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DOUBLE DELIGHT

Loxton's Jakob Johnke-Milich (left) and Barmera's Madison Lailey were joint winners of the Apprentice of the Year title at the 2020 Riverland and Mallee Vocational Awards last Friday night. PHOTO: Peta-Marie Philippou

Local fires mourn former colleague

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Return of town fountain marks completion of Renmark's new river-front precinct...

IT'S BACK



HUGH SCHUITMAKER

GREATER safety for local children playing at a town fountain is a highlight of a Riverland council's recently completed river-

front redesign.

Renmark Paringa Council is today set to unveil the completed stage 1A of its Urban Design Framework initiative – known as the Taylor Riverfront Precinct –

marked by the turning-on of the reinstated Renmark town fountain.

Renmark Paringa Council Mayor Neil Martinson (pictured) said the remodelled river front included improved amenities for

locals and visitors to the town.

"It's probably just a couple weeks behind schedule," Mr Martinson said.

"We're hoping the fountain will be turned on (today) and after a

few tidy-ups we'll be in full operation. It's a great expanse with the barbecues, the seating, the shaded areas and all the additional trees and plantings."

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Chef and maintenance fitter share apprentice honour...

Double delight

PETA-MARIE PHILIPPOU

LOXTON maintenance fitter Jakob Johnke-Milich and Barmera chef Madison Lailey are joint winners of the region's most prestigious vocational award.

Mr Johnke-Milich, an apprentice at Loxton's The Wine Group (TWG), and Mr Lailey, an apprentice at the Barmera Hotel, have shared the Apprentice of the Year gong, announced at the 2020 Riverland and Mallee Vocational Awards last Friday.

The successful duo both also received industry awards in their respective fields of engineering and cookery.

The awards night, which was hosted by the Rotary Club of Berri at the Berri Hotel, saw a strong attendance of finalists, family members, sponsors and employees celebrate this year's group of young achievers.

Mr Johnke-Milich, who was unable to attend the night due to illness, said he was "amazed" when he received the call.

"This was the second time I had been nominated for the award and this year I had a feeling I had a better shot at taking it home," he said.

"Unfortunately, I was too crook to attend the night but my mum and stepdad went on my behalf and accepted the award.

"I was devastated I couldn't be there but I am proud of my efforts and cannot thank everyone enough.

"I am TWG's first ever apprentice, so to be their first apprentice and to win the award is very special.

"I'm grateful for TWG's cellar manager Caroline Tomic for the application and the maintenance manager Ken Boden for giving me the opportunity.

"This award means the world to me and it has definitely opened up doors."

Mr Lailey said he was "still coming to terms with winning".

"I don't think a chef has won the award for a while so it felt pretty good," he said.

"When I won the Industry Award I was shaking and couldn't believe it, but when my name got announced for Apprentice of the Year I thought I was dreaming.



Last year's Apprentice of the Year Aidan Kenyon (centre) presented Mr Johnke-Milich's mother, Niki Bates, and Mr Lailey with the trophy last Friday. Mrs Bates accepted the award on behalf of Mr Johnke-Milich due to his absence. PHOTO: Peta-Marie Philippou

"It hasn't been an easy journey so to be recognised for my hard work was amazing.

"I love my job and I love the Barmera Hotel. I am so grateful for the support I have received over the years.

"At the moment there is one other chef left and she's been amazing."

Mr Lailey said receiving the award has already opened many opportunities.

"I have had a few job offers over the past

few days from people I work with and it feels amazing," he said.

"At the same time, I'm thinking, 'everyone please slow down and let me enjoy the moment'.

"It goes to show that hard work pays off and I feel extremely proud to win not only for myself but also on behalf of the hotel."

The duo will share the perpetual trophy for the rest of the year.

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Bianca's our 2020 Trainee of the Year

PETA-MARIE PHILIPPOU

LOXTON'S Bianca Shephard says it was an "honour" being crowned Trainee of the Year at an annual awards evening last Friday night.

Miss Shephard, who is an early childhood educator at Loxton District Children's Centre Woodleigh, received the award at the 2020 Riverland and Mallee Vocational Awards hosted by the Berri Rotary Club at the Berri Hotel.

"I was nominated for the award back in 2016 when I did my Certificate III and was unfortunately unsuccessful," she said.

"When I was nominated again, along with my colleague, Kade, I was excited because it's important education is recognised.

"There is no education industry award so it's great someone from education won."

Miss Shephard said she felt proud to represent Woodleigh.

"It felt incredible to win but it felt even better to win on behalf of Woodleigh," she said.

"I've worked at Woodleigh for more than five years and the staff have supported me over the years through my Certificate III and



Loxton District Children's Centre Woodleigh early childhood educator Bianca Shephard was named Trainee of the Year last Friday night at the 2020 Riverland and Mallee Vocational Awards. Miss Shephard was presented the trophy by WIN Television South Australia's Brett Martini. INSET: Miss Shephard with Woodleigh children (from left) Eli, Sylvana and Rahnee, all two. PHOTOS: Peta-Marie Philippou

diploma studies.

"They've helped me grow and develop as an early childhood educator and I absolutely love my job."

Miss Shephard enrolled in a Bachelor of Psychological Science last year and said her traineeship has aided her with her studies.

"I started my psychology degree last August and it's been great so far," she said.

"When I'm done, I want to work with children and my traineeship has already helped with that.

"The award will help open pathways in the future and I'm forever grateful."

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Aboriginal inquiry to help 'grow, prosper'

HUGH SCHUITEMAKER

STATEMENTS a parliamentary inquiry into Aboriginal organisations is unfairly targeting the indigenous are "hypocritical" according to a local community figure.

A group of prominent indigenous South Australians recently sent a letter to Premier Steven Marshall in response to his call for a parliamentary inquiry into governance in community-controlled Aboriginal organisations (Pioneer 10/2/21, 'Investigation Announced').

Gerard Council liaison officer Tyson Lindsay said holding the inquiry was necessary for economic and social progress in

the community.

"The letter is very hypocritical as this inquiry is super necessary in many ways and will help our evolution as people and culture for future generations," Mr Lindsay said.

"The inquiry will be a step in the right direction for us to grow and prosper.

"This letter also shows the problem trying to be the solution when it should be the other way around.

"This inquiry is being driven by the indigenous communities themselves through leaders that have no desire for personal gain, but only want to see the voiceless having a voice and sense of purpose."

Mr Lindsay said a majority of

individuals in indigenous communities supported the call for an inquiry.

"I want to reassure the Premier that he has the backing of at least 80 per cent of the people in these communities regarding the inquiry," he said. The letter – signed by 15 indigenous figures – accuses the State Government of unfairly targeting Aboriginal organisations.

"We are concerned that your proposal seems to suggest Aboriginal people or organisations are less capable of managing their own affairs than other South Australians," it reads.

"Despite almost daily reports of non-Aboriginal companies entering

liquidation or administration we don't see calls for a Parliamentary Committee to investigate their governance."

The letter said media coverage of issues in Gerard – and evidence to be given during the inquiry – would have negative impacts on families and individuals.

"We are particularly concerned with some of the commentary, public statements and social media posts regarding Aboriginal organisations and their governance," it read.

"These have included personal vilification, attacks and significant breaches of important cultural protocols.

"Regardless of the conditions

placed around the giving or reporting of evidence, allowing and encouraging people to prosecute their personal grievances under Parliamentary privilege risks great harm to individuals, tearing families apart and damaging communities.

"It would be unfortunate if the harm this inquiry might cause was remembered as your legacy in Aboriginal Affairs."

Mr Marshall earlier this month called for the inquiry after evidence obtained by the Murray Pioneer in December revealed misappropriation of State Government grant funding – and the sale of council water allocations – had occurred in Gerard.

Return of town fountain marks completion of Renmark's river-front precinct

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Plans for the UDF were initially released by council in May 2017, with the project supported by \$1.4 million coming from the Federal Government's Building Better Regions Fund and \$550,000 from the State Government's Places for People Program.

Mr Martinson said the re-designed area had higher levels of safety for local children seeking to play in the town fountain.

"The fountain will be available for the public and there's going to be water jets through the concrete area surrounding it," he said.

"So if the kids want to get in there and have a play that's fine, whereas previously that was very dangerous, with water making the rocks slippery.

"This will be SA Water filtered water going through the fountain and there's no danger to the kids at all.

"There's also a fence to protect any kids playing on the lawn area, so that's not going straight out onto the main road."

Mr Martinson said council would examine the potential of increasing car parks and improving pedestrian safety near the river front.

"We'll be looking at increased parking, particularly on Fifteenth Street," he said.

"One of the main things we're focused on is crossing over the central lawn by the clock and crossing over the main road, so council is looking at that.

"That will take consultation with DPTI because it is their road, (but) we need to make sure it's completely safe."



Renmark Paringa Council Mayor Neil Martinson is today set to unveil the completed Taylor Riverfront Precinct, including the town's reinstated town fountain being turned on. PHOTOS: Peta-Marie Philippou INSET: A new design of the fountain area was aimed at improving safety for local children.

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Birthing service suspension 'may be extended'

ERIN WILLIAMS

SUSPENSION of birthing services at the Waikerie Hospital could continue past the scheduled reopening date while staff are sourced, according to a health network chief executive.

The temporary suspension – which began in mid-January and immediately saw five local women forced to find alternative locations to give birth – was initially expected to be lifted at the end of March, however Riverland Mallee Coorong Local Health Network (RMCLHN) CEO Wayne Champion said yesterday that period “may need to be extended until new midwives are recruited”.

Mr Champion said the network is “actively recruiting” to fill the roster required to provide safe birthing services for the future.

“Our number one priority in the provision of birthing services is always the health, safety and wellbeing of both mother and baby,” he said.

“Birthing services at Waikerie Health Service

require a GP obstetrician, a GP anaesthetist, as well as a 24x7 roster of midwives and operating theatre staff to provide safe delivery and care in the event of an emergency.

“We are also working closely with MEDSTAR, SA Ambulance Service (SAAS), Women’s and Children’s Hospital, Riverland General Hospital and Loxton Hospital to ensure all women have access to safe birthing services.

“Shared care antenatal and postnatal community services continue to be available at Waikerie Health Service during this time.

“The temporary suspension is expected to be between January to the end of March 2021, however it may need to be extended until new midwives are recruited.”

Women in labour presenting to the Waikerie Health Service will be transferred to alternative birthing sites.



● Wayne Champion

Renmark firefighters mourn the loss of former colleague

JOSH BRINE

A FORMER Riverland resident and firefighter who was killed in a truck crash near the SA-Victorian border is being remembered by former colleagues as a generous volunteer and an “all-around good bloke”.

Steven Lawrie, 46, died when his B-double crashed into the back of a stationary truck in Serviceton last Thursday night as vehicles queued to enter South Australia following the announcement of a hard border closure.

The truck that had been stationary subsequently collided with another B-double in front of it, with all three vehicles catching fire.

The exact cause of the collision is under investigation.

Mr Lawrie, of Parafield Gardens, had worked as a retained firefighter at the Renmark MFS station for nearly 15 years before he moved away from the region last March due to other work commitments.

MFS regional commander Garrick Lehmann sent his condolences to Mr Lawrie’s family.

“He was a community-minded and active person, and was well-appreciated and respected by his colleagues,” he said.

Renmark MFS station officer John McNaughton said Mr Lawrie was generous with his time and well-liked by friends and co-workers.

“He was very well-respected by all the other ‘furies,’” Mr McNaughton said.

“Whenever anything needed doing



Former Renmark firefighter Steven Lawrie, pictured in 2019, was killed in a three-truck crash near the SA-Victoria border last Thursday night. FILE PHOTO

around the station, he was the first to volunteer and he was also always volunteering in the community.

“It didn’t matter what it was, whether we were doing a display down the street or putting on sausage sizzle, he always stuck his hand up.

“He was just an all-around nice bloke.”

Mr McNaughton said Mr Lawrie’s former colleagues were mourning his death.

“On the fireground he really knew his stuff and was a good firefighter – always reporting for calls,” he said.

“Even though he resigned about 12 months ago, once you are a firefighter you are considered a brother even if you leave, so the boys are missing him.”

Mr Lawrie was also remembered for his contributions to local football as a coach, umpire and volunteer, and as

a passionate supporter of the Paringa Football Club.

The club offered its condolences through a Facebook post published last Friday.

“On behalf of the club, we would like to send our condolences to Hamish Lawrie and family on the passing of Steve,” the post said.

“Steve was a very loyal Swannies supporter who was always there to offer his services.

“He helped with colts’ trainings, umpiring senior and junior games and many other duties over recent times.

“Your shift is now over.”

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New servo divides Glossop

Glossop residents are pushing back against plans to redevelop an empty service station on Anderson Terrace. PHOTO: Josh Brine. INSET: The redeveloped petrol station would include car and truck wash stations and a dog wash, pending council approval. IMAGE: supplied

JOSH BRINE

A PROPOSAL to build a new service station and car wash in Glossop has sparked debate amongst the local community, as Berri Barmera Council seeks public feedback on the development application.

The application proposes the replacement of the former petrol station on Anderson Terrace – next to the Glossop Motel – with a new Caltex station, which is set to include car and truck wash stations and a dog wash.

Yvette Stoodley, who owns the property next door to the site, organised a meeting last Wednesday with other Glossop residents who have concerns about the redevelopment.

“There’s no way we want to have a truck and car wash, dog wash and fuel pumps right next door to our bedrooms,” Ms Stoodley said.

“For it to work it is going to be so noisy... plus there will be more trucks and cars coming in.

“They’re not going to have any consideration for the people that live there or the motel’s clients.

“It’s going to depreciate the value of our properties immediately, and it’s also going to do more damage to our road infrastructure.”

Shell Get and Go Glossop director Huss Khan, who has put forth the development

application, said concerns about noise were unfounded.

“Obviously, with the EPA there are certain guidelines that we have to follow,” he said.

“Our plans have been given the green light from the EPA, so there will be sound proofing on all the walls and everything is above board.

“They are worried about music being played loudly as well, but there are strict rules with that and people have to turn their cars and their radios off.

“A lot of the things that were said at the meeting that have found their way back to me were nonsense.

“The EPA is very strict – you have to follow their guidelines or you’ll be shut down.

“We’re not investing that much money into a town and a car wash just for it to be shut down.”

Mr Khan said the new business would provide more jobs in the town and would fill a currently empty building.

“With Glossop turning 100, if we can introduce a car wash into the town it will improve the town and make that site look better as well,” he said.

“It will also bring more jobs and money to the community – an absolute minimum of five new jobs and likely more.

“Bringing in new jobs and helping the

community, that’s probably the best part about it all.”

However, Ms Stoodley said the car wash should be built further away from residences or on the current Shell site.

“Who wants all this in a quiet town?” she said.

“We moved to the area because it was nice and quiet and, yes, there was a fuel station next door but it closed at 8pm every evening.

“We’ve already got a build-up of traffic, and this will create more.”

Mr Khan said traffic would continue to travel through Glossop, regardless of whether the new station is built.

“There’s a lot of traffic because of Berri Estates and all the road trains who have to come through here because they can’t go

through Renmark because of the Paringa Bridge,” he said.

“By us opening there, we’re not bringing trucks from the highway and telling them they have to come through Glossop.

“We’ve had plenty of residents who have said they are all for it.

“The more new things the Riverland gets, the better it is for everybody – that’s the way I see it.”

Berri Barmera Council is currently accepting feedback on the application, which is available to view at the council office in Berri from Monday to Friday between 9am and 5pm.

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THE YEARS GO BY

BY PETER AND CARLA MAGAREY

Inquiry required, despite protests

POLARISING is the best word to describe opinion on the State Government inquiry into Aboriginal organisations.

A recent Murray Pioneer report revealed a shocking list of alleged transgressions at Gerard Council.

The accusations surrounded public monies allegedly being routinely misused and misdirected, not reaching their intended targets, and subsequently not helping the people they were directed towards.

In announcing the inquiry earlier this month, Premier Steven Marshall – who doubles as the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation – cited “mounting concerns among the SA Aboriginal community about poor governance and alleged corruption” within community-run organisations, like the Gerard Council.

Premier Marshall said he believed that “any allegations of corrupt or otherwise criminal activity should be referred to the police”.

Importantly, he also stated that he is “strongly committed to the empowerment of South Australian Aboriginal communities to manage their own affairs”.

The inquiry’s announcement has sparked a predictable, but nonetheless spirited attack from those dead-set against the idea. This counter-offensive has been headlined by a group of prominent indigenous South Australians.

They claim the State Government is unfairly targeting Aboriginal organisations.

The practice of unfairly targeting a group – and therefore its members – based on race and history has a name.

Over the past month we have heard the word used many times, sometimes accurately, other times perhaps too blithely.

A letter from this group of indigenous South Australians says that “despite almost daily reports of non-Aboriginal companies entering liquidation or administration, we don’t see calls for a Parliamentary Committee to investigate their governance”.

True, many companies do go under, often dragging blameless folk with them.

But are they funded by taxpayers to the extent of the organisations in question?

Perhaps the argument may have been better framed that governments of all tiers routinely waste money without sufficient public scrutiny.

However, that doesn’t mean Aboriginal organisations should escape scrutiny, just that more should be done to explore – and guard against – any misuse of public funds.

The letter contains some valid points, noting the many different “potential” regulatory checks, across a list of organisations.

It also says extra funding to “improve governance training and oversight” could address the problem.

Maybe. But maybe it would be a case of throwing good money after bad?

And it mentions the “personal vilification” via public commentary – which almost certainly would have included genuine examples of racism – that has followed the inquiry’s announcement.

None of which, however, explains away the need to address the claims, and to ensure that public money set aside to improve outlooks Aboriginal communities goes to the right places.



1991 Loxton Mardi Gras parade: There were some 70 floats in the Mardi Gras Parade of 1991. Queen in this, the 34th event, was Jo Miller, sponsored by Loxton Lions Club. Other entrants were Sharee Schwarz (Red Cross Club), Andrea Keightley (Apex) and Rachel Hamann (Loxton High School). Together they raised \$33,500, including Sharee’s amazing effort of \$18,700. Mardi Gras president was Connie Kelly, who was awarded life membership. Marg Chylinski was secretary. Prince entrants were Luke Fisher, Scott Bawden, Steven Wiseman, Patrick Chylinski, Joshua Heath and Jason Conroy. Princess entrants were Skye Ferber, Janet Becker, Elisa Matthews, Karen Reichstein, Courtney Ling and Natarsha Haynes. Winners were Courtney Ling and Joshua Heath, both sponsored by the Horse and Pony Club. The event was declared open by Hahndorf Mayor, Mrs Joan Zanker. The best decorated float was the Show Society, most humorous was Loxton Football Club, most original Riverland Heartbeat, and best commercial was the Commonwealth Bank. The Cake Carry Competition was won by Tim Pankhurst, the Paper Toss by Trevor Fielke, and What a Knock Out, by the Robins Basketball team. Jo Miller-Robinson and 1971 Queen, Liz Dymmott (née Schubert) will be in this year’s event at Loxton’s Oval #2.

PHOTO: Mardi Gras Archives

Renmark aged care praise

THE past 12 months have been hard for everyone but particularly harrowing for both aged care residents and their families.

I want to congratulate all of the staff and volunteers who work at the Renmark Aged Care facility for their wonderful, personalised care of the residents and how they have kept their residents safe during this period.

We are blessed to have a state-run organisation in this town, which is not at the mercy of private enterprise and profits.

We are also fortunate to have a facility that is attached to a hospital, so that we have the benefit of residents seeing doctors whenever required, without leaving the facility, and of having professional follow-up care by qualified medical staff.

The food served is of a very high standard; the grounds have been getting a spruce up and are starting to look great and every effort is made to follow-up on feedback.

Congratulations, Kelli Ramm and your team. You make a huge difference to the lives of senior citizens in our community and their families. Well done.

ANN-MARIE WASLEY
Renmark

Maternity section may not reopen

ON January 24, 2021, I sent out emails to politicians regarding the problems we have at Waikerie Hospital maternity.

I received two auto replies from Senator Anne Ruston and SA Health Minister Stephen Wade.

I looked up the ABC website and Member for Chaffey Tim Whetstone stated:

“If you let it go, it’s gone... and I will not let it go.”

The ABC story said Mr Whetstone would talk to health and education ministers about

formulating a plan to attract young people into the health workforce.

I have no information from Mr Whetstone or reply to my email.

All three politicians and Wayne Champion – local health – have decided not to reply, perhaps hoping I will lose interest?

I cannot help but get somewhat angry when I see all the big money spent in Adelaide on upgrading hospitals, roads and entertainment centres, while rural communities have to scream and yell ‘What about our problems in attracting maternity nurses to our hospital’.

Perhaps a subsidy to move to Waikerie may help obtain nursing staff?

When politicians say the maternity section will close temporarily in March, it means it may not open again.

If so, it will be another service lost and will have long-term effects on our community.

