MURRAY PIONEER WRITERS' AWARD

PLAYER	CLUB	TW	TOTAL
R. Proud	LN	5	5
J. Smith	BM	5	5
M. Hahn	W	5	5
Z. Wooldridge	LN	4	4
S. DeMichele	BM	4	4
J. Burgemeister	W	4	4



OTHER GRADES

B GRADE
Barmera-Monash 8.10 (58) d Berri 6.2 (38).
BEST: Barmera-Monash - M. Pietrolaj, J. Trudgian, B. Francis, B. Williams, J. Stemberger, J. Ricketts. Berri - S. Milburn, N. Schultz, O. Hunyadi, N. Panagoulas, M. Toogood, A. Smith.
GOALS: Barmera-Monash - I. Richardson, M. Wilden 2, A. Norman, J. Trudgian, K. Voigt, B. Watson. Berri - J. Milburn 3, B. Vallelonga 2, D. Centofanti.

Loxtion North 7.9 (51) d Loxtion 7.2 (44).
BEST: Loxtion North - A. Westley, J. Wooldridge, M. Akaso, K. Wilksch, J. George, E. Wagner. Loxtion - J. Hoffmann, M. Guidolin, B. Falting, O. Joerin, R. Smith, C. Loxtion.
GOALS: Loxtion North - J. Albrecht, B. Martin 2, J. Proud, M. Trezise, E. Wagner. Loxtion - T. Eagle 3, J. Boughen 2, C. Loxtion, R. Smith.

Waikerie 12.8 (80) d Renmark 3.7 (25).
BEST: Waikerie - S. Liebich, N. Lloyd, A. Lean, D. Hahn, B. Venning, H. Dearman. Renmark - N. Stockman, D. Strongman, D. Johnson, J. Sikacek, R. Perry, L. Harrington.
GOALS: Waikerie - B. Venning 6, J. Thomson 4, D. Hahn 1, A. Thompson 1. Renmark - H. Papageorgios, J. Sweetman, H. Thiel.

UNDER 18
Barmera-Monash 15.15 (105) d Berri 0.2 (2).
BEST: Barmera-Monash - C. Harris, T. Ogle, A. Scordo, L. Allder, C. Battams, T. Whitbourne. Berri - C. Erceg, F. Vallelonga, Y. Exarheas, J. Krendl, D. Hronopoulos.
GOALS: Barmera-Monash - J. Dymcott 3, L. Allder, C. Battams, S. Johns, N. Richardson 2, C. Harris, K. Liddell, L. Marks, H. Westcott.

Loxtion North 11.11 (77) d Loxtion 4.5 (29).
BEST: Loxtion North - C. Jaeschke, J. Wooldridge, T. Mitchell, N. Paull, C. Kerr, J. Hutchinson. Loxtion - J. Hewitt, D. Zdanowicz, Z. Huddleston, L. Mitchell, C. Rudd.
GOALS: Loxtion North - C. Jaeschke 5, K. Serafin 2, J. Hutchinson, C. Kerr, T. Mitchell, B. Walding. Loxtion - K. Beames, J. Evans, L. Zadnowicz, B. Salmon.

Renmark 8.7 (55) d Waikerie 5.7 (37).
BEST: Renmark - B. White, H. Papageorgios, D. Aston, J. Kroemer, W. Grocke, I. Morgan. Waikerie - M. Harris-Light, R. Turner, H. Greaves, H. Glacken, M. Lloyd, B. Burgemeister.
GOALS: Renmark - D. Aston 3, A. Herrador 2, H. Schwarz, M. Strachan, B. White. Waikerie - C. Daniels, R. Turner 2, F. Andrew.



UNDER 15
Barmera-Monash 22.12 (144) d Berri 1.2 (8).
BEST: Barmera-Monash - T. Drogemuller, B. Scordo, H. Banks, N. Gartner, H. Ness, D. Binder. Berri - A. Lange, M. Andary, S. Marsden, B. Reid-Fletcher, Z. Hronopoulos, C. Staehr.
GOALS: Barmera-Monash - T. Drogemuller 8, D. Marks 4, W. Marks, B. Scordo 3, H. Ness 2, H. Banks, S. Westcott. Berri - C. Blanck.

Loxtion North 24.13 (157) d Loxtion 0.0 (0).
BEST: Loxtion North - R. Wooldridge, H. Crane, J. Wooldridge, E. Obst, S. Williams, T. Meaney. Loxtion - GOALS: Loxtion North - E. Obst 4, H. Crane, T. Meaney, L. Wisneske, J. Wooldridge 3, J. Hall, R. Wooldridge 2, J. Buhagiar, A. Kent, R. Noack, S. Williams.

Renmark - 19.10 (124) d Waikerie 2.3 (15).
BEST: Renmark - L. Keynes, A. Pitman, A. Schumann, E. Evans, H. Riedel, N. Martinson. Waikerie - C. Carter, T. Edwards- O' Cass, J. Coombe, A. Kuchel, H. Radolovic-Tripodi, E. Lawrance.
GOALS: Renmark - L. Keynes 3, E. Evans, S. Files, A. Pitman, J. Smith 2, E. Bussenschutt, A. Kazantzis, N. Martinson, J. Pitman, H. Riedel, J. Saegenschmitter, A. Schumann, L. Thiel. Waikerie - E. Lawrance, A. Kuchel.

UNDER 13
Barmera-Monash 18.9 (117) d Berri 0.1 (1).
BEST: Barmera-Monash - T. Nettle, M. Morris, S. Humphries, K. Ogle, E. Vincent, M. Clarke. Berri - J. Hunter, W. Marsden, C. Kregar, B. Gates, K. Wilson-Lindsay.
GOALS: Barmera-Monash - M. Clarke 5, N. Dyer, S. Humphries, E. Vincent 2, J. Doupis, C. Klingbiel, I. Ness, K. Ogle, E. Passmore, N. Suchenko, J. Sweet.

Loxtion North 4.8 (32) d Loxtion 3.0 (18).
BEST: Loxtion North - T. Singh Rai, T. Crane, C. Setchell, D. May, J. Wyatt, L. Jaeschke. Loxtion - L. Milton, D. Mayes, B. Sylvia, C. Kruger, N. Roissetter.
GOALS: Loxtion North - L. Jaeschke 2, T. Crane, W. King. Loxtion - D. mayes, S. Hucks, T. Giles.