Why should rural people have to put up with substandard health care?

I wait with great anticipation from all of the above how they are going to change this permanently.

JANETTE CLEAVER
Waikerie

Safety for all? Or a Renmark bypass

I WRITE this as a citizen of the Riverland and my view is not to be taken as a comment from the Renmark Paringa Council, in my role as councillor.

It was interesting to see that Berri Baramera Council has decided that the Renmark bypass should go ahead as a matter of urgency for safety issues, when it is very clear that the very real safety issues we all have as Riverlanders is with driving on the Sturt Highway.

There have been deaths and many crashes – quite apart from many near misses – that we have all seen or been involved with.

However, the safety they appear to be worried about is on a bridge with very few, if any incidents.

Did all councils agree that the priority should be the Sturt Highway, making travel for all residents safer, while attracting tourists who directly support businesses?

If so, it is quite contrary to their ‘matter of urgency’ to save three minutes on a trip bypassing Renmark.

Which is more important to Riverlanders?

The bypass is a long-term plan for the state and in time it will occur, but which is our most urgent?

Which will save most lives and get us to family and friends in Adelaide safer?

This seems to be a hurried decision without broader consultation or discussions with other councils. It also seems to be against the agreements coming from the Riverland Social Indicators Advocacy Roadmap, as mentioned by Mayor Neil Martinson in his comments. Was that regional priority raised in discussions?

We all know how much better the northern bypass has been for our access to Adelaide. Just imagine if it extended to Waikerie and the very positive impact it would have on tourism, with safer access for all.

Trucks on the Sturt Highway are rapidly increasing in numbers and size. They are a growing concern.

What would help us all is a dual-lane highway. In time, we can consider more bridges and the financial impact on over 40 businesses in Renmark with a full and proper study of the options.

In the shorter term, how many trucks will save significant time travelling along a dual-lane highway and not being stuck behind a slow vehicle? Surely a much greater saving than the three minutes quoted for a bypass option?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Spending over \$1 billion on a bridge will have minimal impact on safe travel and provide minimal economic benefits for most locals. But all of us should be able to rejoice in an extended Northern Connector continuing through to Waikerie.

Let’s get behind the agreed priority and make our Sturt Highway as safe as we can for all Riverlanders, visitors and businesses.

PETER HUNTER
Renmark

Judge people by actions, not titles

RECENTLY I have been doing some volunteer work for a Riverland organisation to create the artwork for story boards to explain their project.

There are two stories on each sign, with background river photos.

On one of the signs I chose to place the shortest story at the top because it fitted the photo best. The other story was about an Aboriginal.

In the process of forwarding proofs I was instructed to swap those stories around as there was a planned sequence which I knew nothing about.

However, the main concern was that it may be construed that the story was placed at the bottom because it was about an Aboriginal person.

I have no gripe with the people I am doing the job for, but it sparked a concern I have had for some time about the way people in Australia are being indoctrinated on what to think, say and act.

If the activists who promote this stuff are aiming to segregate Australians they are succeeding.

Where will it end?

Will employers feel obligated to employ an Aboriginal over a more suitable person? Will we be obliged to put Aboriginals in the best players at sport above others because of who they are? And so it goes on.

Let's take the Coon cheese pettiness as an example. Coon cheese has now been rebranded as "Cheer" cheese.

Previously it never entered my head to relate the name to Aboriginals, but now it will when I see Cheer Cheese.

Beside this I heard a spokesperson being interviewed on the radio and he expressed disappointment that his community were not consulted when the new name was considered. Blimey Charlie.

Let's not become a phoney country, and set people in segregated boxes with protocols to be labelled and obeyed for each box.

Let Australia exercise common sense, judge everyone for their actions and deeds, and respond accordingly – and not by how you are directed to by people with agendas.

TONY HERSEY
Kapunda

Vet will be missed

IT is with heavy hearts that the Riverland farewells Jenni Trewren and her wonderful staff at RivaPetz Pet Care.

Jenni has faithfully, professionally and compassionately cared for our pets over many years.

Her gentle manner, extensive range of skills and knowledge, and her endearing personality have made her clients and their much loved pets feel part of the Jenni Trewren family.

Her presence in the Riverland and her business will be greatly missed.

We wish her and her staff happiness, success and many blessings in the future. Thank you Jenni.

LILLIAN MATTNER
Loxton

Basin and its rivers are being ruined

I DECIDED for the good of my mental health that I would sell up and live on the road in my caravan, something quite easy to do in this day and age.

I used to run a Facebook page, Murray-Darling Basin Connection, which had a reach peak of nearly 700,000 during the Can the Plan rally to Canberra in 2019.



I feel a bit lucky that I am in the latter phase of my life when I see the complete lunacy being wrought upon us by mainstream bureaucrats and politicians.

The latest load of some bureaucrat's vivid and idiotic imagination is that a sand slug helped create the Barmah Choke. This kind of total BS makes my blood boil and I bet it does many others as well.

We and our many ancestors, along with the indigenous people, know the Barmah Choke is a natural limitation of the Murray River.

The Murray-Darling Basin and its rivers have been shrunk, disfigured and pretty well ruined and will continue to be so by these so-called leaders and their powerful mates.

I have got a fair idea what my great grandfather would have thought would happen to Australia when he settled at Katamatite in 1876. He was an inaugural shire councillor who helped settle our area. His memories and those memories of our other forefathers have been passed on through the generations, that knowledge beats science hands down.

Hang your heads in shame you bureaucrats, scientists and

mainstream politicians. You have wrought the worst economic and environmental disaster on Australia.

PETER GILMOUR
Gladstone, Queensland

Council meetings lack entertainment

I DO a bunch of weird stuff. One time I threw a bunch of hours at watching episodes of the Mid Murray Council.

You can watch their meetings free online somewhere on the Mid Murray Council website.

Each episode stands on its own merits, so you don't have to watch them in order.

If you are looking for particular information, like I was, then you may have some difficulty.

Each episode is edited, some might say censored.

The peculiar jargon is "commercially sensitive". When we hear that phrase, does it mean that the people getting ratepayer money are sensitive about ratepayers finding out?

It's all quite simple really. You get these blank spots in the Mid Murray meetings, in the recordings anyhow.

Maybe blank spots happen in the real meetings too?

BRIAN
Berri

Having made Riverview Drive unsafe in the first place with its very own plan, the Berri Barmera Council now wants to reduce the speed limit along Riverview Drive to increase safety. Are we living in an episode of Yes Minister in Berri? The whole project, including the retrofit, continues to be a complete debacle that does nothing to serve our community.

CNB
Berri

Regarding a bypass bridge at Springcart Gully,

MOG
Berri

So, we get to see a technician helping a councillor with their laptop. But not anything to do with ratepayer money.

Usually these artificial secrets don't bother me because you always find out the real deal on the Riverland grapevine.

However, here is where the tyranny of distance sticks its nosy beak in. Nobody in Morgan has much to do with the centre of the Mid Murray Council universe, which is the glorious city of Mannum.

If you want to meet people from Morgan, you go to Waikerie, never Mannum.

It's a bit hard to grow a grapevine if people from Morgan and Mannum never mix. Information withers on the vine from lack of water.

Morgan would be better off being run from Canberra. At least Canberra might provide more entertaining online meetings.

I don't mean to disparage our councillors, they all do a mighty job. But if they don't want to give us information, could they at least ramp up the entertainment value.

JAKOB GAMERTSFELDER
Morgan

0448 629 186

To the Berri Barmera Council, wouldn't it make a whole lot of sense to build the pump track at the old netball courts in Berri? It would be cheaper to build, excellent exposure, great carparking, fencing shaded areas for BBQs and picnics, and if you think outside the box, maybe utilise the lighting pumps ride disco nights. It would go alongside the uneventful Berri pool. Maybe together they can create some activity in that eyesore of an area. The old Apex Park area with the one horse playground and tennis court doesn't and hasn't been used and adding this great idea certainly isn't going to help. Just wondering who is going to keep it clean under all the Mallee trees for these tracks to work, because they need to be spotless? Yes, it makes me wonder.

Regarding 'Berri Barmera Council throws support behind Renmark bypass' (Murray Pioneer, 10/2/21), it shows how out of touch

CNB
Berri

Regarding a bypass bridge at Springcart Gully,

MOG
Berri

TEXT LINE

I've seen numerous comments on how other towns have been bypassed with little effect. The big difference is when a town is only a kilometre or two off the highway. Renmark will be at least 15km off the main road and there is sure to be a main service station along the highway. It would impact a lot of businesses that rely on that traffic.

ANN
Renmark

Berri Barmera Council should be wishing Paringa Bridge breaks down. They may get traffic come through after 5.30pm. It would be better than the ghost town it is at the moment.

ANDY
Renmark

I would like to thank the person who handed in my wallet to Woolies Renmark last week, on Tuesday. God bless you.

HELEN
Renmark

Looking back...

10 years ago February 18, 2011



MY ISLAND HOME: A handful of residents living on an island adjacent Paringa have been cut off from the mainland due to a flooded access road. The island, sometimes referred to as Murtho Island, is located between Renmark and Paringa and is home to two properties and some occupied houseboats.

20 years ago February 16, 2001



RFC STOP FRUIT: Riverland Fruit Cooperative has stopped accepting dried fruit deliveries, raising fears it will not be able to trade out of receivership. The decision not to accept any more dried fruit after 5pm on Wednesday was made by the co-op's receivers Ferrier Hodgson after the co-op reportedly lost a major buyer for the fruit.

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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Time up for Westpac building?

A RIVERLAND council is set to vote on the possibility of demolishing a prominent river-front building and adding a future visitor information centre (VIC) at the location.

Renmark Paringa councillors last night – at a special council meeting – voted whether to pass numerous amendments to the draft expression of interest documents for the former Westpac building at 180 Murray Avenue, Renmark, based on the results of a recent public consultation.

A Renmark Paringa Council report said the location's future use was still to be decided.

“There are simple options like creating open space, leasing the property or selling the property...” the report said.

“There are also more complex options like the creation of a future economic opportunity, which until concepts are tested with the market to determine commercial viability, are vague and unknown.

“Council must always make informed decisions that are based on the best available information, and investing the time and effort in obtaining the information to inform those decisions is therefore vital.

“It is intended that the key themes that are identified from the public consultation are distilled and used to refine the desired terms of the expression of interest to be released to the commercial market.”

Amendments to the documen-



The Renmark Paringa Council considered the future of the former Westpac building located on Murray Avenue at a special meeting last night. The council-owned building has river frontage.

tation include removal of the existing building “with the possible exception of the art deco facade”, incorporating an area of open space on the river side of the site, plus “a modern and fit-for-purpose VIC within the scope of any future economic opportunity”.

The report said “the majority” of responses received were in favour of demolishing the current building.

“The consultation drew out some differing thoughts between the retention or demolition of the existing building,” the report said.

“Some of those wanting eco-

nomics activation of the site saw benefit in retaining and refurbishing the existing building due to the heritage value... and others saw greater value of beginning with a greenfield site.

“Those that are interested in retaining it seem to appreciate the architectural aesthetics, as it integrates with other art deco buildings through the town.”

The report said concerns were raised regarding the number of available parking spaces at the site.

“There is a reasonable provision of on-street parking in the

vicinity of the site and the long vehicle bays – for those towing or in recreational vehicles – are approximately 100 metres away on Renmark Avenue,” the report said.

“While not having a dedicated on-site car park for the site may present a planning challenge, there are approximately 778 car parks within 300 metres of the site.”

Westpac confirmed to council in March 2020 it would depart the premises in order to occupy a shared-location with BankSA at 2 Ral Ral Avenue.

Pool shelter now open for business

BRENDAN LINES

THE Vitor Renmark Swimming Club will hold its two-day open event this weekend, showcasing the club's newly erected shelter at the Renmark Swimming Pool.

Club president Mark Riedel said building the shelter was made possible with funding from Renmark Paringa Council.

“A ‘pitch in’ grant was applied for and we were lucky enough to have the project approved,” he said.

“The Vitor Renmark Swimming Club saw the need for a much larger shelter at the Renmark Swimming Pool not only to provide additional shelter for carnivals but also for school events, general public and other users.”

Mr Riedel said the shelter is a welcome addition as the club holds its first major event for the club in 2021.

“The shelter will get good use and will prove to be even more valuable in January 2022 when the Vitor Renmark Swimming Club will be fortunate enough to stage the South Australian Country Swimming Championships,” he said.

This weekend's event has attracted just over 260 registrations from competitors across 25 SA, Victoria and NSW-based clubs.

Mr Riedel said the event will be open to the public to attend.

“The event will be catered and we invite the public to attend and enjoy two days of high-quality swimming,” he said.

Gates open 9.45am and swimming starts 11am Saturday.

On Sunday, gates open at 7.15am and swimming starts 8.30am.

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Margaret and Rhonda's council commitment celebrated



JOSH BRINE

TWO long-serving Riverland councillors were recognised for their contributions to the community at the state's Local Government Awards held in Adelaide recently.

Berri Barmera councillors Margaret Evans and Rhonda Centofanti received Certificate of Service awards for 40 years and 25 years respectively, and earned commendations in the Joy Baluch Award which recognises the contributions of female elected members.

Cr Evans, who became a Berri councillor in 1975 and served as Berri – and later Berri Barmera – mayor from 1979 to 2006, said it was “a bit unreal” to reflect on her four decades in local government.

“For me those 40 years seem to have flown by,” she said.

“When I retired from local government in 2006, I was at a loose end.

“I wasn't schooled for anything because I had been in local government for so many years and I found myself needing to be busy again.

“I've loved being in local government all these years.”

Cr Centofanti said she felt “sincerely honoured” to receive the awards.

“Even though both Margaret and myself were rather apprehen-



Berri Barmera councillors Rhonda Centofanti (left) and Margaret Evans (right) with Mayor Peter Hunt at the Local Government Awards in Adelaide earlier this month. PHOTO: supplied

sive about travelling to Adelaide to receive our awards, we were so truly blessed to come home with our Certificate of Service awards

and our Joy Baluch Award commendations,” she said.

“Both of us are extremely proud of our achievements being recog-

nised together, serving the Berri Barmera Council as fellow councillors and dear friends.

“We are truly thankful for the

opportunity to represent the people in our community.”

Cr Evans said she was shocked to receive a commendation in the Joy Baluch Award, named after her late friend and former Mayor of Port Augusta.

“When they read out Berri Barmera Council I was getting ready to clap Rhonda, and I was thrilled to bits because she very much deserves it,” Cr Evans said.

“Next thing I know they said both of our names, and out of all these nominations our council managed to get two commendations.

“I think it is great for our council to have two elected members received commendations for this award honouring a wonderful person.”

Cr Centofanti said she was proud to follow in the footsteps of her grandfather Ed Frahn, who served on the Paringa Council for 26 years.

“I would like to thank all those who have encouraged and supported me over my 25 years of service to the Berri Barmera community and acknowledge the hard work our dedicated council team continually do to build a better community,” she said.

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Double win for Berri venue



With the Big River Tavern's award for Best Redeveloped Hotel (Country) at last week's 2020 Australian Hotels Association (SA) Awards for Excellence in Adelaide were (from left) Berri Hotel Group chairman Paul Stewart, Big River Golf Club manager Peter Jesser, Big River Golf and Country Club manager Glen Roberts and 1834 Hotels' Sharni King. PHOTO: supplied

CHAMPAGNE corks were popping last week when the Riverland's Big River Golf and Country Club took out two awards at the 2020 Australian Hotels Association (SA) Awards for Excellence.

The community-owned, Berri venue won the Best Redeveloped Hotel (Country) and

Best Gaming Venue (Country) award categories.

It will now fly the flag for the Riverland and SA at the Australian Hotels Association National Awards in Tasmania in September.

General manager Glen Roberts said the Big River Golf and Country Club team was

"honoured" to receive the awards, presented at the Adelaide Entertainment Centre.

"We have developed a facility and customer experience here of which we are all extremely proud and passionate," he said.

"This success would not have been possible without such a fantastic level of investment in the property by our community ownership group, and the phenomenal level of support and loyalty we enjoy from the Berri and Riverland community."

Paul Stewart, chair of the Berri Hotel Group – the property's community ownership group – added his congratulations.

"Well done to Glen Roberts, Peter Jesser, and the whole team for these awards. Also thanks must go to former chairman Tim O'Brien for bringing this project to life," Mr Stewart said.

"I would also like to acknowledge our architect Tony Zappia from Studio Nine, and builder Michael Kregar of Kregar Building for their contribution to the recent renovation."

Mr Stewart said the renovation – completed in 2019 – would ensure the venue played an increasingly bigger part in the region's tourism landscape.

"This renovation will allow us to continue to drive tourists and business travellers to the venue, as well as our highly valued local customers," he said.

"We have big aspirations for this wonder-

ful property, and hopefully these are the first of many more accolades."

The two successful award submissions highlighted the extensive renovations that were completed to the property's tavern and gaming room, plus other leisure spaces.

This work also included the introduction of a new children's playroom and cinema, designed to better accommodate the family market.

In addition to a focus on the renovations, the awards judges looked closely at overall guest experience, customer satisfaction levels, operations, results, and community engagement.

Mr Roberts said the Big River Golf and Country Club is one of the Riverland's proud community-owned hotels.

"Community-owned hotels are not simply private cash businesses," he said.

"They are hotels that invest profits from meals, drinks, accommodation, gaming, events etc. back into the local community."

"This is in addition to the employment of local staff and use of local suppliers. Ultimately, this means that as hotel trade thrives and grows, so too can the community as a whole."

The Big River Golf and Country Club has 30 rooms, tavern with bar and dining, 18-hole golf course, function spaces, gaming lounge, and leisure facilities.

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Future unclear for local drug abuse program

JOSH BRINE

A RIVERLAND program helping clients battle drug addiction is hoping its success during a two-year pilot period will be enough to secure long-term funding.

The Riverland Matrix Pilot Program, operated by PsychMed and funded by the State Government, was contracted for two years starting in January 2019, with the pilot ending at the start of 2021.

The Berri PsychMed office closed at the end of January, with staff working out of other locations when doing regular clinical visits to the Riverland for gambling treatment programs or Better Access mental health sessions.

PsychMed clinical psychologist Dr Quentin Black said staff were in the process of finalising a report to the Government on the program's success.

"There were many significant clinical outcomes, including decreased use, strong abstinence and recovery rates, and significant improvements in measures for urge, dependency, depression, social function and quality of life," he said.

"There were... fantastic outcomes at the individual level for participants and their families.

"We also saw a number of fantastic secondary out-

comes. For example, four young trainees from rural SA received training in clinical psychology and AOD (alcohol and other drugs) work.

"One trainee has completed her clinical masters and is one of the very small number of clinical psychologists working in rural SA for SA Health, while another is completing her masters this year and two more are completing the second year of

their internships.

"Of the two lived-experience mentors, one has now gone on to full-time employment and the other provides support to people in rural Aboriginal communities."

Dr Black said despite the pilot program ending, several locals were continuing to receive assistance from PsychMed to complete the program.

"There are about four people completing the pro-

gram by telehealth," he said.

"We will also be following up with the more than 60 people who participated over the two years following their completion of the 16-week intensive component."

Dr Black said PsychMed would continue to provide clinical psychology support in the region, including with problem gambling.

PsychMed are expected to provide their report to the State Government later this month.

More local support for euthanasia Bill

PAUL MITCHELL

MORE Riverlanders will speak up about their support of voluntary euthanasia following an information session in Berri on Saturday, event organisers claim.

Questions about safeguards and palliative care were covered at the session, along with some myth-busting, ahead of the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill hitting State Parliament – as soon as next month.

Approximately 50 people attended the session and a petition – also circulated in Waikerie last week – was available for attendees to sign, targeting Member for Chaffey, Tim Whetstone, who made headlines in 2016 over his decision to vote against a voluntary euthanasia Bill that was defeated 24-23.

Organiser Angie Miller, who met with Mr Whetstone this week, said she expected more locals to be vocal in their backing of the controversial and emotive Bill.

"I felt encouraged that many who attended are willing to take their support further in whatever capacity that are able to do so, whether that is contacting Tim Whetstone or talking with their

friends and family," she said.

"This meeting is a clear indication that the momentum in the Chaffey electorate is certainly building.

"I could feel a real desire in people, not just wanting to show their support towards the issue but also wanting to make a very informed view that they could then share with others."

The session featured several guest speakers, including a cancer sufferer and a spokesperson from Voluntary Assisted Dying SA. Aldgate-based Ms Miller said "many questions" were answered and fears allayed.

"Of particular interest is the fact that this Bill mirrors the Victorian legislation and has 68 safeguards," she said.

"This includes the need for two VAD (voluntary assisted dying) trained doctors to assess that you have a terminal illness. Doctors and medical staff are not allowed to raise the issue with you. The request has to come from the person.

"Many myths were discussed. Among them, the notion of killing someone.