Renmark 19.13 (127) d Waikerie 0.0 (0).
BEST: Renmark - S. DePalma, J. O'Bryan, H. Leesue, C. Dring, K. Moxham, O. Jabs. Waikerie - D. Bald, J. Surfield, H. Gogoll, J. Sparrow, P. Singh Sandhu, M. Liebich.
GOALS: Renmark - J. O'Bryan 6, K. Moxham 5, S. DePalma 4, H. Leesue 3, P. Pearce.



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LADDERS

A GRADE	W	L	D	F	A	P	%
BARMERA-MONASH	1	0	0	84	9	2	90.3
LOXTON NORTH	1	0	0	133	57	2	70.0
WAIKERIE	1	0	0	88	72	2	55.0
LOXTON	0	1	0	57	133	0	30.0
BERRI	0	1	0	9	84	0	9.7
RENMARK	0	1	0	72	88	-4	45.0

B GRADE	W	L	F	A	P	%
WAIKERIE	1	0	80	25	2	76.2
BARMERA-MONASH	1	0	58	38	2	60.4
LOXTON NORTH	1	0	51	44	2	53.7
LOXTON	0	1	44	51	0	46.3
BERRI	0	1	38	58	0	39.5
RENMARK	0	1	80	25	0	23.8

UNDER 18	W	L	F	A	P	%
BARMERA-MONASH	1	0	105	2	2	98.1
LOXTON NORTH	1	0	77	29	2	72.6
RENMARK	1	0	55	37	2	59.8
WAIKERIE	0	1	37	55	0	40.2
LOXTON	0	1	29	77	0	27.3
BERRI	0	1	2	105	0	1.9

LEADING GOALKICKERS

PLAYER	CLUB	TW	TOTAL
R. Proud	LN	7	7
Z. Wooldridge	LN	4	4
M. Hahn	W	4	4
R. Shaw	W	4	4

C. Knapp (L), T. Blight (R), J. Barker (BM), S. De Michele (BM) 3

UNDER 15	W	L	F	A	P	%
LOXTON NORTH	1	0	157	0	2	100.0
BARMERA-MONASH	1	0	144	8	2	94.7
RENMARK	1	0	124	15	2	89.2
WAIKERIE	0	1	15	124	0	10.7
BERRI	0	1	8	144	0	5.3
LOXTON	0	1	0	157	0	0

UNDER 13	W	L	F	A	P
RENMARK	1	0	127	0	2
BARMERA-MONASH	1	0	117	1	2
LOXTON NORTH	1	0	32	18	2
LOXTON	0	1	18	32	0
BERRI	0	1	1	117	0
WAIKERIE	0	1	0	127	0





Loxton North utility Judd Tschirpig leaps to spoil over Loxton recruit Chris Knapp during last Saturday's Proud Cup encounter at Panther Park. PHOTOS: Tracy Proud

133	57	MURRAY PIONEER WRITERS' AWARD
5 Ryan Proud	LN	
4 Zac Wooldridge	LN	
3 Tyson Kent	LN	
2 Luke Harder	L	
1 Alek Kudra	LN	

Panthers shine with pride on the line

THE Proud Cup has a new home at Panther Park after Loxton North regained the coveted trophy from Loxton with a 76-point win on Saturday afternoon in the RFL's opening round.

It was standing room only for footy fans, with a double row of cars surrounding the oval as the RFL returned, with the Panthers stealing the show at home under new coach Terry Eleftheriadis.

An early arm wrestle turned into a blowout as the Panthers put their foot on the pedal in the latter stages of the second quarter, booting five straight goals to close out the term.

They survived an early fightback from the travelling Tigers early in the third quarter, before a 50m bomb from returning Panther Zac Wooldridge all but sealed the win.

The game petered out and the crowd turned its attention to how many goals Ryan Proud might end up with.

The veteran stay-at-home forward finished with seven majors that could have been nine or 10 if not for some missed opportunities in the last quarter, but it was enough to earn him the medal for best on ground.

"The Proud Cup is a good rivalry and it's something that both clubs value, so it's good to win it," Eleftheriadis said.

"For us it's just good to get that first win and get the season rolling.

"(Proud) speaks for himself with what he does. He was one of the guys that I went to early about wanting to step back up into senior footy.

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"He's been out on the track doing the work and he's a pretty proud footballer, so he wasn't going to do it if he wasn't conditioned. Having him out there helps the young group quite a bit."

"Lefty" was pleased with the manner in which his team performed, heralding a tough pre-season as a major factor in the win.

"From the get-go the boys have worked pretty hard," he said.

"Renmark set the standard for the level you need to be at and the boys worked hard at it over the summer.

"We're a young team and a pretty quick team so that's the kind of footy we're looking to play.

"It's not too technical but it's playing to what our strengths are.

"Everyone's been working pretty hard over the summer to be able to play that kind of footy so it was pleasing to see it roll out."

Playing coach Luke Harder was named best for Loxton, gathering plenty of disposals, particularly in the second half when the experienced campaigner sat in the hole in the back 50 as North continued to pepper the visitors.

Prized Loxton recruit Chris Knapp turned heads with three goals and some strong work around the ball, but the Panthers were able to run over the Tigers thanks to some standout contributors across the midfield.

Alek Kudra shone in the first half and got plenty of



Tash Lynch (left) and Kasey Cass, daughters of Donald Proud and granddaughters of Fred Proud, presented the Proud Cup to Loxton North skipper Codi Voumard.

the ball, while vice-captain Tyson Kent came to life in the second half.

Kent finished with two goals, while star recruit Scott Lewis also impressed in a number of positions.

"Loxton pretty much ran two blokes off of him (Lewis) and tried to run him up the ground and do him for pace coming back, and we were aware of that," Eleftheriadis said.

"We thought we'd change it up a bit and put him at the other end of the ground which worked for us a bit.

"Where he'll play depends on how the game pans out. He's a quality footballer and anyone would love to have someone like

that in their team.

"It's all about squad depth and looking at the group I think we go pretty deep."

There was a strong local flavour to the Proud Cup win, with a number of former Loxton North juniors re-uniting in the Panther A grade.

"Having 'Wooly' (Wooldridge) back is awesome," he said.

"I think you'll find that there's a bit of a bond between a few of those lads that played junior footy together.

"A few of them went to town and some of them stayed here so having them all together, it really adds to the group."



Proud Cup Medallist Ryan Proud pictured with wife Abby Pavlichm, and daughters Indie and Mylah, following his seven-goal haul on Saturday.

New coach lauds Waikerie's 'Killa' instinct

BEN LENNON

SPORTING a new coach and a number of fresh faces, Waikerie pulled off the biggest upset of round one, knocking off reigning RFL premier Renmark by 16 points at Waikerie Oval.

Few tipped the Magpies to make a winning start under new coach Mick Kilsby, with a plethora of big-name exits and a tough opposition on the cards in round one.

But, a simple message of "belief" stood Kilsby and company in good stead for the season opener.

"I was talking to a few of the diehards and they were saying they were a bit worried about what they saw in the trial games and they didn't have much faith in it," he said.

"The word I wrote on the board before the game was 'belief'.

"I've coached enough footy to know when the side is going to be competitive, so I had the belief and I wanted everyone else to as well. The club got around it and now we're up and about."

It was a see-sawing contest between the two most successful clubs of the modern RFL era, with the lead changing a number of times down the stretch.

Strong-bodied utility Mitch Hahn was the standout for the home side, booting four majors as the Magpies surged in front in the second half.

Ryan Shaw also finished with four majors, while versatile tall Jack Burgemeister



Prized recruit Tyrell Hocking was inches away from pulling down a memorable grab in his Waikerie debut.

PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff

was key to the victory, playing in a number of positions throughout the day.

Kilsby said he and the coaching staff mulled over whether to implement some new structures ahead of the game.

"We're trying a few new things with some zones and because of how new they are, we were tossing up whether to use them or not, but we ended up saying 'stuff it' and we went with it," he said.

"We squeezed them (Renmark) in a little bit and made them fumble and they did some uncharacteristic things.

"They had a few players out so they weren't full strength but we were a bit the same. We've both got a bit to give so I think the season's going to be quite tight."

Two-time Whillas med-

alist Tim Woolford was a notable absentee from the Renmark line-up, along with star brother Dan.

The absence of the two midfielders allowed Waikerie to impose themselves around the contest, despite the best efforts of Rovers coach Josh Vater, who was the standout for the visiting side.

Skipper Matt Woolford also put in a strong performance, showcasing his trademark clean disposal, while Zac Gartery had a good day in the ruck.

It was the Waikerie players that stole the show in front of their home crowd, though, with some familiar faces named in the best players.

Tim Bevan gathered a number of disposals, while in the back half Tristan Geehman, Stephen Hausler and Steven Braun effectively



Mitch Hahn clunks a contested mark ahead of Renmark ruckman Zac Gartery during Waikerie's win over Renmark on Saturday.

88	72	MURRAY PIONEER WRITERS' AWARD
5 Mitch Hahn	W	
4 J. Burgemeister	W	
3 Josh Vater	R	
2 Matt Woolford	R	
1 Tristan Geehman	W	

curtailed Renmark's strong attacking line-up.

"It was a really good overall performance," Kilsby said.

"The new guys played their role and we're trying new things so it's new for the locals too.

"These guys just want to win and I think it's a Waikerie thing. They're so competitive, these younger Waikerie boys, so as a coach I'm loving it."

Renmark will get its shot at redemption when it trav-

els to Barmera-Monash for a clash with three-time premiership winner and new Roos coach Fraser Sampson, with a full complement of Woolfords likely in tow.

Meanwhile, Waikerie has to wait an extra day before getting back on the park as it faces Loxton in the curtain raiser for the Russell Ebert tribute match on Sunday.

Footy world mourns loss of ex-Magpie

A FORMER Waikerie footballer has died after an on-field collision during Saturday's Hills Football League clash between Birdwood and Gumeracha.

Antonio Loiacono was taken to hospital in critical condition following the incident and died the following day, with the footballing world now mourning the death of the 20-year-old, who spent the 2022 season playing in Waikerie's senior side.

Tributes have come in from sport-lovers across the country, with SA Premier Peter Malinauskas offering his

condolences to Loiacono's family and friends.

"Thousands of people participate in amateur footy and this is round one for most clubs and it's an awful, awful start to the season for that club and footy players more broadly," Mr Malinauskas said.

"Accidents happen in contact sport all the time, and no one ever expects it to result in a loss of life, particularly for such a young, healthy, good person, so this is hard for anyone to get their head around."

SANFL CEO Darren Chandler also offered his sympathies following the accident.

"We join the South Australian football community in mourning his tragic death following a game on Saturday evening," Mr Chandler said.

"We extend our heartfelt sympathies to Antonio's family, friends and teammates and stand ready to support the Birdwood Football Club and the Hills Football League, as well as Gumeracha Football Club, during this incredibly difficult time."



YOUNG GUN: Renmark Rovers youngster Molly Petersen made her SANFLW league debut for West Adelaide last weekend. The 15-year-old amassed five disposals, two tackles and two inside 50s in Westies' loss to South Adelaide. PHOTO: WAFC

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Roos Frankly too good for the Dees

BEN LENNON


PLAYING coach Fraser 'Frank' Sampson has started his Barmera-Monash career with a bang, breezing to victory over Berri by 75 points at Lakeside on Saturday.

The Roos dominated the contest from the outset in front of their home fans, blitzing Berri in the early stages to lead by 25 points at the first break.

Shay Hawkins battled hard in the Berri midfield during the first half, but the visitors were overrun by Barmera-Monash, with the Roos extending their lead to 48 points at half time, with Berri yet to register a major.

Experienced campaigner Jake Smith had the ball on a string in the opening half, amassing plenty of possessions through midfield and up forward.

The first goal for Clint Ridgway's side came in the final term, but it was too little too late as the home side ran out convincing victors.

BM	84	9	
5 Jake Smith	BM		MURRAY PIONEER WRITERS' AWARD
4 Sam De Michele	BM		
3 Ben Drogemuller	BM		
2 Jack Barker	BM		
1 Dan Westley	BM		

"It was certainly nice to have a strong start," Sampson said.

"I think 18 or 19 out of our 21 live or train in Barmera, so that certainly helps.