"Under this legislation not one



Some of the attendees at last Saturday's pro-VAD (voluntary assisted dying) session at the Berri Hotel. Organisers say approximately 50 people attended the session. PHOTO: supplied

more person is going to die. This is about the choice not to suffer.

"We also discussed the myth that this issue is for elderly people when in fact it is for people over the age of 18 with a terminal illness."

Debate around palliative care also featured at the session.

"With many attendees having had first-hand experience in this area, the need for access to quality palliative care was well under-

stood," Ms Miller said.

"We were also able to inform people that in jurisdictions where VAD legislation was introduced, palliative care funding was actually increased."

Despite the meeting being pro-VAD, Ms Miller said the importance of respecting all views on the topic was stressed.

"Something that really stood out at the meeting was the issue of choice," she said.

"There seemed to be a real general consensus that it's okay not to support VAD.

"However, there is no need to get in the way of those that do want to access it."

Ms Miller said in addition to the implementation of voluntary assisted dying legislation, the VAD campaign aimed to promote increased funding for palliative care and advanced care directives.



Garda White, Jan Kemble and Gwen Webber collected signatures for the Chaffey electorate Voluntary Assisted Dying petition by Woolworths Waikerie last Wednesday. PHOTO: Erin Williams

Petition circulates Riverland

ERIN WILLIAMS

A PETITION supporting the voluntary euthanasia bill currently in State Parliament has collected nearly 300 signatures across the Riverland in the past week, following information distribution in Waikerie and Renmark, and an event forum in Berri.

The petition for Voluntary Assisted Dying 2020 (VAD) collected over 80 signatures at Waikerie last Wednesday.

"We do get detractors on social media, but at meetings and petition signature collections, people are always very supportive," said local spokesperson and VAD advocate Jan Kemble.

"Another set of advocates collected over 200 signatures during two days at the Renmark Plaza last week, and a meeting held at Berri on Sunday had a really good response.

"The VAD petition has had very little direct negativity throughout the Riverland despite anyone's personal opinions. People know this is

a sensitive issue, and those on the fence who have decided to come forward and ask questions have always been respectful."

The VAD 2020 Bill was introduced by Labor in State Parliament last December, and petitions supporting the Bill are currently circulating the Riverland.

Mrs Kemble was a speaker at the Berri Hotel meeting on Sunday, sharing her reasons for supporting the Bill and sad losses of family and friends she believed would have benefitted from VAD.

She started the petitions earlier this year, targeting Member for Chaffey Tim Whetstone, who voted against a voluntary euthanasia bill in 2016. Mr Whetstone was invited to the Berri Hotel event, but did not attend due to a prior commitment.

"A lot of supporters came to the meeting to listen and share stories, ask questions," she said. "We were also aware that a few people in the crowd were on the fence about the Bill, but no one spoke up."

Network on track for best possible results

HUGH SCHUITEMAKER

A COMMITMENT to revitalising empty shops in Renmark has helped a Riverland business network defy trends caused by COVID-19.

Renmark Paranga Network chair Clint Lewan said the organisation was likely to reach its “best possible” result – outlined by Pat Mickan at a meeting of local businesses owners in November 2019 – of having more than 160 members by July.

“It’s really humbling to get kudos from

people on council who say we’ve exceeded expectations,” Mr Lewan said.

“As a board when we look at what we’ve done it is massive... we’re up over 100 members now.

“Our top of the range goal was to have 165 members signed up by the end of June 2021, because that was the number Pat Mickan had on her contact list at the time.

“That was the best possible scenario and that now is seriously within reach. I think we may well reach it, which is huge.”

Mr Lewan said the network hoped to hold

more information sessions and events for business owners this year.

“The members haven’t had the value-add stuff we were promising because of COVID, like the networking and speaking events,” he said. “We are going to have quite a bit coming up before the end of financial year.”

Mr Lewan said confidence remained among Renmark shop operators despite the economic impacts of COVID-19.

“Renmark’s had 22 brick and mortar businesses open in the last 18 to 24 months (and) that’s incredibly impressive during a

time like 2020 with COVID,” he said.

“We can’t sit on our laurels as it could easily go back to where we were 18 months ago. It’s so important now for our locals to go and support these shops.

“The tourists are here on average maybe three or four months a year, and for the rest of the time they are relying on locals.

“If you want your main shopping precincts to remain vibrant and full, then get into town and get behind those businesses that are giving it a go.”

PAGE 16-17 RPN feature

Loxton favourite Ray back for third crack as Mardi Gras ambassador

JOSH BRINE

A LOXTON resident is using this year’s Mardi Gras to raise money and awareness for a new precinct, celebrating the history of the town and surrounding localities.

Ray Edwards is participating in the Mardi Gras as a senior ambassador for the third consecutive year, raising funds and promoting the Mill Corner Historical Precinct.

Mr Edwards said he enjoyed being involved with the Mardi Gras over the years and thought it was a great event for the district.

“In the past, as a fundraising event for the community, it’s been a great support,” he said.

“I think in recent times the funds raised have not been great as in the past, but there’s still a lot of money raised and a lot of promotion for the district and I think it is a great support for the town.”

Mr Edwards said his main source of fundraising so far was through local bingo nights.

“I’ve had amazing support

with that, and there’s been personal donations that have come in that have varied from \$10 to \$100,” he said.

Mr Edwards’ fundraising for the site in previous years helped fund a memorial, installed last year, remembering four RAAF airmen who died after crashing in a paddock near Noora in 1943.

He said his goal this year was to help turn Mill Corner into a “true historical precinct”.

“I’ve been quite pleased actually with the progress that’s been made with Mill Corner,” Mr Edwards said.

“We are hoping to promote and display our history here with some plaques along a historical walk that we have planned.

“The plaques will record things like the town’s first post office, the first hospital, and the soldiers’ settlement, and other districts like Wunkar, Nadda and more.

“Some of these things took place in the early 1900s and it would be good to have them all recorded individually and prominently.”



2021 Loxton Mardi Gras senior ambassador Ray Edwards in front of the Avro Anson memorial at the Mill Corner Historical Precinct. PHOTO: Josh Brine

Soft drink for breakfast is better than juice?

BREAKFAST for me most days is an egg on toast, a glass of orange juice and a flat white coffee with an extra shot.

The egg is lovingly laid by my chooks, the coffee ground from Riverland roasted beans and the “OJ” is 100 per cent Australian, locally grown and produced with no added sugar.

A controversial new health rating system implemented by the Federal Government to help Australians make healthier choices would rate my breakfast more nutritious if I did away with the juice and substituted it with a can of fizzy diet cola.

Soft drink for breakfast is better?

The new 5-star system is based on the nutritional composition of the item. Protein and fibre add points while saturated fats and sugars decrease the value.

It does not differentiate between natural and added sugars which can lead to junk foods being rated healthier than items with natural sugars, like my breakfast OJ.

The rating does not consider vitamin C nor other nutrients like folates, the natural form of vitamin B9. Folate helps to form DNA and RNA and plays a key role in breaking down homocysteine, which is an amino acid that can be harmful in high amounts.

Folates are needed to grow healthy red blood cells, critical during pregnancy.

For those who got lost in the previous paragraph, chemistry was not my go at school either, but I get the importance of both these vitamins and cannot understand why their value is not included when anyone can see they are good for you.



It beggars belief that drinking carbonated water with synthetic additives – caramel colour, phosphoric and citric acid, aspartame, sodium benzoate, caffeine, acesulfame-potassium – can be more beneficial than 100 per cent fresh orange juice.

Ignoring some nutrients and focusing on sugar content is somewhat deceptive for an overall health rating and maybe it would be more appropriate to call it a sugar rating.

Never mind the jeopardy it places our citrus industry in – an industry that employs friends, neighbours and visitors alike. Let’s hope consumers have more smarts than those who have developed and supported this new system.

In the meantime my breakfast menu will remain unchanged unless it follows a big night out, when baked beans, mushrooms, fried tomato and bacon will make a guest appearance on the plate.

And to be honest a can of fizzy drink might also be a part of the recovery, but not at the breakfast table.

○ Trevor Norton is deputy mayor of the District Council of Loxton Waikerie and co-host of 5RM Sports Saturday, but has provided the above comment as his own opinion.

Storage levels

DARTMOUTH DAM

Current storage: 62%
This time last month: 62%
This time in 2019: 66%

HUME DAM

Current storage: 55%
This time last month: 60%
This time in 2019: 31%

LAKE VICTORIA

Current storage: 46%
This time last month: 58%
This time in 2019: 53%

MENINDEE LAKES

Current storage: 18%
This time last month: 20%
This time in 2019: 2%

Flows into SA

CURRENT FLOWS

8400ml per day

THIS TIME LAST MONTH

8500ml per day

THIS TIME IN 2019

7600ml per day

WATER REPORT

Total MDBA active storage increasing over the last week by 42GL to 4217GL (50 per cent capacity).

At Dartmouth Reservoir, the storage increased by 25GL to 2432GL (63 per cent capacity).

Over the past week the Hume Reservoir storage increased by 40GL to 1691 GL (56 per cent capacity) following heavy rain upstream of the storage.

The Hume release reduced to a low of 4500 ML/day and is currently around 6500 ML/day.

Downstream at Lock 9 the weir pool continues to vary near FSL.

The Lock 8 and Lock 7 weir pools are 50 cm below FSL as part of the weir pool variability program and are planned to remain at these levels over the coming months.

This week the storage level at Lake Victoria reduced by 21GL to 288GL (43 per cent capacity) as releases continue to supplement Murray flows to meet system demands.

The flow to South Australia continues to target around 8400 ML/day during February.

The flow includes South Australia’s normal monthly Entitlement flow, small volumes of consumptive trade and water for the environment.

In February, environmental water holders ordered 30GL of water for the environment, delivered at an additional rate of around 1070 ML/day.

Menindee Lakes total combined storage decreased by 3GL to 317GL (18 per cent capacity) over the last week.

A 'wheelie' special investment



Monash's Trent Ferrier, who became a quadriplegic after a boogie boarding accident, purchased a wheelchair-friendly Ford Transit Custom from Riverland Ford recently after waiting three years. Mr Ferrier is pictured with his wife, Kathy. INSET: The wheelchair-friendly Ford Transit Custom. PHOTOS: Peta-Marie Philippou

PETA-MARIE PHILIPPOU

A LOCAL man who became an incomplete quadriplegic from a boogie boarding accident in 2018 has finally received the gift he's been waiting for.

Monash's Trent Ferrier was able to purchase the Ford Transit Custom from Riverland Ford after waiting nearly three years.

The wheelchair-friendly vehicle, which needed \$26,000 worth of

modifications to suit Mr Ferrier's needs, was purchased by the money he received through the fundraising efforts of his family, friends and wider community.

Mr Ferrier said he was grateful for the help.

"The vehicle was something I really needed and (my wife and I) couldn't have afforded it on our own," he said.

"For a really long time, I

couldn't leave the house because I had no way of getting around.

"The van has been a blessing."

Mr Ferrier said the vehicle had many perks.

"Not only is the vehicle nice and easy for my wife, Kathy, to drive, the front passenger's seat rotates and moves to the back," he said.

"This means when I get in the van and in the passenger's seat. It

can move straight up the front and I can sit next to Kathy as we're driving."

Mr Ferrier thanked those who donated their time and funds to help him.

"As soon as the accident happened, my son-in-law and grandkids raised \$1500 in Adelaide," he said.

"Soon after, my friend made a GoFundMe page and a year later after I left Hampstead

Rehabilitation Centre, my friends hosted a 'dinner under the stars' fundraising event for me at the Berri Water Ski Club.

"Just from that night more than \$20,000 was raised.

"I cannot thank enough those who donated to make the night possible and those who were generous in their donations to me.

"It has well and truly changed our lives."

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The Renmark Paringa Network's office hub shared space.



Renmark Paringa Network committee member Kym Seymour (left), tenants Janelle Watkins and Trevor Foord, and membership and marketing co-ordinator Georgie Vermeeren at the organisation's business hub shared space. PHOTOS: Peta-Marie Philippou

Network welcoming shared space tenants

HUGH SCHUITEMAKER

THE launch of a local business network's major shared space initiative is aimed at supporting Riverlanders with new commercial ideas, or needing a temporary office space.

The Renmark Paringa Network last month opened its retail and business shared spaces located at the Chaffey Colonnades.

Renmark Paringa Network chair Clint Lewan said the retail hub initiative allowed new or existing businesses a low-risk opportunity to open a shopfront.

"People started using the retail hub at the beginning of January," Mr Lewan said.

"It's still not 100 per cent finished, but it will be very shortly and people will be taking tenancies in there.

"It's a lot cheaper than having to go out and sign your

own lease, and then have your outgoings and your overheads, because we cover everything within the rental payment.

"People who might have a home-based business can come to us and hire a professional space that is set up beautifully. It's all furnished and everything is taken care of."

The retail hub is currently being used by Cate and Paige Designs, and the Riverland Artist's Hub.

Mr Lewan said the business hub provided a setting for job interviews or business meetings that could be booked on a "flexible" basis.

"We want to appeal to those people who want an inviting space every now and then to bring customers or clients too," he said.

"It can be booked by the day, for two days, for a week, for a three-month block and the pricing

is all dependent on the length of time.

"The business hub has a private meeting room which can be hired out hourly, or you can have an office or board room by the day.

"It's for people who work from home and might want a bit more of a professional setting. One of our RPN members is going to hold job interviews there."

Mr Lewan said tenants of the shared spaces from outside the Renmark Paringa Council would then be able to become network members.

"People can use the spaces and then network, build contacts and work with each other," he said.

"It allows people from outside the Renmark Paringa Council area to become part of the network by having a space in Renmark."

Mr Lewan said the network had already seen high demand for the shared spaces during holiday and long weekend periods.

"Those popular tourist times around Easter and school holidays are filling up quite quickly," he said.

"We might have one spot left – maybe – in the retail hub over Easter.

"It's ideal for people that want to come into the centre of town where the foot traffic is during those periods."

The Renmark Paringa Network business hub is located at 6/7 Chaffey Colonnades, with the retail hub located at 32 Murray Avenue.

For further information contact georgina@renmarkparinganetwork.com or visit the Renmark Paringa Network website (www.renmarkparinganetwork.com/).

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SA's best tourism town in the Riverland?

RIVERLAND towns are being encouraged to throw their hat in the ring, as South Australia's peak tourism body begins its search for the state's best town.

The Tourism Industry Council South Australia (TiCSA) has begun the search for South Australia's Top Tourism Town and Small Tourism Town of the year.

The new program is designed to recognise towns in South Australia that are committed

to delivering a quality visitor experience and increasing visitation to their destination.

Winners will go on to compete for national Top Tourism Town and Small Tourism Town titles.

TiCSA CEO Shaun de Bruyn said the awards were not about recognising individual businesses but rather a prestigious win for the community of the winning town.

"The summer bushfires, drought and

COVID-19 pandemic have put a great strain on our tourism industry, but these challenges have also reinforced the fact that our industry is stronger when we work together," he said.

"This program is about uniting the community to work in partnership to nominate their town as the best in South Australia."

Entries are open to local tourism associations, councils, visitor information centres (VIC) or local operators passionate about elevating the profile of their town, but must be submitted by an accredited VIC.

Local Government Association of South Australia president Mayor Angela Evans said the LGA was proud to partner with TiCSA for the awards.

"Local government plays an important role supporting tourism, especially in our state's beautiful regions," she said.

"Many of the places enjoyed by visitors – such as parks, trails, campgrounds, main streets, town squares, visitor information centre, jetties and boat ramps – are provided and maintained by councils.

"Tourism is a key opportunity to drive economic recovery from COVID-19, and councils are committed to supporting local businesses and providing visitors with a warm welcome."

Nominations close on Monday, March 1, with submissions due by Monday, March 22.

Entrants with a score of 75 per cent will proceed to the consumer voting component, which will open on Tuesday, March 30.

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Vouchers for local business sustainability

HUGH SCHUITEMAKER

LOCALS have been encouraged to save money and support businesses in their community through the second round of a Riverland business network initiative.

The Renmark Paringa Network will this weekend release the second round of its Promotional Voucher scheme, allowing Renmark Paringa Council residents to purchase vouchers valid at local businesses.

“The first run was a great success and this one will be even bigger. This time there’s 2500 vouchers available...”

Renmark Paringa Network chair, Clint Lewan

Renmark Paringa Network chair Clint Lewan said use of the vouchers benefited Riverland families and ensured businesses remained sustainable.

“Our last voucher run put \$30,000 back through tills in the town and this run will put \$50,000 through,” Mr Lewan said.

“The first run was a great success and this one will be even bigger. This time there’s 2500 vouchers available.

“There was a bit of confusion last time as to whether it was per person, or per family. We’re allowing it to be per person, but that person has to be over the age of 18.”

Mr Lewan said the upcoming release was aimed at supporting local businesses through a “slow period” following Christmas and the school holidays.

“February and March are usually a pretty tough time for business,” he said.

“School holidays are over and the credit card is pretty high because of Christmas, so we’re looking to inject some funds back into the town during this time.

“Get around the members and the stores that are opening, spend the vouchers in those stores, and they will appreciate it.

“Without local spending these shops will cease to exist.”

Mr Lewan said local business operators in numerous industries saw increased activity from the first round of vouchers released in October.

“The businesses were stoked,” he said.

“The vouchers were used throughout town and across a number of industries. There was more of a spread than I thought there would be.

“Businesses loved the idea and the concept.”

The next round of Renmark Paringa Network Vouchers will be available from 6/7 Chaffey Colonnades – behind the retail hub – on Saturday, between 9am and 5pm.

A limit of five \$20 vouchers per person – over the age of 18 – will be in place.

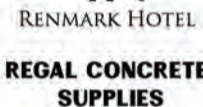
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ADVERTISING FEATURE

'We're all in this together'

PETA-MARIE PHILIPPOU

A MUCH-loved Loxton event which brings together locals, businesses and tourists will take place next Saturday despite ongoing COVID-19 restrictions.

The 64th annual Loxton Mardi Gras will take place on the Loxton number 2 oval for the first time in two decades, to abide with its COVID-19 management plan.

Loxton Mardi Gras publicity and events

co-ordinator Chris Sheahan said it was important the event went ahead as "it has the community's interests at heart".

"From when Mardi Gras began in 1958, the community was all in it together and that's a great way to be," he said.

"It was a way to bring everyone together to raise funds for community-based projects and after the year we've had, it's something the community needs.

"The community's first project goal was an Olympic-sized swimming pool.

"The goal was achieved and today the pool is still well-used by many members of the community and visitors.

"Other events have come and gone but Mardi Gras has remained not only the longest-running community parade in the Riverland but also the nation (possibly).

"The year-long program, with the final parade in February, has grown drastically

over the years and with the strong support from the community, the parade continues to give us all the opportunity to stop for a moment and share in a community activity."

Mr Sheahan said Mardi Gras ambassadors remain a focus annually.

"There are two main aims of the ambassador program: to foster social skills and personal development and to provide a public platform for organisations to raise funds for the community and themselves," he said.

"Entrants develop a strong sense of self-worth and community poise and if it wasn't for them, Mardi Gras wouldn't be possible.

"This year we have two senior ambassadors, two community ambassadors and seven junior ambassadors.

"They've all done very well so far and I'm excited to see how far they've come."

The event will run from 9am to 3pm on Saturday, February 27, at the Loxton number 2 oval and will feature stalls, bands, showbags, Pete the Clown, the parade, the Nippy's great orange bowling competition and winner announcements.

The committee is seeking volunteers to help assist on the day and is still accepting float submissions.

Tickets can be purchased from the Loxton Mardi Gras website (<https://www.loxtonmardigras.org.au/parade-tickets>) or at the Loxton Rotunda on Wednesday, February 24, Thursday, February 25, and Friday, February 26, from 10am to 1pm in the lead-up week to the event.

For more information, to volunteer or to submit a float, contact Mr Sheahan on 0435 623 045.

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The Mardi Gras committee

Loxton Mardi Gras committee members (from left) Liz Dymmott, Nola Schulz, Chris and Sandy Sheahan and Peter and Carla Magarey. PHOTO: Peta-Marie Philippou



Lila Arnold

Age: 11

Sponsor: Little Vibes
Interests/hobbies: Art, nature, geology, collecting gemstones, sewing and sculpting.

Why did you want to be a Mardi Gras junior ambassador? My sister was a Mardi Gras ambassador last year and she really enjoyed it so I wanted to give it a go. I also love Little Vibes and hope to raise lots.



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Meet the ambassadors



Angel Kargas

Age: 11

Sponsor: Salena Estate Wines
Interests/hobbies: Dogs, drawing, crafts and dance (hip-hop, jazz and tap).
Why did you want to be a Mardi Gras junior ambassador? I love going to the parade and I'm really excited to create my own float for the day.



Trinny Nitschke

Age: 11

Sponsor: Loxton Home Hardware
Interests/hobbies: Piano, writing, reading and bike riding.
Why did you want to be a Mardi Gras junior ambassador? When I found out this year's theme was nature, I got excited and wanted to give it a go.



Matthew Puckey

Age: 12

Sponsor: Rosie Clarke School of Ballet and Tap
Interests/hobbies: Scouts, dance and music.
Why did you want to be a Mardi Gras junior ambassador? I was a junior ambassador last year and it was lots of fun that I wanted to do it again.



Macey Paul

Age: 10

Sponsor: Loxton Sportspower
Interests/hobbies: Gymnastics, netball, softball, dance, reading and swimming.
Why did you want to be a Mardi Gras junior ambassador? People at my school have done it before and they said it was fun. I am also really excited for the parade.



Layne Petch

Age: 10

Sponsor: Loxton North School
Interests/hobbies: Making stuff, playing with friends, Minecraft, and Dungeons and Dragons.
Why did you want to be a Mardi Gras junior ambassador? My friend Matthew was a Mardi Gras ambassador last year and he had lots of fun.



Rosy McConnell

Sponsor:

Loxton Rotary Club
Why did you want to be a Mardi Gras community ambassador? I wanted to give back to the town and be more involved in the community.



Peta-Marie Philippou

Sponsor: Loxton Club

Why did you want to be a Mardi Gras community ambassador? I haven't been living in the Riverland for very long so I thought it would be a great way to meet people and be involved in the community.



Matilda Williams

Age: 10

Sponsor: Mitch Gibbs Enterprises
Interests/hobbies: Musicals, music, netball, basketball, art and cooking
Why did you want to be a Mardi Gras junior ambassador? It sounded like fun so I thought I would give it a go. It would keep me busy and I would get to raise money.

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Berri bench gives locals a place to sit and reflect

JOSH BRINE

A BENCH spreading awareness for suicide prevention and providing a space for those bereaved by suicide to reflect has been installed in Berri.

The reflection seat, donated by the Berri Barmera Council at the request of the Riverland Community Suicide Prevention Network (RCSPN), was unveiled by Mayor Peter Hunt at Martin Bend Reserve during a ceremony last Wednesday.

RCSPN chair Jenni Hampel said the network had unveiled benches in Barmera, Renmark, Loxton and now Berri.

"It feels great that we are covering a lot of the areas in the Riverland now because suicide isn't a concern just for one town or one pocket of the community - it's a concern for everyone," she said.

"I have had some positive feedback from people

saying they have driven past the benches and seen people sitting there.

"I hope everyone feels comfortable to sit on these seats.

"Everything that we put out there in the community about suicide prevention is a positive thing."

Member for Chaffey Tim Whetstone, who spoke at the ceremony, said the RCSPN was a "great support network for suicide prevention".

"In South Australia we know the regions, with the farm economy, have some of the highest rates of suicide, so it's important that as a community we give a level of support to those who are doing it tough," he said.

"It's also important to acknowledge Val Fewster and CORES, which is about getting people trained to pick the people who are doing it tough and look for the signs, and I think they are doing an out-

standing job.

"It's a very serious issue, but it is an issue that is now getting greater prominence.

"The Premier's suicide prevention advocate has now been given more resources so they have a bigger reach.

"I've known a number of farmers who have taken their lives and that's why I'm so passionate about, at every opportunity, making sure I contribute to suicide prevention.

"We all go through challenging periods in our life... and some people need help to get through that.

"This bench is a community beacon so people know they can come down here and reflect and have a conversation with someone if they need to."

Ms Hampel said Waikerie-based support group Silent Ripples was currently working to install reflection seats near the Waikerie silos.



Riverland Community Suicide Prevention Network chair Jenni Hampel, Legislative Council Member Nicola Centofanti, Member for Chaffey Tim Whetstone and Berri Barmera Mayor Peter Hunt at the new reflection seat in Berri's Martin Bend Reserve. PHOTO: Josh Brine

Vaccine causes drop in rotavirus cases

SOUTH Australian public hospital admissions for rotavirus among children under five have dropped by 80 per cent in the past 12 years, according to data released by SA Health last week.

The Department for Health and Wellbeing's communicable disease and control branch director, Dr Louise Flood, said the introduction of a vaccine in 2007 has had a significant impact in reducing rotavirus hospi-

talisation rates.

"Rotavirus infection is a type of gastroenteritis that causes diarrhoea, vomiting, fever and dehydration and can be fatal if it is left untreated," she said.

"Symptoms can last from a few days to a week and people with rotavirus stay infectious for around one week.

"Fortunately, unlike many other strains of viral gastroenteritis, there is a vaccine available which can pre-

vent or reduce the severity of rotavirus in most young children.

"Immunisation not only protects individuals but also vulnerable people in the community who are too young or too unwell to be vaccinated."

The rotavirus vaccine is available for free as part of the National Immunisation Program (NIP) and is offered to children at six weeks of age and four months of age.

Tourism operators 'fear end of JobKeeper'

NEARLY a third of all tourism businesses in the state expect they will have to lay off workers or close when JobKeeper ends next month, according to new survey data from the Tourism Industry Council of South Australia (TICSA).

The latest TICSA Tourism Barometer revealed 29 per cent of operators will shed staff or close their business without JobKeeper, with some respondents saying the program was keeping their business afloat.

Recent statistics show the state's visitor expenditure had fallen from a peak of \$8.1 billion in late 2019 to \$5.6 billion, with Labor blaming the State Government's Great

State voucher program which it says has been "besieged by problems".

State Opposition Leader Peter Malinauskas said he was concerned the sector was "on the cusp of more job losses".

"JobKeeper is set to go next month and tourism businesses are warning many jobs will go with it," he said.

"We cannot just let tourism businesses fall off a cliff next month."

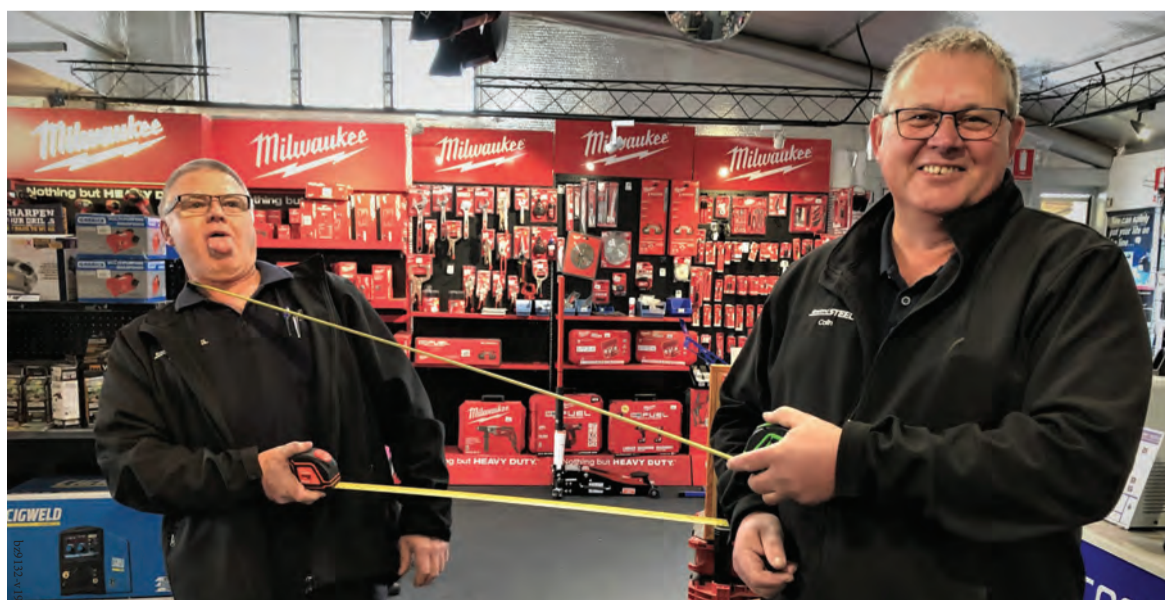
Opposition tourism spokesperson Zoe Bettison said JobKeeper was the keeping many people in work in the tourism sector.

"While the tourism voucher scheme has been welcome, the Marshall Liberal Government has made it too limited, meaning it hasn't provided the full benefit to our tourism sector," she said.

"Nearly a third of tourism businesses have factored in a third round of the voucher scheme and are still issuing grave warnings of about their future."

“ We cannot just let tourism businesses fall off a cliff... ”

- Peter Malinauskas
State Opposition Leader



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

WEEKLY

Every Sunday at 2pm – guided tours of The Pines Historic House, 18 Henry Street, Loxton. Gardens open seven days. COVID guidelines in place. Extra tour inquiries, Charmaine 0438 844 717 or Mike 0427 820 815.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

Due to increased popular demand U3A member classes, Wednesday morning 9.30am - 10.30am. Members of the public 11am-12noon. Usual venue Loxton CWA Clubrooms.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH

Loxton Charity For All Bingo are holding a session this week for the Loxton Mardi Gras Committee. Eyes down 7pm at the Loxton Club. Supper and raffles available. All welcome. Loxton Charity For All Bingo Committee meeting at 5pm. A few nights still available for bookings if your club or organisation is looking to raise funds. Contact secretary Mandi 0408 846 124.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Loxton Legacy Widows Group next meeting is on Monday, February 22, 2021 at the Loxton RSL club rooms. Morning tea 10.30am. All welcome. Phone 0408 846 124 if requiring

transportation.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Riverland Philatelic Society meeting at Whitmore Hall, Nookamka Tce, Barmera. 7pm. Contact Pat on 0428 841 343 or Chris on 8584 4716.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23

Waikerie and District Ladies Probuss Club meeting. Waikerie Bowling Club, 10am. McGrath breast cancer nurse Rebecca Semmens speaking. All visitors welcome. Call Maxine 0402 008 752 for more details.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27

Renmark Lions Club 'Fundraising Bazaar' 8am to 12noon at Renmark NO.2 Oval - W.E Wood Hall. Lots of bargains, EFTPOS, BBQ, Donuts. COVID-19 protocols (QR Code, Social Distancing, etc.) apply. Contact Colin 0419 801 996.

TUESDAY, MARCH 2

Loxton Neighbourhood Watch will be holding their next meeting at 7.30pm Tuesday 2nd March in the Pyap Room, Loxton Hotel. Guest speaker is Craig Dowling on "The Possibly Reliable Memories of an Australian Cold War Spook". All welcome.



The Riverland and Mallee Vocational Awards took place at the Berri Hotel last Friday. Pictured are Samantha and Greg Eisenberg, of Berri. PHOTOS: Peta-Marie Philippou



Brianka Harris and Tyla Nelson, of Loxton.



Joseph, 17, Sonya and Brian Mee, of Waikerie.



Poppy, 13, Belinda and Parker Steinert, 17, of Waikerie.



Jarah's team (from left) Sarah Kassebaum, Jorja Bradley, Kristy Hodgson and Maria Vaughan.



Jesse Passmore and Alyssia Harris, of Berri.

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The M.A.D. Bar & Bistro held a fundraiser for the Moorook and District Club on Australia Day last month. Pictured is Chad Pantic in a very creative costume. PHOTOS: supplied



Stacy Lawrence.



Leroy and Luna Vogt.



Gloria Land and Yvonne Pietsch at Waikerie's Viewpoint Café on Sunday, enjoying the perfect weather and Pete Santella's acoustic tunes. PHOTOS: supplied



Enjoying the coffee and treats at Viewpoint on Sunday were Susan Santella (left) and Chris Christiansen (right), with Viewpoint's Kayla Brittan.



Faye and Jack Sullivan enjoying the ambience on the cafe deck.



Member for Chaffey Tim Whetstone got a hands-on introduction to gliding from Waikerie Gliding Club member Bill Mudge, while presenting an Active Club certificate to the group. PHOTO: supplied

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Debbie Willey and Julie Pantic.



Jo, Dave, Henry and Oliver Hogg.



ON THE RIVER: Matt Jarvis (right), with children Max and Ruby, all of Paringa, watching the Dinghy Derby action outside the Renmark Club earlier this month. PHOTOS: Hugh Schuitemaker



FINGERLINGS RELEASED: Member for Chaffey Tim Whetstone and Premier Steven Marshall at the release of 25,000 Murray cod fingerlings into Pike River recently. PHOTO: supplied

Leon Drogaris (left), of Kingston-On-Murray, with Sarah Kassebaum, of Berri, watching the Dinghy Derby.



Former Renmark residents Gwenda and Ross Hisgrove visiting the Riverland to see the Dinghy Derby.



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NEW KIDS IN SCHOOL: Riverland primary schools have been welcoming receptions, new students and new staff members at the beginning of 2021 school year.

Renmark North School receptions (from left) Rubina, K'Leigh, Della, Priya, Hunter, Oscar, Tyler, Mitchell, Billy, Zachary, Isaac, Hayden, Lilly, Kendall and Eda.



Ramco Primary School: New staff members Susan Santella, Kirsty Smith and Jess Oates with receptions and new students. Absent: Staff member Bethany Smith.

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Popular Melbourne band The Bushwackers honoured at Tamworth this year

FORMING in Melbourne in 1971, **The Bushwackers** consisted of **Dave Isom, Bert Kahanoff, Mike Slocum, and Jan Wositzky**, and had a folk rock sound.

Later **Dobe Newton**, who joined the lineup in 1973, and **Roger Corbett**, who joined in 1980, saw the band start to have a more strong country music flavour, which melded into the original Australian feel.

This year, the band's 50th anniversary, it was a pleasant surprise when **The Bushwackers** were announced as being elevated to the Roll of Renown.

Two of the current lineup, **Dobe** and **Roger**, were proud to accept the plaque, and they paid tribute to all who have been a part of this group through the years.

They unveiled their plaque at the Roll of Renown on the last day of the January "festival".

The final sentence inscribed on the plaque is: "A household name, The Bushwackers hold a unique place in the hearts of so many proud Australians."

To check the names of the lineups in The Bushwackers over the years, go

By **ROBYN MCINTOSH**
MY KIND OF COUNTRY

to thebushwackers.com.au – it is very interesting.

Winners of the 2021 Australian Country Music People's Choice Awards were announced online on January 21, with Best Female Vocal going to **Della Harris**, Best Male Vocal to **Ian Burns**, and Best Group or Duo to **Brothers3**.

Other winners were: Best Album - *Knights Of The Saddle* by **Graham Rodger**, Best Song - *Box Of Wood* by **The Silverline** (written by **Michael Lehnen**), Best Bush Ballad - *The Battle Of Point Nepean* - **Benny Allen**, Best Video - *Fighter* by **Souly Us**, Most Promising Future Star - **Tony Smith**.

In the radio awards, Most Popular Country Music DJ went to **Ray McCoy** (88.9 FM Tamworth), and

most Popular Country Music Radio Station or Program went to The Australian Country Songwriters Show (todayscountry94one).

The Bonney Theatre, in Barmera, is the Riverland venue chosen for a concert by **Fanny Lumsden** on Saturday, February 27 during her Fallow Album Tour.

After heading into the Golden Guitar awards with seven nominations, **Fanny** walked away with five of these golden awards, and she is now back on the road with her Fallow Album Tour Part 2.

If you missed the results in my last column, Fanny's album *Fallow*, produced by **Matt Fell**, won her Album of the Year, Alternative Country Album of the Year, Single of the Year with *Fierce*, Female Vocal of the Year with her track *Fallow*, and the Video Clip of the Year, produced by Fanny and her husband for *Mountain Song/This Too Shall Pass*.

SA dates for this show are February 26 (Town Hall at Naracoorte), February 27 Bonney Theatre at Barmera) and February 28 (Wonderland Spiegeltent,

Adelaide), all with special guest **Timothy James Bowen**. Tickets are available by going to her website fanlylumsden.net/fallow-tour.

Brian Letton is coming to SA in March, though not to our region at this stage.

Dates and venues are Friday, March 5 (Port Lincoln Bowling Club at 7.30pm), Sunday, March 7 (Smoky Bay Community Club at 2.30pm), Wednesday, March 10 (Quorn Anglican Hall, at 7.30pm), Thursday, March 11 (Commercial Hotel, Cowell, at 8pm), Saturday, March 13 (Milang Institute at 2pm), Sunday, March 14 (NCMA clubrooms, Port Pirie at 11am), and Monday, March 15 (Moonta Town Hall at 7.30pm).

You may want to travel to catch up with Brian. Tickets will be available at the door, but maybe check with the venue before you leave home.

It was interesting to note that **John Williamson** still has his two Thebarton Theatre concerts (February 19 at 3pm and 8pm) and his Tanunda concert

(February 20 at 8pm). Maybe the cancellation of the Renmark event was because not enough people had booked for the local show, rather than it being a COVID-19 safety thing?

Did you tune into ABC's Saturday Night Country on February 13 to hear **Beccy Cole's** debut as host? As **Beccy** (pictured) has said, she had big boots to fill when taking over from the show's previous host, **Felicity Urquhart**, who retired at the end of last year.

John Nutting hosted Saturday Night Country from its conception in 1993, starting off as a two-hour show, but its popularity saw it extend to a four-hour show. **Felicity** took over in 2010, with **Catherine Britt** filling in for her during two temporary absences between 2013 and 2015.

I have often tuned into it on the way home from an event on a Saturday night, as the show runs from 10pm to 2am.



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Waikerie's Little Athletes gear up for a new year

A LOCAL group of young athletes has upgraded its sports equipment in preparation for the new season with a grant obtained through a Coles community fund.

The Waikerie Little Athletics group was awarded \$2600 of grant funding from Coles as part the Coles Little Athletics Community Fund – one of 158 grass-roots sports clubs across the country sharing in \$521,000 for sports equipment.

Waikerie Little Athletics president Jackie Munro said the new equipment purchased with the grant fund included collapsible hurdles, high jump stands, javelins, and a long jump mat.

“The grant has allowed us to replace some damaged and outdated equipment,” she said.

“New gear will give our athletes an opportunity to get the most from their training and competitions.

“We have a number of

dedicated athletes who wish to pursue athletics in the future and the new equipment will help them better prepare for state events in Adelaide and allow them to grow with the correct equipment.

“The new gear have been welcome additions to our volunteer-run centre.”

Coles state general manager Pat Zanetti said Coles was pleased to continue its support of SA's budding athletes and parent volunteers.

“We know it's been a difficult 12 months for everyone involved in community sport,” he said.

“We hope these grants will give athletes, families and volunteers a morale boost for the new year.”

Funds for the grants are raised through the sale of specially marked chiller bags designed by children, with 10 per cent of every bag sold directed to the Coles Little Athletics Community Fund.



Waikerie Little Athlete Malek Ahmed testing out the new high jump equipment. INSET: All smiles at Waikerie Little Athletics. PHOTOS: supplied



Email scams on the rise

RIVERLANDERS have been urged to pay close attention to potentially dangerous emails following a rise in electronic scams.

Police have reported a recent increase in business email compromise (BEC) scams, where offenders gain access to email accounts and alter legitimate invoices to substitute payees' account details with their own.

A SAPOL spokesperson advised Riverlanders a “simple mitigation (was) to ring on a known number to confirm the changes before paying”.

Other SAPOL tips include carefully reading emails, looking for unusual spelling and grammar, using an email security system and ensuring regular email system maintenance.



Members of the Waikerie Ladies Probus Club with guest speaker Waikerie CFS captain Shaun Arnold. INSET: Waikerie Ladies Probus Club president (left) Maxine Morley with LAAS spokesperson Sue Crispe (centre) and Probus member Val Kleemann at the first 2021 meeting. PHOTOS: supplied

Probus kicks off the year

WAIKERIE Ladies Probus members kicked off the new year with a meeting focusing on emergency and assistance services provided across Waikerie and surrounding districts.

Lifestyle Assistance and Accommodation Service (LAAS) spokesperson Sue Crispe gave a talk on the organisation's background and goals. She said the former Riversgate building in Waikerie is being used to provide fortnightly respite services for people with a wide range of needs, and more staff are currently needed.

Following morning tea, Waikerie Country Fire Service (CFS) personnel Shaun Arnold and Graeme Ward gave a presentation on their service and experiences, changes in the CFS over the years, and much more.

The CFS provides many emergency services across the region, including fire fighting, clearing car crash sites and directing traffic, assisting the SA Ambulance Service, and clearing chemical spills.

The Waikerie station alone responds to about 250 calls per year, with members giving thousands of voluntary hours to assist at a moment's notice.

Waikerie Ladies Probus Club next meeting will be held at the Waikerie Bowling Club on February 23 from 10am. Local McGrath breast cancer nurse Rebecca Semmens will give a presentation, and all visitors are welcome.

Contact Maxine Morley on 0402 008 752 or Chris Hoffmann on 0428 412 495 for more information.

Have you been enjoying our beautiful Riverland sunsets at the close of each day? Sometimes we just have to stop and take in all that is around us.