"We've been really together throughout pre-season. We've had three come up from Adelaide but they made a big effort with trial games and coming up for training and that sort of stuff.

"We've worked really hard on our game plan so we've all had that ability to work each other out a bit. We do a lot of game stuff at training so we've had the practice now."



Berri skipper Evan Penaluna goes aerial to spoil Barmera-Monash key forward Reece Lehmann during their clash at Lakeside last Saturday. PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff



Sam De Michele had a day out in his Roo debut, booting three goals and getting plenty of the footy as Barmera-Monash stormed to victory.

Gun recruit Sam De Michele made an immediate impact in his debut, booting three goals and gathering plenty of possessions, playing as a midfielder and up forward.

"He's been really good since he moved to town, so he's slotted straight in," Sampson said.

"He's really strong over the ball and has really good goal sense.

"They put a tagger on him straight away when he kicked a goal so I don't think it took them long to realise he was pretty handy."

Paul Spilios and Jack Barker also impressed for the Roos, while Berri's backline performed admirably under plenty of pressure.

Under 15s premiership coach Adam Langford was named best for the visitors, along with skipper Evan Penaluna, versatile defender Wes Frankel and ruckman Brody Thompson.

Adjusting to his new role proved fairly straightforward for Sampson in round one, but the three-time RFL premiership player is aware that sterner tests will arise in the coming weeks.

"I don't think it was a true test of player-

coaching just yet because once we really get challenged and we're under the pump a bit more it's certainly going to be a bit harder for me out there," he said.

"The bench was really good in terms of the assistant coaches. They had a bit more responsibility and they took it on which made my job a bit easier and I could just go out there and play.

"I've tried to set up some structures with the bench guys so that we've got some plan Bs, so if things need to change they know what my opinions are.

"They've also got a licence to trust their judgement. They're helping me for a reason and it's because they've got good footy brains so I'm certainly backing them in with what they think is the most appropriate thing to do.

"At the breaks, if we need to change things up then we can do that. But we were in control of the game on Saturday so there wasn't anything tactically that needed to change too much."

Berri heads home this week to welcome the impressive Panthers, while Sampson and Barmera-Monash have a date with reigning premier Renmark at Lakeside.

Cousins clash in friendly family footy feud

BEN LENNON

WHILE all eyes were on the footy on Saturday afternoon at Barmera, it was more than an average RFL A grade game for two key cogs in the contest.

It was a family affair for Berri skipper Evan Penaluna and Barmera-Monash co-captain Michael Mock, with the pair only finding out they were second cousins late last year.

The Melbourne-born pair had never formally met until Saturday afternoon's toss of the coin prior to Barmera-Monash's comfortable win over the Demons.

Penaluna described the encounter as "surreal", given the circumstances surrounding the occasion.

"To move interstate to a regional town with which I have no prior connection to; to line up at the coin toss, shaking hands with a relative who has done the same thing..." he said.

"It's a weird coincidence that I wasn't expecting when I moved over here a couple

of years ago.

"At Christmas, back in Melbourne my grandma told me that I had a second cousin in playing football in the Riverland but couldn't recall his name at the time.

"I connected the dots and assumed it was Barmera's new recruit from Melbourne.

"Michael's mum messaged me to introduce herself and let me know she would be coming up for round one.

"Until Christmas, Michael was just a guy playing for Barmera."

Mock was similarly unaware of the connection before his mum went on an ancestral search to put the pieces together.

"I found out after last year's game from Mum, I think she saw the last name and went digging," Mock said.

"The first time we've ever met was at the coin toss and we just said 'hey, and nice to meet you' and had a laugh."

The pair will have to wait for their proper catch-up, with Mock taking off soon



Long lost cousins and RFL captains Evan Penaluna (left) and Michael Mock (middle) met for the first time at the coin toss prior to Berri's clash with Barmera-Monash on Saturday afternoon. The Roos ran out victorious, with the pair embracing in a photo after the match. PHOTOS: supplied

after the win.

"The showers in the old Barmera changerooms aren't known for their reliability, so I think he may have gone home for a warm shower before a club function,"

Penaluna said.

Mock confirmed the suspicions of his opposite number.

"We got the photo straight after the game but I actually snuck home for a shower

and unfortunately missed him when I got back to the club," he said.

"It was pretty bizarre, but I guess your parent's cousins spread out pretty often, so second cousins may never

even meet, but to both be from Melbourne then up here is pretty random."

The two will meet again in round six, with the two sides set to do battle for the Fisher Cup.

More than a curtain raiser

BEN LENNON

A PAIR of teams with a point to prove will take to Loxton Oval on Sunday in the curtain raiser to the 2023 Russell Ebert tribute match.

Loxton and Waikerie enjoyed differing fortunes in round one, but both will be looking to put in a strong showing in front of what will likely be a capacity crowd at The Precinct.

The home side looked as competitive as ever in the first quarter against Loxton North last weekend before the Panthers ran riot, booting five unanswered goals in the second term to kill the game.

It was a challenging start to Luke Harder's coaching career, and the former Port Adelaide Magpie will be keen to kick the Tigers' season into gear on a big occasion.

In contrast, Waikerie pulled off the upset of the round, taking down reigning premier Renmark in front of a raucous home crowd.

The Magpies hit the contest hard at home and reaped the rewards, with West Adelaide player Mitch Hahn the star of the show.

He booted four majors in the win and will want to put on a show this Sunday, as West Adelaide officials, players and supporters will all be watching with a keen eye.

The match serves a special purpose for both clubs, as the RFL honours one of South Australian football's greatest contributors.

It is a fair introduction to Riverland footy for fresh-faced Waikerie coach Mick Kilsby, and the former Westies under 18s assistant is looking forward to the occasion.

"I'm pumped for it," he said.

"It's a curtain raiser for a SANFL tribute match, so it's pretty big for me.

"I will pump the boys up all week, that's for sure."

The extra day of rest means the Magpies will head into the contest with a different preparation to what they are used to.

"It's not a standard week. With Anzac Day we're training Monday and Thursday so it'll be a little bit different," Kilsby said.

Loxton will be desperate to bounce back in front of its home fans, something that Kilsby is fully aware of.

Waikerie has a point to prove of its own, as the Magpies look to ensure that last week was no fluke.

"They'll be up and about I'm sure," Kilsby said.