Congratulations and well done to all the young men and women who were finalists in the Riverland and Mallee Vocational Awards on Friday evening. We are appreciative of the Rotary Club of Berri for the many years it has brought this exciting event to our Riverland region. To those who were announced as winners in their chosen careers, we congratulate you.

Are you interested in photography and would like to improve your connection with the camera? A workshop is being held at the Waikerie Hotel on Sunday, February 21, from 10am until 12.30pm. Make your bookings and a \$10 payment at the Rain Moth Gallery in Waikerie as soon as possible. Bring your camera, a small, still object to photograph, a 1m x 1m piece of non-reflective fabric to use as a backdrop, and a small 30cm x 30cm piece to practice on. This has been brought to you by the Waikerie Rain Moth Gallery, with the support of Country Arts SA, and facilitated by Charles Tambiah.

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Congratulations to Jax Isaacson who was recently announced as a finalist in the 2020 SA Women Awards, which had 1100 nominations, including 700 individual nominations. Jax was announced as one of the five finalists in the Mums in Business Section via Jax & Co. The other women were Rachelle Lessue (Tangled Kids Hair Care), Olivia Jenkins (Olivia Jenkins), Amy Purling (Miracle Mumma) and Sam Paior (The Growing Space). Our best wishes were with Jax for this exciting event. Many of our Riverland residents have seen the talents of Jax with her jewellery and special gifts at the Rain Moth Gallery or online, while some have enjoyed meeting her at group meetings when she has been a guest speaker. The winners were announced on Saturday evening at the Adelaide Oval Centre in the Ian McLachlan Room, and the winner was

Sam Paior. Chatting to Jax recently, she said it was a very memorable event for her. Other Riverland women were nominated in other sections of the awards.

The committee of the Waikerie & Districts Cancer Support Group advises that it is to re-commence its get-together mornings at the Waikerie Youth Hub in McCoy Street on Friday, February 26, from 10am. You are welcome to come and have a chat. Coffee and tea is provided.

The Waikerie Community Club was the venue on Sunday, when the Waikerie Santa's Cave Committee welcomed the volunteers who assisted at Santa's Cave Christmas 2020 to lunch. Thanks to the Santa's Cave committee for the lunch; it was an enjoyable time being able to catch up with fellow volunteers. Despite the COVID-19 restrictions, it was still a successful Santa's Cave and the team of volunteers will be available for 2021 festive season.

The Waikerie and Districts Garden Club welcomes interested residents to share its upcoming community event, plant sale and mini fete, to be held at the Ramco Hall on Sunday, March 14, from 2pm to 4.30pm. This is not a fundraising event for the group –

you are welcome to have a stall of your own. It may be plants, flowers, cakes, biscuits, produce, fresh fruit, art or craft, or trash and treasure items. Non-members are most welcome to have a stall. If you are a non-member, you will be required to pay a fee of \$5 for the stall. Any sales that you make are your profits. For further details, contact Leanne on 0429 222 061.

AFL is not too far away, and this Sunday, February 21, is the AGM and members' day and lunch at the Loxton Club for the Riverland Crows Supporters Group. We will be drawing the free tickets for the first three home games at Adelaide Oval for the members. I was pleased to represent our committee at the National Wine Centre last week for the Adelaide Football Club Partner Appreciation Event.

Waikerie residents, have you lost some keys last week? Keys have been found at Warrabee in Rotary Drive. If they are yours, contact the Warrabee Office in Elders Way.

Thought for the week: Sometimes you have to let go of the picture of what you thought it would be like and learn to find joy in the story you are actually living.

– Rachel Marie Martin

Bradtke brothers honoured at Loxton Cemetery

A ROAD in a Riverland cemetery has been renamed to honour two prominent locals who helped maintain it.

The main drive in the Loxton Cemetery was renamed Bradtke Drive, after Otto and Leon Bradtke, following a decision by the District Council of Loxton Waikerie late last year.

A new street sign and two benches honouring the brothers were installed at the cemetery recently.

“Otto and Leon Bradtke were funeral directors in Loxton and they, particularly Leon, also kept the records for the Loxton

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Cemetery for an extended period of time,” said David Beaton, District Council of Loxton Waikerie CEO.

“The installation of the two benches and the renaming of the road in the cemetery were done as a tribute to them.

“A proposal for these changes was brought to and passed by the Community Award Assessment Panel, and then by council at their meeting in September.”



LEFT: The main drive in the Loxton Cemetery was renamed to Bradtke Drive recently to honour brothers Otto and Leon Bradtke. ABOVE: Two benches were also installed, acknowledging the brothers. PHOTOS: Josh Brine

Interconnector to avoid Calperum, Hawks Nest wildlife

CONSIDERATION for the habitat of Riverland wildlife has seen alterations made to the plans of a major energy project.

Energy contractor ElectraNet recently finalised a route for the planned power interconnector – known as Project EnergyConnect – running between New South Wales and South Australia.

ElectraNet land services manager Scott Haynes said alterations to the project’s initial route would have less impact on Riverland wildlife at Calperum Station and Hawks Nest Station.

“Minimising impacts to the environment has been fundamental in arriving at our preferred corridor for the proposed new transmission line,”

Mr Haynes said.

“To achieve this, extensive specialist studies and consultation, and an assessment of potential environmental and social impacts have all been considered in arriving at the preferred route.

“One of the key outcomes from the studies and consultation has been a change to the alignment we originally proposed through part of Calperum Station and also Hawks Nest.”

“The updated route through Calperum Station now follows the eastern and southern boundaries of the property which means it minimises disturbance to areas of critical habitat, and the updated route at Hawks Nest avoids critical habitat by following the

southern boundary.”

Conservation group Birdlife Australia – in June 2019 – called for Project EnergyConnect to be rejected due to potential impacts on endangered black-eared miner populations in Calperum Station.

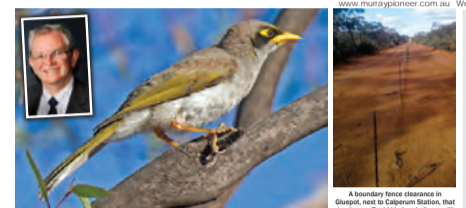
Mr Haynes said further information regarding the environmental effects of Project EnergyConnect could be

accessed through ElectraNet’s online information portal.

“This detail will be available in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) which will be released in April 2021 but visitors to the online room will have the opportunity to read about the preliminary findings and the preferred route before the EIS is released,” he said.

“An assessment of potential environmental and social impacts have all been considered in arriving at the preferred route...”

- Scott Haynes
ElectraNet land services manager



Bird's the word for power line

BENEFITS from a planned energy connector running through the Riverland would outweigh the possible impacts on wildlife in the area, according to a local landholder. Conservation group BirdLife Australia last month called for a rejection of Project EnergyConnect, arguing to save the part of the proposed route would pass through habitat for the endangered black-eared miner in Calperum Station.

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ElectraNet land services manager Scott Haynes and Trees For Life CEO Natasha Davis.

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Rotary member Peter Brown started his year-long trip in this Holden Commodore station wagon in January. He passed through the Riverland recently. PHOTOS: supplied

A 100-year journey through Rotary

COURTNEY BURKE

A CLASSIC Holden station wagon recently passed through Riverland towns to commemorate 100 years of Rotary in Australia.

Caboolture Queensland Rotary Club project coordinator and secretary Peter Brown, who has been a Rotarian since 1977, said Riverland Rotarians did not disappoint.

"It's a small band of people that do big things in the community and leave a lasting impression," he said.

The year-long tour commenced on Monday, January 18, after some rescheduling due to COVID-19, and is set to finish just before Christmas.

Mr Brown said he will try to cover all towns around Australia that have a Rotary Club, to see how each one is celebrating the milestone.

"It's not 100 years of any particular club, even though Melbourne was the first club in Australia in 1921," he said.

"The idea for the tour came while discussing better uses for the station wagon, which is normally used at Variety Bash charity events to support disadvantaged children."

Mr Brown said although the tour has been rewarding, he faced a number of challenges.

"I could have gone around and done the exact same tour using my current, up-to-date, luxury, comfortable, airconditioned vehicle instead of driving this 30-year-old piece of... let's just say classic Holden Commodore station wagon," he said.

"We've had to replace a leak in the fuel tank,

we've had to replace a damaged tail shaft and I've got engine misfunctions.

"Basically, it wasn't running right, but we're dealing with it as we go."

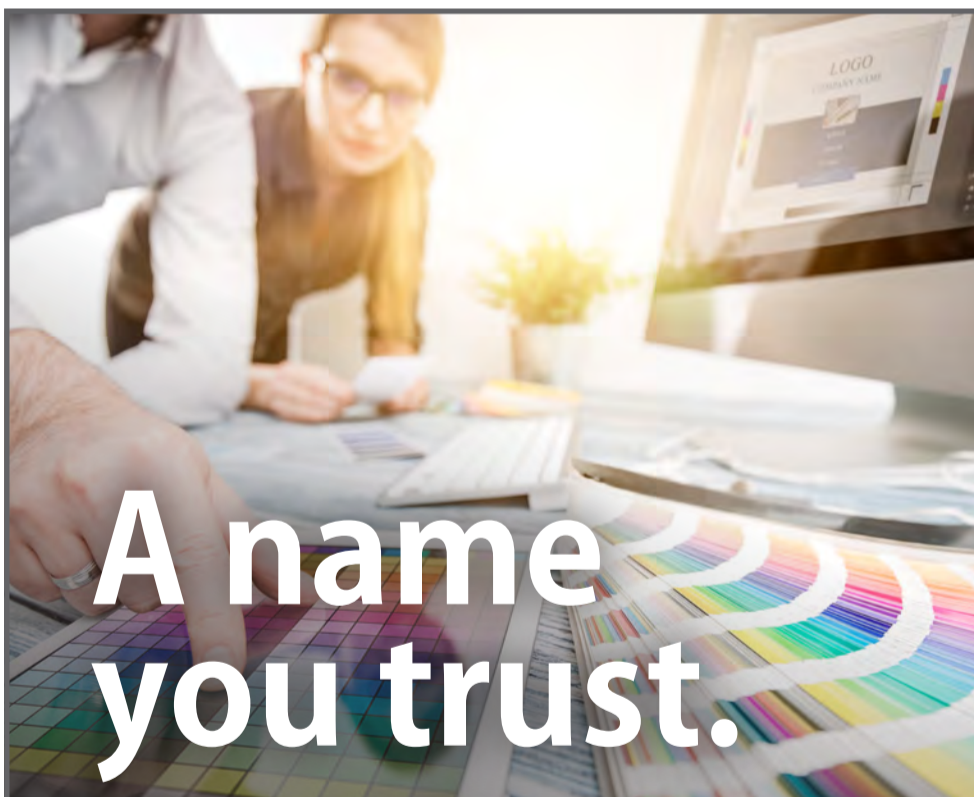
Mr Brown said "when you're a Rotarian you're never alone".

"I pull-up at a club and I just send a message that I'm a visiting Rotarian and there is always someone to have a coffee with," he said.

"Once you're a Rotarian, you have an international family.

"If you go to an airport and you've got a Rotary badge on someone will just walk up to you and say 'Hello, I'm a Rotarian from so and so' - suddenly you're like an 'old friends' sort of discussion."

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THE FAIR-WEATHER GARDENER

AS usual the weather takes up a good deal of our thoughts and conversations.

We have had anything but the usual summer. Mainly mild and then a short burst of heat that crisps our plants as it does not allow them to acclimatise. Even my tough old agapanthus have suffered.

Then comes some summer rains, making it easier for fungal diseases to thrive.

I do notice a number of plants that seem to thrive in my garden regardless.

In my area I see geraniums, lantanas, plumbago, sedums and many salvias.

Some, like the delicate-looking clematis, are also doing well, as is the belladonna lily (also known as 'the naked lady'), and the seaside daisy. In the shaded area my hydrangeas are also thriving, but they do have a protected spot that they share with the ornamental ginger, which also has done well.



● Pink salvia



● Hydrangea

INDOOR PLANTS

I have written a number of times about the benefit of indoor plants and at this time of the year, when we are loath to spend too much time in the sun, they come into their own.

They provide us with mini-gardens to care for, as well as the health-giving properties and the beauty of their greenery and flowers.

The COVID crisis saw more people opting for a pet, either for company as they spent more time working from home, in isolation, or a playmate for their children.

WARNING: There are quite a few indoor plants that cause problems for pets. Some are the aloe veras, devil's ivy, the sago palm, (sometimes called the cycad), jade plants, and dieffenbachia.

Whether they are inside or on the patio, care should be taken.

A number of pet-friendly plants include: bromeliads, echeverias, calathea, Chinese money plant (pilea peperomioides) or

Boston fern (nephrolepis exaltata).

FEBRUARY

February in the garden can be challenging, and quite unpleasant, with high heat and sometimes high humidity.

This can make some plants susceptible to fungal disease, which will require you to spray a fungicide on these plants.

Dead heading is probably top of the list to tidy up the garden and promote Autumn flowers.

I always think that our autumn flush of roses is the best as the weather is cooler and the colours don't fade like they do in summer. The roses will also benefit from a summer fertilise and deep watering.

It is also the right time to fertilise camellias, as well as feeding cymbidium orchids.

It is time to trim and divide bearded iris. Hellebores can be trimmed at this time to remove any damaged foliage.

Removing dead leaves and flowers from day lilies will make a huge difference to the look of your garden



● Cymbidium orchards

FRUIT AND VEGETABLES

Keep harvesting your summer vegetables.

Please don't share if you are in a fruit-fly area.

Seeds of spinach, peas, carrots, cauliflower, broccoli, beetroot, silverbeet and radishes can be started now.

If you are running out of room you can try growing some in large pots in a sunny, sheltered spot.

As with your vegetables, don't share any fruit from your garden if you are in a fruit-fly area.

Read the literature that PIRSA has left with you and dispose of any fallen fruit correctly.

Citrus fertiliser needs to be watered in well.

SPRING BULBS

Catalogues featuring spring bulbs are appearing now.

But don't be in a rush to plant these as the temperature is far too hot. Wait until April to do any planting.

Bulbs from South Africa are more suited to our climate.

Wait until May if you are intending to try growing tulips or hyacinths. Both need to be chilled in the crisper of your refrigerator for at least six weeks prior to planting.

Keep them in a brown paper bag and make sure they are clearly labelled as these bulbs are poisonous.

In the meantime browse the catalogues and dream of your spring garden.

Health-star rating decision 'blow to the Riverland'

FEDERAL Agriculture Minister David Littleproud says a decision by food regulators to give 100 per cent pure Aussie fruit and vegetable juice a lower health star rating than diet cola is "just madness" and "a blow" to the Riverland.

"The Australia and New Zealand Ministerial Forum on Food Regulation failed the leadership test... by retaining a non-sensical health star rating system," Mr Littleproud said.

"States and territories who supported this includ-

ing Queensland, Northern Territory, ACT and Victoria have let down our farmers, consumers, and Australia's \$800 million juice industry.

"This will mean 100 per cent pure orange juice will have a health star rating lower than that of a diet soft drink.

"They have made a mockery of the rating system and have ignored Australian Government and industry concerns. It would appear as though the states that voted for this are beholden to their bureaucrats.

"How can anyone believe that the health star rating for drinks with no nutritional value should be higher than 100 per cent fruit and vegetable juices?"

"This is madness and disrespects our country's vegetable and citrus growers and their communities."

"This decision is a blow to citrus growing regions like Queensland's Central Burnett, Victoria's Murray Valley, New South Wales' Riverina, and South Australia's Riverland."

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5:00 The Day Henry Met; 5:10 Children's Programs; 5:50 Peppa Pig; 5:55 Ben And Holly's Little Kingdom 6:10 Brave Bunnies 6:20 Bluey 6:30 Kiri and Lou 6:35 The Adventures Of Paddington 6:45 Andy's Safari Adventures 7:00 Dino Dana 7:15 Odd Squad 7:30 Spicks And Specks 8:00 Doctor Who 8:45 Quilty 9:45 Restoration Australia 10:40 Enslaved 11:40 Louis Theroux 12:40 Parks and Recreation 1:05 Reno 911! 1:25 W1A 2:00 Back In Very Small Business

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THURSDAY

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FRIDAY

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SATURDAY

6:00 rage; 7:00 Weekend Breakfast; 10:00 rage; 11:00 rage Retro Month; 12:00 ABC News At Noon; 12:30 Employable Me Australia; 1:30 Agatha Christie's The Witness For The Prosecution; 2:30 Magical Land Of Oz; 3:30 Dream Gardens; 4:00 Ask The Doctor; 4:30 Landline; 5:00 Football 7:00 ABC News 7:30 Death In Paradise 8:30 Call The Midwife 9:30 Harrow 10:20 Call The Midwife 11:20 Press 12:20 rage Retro Month 3:30 Dream Gardens 4:00 Ask The Doctor 4:30 Football

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SUNDAY

6:00 rage; 7:00 Weekend Breakfast; 9:00 Insiders; 10:00 Offsiders; 10:30 The World This Week; 11:00 Compass; 11:30 Songs of Praise; 12:00 ABC News At Noon; 12:30 Landline; 1:30 Gardening Australia; 2:30 Australia Remastered; 3:30 The Mix; 4:00 Football 6:00 Antiques Roadshow 7:00 ABC News Sunday 7:40 Grand Designs New Zealand 8:30 Harrow 9:25 Silent Witness 10:25 Killing Eve 11:10 Line of Duty 12:10 Wentworth 1:00 rage 3:30 Football 5:30 The Mix

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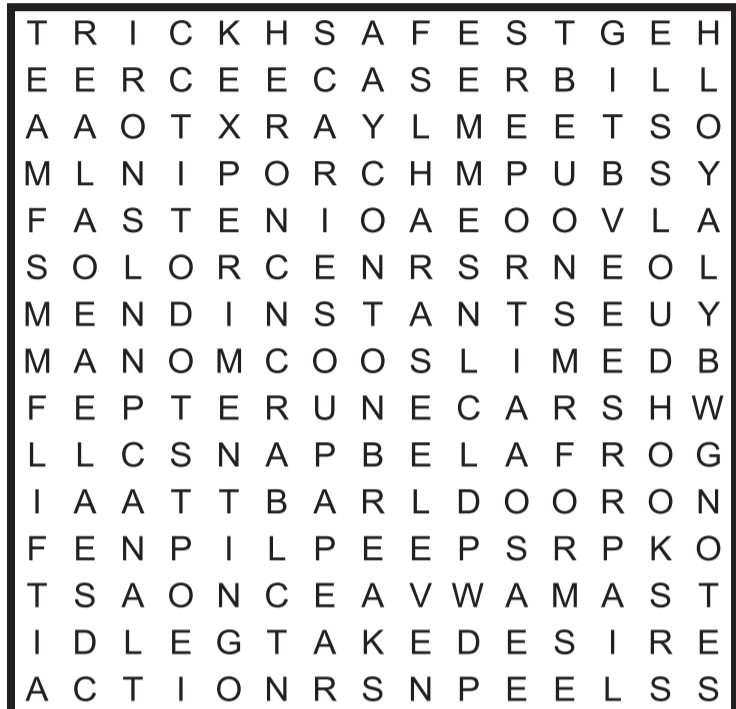
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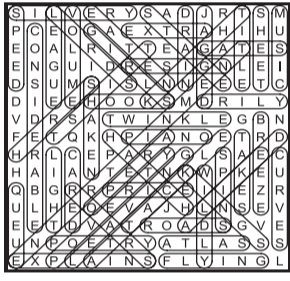
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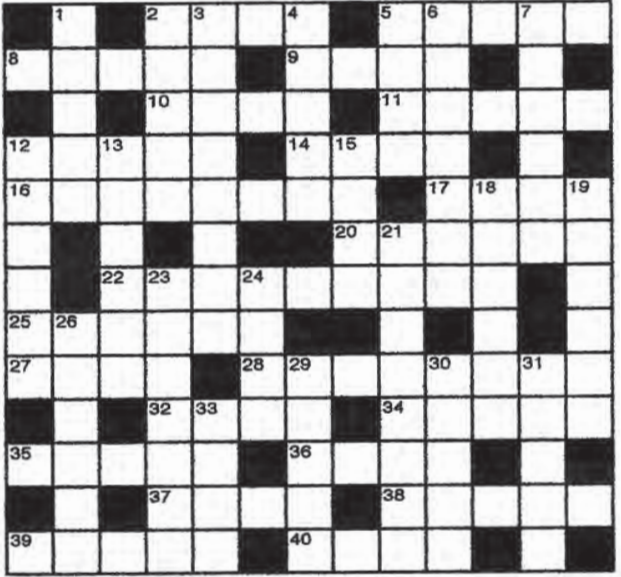


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Last Week's Solution



- Crossword**
- ACROSS**
- Vessel
 - Chews
 - Double
 - Republic of Ireland
 - Evaluate
 - Drive forward
 - System of belief
 - Weathercock
 - Made merry
 - Earth
 - Esculent
 - Occurring every ten years
 - Office workers
 - Flexible tube for conveying water
 - One who is not present
 - Handle roughly
 - Female sandpiper
 - Sober
 - Prefix - before
 - Secured by rope
 - Draw out
 - Type of cap
 - Concludes
- DOWN**
- Conscious of
 - Pile of debris at the base of a cliff
 - Wrestling hold
 - Irritate
 - Wry smile
 - Type of flower
 - Destructive beetle
 - Stoop low



- LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION**
- Dodges
 - Middle East port
 - Flattened at the poles
 - Tenant
 - Distracted
 - Recluse
 - Biblical character
 - Dislike intensely
 - Part of a knife
 - Requires
 - Dispossess by legal process
 - Horizontal opening into a mine



February 2021 Horoscopes: week 3

ARIES (March 21st - April 20th)
 Don't let an unkind remark get you down. You might be feeling a little left out at the moment: you need support rather than criticism, and should do your best to spend more time with people who are positive. **Romance.** You may wish that your partner could be a little more flexible at times.