"Coming off of a loss they'll want to redeem themselves and we'll be looking to maintain the pressure that we've been focusing on.

"We've got to keep it real. I said straight after the game that what we did was great and let's celebrate it, but it's just one game against one team.

"There's four other teams to play so let's stay focused on the main job."

A Berri important RFL match-up

BERRI heads home for the first time in 2023 on Saturday, with the high-flying Loxton North set to provide a stern test for the Demons.

Clint Ridgway's side had nowhere to hide on Saturday against a relentless Barmera-Monash, with the Demons without star inclusion Kade Harkins and a number of experienced campaigners, namely Whillas Medallist Peter Safralidis.

All eyes will be on the team sheet on Thursday night to see who returns to the Berri line-up, but the Demons still have some quality on the park.

Shay Hawkins starred in the opening half last week before drifting out of the contest,

while returning ruckman Brody Thompson was back to his best.

He will be a key if Ridgway's side is to halt the momentum of Loxton North, with Berri needing to get first use of the footy out of the middle to stand a chance.

Both sides like to run and move the ball quickly, with Berri typically utilising the wings to their advantage.

North showed the damage it can do under new coach Terry Eleftheriadis against Loxton last week, blitzing the Tigers in the middle two quarters to run out comfortable victors in the Proud Cup.

The Panthers had a number of contributors across the midfield, namely Tyson Kent and Alek

Kudra, while Ryan Proud had his way in the forward 50.

He looms as a tricky match-up for the Demons, with the veteran still possessing elite speed over 15m as well as plenty of football smarts.

Demons skipper Evan Penaluna may get the job, but Zac Wooldridge also looms as a problem for the home side across the half forward line.

More will be needed out of the Berri young brigade, with former under 18s medallist Archie Holtham quiet in last Saturday's outing.

He, alongside Hawkins in midfield, will need to be at his best if Berri is to be a chance this weekend.

RFL Key Players



Waikerie defender Stephen Hausler (left) will play a pivotal role in curtailing Loxton's attacking forays on Sunday, while Loxton skipper Jesse Will will be keen to lift after a quiet showing last week. PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff



RFL Key Players



Loxton North will be homing for another bag from Ryan Proud (above), while Shay Hawkins holds the key for Berri's young midfield. PHOTOS: Tracy Proud and Grant Schwartzkopff

AROUND THE GROUNDS

RIVERLAND footy returned last weekend and with it came a pair of clean sweeps, with two Riverland teams winning all five grades at home.

Barmera-Monash has underperformed in the RFL A grade since Covid brought a halt to the action in 2020, but the Roos' A grade win over Berri headlined a stellar day for the club on Saturday.

The day started with a bang as the home side stormed to victory in the junior grades by over 100 points, before edging the Demons in the B grade by 20 points for their first reserves win since 2019.

Aiden Scordo followed on from his impressive 2022 and was named among the best in the under 18s, while star Cobdogla Tennis Club prodigy Tom Nettle was deemed best afield for the under 13s.

Loxton North and Loxton contested a tight affair in the B grade, with the Panthers emerging on top despite a late surge from the Tigers.

Masud Akaso continued his strong pre-season from with an impressive display in midfield, while Jasper Hoffmann was best for Loxton.

Along with Barmera-Monash, North also claimed maximum points from the day's play, with all five sides running out victorious at home.

Clay Jaeschke starred in the under 18s contest between the two rivals, booting five goals in a best-on-ground performance.

Meanwhile, perennial A graders Ben Venning and Jim Thomson starred in Waikerie's B grade win over Renmark at home.

Venning helped himself to six majors, while Thomson added four in a well-rounded display.



Deakin Aston booted three majors in Renmark's win over Waikerie in the first round of RFL under 18s on Saturday. PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff

Renmark took the points in the under 18s, with skipper Harry Papageorgios leading the way across half

back and in the midfield, while the Rovers recorded comfortable victories in the other two junior grades.



Experienced campaigners Jim Thomson and Ben Venning combined for 10 goals in Waikerie's B grade win over Renmark.

RFL Key Players

Friends will turn foes this weekend when three-time Renmark premiership player Fraser Sampson (above) takes on his old side for the first time as Barmera-Monash head coach. Renmark is set to welcome back talismanic midfielder Tim Woolford for the all-important clash.

PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff



A premiership Roo-union

By **BEN LENNON**

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A BLOCKBUSTER clash between the Rovers and one of Renmark's favourite sons awaits this Saturday, as the reigning premiers travel to Barmera-Monash to take on the Roos.

The Lakesiders sit on top of the RFL ladder after one round, with new coach Fraser Sampson kicking his coaching career off with a win over bitter rivals Berri.

Sampson, who played in the past three RFL premierships for Renmark, slotted seamlessly into Barmera-Monash's top job and quickly implemented a new style of play at Lakeside.

The Roos moved the ball with pace and purpose against Berri, peppering the Demon defenders in a fashion similar to Renmark's brand of football over the past three seasons.

A sterner test awaits the Roos this week, with Sampson looking forward to the reunion against his old team.

"I'm excited for it," he said.

"It's something I've been thinking about for a while and I think the fact they went down on Saturday probably shows that they're within reach and gettable."

The Rovers began their premiership defence with a loss against arch rivals Waikerie, but the 2022 champions were without star on-ballers Tim and Dan Woolford.

The duo is set to return this week, and Sampson knows it would be foolish to underestimate the best side of the past three years.

"Obviously they're a class act with great depth and the two Woolfords coming back in will make them a lot stronger through the midfield, so we're not underestimating them at all," he said.

"It's going to be a tough slog and we'll have to work really hard to try and slow them down."

"They've got the big monsters up forward that we've got to try and curtail, so we'll see how we go."

Sam De Michele starred in his first outing for Barmera-Monash after making the switch from Murray Bridge outfit Imperials.

He looms as a danger up forward and will spend time in midfield, while fellow recruit and key defender Aedan Lyon will likely have his hands full this week with Renmark's impressive forward line.

Nathan Zunic and Lachlan Lellmann hit the scoreboard in their return for the Rovers, but both will be looking to improve after falling short at Waikerie.

Both sides play similar styles of football and Sampson is well aware of what makes Renmark tick, which should make for an intriguing contest on Saturday afternoon.