TAURUS (April 21st - May 21st)
 A difficult aspect to Mars may make you a little aggressive at times. You are clear about what you need to do, but may be a little too direct about actually doing it. **Romance.** A new admirer will be surprisingly forward. It won't be difficult to understand what this person is looking for!

GEMINI (May 22nd - June 21st)
 You might need to spend some time by yourself over the next few days. You have been working hard, and need time to unwind. **Romance.** A powerful aspect to Jupiter will give you the confidence you need to make a move in starting a new relationship. The person you are interested in may seem daunting, but don't be put off!

CANCER (June 22nd - July 23rd)
 A misunderstanding within your family may be frustrating for a while. You need to sort out what is really going on - don't accept the first explanation you are given, no matter how plausible. **Romance.** Your partner's mood may be a little erratic at the moment. You will have quite different reactions to the same events, and might be calm in a situation which they find stressful.

LEO (July 24th - August 23rd)
 At times you can be a little hard on yourself. Don't blame yourself for a problem which you know was caused by someone else. **Romance.** You should do your best not to appear too keen! The person you are interested in will be intrigued to get to know you, but won't want to be rushed.

VIRGO (August 24th - September 23rd)
 Honesty and integrity will be extremely important, not just for you but also for the people that you deal with. A slip-up now will have important consequences later on. **Romance.** Your emotions will be especially strong at the moment. Do your best to calm down before you say the wrong thing!

LIBRA (September 24th - October 23rd)
 A positive aspect to Uranus will stimulate your creative juices. A bright suggestion will save you both time and energy: make sure that you make use of this idea before you forget it. **Romance.** An unusual person will shortly be coming into your life. It won't be easy at first, but if you persist you will find that you have a lot in common.

SCORPIO (October 24th - November 22nd)
 A powerful aspect to your Ruling Planet will help to bring some secrets to the surface this week. A completely honest approach will stand you in good stead. **Romance.** A remark by your partner may surprise you. Sometimes they find it difficult to express their feelings, but when they do they can be very direct.

SAGITTARIUS (November 23rd - December 21st)
 A powerful aspect to Mercury early in the week will help you to think clearly and logically. A colleague who tries to pull the wool over your eyes will realise that you are not quite as gullible as they thought. **Romance.** Your romantic life might be a little low-key at the moment. Things will liven up in a few days.

CAPRICORN (December 22nd - January 20th)
 A mistake could slow you down for a while. If you can get all the details right first time you will end up spending less money than if you rush at things. **Romance.** Your good mood will rub off on the people around you. This will be a great time for reaching out to friends whom you haven't seen in a while.

AQUARIUS (January 21st - February 19th)
 A move early in the week will create problems a few days later. A difficult aspect to Jupiter could make you a little over-confident at times: make sure you take advice before making a move. **Romance.** A friend's comment might cause you to lose confidence. Don't spend so much time worrying about your appearance that you forget about more important things.

PISCES (February 20th - March 20th)
 A more positive approach will help to dispel doubts about whether you are really doing the right thing. You will soon find a way to deal with a recent set-back. **Romance.** Your partner might appreciate a few more compliments. Be careful not to let your relationship sag just because you have other things on your mind.

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Residents and students reflect on Stolen Generations



Glossop Primary Community School year 6/7 students Xzavier, Dallas and Antwon help Woody Roberts plant a hibiscus at the Life Without Barriers National Apology Day event in Glossop last Friday.
PHOTO: Josh Brine

JOSH BRINE

LOCAL school students and community members came together last week to honour and learn about the Stolen Generations and the lasting impact of that period on Aboriginal communities.

Life Without Barriers, in conjunction with other community groups, hosted a National Apology Day event at the Riverland Cultural Arts Centre in Glossop last Friday, before the 13-year anniversary of the formal apology to the Stolen Generations on Saturday.

Students from Glossop High School and Glossop Primary Community School took part in the ceremony.

Life Without Barriers case worker Sam Mitchell, who led the ceremony, said organisers were happy with community turnout and the participation of local students.

"It was good to see the local students be involved in today's acknowledgment," he said.

"It's very important and vital to get the message of reconciliation to the next generation and the future leaders of our community.

"We have some of our older generation, and some members of the Stolen Generations present, so it's good to honour and acknowledge those members of the community

and create a cultural safe space where we can begin healing and more importantly working together."

Mr Mitchell said he thought awareness of the Stolen Generations and historical mistreatment of indigenous Australians was improving.

"I feel that now, in 2021, a lot has changed since the referendum in 1967 in terms of the treatment and policies," he said.

"We've made some good changes, but like with anything there's still a lot of history to be learnt and taught and a lot of trauma to be healed.

"Overall, you can see by the turnout of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people, this is a really good acknowledgement.

"It's great that we have a lot of community members and the local media to help spread awareness."

Mr Mitchell said further events this year were also planned to celebrate the local indigenous community.

"We are planning with Life Without Barriers and some other agencies to do a walk similar to what is done in Adelaide," he said.

"We want to engage with community members and create new ideas, but also stick with what we've already built as well, and that's the importance of having young people around and involved."

Michael diving in for Super Swim Challenge

BRENDAN LINES

WAIKERIE sexagenarian Michael Cox is raising money for the Starlight Foundation's Super Swim Challenge.

So far, Mr Cox has raised \$370, swimming just over 3km since beginning in January.

"I was only aiming for \$50," he said.

"Because this is the first year I've actually done it, it was a fairly modest amount to begin."

At 66, Mr Cox said he may not be as fast as he once was in the pool, but his efforts are for a good cause.

"I couldn't think of anything worse than a child being sick in hospital," he said.

"And these kids are really ill, that's motivated me and prompted me to do it.

"It's a bit disconcerting when you see an 18-year-old zooming along doing the butterfly.

"But I am 66 years old, so just bear that in mind."

Mr Cox will be contribut-

ing towards beating last year's total of \$720,000 and ultimately reaching the foundation's goal of \$1 million.

The foundation provides sick kids with visits from mascot Captain Starlight and rooms in hospitals dedicated to recreation.

Starlight CEO Louise Baxter said the foundation relies on community contributions.

"Starlight's challenge is that every dollar spent on our vital services must first be raised and Starlight relies on the generosity of the community," she said.

Mr Cox said he has raised the money single-handedly and urged others to get involved.

"Hopefully there will be other people that take up the challenge," he said.

"If anyone wants to join me that would be great."

The Super Swim challenge runs until February 24.

Donations can be made to: <https://superswim.org.au/michael-cox>



Sexagenarian Michael Cox has raised \$370 swimming just over 3km since beginning in January for the Starlight Foundation's Super Swim Challenge. PHOTO: Erin Williams

Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board welcomes new wetland project officer

THE Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board welcomed its newest wetland project officer, Tiffany Nay, recently.

Dr Nay grew up in the United States, with her passion for fish and the environment stemming from scuba diving at a young age.

She moved to Australia in 2014, with her work focusing on temperatures

preferred by fish and other factors that influence where fish are found in the wild, particularly in the Great Barrier Reef.

Different from the tropical waters she is accustomed to, Dr Nay's new role will focus on wetland ecology.

In her role, Dr Nay will monitor the status of local wetlands to grow and recover vital habitats.

"I love the bird life out here," she said.

"The sheer number of birds in some of these wetlands is a true testament to their healthy condition.

"Despite my history with fish, I am developing a strong appreciation for the region's bird species.

"Changes in water quality, both positive and

negative, influence how species use their environment.

"While freshwater quality parameters can be different from a marine environment, species generally respond the same.

"It is great to see that nearly all of the projects I have seen so far, involve ensuring a healthy level of water quality to promote ecosystem growth."



The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board's new wetland project officer Tiffany Nay releasing epaulette sharks on Heron Island's reef flat in the southern Great Barrier Reef. PHOTO: supplied



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PHOTO PERSPECTIVE:

I came across this image on a local social media group and it caught my eye. It was posted by someone who said they were travelling through Berri and had to look twice at what they were seeing. It certainly does look like a car is on the roof of this houseboat but the level of the ground and river is different. Crazy how images can give us a different perspective.



GOLF DAY:

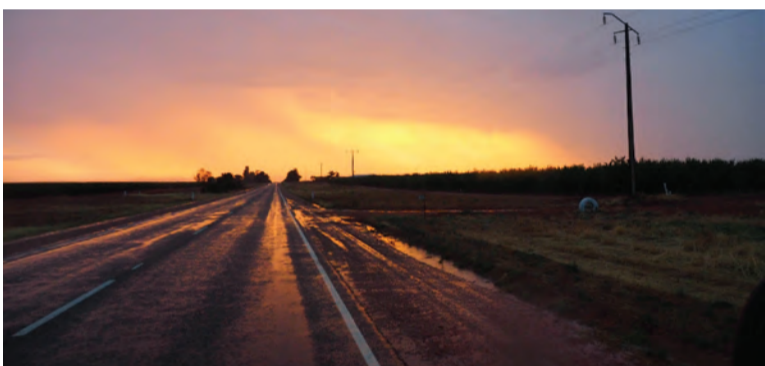
As most of you know I am a Loxton Mardi Gras ambassador and this weekend I am hosting my last event before the big parade next week: a golf day. I've never hosted a golf day before – I haven't even played golf – but I have some golf fanatics behind me that have helped me plan a great day. It's this Sunday, 8.30am at the Loxton Golf Club. Tickets are \$25, there will be teams of three and there are many great prizes to be won. Contact me via Facebook if you're interested in coming.

Picture this!

Peta's pic of the week



#picmepeta



FAR LEFT: Local man Matt Young captured this incredible shot in Murtho recently.

LEFT: Barmera's Paul Keane took this beautiful image recently.

If you've taken any amazing photos recently, post them on social media with the hashtag 'picmepeta' or send it through to photos@murraypioneer.com.au along with your name, town and age (if under 18).

the quarantine quiz



1. What is the largest freshwater lake in the world by surface area?
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2. What kind of weapon is a falchion?
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3. Who developed the earliest rabies vaccine?
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4. What is the world's largest island?
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5. Which country hosted a Formula 1 race for the first time in 2011?
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6. What is the name of the world's most ancient rainforest, and where is it located?
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7. Which four British cities have underground rail systems?
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8. Which actress has won the most Oscars?
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9. Who played Neo in The Matrix?
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10. What colour is a Welsh poppy?
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11. What colour is Absynthe?
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12. Which heavyweight boxing champion was the only one to finish his career of 49 fights without ever being defeated?
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13. What is the painting La Gioconda more famously known as?
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14. In publishing, what does POD mean?
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15. Which team won the 2021 NFL Super Bowl?
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16. Which popular BBC series about old collectables began in 1979?
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17. What is sushi traditionally wrapped in?
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18. What is the chemical symbol for table salt?
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19. Which amphibian never sleeps?
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20. Which animal's fingerprints look exactly like human fingerprints?
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Answers on page 42

BONUS QUESTION: In terms of singles chart success, in which country were pop group ABBA the most successful? (Answer in next week's Quiz)

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Hugh's cooking adventures SMOOTHIE BOWL



RECIPE

For smoothie base

- 1/2 cup honeydew melon
- 6 strawberries
- 1/2 mango
- 100ml coconut water
- 100ml almond milk

Toppings

- 1/2 banana
- 3 to 4 strawberries
- Small handful blueberries
- Muesli or granola
- Chia seeds
- Cinnamon

METHOD

- ❑ Remove rind from melon and cut into small cubes. Slice the mango cheek away from the seed and scoop out the flesh from skin.
- ❑ Remove any stems from the strawberries.
- ❑ Add coconut water and almond milk to a blender with melon, mango and strawber-

- ries, and blend until smooth. Reserve until ready to serve.
- ❑ Thinly slice the banana and remaining strawberries.
- ❑ Add smoothie base to a bowl. Top with banana, strawberries, blueberries, muesli, and chia seed.
- ❑ Sprinkle cinnamon over the top and serve.

This is an easy recipe to scale up for a partner or multiple children (just double the ingredients for two people) and there are literally endless possibilities of smoothie and toppings you can try. Kiwi fruit, honey, pumpkin seeds or nuts are other popular options.

I HAVE to confess I've got a bad habit of skipping breakfast most mornings, however, after a recent purchase of some locally grown honeydew melon, I decided to combine it with some of my other favourite fruits to recreate the smoothie bowls now popular in cafes and health stores.

Philatelic group stuck on stamps and loving it

COURTNEY BURKE

RHINOCEROS stamps play a big part in Riverland Philatelic Society president Chris George's extensive collection.

Mr George, a member of the society since the millennium, was unable to say what the most valuable stamp in his collection was – for security related reasons – but revealed that his oldest stamp is South Australia and dates back to 1860.

"It's nothing financial, it's just good fun," he said.

While Mr George has a small variety of American stamps, he generally only collects Australian or rhinoceros stamps and has been collecting them since he was 10 years old.

"Young boys like to collect things," he said.

The Riverland Philatelic Society has been around for more than 60 years and currently has approximately 10 members.

"You aim to have a complete collection of Australian stamps," Mr George said.

"We collect mint stamps which are unused stamps and people also collect used ones – so you have two options or both.

"We used to have an auction of these things and they went to the highest bidder, now we just do a



Riverland Philatelic Society president Chris George with his stamp collection. INSET: Mr George's rhinoceros stamp. PHOTOS: Josh Brine

swap," he said.

Mr George said that while he has no plans to sell his collection, he is

unsure of their fate once eventually passed down to his children.

"It's a little bit of problem actu-

ally because we collected stamps but our kids aren't particularly interested in it," he said.

"They'll probably end up with a problem, but they can worry about that."

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DEATHS

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Aged 79 years.
Loved husband of Evangelia (deceased).
Beautiful father and father-in-law of Peter, Helen, and Spiro.

Adored "Pappouli Mitso" to Angie, Georgio and Evangelia.

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ROBINSON, Beryl.
Passed away peacefully at Melaleuca House, Loxton on Friday, February 12, 2021.
Aged 94 years.
Loved wife of Keith.
Loving mother of Glenys, Jackie and Alana.
Loved grandmother of 7 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.
Sadly missed by whoever met her.

DEATHS

VERRALL, Michael Brian.
8/2/2021.
Aged 57 years.
Loved second son of Brian (deceased) and Lorna.
Much-loved brother of Kym, Shayne and Sandra.
Sadly missed.
RIP.

VERRALL, Michael Brain.
Born July 29, 1963.
Died February 8, 2021.
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Uncle and great-uncle to many.
Will miss you.
RIP.
Until we meet again.

FUNERALS

ROBINSON.
The relatives and friends of the late Beryl Robinson are respectfully invited to attend her funeral service to be conducted entirely at the Riverland Funeral Chapel, 32 Hughes Street, Berri on Friday, February 19, 2021 at 11am, followed by a private cremation at the Riverland Crematorium.

In lieu of flowers if desired, a donation to the Royal Flying Doctor Service in Beryl's memory would be appreciated. Donations may be made at the service.

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WARREN, Roma Irene.
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In lieu of flowers if desired, a donation to Legacy in Roma'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 Lawn Cemetery for the committal.

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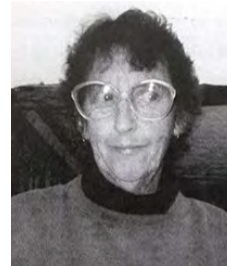
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We will have a few drinks and cake in your honour.

Love always, Rosie, Mick, Ang, Bagz, Melissa, Jacinta and Joseph.

IN MEMORIAM

REINERTSEN, Michael Andrew.

15/2/2021
10 years.
Lovingly remembered and treasured in our hearts each and every day.

Stella, Dylan, Benson, Shaquille, Tyrone and extended family.

SCHUBERT, Jane.
Tragically taken 46 years ago. We laugh at memories but still wonder why.
You are with us forever, Jane.
David and Wendy.

SCHUBERT, Margaret.
There was a time I could never have imagined one day living without you Mum, let along 10 years. We miss you, forever in our hearts.
David and Wendy.

IN MEMORIAM



STOCKER-THIELE, Luke John.

9/3/1986 - 21/2/2015.

Six years without your beautiful smile, your witty sense of humour.

Luke, the memories that came from loving you continue every day.

Two hearts forever connected, nothing will take that away.

With an aching heart, I miss you every day, Luke.

Love you now and forever my shining star.

♥Mum♥

Your life was a blessing, Your memory a treasure. You are loved beyond words, Missed beyond measure.

Loved forever, Mum, Dad, Kane and Indee.

Love and miss you, Dad.
Ethan and Kelsey.

Our forever fun Uncle Luke.

Love and miss you. Riley, Chase, Lila and Bruno.

TOPPERWIEN, Shaun.
16/5/1978 - 19/2/2019.

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TURMERIX 300 capsules, 360g powders, TMX hand cream and soap are all available for sale by contacting Connie after 3pm. Phone 0427847567.

VARIOUS - Darche rooftoper on frame, to suit ute or trailer, plus firefly awning, \$1150; 12' Pelican boat, \$450; 6 pot size open baine marie, \$140; 12 pot size baine with heater lamps, \$150; Jetfire gas heater, \$325; Rhino master fit luggage box, used once, \$495; double spit and motor, \$325. Renmark for inspection. Phone 0419837890.

VARIOUS - fridge and freezer, \$100 pair; 3 x post hole diggers \$60; large 4 burner BBQ with cover \$80; 3 Davey pumps \$75, each in working order. Phone 0427405017.

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CARER - no qualifications required, very down to earth lady to care for 61 year old lady, smoker welcome. Phone 0487382990.

FOR HIRE

GARAGE SALES

BERRI - 38b Powell Street, Saturday, February 20, 8am - 2pm. Dimplex reverse cycle air conditioner, 1 x 20" tyre (VE Commodore), subwoofer with amp and lots more. No early birds.

BERRI - 2 Hart Street. Moving house sale, lots of goodies. Manchester, clothing, baby gear, crochery, cutlery and outdoor items. No early birds. Saturday 20th, 10am - 3pm. Sunday 21st, 11am - 4pm.

LOXTON North - 249 Edwards Road. Plant sale, orders now being taken for bare-rooted stone fruit and ornamental deciduous trees and roses. Check out our range of indoor plants. Open Friday, February 19 to Sunday February 21. 9am to 4pm. Phone 85841205.

MORGAN District Lions Club combined garage sale. Saturday, March 6, 8am at the Anglican Church grounds, 4th Street, Morgan. Sellers welcome. Contact 0417808543.

RAMCO Heights street sale, Elliot Road, multiple houses with balloons out. Saturday, February 20, 8.30am - 3pm. Electric wood saw, Enviroshade, market umbrella and base, fold-up tables, china cabinet, household goods, plants and pots, toddler and kid's items, travel cases and bags, camping gear, trampoline, vintage (tools, tins and items) and much more.

RENMARK - 762 Government Road, 200m south of tip entrance. Saturday, February 20, 8.30am. Workshop gear, tools, camp gear and miscellaneous.

RENMARK - 11 Kokoda Avenue. Friday, February 19, 2pm - 4pm. Saturday, February 20, 8am - 10am.

RENMARK - 17 Ral Ral Avenue, Country Candles and More. February special, \$10 off 330g candles; weekly special, mystery bath bomb bag, 10 bath bombs for \$50.

RENMARK - 175 Scales Lane, 7am - 1pm. This Friday - Sunday. Plant sale.

ACCOMMODATION

ACCOMMODATION available at Vineland Motel, 363 Deakin Avenue, Mildura. Check it out at www.vinelandmotel.com from \$98 per night for queen bedroom. Contact Chris and Louise on 0350234036.

COMPANIONS

SENIOR gent, fit and healthy, non-drinker, non-smoker, no drugs, no church. Like to meet mature lady for outings, meals, day trips in modern car. Must be fit, some walking involved. Renmark area preferred. Please phone 0418847449.

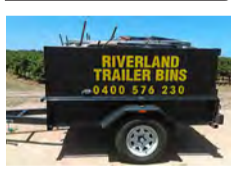
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Lutheran Church of Australia
BERRI | BARMERA
Sunday, February 21
Berri 11am
Barmera 9am
Pastor Dean Mills
All Welcome
Phone 8582 1853

LOXTON
Ash Wednesday, February 17
Parish Service at St Peter's Sander 7pm HC
Rest Home Wed, Feb 17 10.30am HC

First Sunday in Lent Sunday, February 21
St Peter's 8.30am HC
Concordia 10am
da Costa
Myrla Harvest Thanks 8.30am HC
at New Residence
Georg
Harvest Thanks
Meribah 10.30am HC
da Costa
Harvest Thanks
Bookpurmong 8.30am HC
da Costa
Harvest Thanks
Rest Home Wed, Feb 24 10.30am HC

Lutheran Ministry Centre
Phone 8584 5522
Pastor Darrin Kohrt (Concordia and outlying)
Pastor Jason Sander (St Peter's)

RENMARK | PARINGA
Sunday, February 21
Renmark 9am
Paringa 10.30am
Installation of Pastor Roland Adams
Renmark 2.30pm HC
All Welcome
Phone 8586 5983

WAIKERIE
Sunday, February 21
Waikerie 10am
Lowbank 8.45am
Ramco 8.45am
All Welcome
Phone 8541 2689



Anglican Church Riverland
Saturday, February 20
10am - Berri
St Alban's HC

Sunday, February 21
9am - Loxton
The Resurrection HC
9am - Barmera
St Edmund's
11am - Renmark
St Augustine's HC
11am - Waikerie
St James
Contact:
Fr. Paul Devenport
8586 3288



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BERRI / BARMERA
Berri, Denny Street
Barmera, Nookamka Tce
Sundays at 10am
berribarmerauca.org.au

Enquiries:
Rev Sandy Webb
0409 699 995

LOXTON
Sunday, February 21
10am HC
Kingson Selvaraj
Office phone
8584 6099

RENMARK
10am
Renmark Ave
8.30am
Renmark West
Phone 8586 5398



Sunday, February 21
10am
Loxton Senior
Citizen Hall
25 Tobruk Terrace
Phone Pastor Red Elliott
0439 507 098



Catholic Church Mass Times
Our Lady of the River Catholic Parish
WEEKS 1, 3 & 5
Saturday
Renmark 6.30pm
Morgan 6.00pm
Sunday
Berri 9.00am
Loxton 11.00am
Waikerie 11.00am
Barmera 6.00pm

WEEKS 2 & 4
Saturday
Berri 6.30pm
Waikerie 6.00pm
Sunday
Renmark 9.00am
Morgan 9.00am
Barmera 11.00am
Loxton 6.00pm

Seventh-day Adventist Church
Riverland
19 Sunrise Court, Berri
Bible Study 10-11am
Worship every Saturday (Sabbath) 11.30am
All Welcome
Pastor Andy Krause
Ph: 0418 617 582

Volunteers Notice Board FREE SERVICE

Looking for Volunteers?
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Email or fax the name of your organisation, the type of volunteer needed and contact details to: ads@murraypioneer.com.au Fax: 8586 4333 and we will print your request
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Wilabalangaloo (Berri Branch of National Trust) are seeking able bodied volunteers to help with maintaining walking trails, weed control, revegetation and other projects. If you enjoy the outdoors please contact Gordon on 0427847896 for more information.

Loxton - The Pines Historic House and Garden welcomes volunteers to become Tour Guides for their popular Sunday house tours. If you are interested in history and meeting tour visitors we would love to hear from you. To join our passionate tour guide team or to find out more details please call Charmaine on 0438 844 717 www.thepinesloxton 18 Henry Street, Loxton SA

The purpose of the Wheelchair Access Vehicle is to strengthen people's capacity to participate in community life, maintain or regain independence. Volunteers are required to pick up and transport clients in accordance with the daily schedule. They will ensure a safe, courteous and respectful on-board client experience keeping in mind their health, well-being, cultural background, life experiences and social connection. Please call Deb 1800 334 882 or dmuller@redcross.org.au for more information

Interested in working in an environment steeped in history? Olivewood (Renmark Branch National Trust) is looking for volunteers to help with reception duties, gardening, cleaning and dusting. Thursday to Monday, hours to suit between 10:00 am and 4:00 pm Email olivewood_renmark@gmail.com or phone Olivewood 8586 6175 or Dave 0427344628

Loxcare Inc with Arthur's Bazaar, Len's Shed, Emergency Relief and Centrelink Access Point welcomes volunteer helpers to help with sorting of second-hand goods, merchandising, customer service, office work, emergency relief services and handy people to repair second-hand goods. We require volunteers with these skills who are friendly, welcoming and enjoy working in a team and helping our community. Volunteer packs available from Bev at Loxcare, phone 8584 6954.

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Enquiries to Operations 8584 6264 or Steve 0417 103 991

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To Be Considered For This Role You Must

- Be a trade qualified Boilermaker/Welder or have similar experience.
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- Be safety conscious and able to adhere to company policies and procedures.

This is a permanent full-time position for the right person, after a suitable probationary period.

Resumes can be emailed to Admin@hoffysteel.com.au or dropped in to 1384 Old Sturt Highway, BERRI
Applications close: 24 Feb 2021
Phone: 0885821120

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Irrigation Hand – Amaroo Orchard

The Opportunity
We are seeking an experienced Irrigation Hand for our Amaroo Orchard (Almonds). Under the direction of the Irrigation Manager/2IC you be responsible to perform an array of duties relating to farm and irrigation operations and actively contributing to enhance productivity of the Farm. This role is based on our Amaroo Farm, Murtho Road Paringa

What you'll be doing with us

- Farm Irrigation duties such as collecting soil moisture data
- Ensure all irrigation equipment is kept safe, clean and in good working condition
- Assist with fertilizing and fertigation
- Maintenance of irrigation systems

What you'll need to succeed


- Proven experience as an Irrigation Hand
- Effective interpersonal skills with an ability to work well in a busy team
- Chemical certificate advantageous but not essential

What we offer

- Competitive wage and benefits
- Commitment to ongoing learning
- Flexible work arrangements

In exchange for your experience, commitment to safety and results, you will join a fast-growing industry and company. We offer a safe, collaborative culture with a multi-cultural team, community focus, with training and development opportunities.

To apply for this position please send your resume to calexandropoulos@selectharvests.com.au by 28th February



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I can be part of a friendly country community health service which means that I am part of the big picture, serving my clients as a nurse or midwife, as well as being an important member of the community myself. I benefit from diverse experiences across multiple disciplines, specialities and geography.

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Waikerie
Job Ref: 744653

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Loxton
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Berri / Barmera
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GRANT SHEDS

With ongoing business growth and a huge start to our year, Grant Sheds, Monash, is seeking additional motivated team members in the following fields.

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- Must be able to work under minimal supervision


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Tasks will include steel cutting, drilling, sawing, spray painting and other general workshop duties in our steel production team.

- An opportunity to learn to weld may be available so a willingness to learn is appreciated.
- This position is open to anyone and may suit a school leaver with a strong desire to learn.

A forklift license will be advantageous but not essential. We need people who demonstrate attention to detail. Speedy applications will be well regarded. All applications will be handled in strict confidence.

For more information or to apply, please contact Danny
Ph: 8583 5262 office hours
E: danny@grantsheds.com.au



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Location Berri
Several Contracts up to 30 June 2021 (possible extension)
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We are seeking flexible and enthusiastic individuals to contribute to the management of South Australia's water resources through our Water Licensing Team. The successful applicants will provide information and advice to customers and make recommendations of the appropriate course of action.

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Enquiries to:
Christine Fiebig, Manager Customer Service & Regional Delivery, Christine.fiebig@sa.gov.au, 8595 2249


To apply and for more information visit the I WORK FOR SA website: www.iworkfor.sa.gov.au and search by vacancy number.

Applications Close: 11pm, 19/02/2021


The South Australian Public Sector promotes diversity and flexible ways of working including part time. Applicants are encouraged to discuss the flexible working arrangement for this role.

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PUBLIC NOTICES




**Season 2021 commences from
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**BROWN'S WELL
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Brownswell Football Club

Annual General Meeting
to be held on
Friday, February 19, 2021
starting at 7.30pm at the clubrooms



**President Sheree Chappel, would like to call the
2021 ANNUAL
GENERAL MEETING**
for the Renmark-Riverland Rose Festival
to be held on Wednesday 24 February at 6pm
at the Renmark Paringa Council Chambers.

For further info please contact
John Chappel 0407 010 363.



BERRI HOTEL

BERRI HOTEL INCORPORATED

Berri Hotel Members are advised that the Annual General Meeting of Berri Hotel Incorporated will be held at the Hotel in the Riverview Lounge on **Wednesday 24th of March 2021 at 7.30pm.**

In accordance with Rule 26 Forms Of Nomination for the Office of Committee Member are available at the Reception Desk of the Hotel, and are required to be returned on or before Sunday 28th February 2021.

**A.S. Parker
General Secretary**


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**COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS
HOUSEBOAT MANAGEMENT PLAN**

The District Council of Loxton Waikerie is developing a Houseboat Management Plan, intended to guide the future management of Council's houseboat mooring/marina sites and associated facilities. The Plan aims to enhance the socio-economic benefits arising from the houseboat industry while supporting the ongoing health of the River Murray.

Council currently operates three on-river marinas at Loxton, Kingston-on-Murray and Waikerie, providing mooring facilities for both private and commercial houseboat operators. Initial investigations indicate that there is some potential for Council to expand the provision of mooring sites to Moorook and Ramco.

A key input into developing the Plan is to gain insights from houseboat operators and other interested parties. The Council is running two Stakeholder/Community Workshops to understand the community's interest in and views about the management of houseboats and mooring/marina sites. These workshops will be held at:

Waikerie: Waikerie Council Chambers on Thursday 4 March from 9.30am – 12.00 noon

Loxton: The Precinct Loxton Recreation Centre on Thursday 4 March from 2.00pm – 4.30pm

The community are welcome to attend – **RSVP is essential by Friday 26 February by phoning 8584 8000.**

For further information, please contact:
Cheryle Pedler,
Manager Environmental Services,
on 8584 8000.
council@lwdc.sa.gov.au



**2021/22 Community Support
Funding Applications are
NOW OPEN**

The opportunity exists for individuals, clubs and members of the community to lodge "Community Support Funding Applications" for consideration by Council as it prepares for the 2021/22 budget year.

Community Support Funding Application forms are available on Council's website <https://www.loxtonwaikerie.sa.gov.au/notice-board/latest-news/community-support-funding-applications-now-open> and offices in Loxton and Waikerie. Closing date for applications is 5.00pm Friday 19 March 2021.

David Beaton
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



Request for Tender

The District Council of Loxton Waikerie invites submissions for Request for Tenders:

- LW 13/2021 – **Community Building – Loxton Retirement Village**
- LW 15/2021 – **Loxton Oval Lighting Upgrade**

A copy of both RFT documents can be found on the SA Tenders and Contracts website: www.tenders.sa.gov.au

Submissions must be lodged electronically via the SA Tenders and Contracts website by:

- LW 13/2021: **5pm Wednesday 31 March 2021**
- LW 15/2021: **9am Monday 15 March 2021**

Neither the lowest nor any quote necessarily accepted.

For further information, please contact:
Mr Daniel Brown
Project Manager
8584 8000
council@lwdc.sa.gov.au

**the
quarantine
quiz
answers**

- 1.Lake Superior in Canada
- 2.Sword
- 3.Louis Pasteur
- 4.Greenland
- 5.India
- 6.Daintree Forest in Qld Australia
- 7.London, Glasgow, Liverpool, Newcastle
- 8.Katharine Hepburn
- 9.Keanu Reeves
- 10.Yellow
- 11.Green
- 12.Rocky Marciano
- 13.Mona Lisa
- 14.Print on Demand
- 15.Tampa Bay Buccaneers
- 16.Antiques Roadshow
- 17.Edible seaweed
- 18.NaCl
- 19.Bullfrog
- 20.Koala


BONUS QUESTION ANSWER (ffrom last week): Lord Alfred Tennyson wrote the words 'Tis better to have loved and lost, than never to have loved at all.'

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 17 MARCH 2021
6:30PM
MIDDLE CAMPUS LIBRARY
(Brief meeting following AGM for elected members)


Joining the Governing Council will give you the opportunity to work alongside other passionate parents, staff and students to assist in setting the future direction for our site. For more information, feel free to contact us.

Nomination forms are available at either campus or via:
dl.0776.info@schools.sa.edu.au

Anne Schutz | Governing Council Chairperson
Emily Griggs | Principal



Government of South Australia
Department for Education



**DISTRICT COUNCIL OF
LOXTON WAIKERIE**

TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE

The District Council of Loxton Waikerie hereby exercises the power pursuant to Section 33 of the Road Traffic Act, 1961 and Clause "F" of the Instrument of General Approval of the Minister dated 12 March 2001 to:

(1) Pursuant to section 33 (1) of the Road Traffic Act 1961, hereby make an order directing that the following schedule of roads be closed to traffic between 7.00am and 3.00pm on Saturday 27 February 2021 for the 2021 Loxtton Mardi Gras Parade;

Closed for event preparations, the Parade and subsequent events

- Raymont Avenue from Bookpurnong Road to Starcevic Road
- Mill Road from Raymont Avenue
- AW Traeger Drive from Pine Avenue and Coral Street intersections

(2) Pursuant to Section 33 (1)(b) of the Road Traffic Act 1961, hereby make an order directing that persons taking part in the Event be exempted (in relation to the roads) from the duty to observe Australian Road Rules 230 and 238

**For further information contact
Greg Perry 8584 8000
gperry@lwdc.sa.gov.au**

David Beaton
Chief Executive Officer

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Email homage85@bigpond.com | Telephone 85866744
By March 11th 2021

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Rates Review Public Consultation Paper

Mid Murray Council is inviting feedback from the community on the Rates Review Public Consultation Paper. The Public is welcome to view this document from Wednesday 17 February 2021 at the Council Offices during normal office hours or on Council's website www.mid-murray.sa.gov.au

Written submissions are invited on the Rates Review Public Consultation Paper and will be received by the Chief Executive Officer, Mid Murray Council, PO Box 28, Mannum SA 5238 or via the feedback form on Council's website or email to: postbox@mid-murray.sa.gov.au until 12noon Thursday 25 March 2021. Please advise if you would like your submission to remain anonymous.

The Council will also provide the community the opportunity to attend public meetings at the following locations:

Wednesday 3 March - Cambrai Sportsgrounds at 6:30pm

Thursday 4 March - Adelaide (Arkaba Hotel) at 6:30pm

Wednesday 10 March - Mannum Football Clubrooms at 6:30pm

Thursday 11 March - Morgan Sporting Complex at 6:30pm

Due to COVID-19 restrictions tickets are essential to attend the public meetings. To obtain your FREE ticket please go to Mid Murray Council's website <https://www.mid-murray.sa.gov.au/community/public-consultation>

If tickets are not obtained in advance you may not be guaranteed entry.

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NOTICE OF CONSULTATION

LAKE BONNEY NATURE AND CULTURAL TOURISM PROJECT APPLICATION FOR AUTHORISATIONS UNDER SECTIONS 21 AND 23 OF THE ABORIGINAL HERITAGE ACT 1988 (SA)

The Premier of South Australia, who is responsible for the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1988 (SA)* (Act), has received an application for authorisations under sections 21 and 23 of the Act from Berri Barmera Council (Applicant) to enable the installation of low-impact tourism infrastructure on or near to the foreshore of Lake Bonney in Barmera, South Australia. Section 21 of the Act makes it an offence to excavate land to uncover any Aboriginal site, object or remains (Aboriginal heritage) without authorisation, while section 23 of the Act makes it an offence to damage, disturb or interfere with Aboriginal heritage without authorisation.

The Applicant proposes to undertake the following activities within areas on or near to the foreshore of Lake Bonney: formalising and upgrading vehicle access tracks, a multiuse trail, campgrounds, car parking and caravan layover areas; closing unauthorised tracks; installing amenities including fire pits and shelter structures with concrete bases, BBQs and picnic tables; installing signage; revegetation; screen planting; and placing rocks and timber logs. Bins and a composting-waterless toilet may also be installed as part of the proposed works.

These works are proposed in areas that contain a high density of known Aboriginal sites.

Consultation and Submissions

Prior to considering whether to grant the authorisations, section 13 of the Act requires the Premier to consult with Traditional Owners and other Aboriginal people or organisations with an interest in the matter. Accordingly, verbal and written submissions are now invited from such parties. In line with social distancing considerations, no public meeting will be held for this consultation.

Submissions can be lodged until **Friday 19 March 2021**. For further details, please call Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation (AAR) on (08) 8226 8900, or visit dpc.sa.gov.au/heritage-applications. Aboriginal people with an interest in this matter are encouraged to contact AAR to learn more about the proposal and/or to lodge a submission.



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Spotlight on Riverland's disabled volunteers

PROVIDING improved resources and support for Riverland volunteers with disability is the target of a new initiative launched in Adelaide recently.

Orana Australia Limited last Friday launched its Volunteerability program focused on support for disabled volunteers.

Orana Australia Limited CEO Nicholas Milaharas said the program aimed to create responsive and sustainable partnerships that empowered Riverland clients to continue volunteering in their communities.

"We look forward to the ongoing partnership that will help address exclusion that many people with disability face and achieve a socially inclusive community," Mr Milaharas said.

"It is a unique program in SA operating with four invested partners, each bringing their skills and expertise to

the project to achieve the best outcome possible for people with disability and volunteer-involving organisations."

The Volunteerability program was launched at an event attended by Minister for Human Services Michelle Lensink and South Australian Governor Hieu Van Le at UCity in Adelaide.

Volunteering SA and NT chief executive officer Evelyn O'Loughlin said the initiative would "support people with disability to find a meaningful volunteering role"

"By engaging people with disability to volunteer, we are working to support a more inclusive and accessible volunteering sector," Ms O'Loughlin said.

For further information and inquiries regarding the Volunteerability program, contact 8375 2080 or email volunteerability@orana.asn.au.



Minister for Human Services Michelle Lensink (left) and South Australian Governor Hieu Van Le at the launch of Orana's Volunteerability initiative at UCity in Adelaide last Friday.

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Loxton RSL snatches second spot

IN a fascinating finish to the Bowls Riverland Saturday Pennant minor round, Loxton RSL snatched second spot from Berri with a three-shot win over top side Renmark on Saturday.

The victory, together with Berri's bye, was enough to see Loxton RSL secure second spot and book a second semi-final rematch with Renmark this weekend.

All three match-ups were close, with Loxton RSL taking one by two shots, and losing another by a shot, with the third – between fours skipped by RSL's Jade Wright and Renmark's Kym Schulz – drawn.

Waikerie warmed up for the finals with a 13-shot win over lowly ranked Loxton.

A big win by Grant Frahm's four set up the visitors' victory.

In the other game, The Lawns finished its season on a high, beating fellow non-finalist Barmera by 15 shots. Ron Reynolds skippered the only winning rink for Barmera, which again finished the season on the bottom of the ladder.

In division two, The Lawns White scraped into the top four courtesy of a big win over Moorook and Loxton's loss to third-ranked Waikerie blue.

In division three, Renmark Gold blew an opportunity to snatch fourth spot from Barmera, going down to non-finalist Berri Red by 12 shots.

Barmera finished just two points clear of Renmark Gold in fourth spot, despite losing to Waikerie Black by nine shots.

DIVISION ONE

Waikerie 64 d Loxton 51.

G. Frahm 27 d D. Schliebs 17, W. Collins 15 lost to R. Coombs 16, B. Burnett 22 d B. Schubert 18.

The Lawns 66 d Barmera 51.

S. Leesue 30 d A. Stagg 16, P. Lawton 22 d J. O'Brien 16, S. Ivanovic 14 lost to R. Reynolds 19.

Loxton RSL 59 d Renmark 56.

G. Jenke 22 d M. Rice 20, L. Westbrook 19 d B. Dopson 18, J. Wright 18 drew with K. Schulz 18.

	W	L	Agg	Pts
Renmark*	10	3	126	260
Loxton RSL	9	5	106	247
Berri*	8	4	91	233



Steve Munro in action for Lyrup during Saturday's division two pennant match against The Lawns Red. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

Waikerie	9	5	22	223
The Lawns	6	8	-37	162
Loxton	3	11	-120	98
Barmera	2	11	-188	67

DIVISION TWO

Lyrup 71 d The Lawns Red 65.

S. Munro 24 lost to K. Knight 28, J. Wrigley 19 lost to R. Adam 22, T. Gyss 28 d K. Schopp 15.

The Lawns White 72 d Moorook 41.

K. Smith 23 d S. Pantic 10, G. Heywood 17 drew with T. Graetz 17, M. Spano 32 d C. Battams 14.

Waikerie Blue 61 d Loxton 56.