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Barmera United will be looking to replicate its 2022 success when the 2023 Riverland Soccer Association season kicks off this Sunday at Lakeside. PHOTOS: supplied

Kick-off approaching in local soccer

THE beautiful game is set to return to the Riverland, with the Riverland Soccer Association season kicking off at Barmera this Sunday.

It makes for an ideal start to the home side's premiership defence, with Barmera running out victorious in the Top Four Cup, the men's and the women's senior league seasons in 2022.

The Pelicans were an all-conquering force in the men's division, with captain James Wallace vocal this pre-season about ensuring they maintain their period of dominance in Riverland soccer.

Goals weren't hard to come by for the side, with Dimitri Kanakaris, Marty Barber and Jacob Trudgian all finding the back of the net with regularity, while Masud Akaso was imperious between the sticks at the opposite end of the pitch.

Coming for them will be Renmark, with Olympic keen to recapture the title from Barmera.

Olympic won the competition in 2021 after an impressive season and look the most likely to challenge for the throne this year, with a number of young players looming as likely improvers.

Loxton and Berri both have their sights set on rebuilding after disap-

pointing seasons in 2022.

Youngsters Mitch Cawse and Yianni Exarheas look set to receive more game time under Berri coach John Papametis this year, with the River Rangers keen to focus on youth this campaign.

Loxton has preached a similar mindset throughout pre-season, with Jasper Hoffmann set to lead United from the front.

Barmera remains the team to beat in the women's division after putting together an undefeated season in 2022.

Macey Bourton and Tessie Mitchell were impressive up top and were backed up nicely by the staunchest defence in the competition.

With numbers looking strong, it would take a brave punter to bet against them in 2023.

Loxton looms as one of the major improvers, with Jess Grace, Jess Ebert-Button and Mel Greer returning to the fold for United.

Renmark will likely be around the mark again, while Berri returns to the competition after a year off in 2022.

All clubs boast plenty of talent throughout the junior ranks and the message from the four sides in the off-season has been that younger players will be afforded every opportunity to shine in 2023.



Junior numbers in the local competition are strong once again, with the season kicking off in Barmera on Sunday.

Eagles continue to soar as Riverland darts rolls on

COBBY Eagles remain the only unbeaten side in Riverland darts after a fifth straight win in last week's round of fixtures.

The reigning champions defeated Monash Wanderers by seven games on Thursday night, despite the scores

being level at the end of the first round of singles.

The top side then blazed away in the doubles contests, with Allen Hargreaves and Ray Stemp producing their first 180s of the season.

RC Ones solidified its grip on second spot with

a strong win over Lyrup Lionhearts.

Darcy Crane continued his hot start to the season with a 180 and a high peg of 117.

Tamara Joseph starred for the Lionhearts with a high peg of 119.

Meanwhile, Expendables picked up its second win of the season with a 13-1 triumph over Lyrup Lion Cubs.

RESULTS

Cobby Eagles 11 (A. Hargreaves 180, 116, 100, R. Stemp 180, 100 x 5, J. Broekers 140 x 3, 138, 134, 100 x 2, D. Coombe 140 x

2, 123, 121, 100 x 6, D. Parfitt 130, 139, 123, 121, 100 x 5, G. Dyer 133 x 3, 121, 117) d Monash Wanderers 4 (D. Martin 140 x 2, C. Martin 140, 136, 100 x 4, J. Willett 140, 125, 100, W. Bonham 140, 108, 100 x 3, M. Hayes 117). R C Ones 14 (D. Crane 180, 140, 100 x 8, 120 peg out, L. Rasheed 137, 100 x 4, W. Schwartzkopff 100 x 4, 117 peg

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DEBUT DAY: Former Loxton North junior Aaron Francis debuted for Sydney last week, as the Swans went down to Geelong by 93 points. PHOTOS: AFL.com.au

Loxton girl goes national

BEN LENNON

A PROUD Loxton local has been rewarded for strong performances at a recent national netball competition with selection in the Australian under 17s squad.

Summer Smith had only just arrived at Loxton training when a confidential email alerted her to some "unexpected" news.

"As I walked into netball training on Tuesday I got an email that said 'confidential' in full bold capitals," she said.

"It was from Netball Australia informing me that I'd been selected in the Australian team.

"I showed it to mum and started crying, but I couldn't tell anyone else.

"Mackella Hogan walked in and asked me what's wrong and I said nothing because couldn't really tell her anything.

"I was smiling and crying for the whole training. I kept looking at mum and smiling because nobody else knew what was happening."

The embargo has since been lifted as news broke to the Riverland community of Summer's selection last week.

The 16-year-old has received a flood of messages from well-

wishers, with a busy netball season now looming large for the up-and-comer.

"I've had heaps of messages from people who are being really nice and supportive which is cool.

"It was definitely unexpected. I didn't think I'd get in given the fact I'm a bottom ager and I wouldn't say I did anything to stand out over the tournament.

"I was just trying to do what the coaches asked me to do as much as I could."

That coachability has stood her in good stead, according to the coaches of the South Australian side.

"One of our coaches is a past Sunshine Coast Lightning head coach, so chatting to her, I remember I had a rough game and I told her I wasn't feeling great about it," she said.

"She told me she didn't know why I felt like that, because I was doing everything the coaches wanted me to do and that's something that they love.

"I was just trying to soak everything in and really listen to them."

Summer said she is "still in shock" at the selection.

She heads East for a five-day training camp at the Australian Institute of Sport in July, where she



Loxton star Summer Smith was named in the Australian under 17s side recently after a stellar performance at the 2023 national carnival last fortnight. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

will be joined by one of her good friends.

"One girl in the squad, Jemma Kelly, I did under 15s with her last year so we've become really good mates," she said.

"It's good that I can go to some of these things, which are a bit nerve wracking and daunting, but I've got my mates by my side, so it's really exciting."

A decorated junior player, Summer will be lining up in Loxton's A1 side for the duration of the Riverland season.

But, a Waikerie star has been a source of inspiration for her

throughout her short but successful journey.

"When I used to see Sienna Lehmann named in her national teams, I used to think that was amazing," Summer said.

"Sienna's just so good and because I'm good mates with her I was super proud of her.

"Now it's like 'Oh, this is the same as what Sienna's done just in a different sport'.

"I'm used to looking up to her and she definitely inspired me. I can't really believe in it and I'm still in a bit of shock.

"I'm a little girl from Loxton.

Half of the team at the tournament didn't even know where the town was."

The immediate future remains unclear, with Summer eagerly awaiting further communication from Netball Australia as to the next steps.

But, the youngster is focused and keen to help the Supercats to a strong start on Riverland soil.

She kept up her strong national carnival form in round one of the Riverland season and was named in the best players in her side's win over reigning premier Loxton North.

Summer shone in unfamiliar territory at the carnival, making the move from defence into the mid-court for the South Australian side. PHOTO: Netball SA



WELL BOWLED: The Riverland quartet of Julie John (left, Monash), Julie Gartnery (Barmera), Judy Strauss (skipper, Waikerie) and Jenny Morley (Waikerie) ran out victors at the recent MGA Ladies Country Carnival fours tournament at Marion. PHOTO: supplied

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Loxton star Elise Foulds (right) was presented with the Anzac Medal by Riverland netball legend Marg Lambert after her stellar performance on Friday night at Berri. PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff

Supercats secure early advantage

A BLOCKBUSTER night at Berri stadium waved in the new Riverland netball season, with all six teams in action last Friday night as the association celebrated Anzac Round.

Reigning premier Loxton North squared off against local rivals Loxton in the main match of the night at 8pm.

It was a slow start for both sides, with just 20 goals scored in the first quarter, before Loxton turned the screws in the second, putting the defending champions under immense pressure.

North went into the clash depleted, missing three key players in the opening contest of the season.

Loxton captain Elise Foulds was dynamic in mid-court, launching the Supercats into attack and working hard to run the other way and defend.

Working in tandem with wing attack Hollie Bullock and star shooter Mackella Hogan, Loxton shot away to a 17-goal lead by the end of the third quarter.

Newly-minted Australian representative Summer Smith curtailed a number of North attacks alongside Leah Uren in the Loxton defence.

Melody Pfeiler and new recruit Paris Lawrie provided some resistance for the premiers, but Loxton ran out the game well, winning by 24 goals with Foulds receiving the Anzac Medal for her best-on-court performance.

Last season's grand finalist Renmark closed out the evening with a comfortable victory over a young

Waikerie side that continues to find its feet in the A1 division after returning last year.

Renmark burst out of the blocks with high intensity and minimal errors in the first quarter and went into the break with an imposing 16-goal advantage.

Matilda Rothe and Zoe Siviour made for a strong defensive pairing, with Waikerie unable to do any damage on the scoreboard throughout the first half.

Waikerie came into the game more in the third quarter, with youngster Sarah Campbell working well with coach Ashleigh Leuders to fight back against the 2021 premiers.

But, Renmark closed the game out convincingly in the final quarter, with Emma Stockman's move into the offensive third paying dividends to start the year.

Berri also got off to a winning start, running out 13-goal victors over a depleted Barmera in the opening contest of the season.

The side made a strong start to life without star shooter Lana Gregoric, with Georgia Whitehead proving a more than adequate replacement in round one, pouring in 43 goals for the night.

Youngster Amelia Morgan also performed well for the home side, while gun recruit Chloe Drogemuller Fiebig, alongside Ashleigh Haigh, battled well for Barmera throughout the contest.

Scores were level at the end of the



Emma Stockman was impressive in the front third for Renmark on Friday.

first quarter, before Berri gradually edged away throughout the rest of the contest.

This week's round of fixtures sees Berri welcome the reigning premiers, Renmark head to Barmera for a 2021 grand final rematch and Loxton hosting Waikerie as the Supercats look to continue their strong start.

A1

RENMARK	V	WAIKERIE
RENMARK 21		38 51 71
WAIKERIE 5		8 15 21

BEST: Renmark - S. Modlinski, M. Rothe. Waikerie - A. Leuders, S. Campbell.

BERRI	V	BARMERA
BERRI 14		32 47 63
BARMERA 14		26 38 50

BEST: Berri - G. Whitehead, A. Morgan. Barmera - C. Drogemuller Fiebig, A. Haigh.

LOXTON	V	LOXTON NORTH
LOXTON 13		32 40 54
LOXTON NORTH 7		15 23 30

BEST: Loxton - E. Foulds, S. Smith. Loxton North - M. Pfeiler, P. Lawrie.

A2
Loxton North 40 d Loxton 29.
BEST: Loxton North - A. Biggins, K. Hausler. Loxton - M. Pannell.

Renmark 39 d Waikerie 36.
BEST: Renmark - M. Haynes, J. Crook. Waikerie - N. Afford, R. Sparrow.

Barmera 44 d Berri 41.
BEST: Barmera - S. Walter, A. Koumbarakos. Berri - I. Linnett, L. Gloster.

B1
Berri 39 d Barmera 34.
BEST: Berri - M. Murphy, C. Grigg. Barmera - S. Walter, J. Gartner.

Cobdogla 40 d Loxton North 39.
BEST: Cobdogla - K. Fletcher, J. Gregory. Loxton North - E. Clayton, S. Pfeiler.

Waikerie 45 d Renmark 27.
BEST: Waikerie - E. McDonald, S. Paschke. Renmark - E. Hancock, J. Mellington.

B2
Barmera 48 d Berri 18.
BEST: Barmera - T. Hawthorne, L. Ambaras. Berri - J. Fowler, K. Rosenthal.

Loxton 47 d Loxton North 19.
BEST: Loxton - A. Barrett, D. Gibbs. Loxton North - B. Spehr, S. Horsnell.

Renmark 48 d Waikerie 26.
BEST: Renmark - C. Ekonomopoulos, C. Tippet. Waikerie - S. Gore, K. Macey.

C1
Barmera 36 d Monash 29.
BEST: Barmera - R. Hembling, A. Lowe. Monash - S. Coulthard, K. Knight.

Loxton North d Renmark (forfeit).

17A
Barmera 33 d Berri 25.
BEST: Barmera - J. Kassulke, A. Koumbarakos. Berri - A. Morgan, A. Fenwick.

Loxton North 34 d Loxton 29.
BEST: Loxton North - S. Eleftheriadias, L. Meaney. Loxton - J. Inglis, S. Blaser.

17B
Barmera 51 d Renmark 26.
BEST: Details not provided.

Renmark Blue 54 d Loxton North 17.
BEST: Renmark Blue - H. Teare, Z. Steele. Loxton North - A. Arnold, T. Schlein.

15A
Barmera 55 d Berri 27.
BEST: Barmera - A. Gilgen, M. Bourton. Berri - B. Gates, T. Hunt.

Loxton North 43 d Loxton 30.
BEST: Loxton North - K. Harman, S. Gibbs. Loxton - A. Pannell, B. Gum.

15B
Barmera 51 d Berri 8.
BEST: Barmera - H. Brattoli, I. Richter. Berri - details not provided.

Loxton North 23 d Renmark 15.
BEST: Loxton North - E. Boucher, L. Perre. Renmark - E. Singleton, A. Logos.

Waikerie 38 d Renmark 33.
BEST: Waikerie - A. Kafexholli, G. Gay. Renmark - E. McConchie, T. Pryor.

13A
Barmera 33 d Berri 31.
BEST: details not provided.

Loxton North 56 d Loxton 16.
BEST: Loxton North - L. Hutchinson, A. Dalzell. Loxton - N. Uren, C. Rattray.

13B
Loxton 40 d Loxton North 29.
BEST: Loxton - E. Hondow, I. Cozens. Loxton North - P. Bates, S. Angeleski.

Renmark 26 d Waikerie 22.
BEST: Renmark - E. Lloyd, E. Lang. Waikerie - G. Zarmbalas, E. Stevens.

13C
Renmark 22 d Loxton 8.
BEST: Renmark - M. Warren, R. Phan. Loxton - C. Seaman, I. Santini.

Barmera 32 d Cobdogla 10.
BEST: Barmera - G. Trigg, B. Randall.

11A
Berri 26 d Barmera 5.
BEST: Berri - O. Romeo, W. Roger. Barmera - R. Wright, A. Chabrel.

Loxton 34 d Loxton North 8.
BEST: Loxton - S. Uren, M. Thiele. Loxton North - I. Miller, I. Williams.

Waikerie 30 d Renmark 18.
BEST: Waikerie - I. Venning, P. Zarmbalas. Renmark - R. Jarvis, T. Holmes.

11B
Cobdogla 18 d Berri 13.
BEST: Cobdogla - L. Morrell, S. Vallelonga. Berri - E. Seekamp, A. Hall.

Renmark 27 d Waikerie 4.
BEST: Renmark - P. Milich, A. Lindner. Waikerie - I. Nettelbeck, N. Hartwig.

11C
Barmera 17 d Berri 8.
BEST: Barmera - S. Maleki, E. Ness. Berri - N. Gilles, M. Arnold.

Loxton North 5 d Loxton Black 2.
BEST: Loxton North - M. Mangelsdorf, S. Freeman. Loxton - M. Rattray, D. Seaman.

Loxton Gold 11 d Renmark 3.
BEST: Loxton Gold - A. Vowles, M. Roissetter. Renmark - H. Nagel, T. Greathead.

Barmera's new goal circle pairing of Ashleigh Haigh (left) and Chloe Drogemuller Fiebig fired on debut, but the side failed to match it with an impressive Berri outfit.



Mackella Hogan was in fine form as the Supercats made a winning start to 2023.

Riverland welcomes fresh hockey faces

BEN LENNON

THE Riverland hockey season is set to begin on Friday, with Renmark and Waikerie locking sticks to kick off the campaign.

The competition has undergone somewhat of a makeover in 2023, with a Sunraysia side entering the fray in both the men's and women's A grade competitions.

A combined Mildura and Sunraysia side will compete in the women's A grade on Saturday against Berri on Saturday evening, before the two sides do battle in the men's grade at 6.45pm.

Riverland Hockey Association spokesperson Brett Stokes believes the push to include the Sunraysia sides will help strengthen the Riverland competition.

"A change in competition is always healthy because it gives

the Riverland perspective of where we are at as a competition," Mr Stokes said.

"It makes clubs become experienced in dealing with different team structures and tactics and overall it then helps the standard of the Riverland competition.

"The inclusion of Mildura teams is not a new concept with Mildura being part of our competition in both women's and men's A grade previously.

"I think it was in 2011 that a Mildura player won the women's Riverland best and fairest in the A grade."

Loxton has the bye in round one of the men's A grade, with the side not entering a team in the women's A grade in 2023.

The fixture allows for players to compete for higher honours, with a number of bye rounds scheduled coinciding with regional tournaments.

"Mildura players that are part of the Riverland competition are now eligible to play for the Riverland at the country challenge in Adelaide," Mr Stokes said.

"We therefore help Mildura players gain a high level of competition experience, which gathers more interest and promotion of the sport for their competition and region as much as it does for ours."

"Riverland teams will only be required to travel to Mildura once, maybe twice at the most, but it is part of giving back to the sport and to Mildura for being part of this season."

Waikerie will be looking to start its premiership defence off with a win against Renmark in the men's division on Friday, while Berri looms as the team to beat in the women's division, with star player Maddy Spano locked in for a second campaign.



Waikerie's men's hockey side will be looking to stay at the top of the tree this campaign after running out premiers in 2022. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

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Loxton North emerged victorious from its Proud Cup clash with Loxton on Saturday, regaining the trophy in front of a packed house at Panther Park. PHOTO: Tracy Proud

A PROUD MOMENT

BEN LENNON

THE Proud Cup has a new home at Panther Park after Loxton North regained the coveted trophy from Loxton with a 76-point win on Saturday afternoon in the RFL's opening round.

It was standing room only for footy fans, with a dou-

ble row of cars surrounding the oval as the RFL returned, with the Panthers stealing the show at home under new coach Terry Eleftheriadis.

An early arm wrestle turned into a blowout as the Panthers put their foot on the pedal in the latter stages of the second quarter, booting five straight goals to

close out the term.

They survived an early fightback from the travelling Tigers early in the third quarter, before a 50m bomb from returning Panther Zac Wooldridge all but sealed the win.

The game petered out and the crowd turned its attention to how many goals Ryan

Proud might end up with.

The veteran stay-at-home forward finished with seven majors that could have been nine or 10 if not for some missed opportunities in the last quarter, but it was enough to earn him the medal for best on ground.

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