D. Thompson 20 d T. Thurston 12, R. Davies 14 lost to P. Kimber 28, D. Morley 27 d H. Appleton 16.

Monash 66 d Berri 58.

I. Potts 10 lost to R. Kuchel 31, P. Wilkinson 31 d D. Piltz 12, M. Voigt 25 d K. Carpenter 15.

Barmera 53 d Loxton RSL 52.

T. Brown 20 d J. Thiele 15, B. Tamblin 15 lost to N. Jenke 17, P. Thompson 18 lost to B. Rowe 20.

Renmark 65 d Waikerie Gold 48.

D. Leedle 19 d R. Pickett 16, C. Gamble 21 d G. Hall 12, S. Blee 25 d G. VanderMyle 20.

	W	L	Agg	Pts
Lyrup*	13	2	223	333
Monash	11	5	176	278

Waikerie Blue**	10	4	61	275
Lawns White	10	6	113	259
Loxton*	9	6	91	242
Berri	8	8	77	217
Lawns Red	7	9	-9	189
Renmark*	6	9	-6	183
Barmera	7	9	-20	182
Waikerie Gold	6	10	-162	155
Moorook*	4	11	-202	117
Loxton RSL	2	14	-342	66

DIVISION THREE

Loxton Red 68 d The Lawns 50.

J. Peters Jr 21 d P. Brown 16, F. Armfield 19 drew with G. Brown 19, A. Grimsely 28 d L. Pinyon 15.

Lyrup 74 d Loxton White 57.

D. Hill 26 d R. Braddock 16, C. Healey 28 d K. Brandsma 25, J. Healey 20 d D. Proud 16.

Monash 61 drew with Waikerie White 61.

K. Tschirp 23 d E. Loughhead 18, J. John 18 lost to S. Shiers 21, G. Voigt 20 lost to M. Morley 22.

Berri Blue 59 d Renmark Green 49.

P. Tanner 15 lost to M. Walker 23, J. Bradford 29 d J. Thompson 11, B. Bland 15 drew with R. Schulz 15.

Waikerie Black 56 d Barmera 47.

J. Mortimer 17 d P. Van Enkhuyzen 12, D. Boehm 26 d S. Robinson 11, C. Voigt 13 lost to H. Robinson 24.

Finals double-header means hectic weekend

A HECTIC weekend looms for some Bowls Riverland Saturday Pennants players, with the competition moving into finals mode.

Semi-finals will be played in all four divisions on Saturday, before preliminary finals are played on Sunday. Grand finals will be played the following Saturday, February 27.

Saturday's draw:

DIVISION ONE (AT RENMARK):

2nd semi – Renmark v Loxton RSL.
1st semi – Berri v Waikerie.

DIVISION TWO (AT LYRUP):

2nd semi – Lyrup v Monash.
1st semi – Waikerie Blue vs The Lawns White.

DIVISION THREE (AT LOXTON)

2nd semi – Loxton White v Berri Blue.
1st semi – Lyrup v Barmera.

DIVISION FOUR (AT LOXTON)

2nd semi – Loxton v The Lawns.
1st semi – Moorook v Monash.

Berri Red 61 d Renmark Gold 49.

K. Tanner 24 d D. Beer 10, L. Blades 18 lost to N. Wurst 28, B. Knight 19 d S. Crook 11.

	W	L	Agg	Pts
Loxton White	13	3	251	325
Berri Blue	12	4	150	294
Lyrup*	11	4	130	289
Barmera*	10	5	35	267
Ren Gold*	10	5	113	265
Loxton Red*	8	7	24	211
Berri Red	6	10	-36	170
Monash*	6	9	-156	163
Ren Green*	5	10	-60	
Waikerie Black	5	11	-171	138
The Lawns	4	12	-83	127
Waikerie White**	2	12	-197	92

DIVISION FOUR

Monash 49 d Moorook 38.

P. Grocke 15 lost to M. Smith 27, T. Swanbury 34 d H. Smith 11.

Loxton 47 d The Lawns 25.

T. Harrison 21 d N. Dunstan 14, D. Vaughan 26 d M. McCauley 11.

	W	L	Agg	Pts
Loxton	12	3	164	281
The Lawns	9	5	45	217
Moorook	8	8	-45	189
Monash	5	10	-81	140

Loxton steps up as main challenger to Cobby's tennis dominance

LOXTON has stamped itself as the leading challenger to Cobdogla's dominance of the Riverland division one tennis competition.

Loxton beat Renmark last Friday night to move into second spot on the ladder nearing the finals.

After the opening batch of doubles and the singles the match was level at six-rubbers-all, but Loxton aced the final three rubbers to clinch the match 9-6.

Phil Smith and Scott Gillett combined well for Loxton to beat David Strongman and Harry Beavis 6-3, while Jordan Smith and Nadia Kruger edged past John Pick and Tianna Adamczyk in a tie-breaker. Justin Lane and Tasmin Smith also won their 'reverse' doubles, beating Josh Bright and Megan Schwartzkopff 7-5.

Earlier Strongman and Phil Smith had a tremendous battle at top single, with the former taking the match in a tie-breaker.

In the other division one game, Cobdogla kept Barmera to just one rubber in a display of its superiority.

Cobdogla waltzed through the early doubles rubbers and the singles rubbers barely challenged. Barmera

clinched its only rubber in the reverse doubles, when Justin Bannear and Sara-Jane Albrecht were successful.

Meanwhile a detail accompanying a photograph in last week's Riverland tennis report in the Murray Pioneer was incorrect.

The caption said Barmera's William Koskinas lost his singles match in a tie-breaker against Loxton. William in fact won his match 7-6.

DIVISION ONE

Loxton 9-78 d Renmark 6-66.

Doubles: P.-J. Smith lost to D. Strongman-D. Schumann 5-7, J. Lane/S. Gillett lost to H. Beavis/J. Bright 3-6, N. Kruger/T. Smith d T. Adamczyk/K. Schumann 6-4, P.-J. Smith lost to Strongman/D. Schumann 4-6, Lane/Gillett d Beavis/Bright 6-4, Kruger/T. Smith d Adamczyk/K. Schumann 6-0, J. Smith/Gillett d Strongman/Beavis 6-3, J. Smith/N. Kruger d J. Pick/Adamczyk 7-6, Lane/T. Smith d Bright/M. Schwartzkopff 7-5.

Singles: P. Smith lost to Strongman 6-7, J. Smith d D. Schumann 6-2, Lane d Beavis 6-3, Gillett lost to Bright 1-6, Kruger d Adamczyk 6-1, T. Smith lost to Schwartzkopff 3-6.

Cobdogla 14-87 d Barmera 1-39.

Doubles: S. Butterworth/Shane Nettle d J. Wright/M. Jericho 6-2, H. Carter/W. Swinstead d J. Bannear/M. Horsman 6-2, Sophie Nettle/J. Maczkowiack d S. Albrecht/C. Wright 6-2,



Member for Chaffey Tim Whetstone presenting Jamie Myers, from the Waikerie Tennis Club, with an Active Club grant certificate recently. PHOTO: supplied

Butterworth/Shane Nettle d Wright/Jericho 6-2, Carter/Swinstead d Bannear/Horsman 6-4, Sophie Nettle/Maczkowiack d Albrecht/Wright 6-3, Butterworth/Swinstead d Wright/Jericho 6-3, Carter/Maczkowiack lost to Bannear/Albrecht 3-6, Shane Nettle/L. Nettle d Horsman/Wright 6-2.

Singles: Butterworth d Wright 6-2, Carter d Jericho 6-0, Shane Nettle d Bannear 6-3, Swinstead d Horsman 6-2, Sophie Nettle d Albrecht 6-2, Maczkowiack d Wright 6-2.

Points: Cobdogla 16, Loxton, Renmark 10, Barmera 6, Berri 2.

DIVISION TWO

Waikerie 14-88 d Loxton Yellow 1-38.

Doubles: R.-J. Smyth d N. Gibbs/D. Reichelt 6-3, R. Kleeman/B. Kroehn d J. Rubart/L. Cockshell 6-3, P. Kroehn/A. Hull d J. Pearn/D. Gibbs 6-2, R. Smyth/

Kleeman d N. Gibbs/D. Reichelt 6-2, J. Smith/B. Kroehn d Rubarth/Cockshell 6-2, P. Kroehn/Hull d Pearn/A. Taylor 6-2, N. Gibbs/R. Reichelt d R. Smyth/B. Kroehn 6-4, D. Reichelt/Pearn lost to J. Smith/P. Kroehn 4-6, Rubarth/Taylor lost to Kleeman/Hull 4-6.

Singles: N. Gibbs lost to R. Smyth 1-6, B. Reichelt lost to Smith 4-6, Rubarth lost to Kleeman 1-6, Cockshell lost to B. Kroehn 0-6, D. Gibbs lost to P. Kroehn 1-6, Taylor lost to Hull 3-6.

Cobdogla 13-85 d Moorook 2-38.

Doubles: J. Inglis/S. Renfrey d T. Griffin/D. Hill 6-1, J. Pascoe/B. Burton d A. Hogg/A. Hartwig 6-1, H. Drogemuller/J. Nettle lost to M. Hill/C. Newbery 3-6, Inglis/Renfrey d Griffin/D. Hill 6-2, Burton/G. Carter d Hogg/Hartwig 6-1, Drogemuller/Nettle d M. Hill/E. Reichstein 6-4, Inglis/Renfrey d Griffin/D. Hill 6-3, Pascoe/

Drogemuller d Hogg/Newbery 6-3, G.-E. Carter d Hartwin/H. Hill 6-0. Singles: Inglis d Griffin 6-5, Renfrey d D. Hill 6-0, Pascoe d Hogg 7-6, G. Carter d Hartwig 6-0, Drogemuller lost to M. Hill 3-6, E. Carter d Reichstein 6-1.

Barmera 10-79 d Loxton 5-56.

Doubles: Jarrod Loxton/T. Dubrich d P. Jericho/R. Harris 6-4, Jeb Loxton/T. Jachmann lost to T. Charlton/P. Szabo 0-6, A. Graetz/L. Zdanowicz lost to K.-M. Jericho 3-6, Jarrod Loxton/T. Dubrich lost to P. Jericho/R. Harris 4-6, Jeb Loxton/Jachmann d Charlton/Szabo 6-4, Graetz/Zdanowicz d K.-M. Jericho 6-4, J.-J. Loxton lost to P. Jericho/Charlton 2-6, Dubrich/Graetz lost to Harris/K. Jericho 3-6, Zdanowicz/Jachmann lost to Szabo/M. Jericho 2-6.

Singles: Jarrod Loxton d P. Jericho 6-2, Dubrich lost to Charlton 1-6, Jeb Loxton lost to Harris 3-6, Jachmann lost to Szabo 5-7, Graetz d K. Jericho 6-4, Zdanowicz lost to M. Jericho 3-6.

Points: Berri 18, Waikerie 16, Cobdogla 10, Barmera 8, Moorook 6, Loxton Yellow 4, Loxton Black 4.

DIVISION THREE

Barmera 7-49 d Waikerie 3-33.

Doubles: M.-C. Cornelius d J. Bolt/S. Traeger 6-0, A. Kariuki/D. Gilgen lost to T. Kelly/S. Paschke 3-6, M. Cornelius/Kariuki d Bolt/Kelly 6-3, C. Cornelius/Gilgen d Traeger/Paschke 6-4, M. Cornelius/Gilgen d Bolt/Paschke 6-3, C. Cornelius/Kariuki lost to Traeger/Kelly 2-6.

Singles: M. Cornelius d J. Bolt 6-1, C. Cornelius d Traeger 6-2, Kariuki lost to Kelly 2-6, Gilgen d Paschke 6-2.

Paringa Red Dogs 10-61 d Cobdogla 0-21.

N. Spinks/J. Clohesy d J. O'Brien/J. Bowers 6-2, C. Gardner/D. Roesler d M. Hogan/H. Boylan 6-3, Spinks/N. Rivers d O'Brien/Hogan 6-0, Clohesy/Roesler d Bowers/Boylan 6-1, Spinks/Roesler d O'Brien/Boylan 7-6, Rivers/Gardner d Bowers/Hogan 6-1.

Moorook 10-61 d Loxton Bashers 0-21.

D. Kassulke/R. Thomson d G. Amaechi/D. Goodhand 6-3, F. Logos/O. Ackland d B. Wierda/J. Bertram 6-0, D. Kassulke/Logos d Amaechi/Wierda 6-4, Thomson/Ackland d Goodhand/Bertram 6-0, Kassulke/Ackland d Amaechi/Bertram 6-2, Thomson/Logos d Goodhand/Wierda 6-2.

Singles: Kassulke d Amechi 6-0, Thomson d Goodhand 6-3, Logos d Wierda 6-2, Ackland d Bertram 7-5.

Renmark 5-50 d Loxton Smashers 5-49.

B. Coombe/A. Rajab d H. McDonald/R. Loxton 6-4, W. Gillett/Z. Hughes d M. Soulsby/(UP) 6-3, Coombe/Soulsby d McDonald/Gillett 7-5, Rajab/(UP) d Loxton/Hughes 6-2, McDonald/Hughes d Coombe/(UP) 7-6, Loxton/Gillett d Rajab/(UP).

Singles: McDonald d Coombe 6-4, Rajab d Loxton 6-2, Soulsby d Gillett 7-6, (UP) d Hughes 6-4.

Points: Paringa Red Dogs 19, Loxton Smashers 18, Moorook 17, Loxton Smashers 9, Barmera 8, Waikerie 7, Renmark 6, Cobdogla 4.

* UP: Unspecified player

Renmark High wrestles back swimming crown

RENMARK High School wrestled back the Riverland interschool swimming championship shield at the 2021 carnival in Loxton on Monday night.

Renmark beat Glossop by 95 points, 832 points to 737 points, with Loxton finishing in third and Waikerie fourth.

Glossop won the Most Improved shield after finishing fourth in the championship standings in the 2020 event.

Records tumbled as Nyah Schubert, of Glossop High School, broke Olympian Sophie Edington's 50-metre backstroke record by .57 seconds.

Glossop High School's under 15 girls relay team smashed Loxton's previous record by 5.77 seconds in the 50-metre free-style relay event.

Championship shield

Renmark 832 pts, Glossop 737, Loxton 723, Waikerie 556.

Age group pennants

Boys:
Under 14 boys: Renmark 101 pts, Loxton 86, Waikerie 68, Glossop 57.
Under 15 boys: Renmark 99 pts, Glossop 88, Loxton 66, Waikerie 59.
Under 16 boys: Loxton 94 pts, Renmark drew with Waikerie 82, Glossop 54.
Under 20 boys: Renmark 142 pts, Loxton 140, Glossop 104, Waikerie 102.

Girls:
Under 14 girls: Glossop 103 pts, Renmark 80, Loxton 74, Waikerie 55.
Under 15 girls: Glossop 107 pts, Renmark drew with Loxton 78, Waikerie 49.
Under 16 girls: Renmark 103 pts, Glossop 78, Loxton 67, Waikerie 64.
Under 20 girls: Renmark 147 pts, Glossop 146, Loxton 118, Waikerie 87.

Most improved shield

Glossop 941.5 pts, Renmark 855.6, Waikerie 747, Loxton 723.

RESULTS

Butterfly 50m
Under 20 boys
E. Johnson (w) 00:28.87, J. White (R), B. White (R).
Under 20 girls
N. Schubert (G) 00:31.77, M. Long (R) M. Wishart.
Under 14 boys
L. White (R) 00:31.34, Jasper Hutchinson (L) Heath Flett (R).

Freestyle 50m

Under 14 boys
C. Goodman (R) 00:33.78, T. McDonald (L), H. Guy (W).

Under 14 girls
A. Kassebaum (G) 00:33.44, H. Teare (R) K. Verrall (G).
Under 14 girls
A. Gilgen (G) 00:37.30, L. Rothe (G), T. Jungfer (L).
Under 15 boys
B. White (R) 00:30.18, R. Moore (G) L. Marks (G)
Under 15 boys
J. Ratcliffe (R) 00:34.68, L. Edwards (R) A. Hashemi (W).
Under 15 girls
N. Schubert (G) 00:30.95, C. Wishart (G), J. Inglis (L).
Under 15 girls
J. Furniss (G) 00:32.90, M. Wishart (G), P. Martinson (R).
Under 20 boys
J. White (R) 00:26.18, E. Johnson (W), R. Catalano (L).
Under 20 boys
O. Harding (L) 00:31.68, A. Holtham (G), M. Wall (L).
Under 20 girls
Z. Raynes (L) 00:31.86, B. Lambert (R) E. Kassebaum (G).
Under 20 girls
B. Coombs (R) 00:34.83, S. Anderson (R), S. Kassebaum (G).
Under 16 boys
K. Johnson (W) 00:29.52, E. Hoffman (R), J. Haenen (L).
Under 16 boys
R. Kennedy (L) 00:33.14, C. Letton (R), K. Hilton (W).
Under 16 girls
M. Long (R) 00:29.98, J. Lambert (R), T. Dillon (G)
Under 16 girls
S. Anderson (R) 00:35.14, S. Coombs (R), J. Ridley (L).
Under 20 boys
J. White (R) 01:01.21, E., Johnson (W), E. Hoffman (R).
Under 20 girls
M. Long (R) 01:08.40 (R), C. Wishart, J. Furniss (G).

Breaststroke 50m

Under 14 boys
M. Sexton (L) 00:43.93, L. White (R), S. Ivanovic (R).
Under 14 girls
A. Kassebaum (G) 00:49.14, H. Teare (R), M. Groth (L).
Under 20 boys
R. Catalano (L) 00:41.30, M. Wall (L), E. Johnson
Under 20 girls
Z. Raynes (L) 00:44.27, T. Ivanovic, Z. Sims.
Under 15 boys
B. White (R) 00:36.18, R. Moore (G), C. Marks (L).
Under 15 girls
C. Wishart (G) 00:43.62, J. Furniss (G), S. Tippett (R).
Under 16 boys
J. Haenen (L) 00:42.21, E. Hoffman (R), L. Stokes (G).
Under 16 girls
S. Anderson (R) 00:45.74, T. Gore (W), M. Gillet (L).

Backstroke 50m

Under 14 boys
L. White (R) 00:40.62, J. Hutchinson (L), B. Rashleigh (G).
Under 14 girls



Riverland high schools took part in the annual interschool swimming carnival in Loxton on Monday night. PHOTOS: supplied

A. Kassebaum (G) 00:40.99 (R), A. Gilgen (G).
Under 15 boys
B. White (R) 00:37.81, L. Marks (G), L. Edwards (R).
Under 15 girls
N. Schubert (G) 00:33.99, J. Inglis (L), C. Wishart (G).
Under 15 boys
J. White (R) 00:33.40, D. Orr (R), J. Harding (L).
Under 20 girls
J. Lambert (R) 00:39.18, H. Amos (G), T. Ivanovic (R).
Under 16 girls
E. Hoffman (R) 00:36.11, K. Johnson (W), L. Cockshell (L).
Under 16 girls
M. Long (R) 00:36.37, T. Dillon (G), E. Kassebaum (G)
Relay 4x50m
Under 20 boys medley
Renmark 02:16.11, Loxton, Glossop.
Under 20 girls medley
Glossop 02:33.34, Renmark, Loxton.
Under 14 boys free

Renmark 02:14.43, Loxton, Waikerie.
Under 14 girls free
Glossop 02:26.30, Loxton, Renmark.
Under 15 boys relay
Renmark 02:18.34, Glossop, Loxton.
Under 15 girls free
Glossop 02:09.62, Loxton, Renmark.
Under 16 boys free
Loxton 02:08.21, Waikerie, Renmark.
Under 16 girls free
Renmark 02:23.96, Glossop, Loxton.
Under 20 boys free
Loxton 02:01.90, Glossop, Renmark.
Under 20 girls free
Glossop 02:17.37, Renmark, Loxton.

New records

Under 15 girls 50m back
N. Schubert 33.99
Under 15 girls 4x50m free relay
Glossop 2:09.62



Glossop High School's record-breaking under 15 girls freestyle relay team: Molly Wishart (left), Nyah Schubert, Charlotte Wishart and Jordana Furniss.



Renmark High School swimming team captains Bree Lambert and Jordan White after receiving the interschool shield on Monday night.

Sturt crowned Renmark High's shield champions at swimming carnival

RENMARK High School held its annual school swimming carnival on February 4.

Students competed in house groups Murray, Sturt, Chaffey, and Tintra across five age categories.

Two new records were set by the under 16 Sturt boys relay team and the under 16 Chaffey girls relay team on the day.

Scores remained close between

the top teams heading into the relay events which eventually decided the overall champions.

In the end Sturt won the carnival over Murray by 22 points, 730 points to 708 points.

Chaffey placed third on the day with 669 points while Tintra placed fourth.

Maximum points were awarded to eight of the nine age cup winners.

RESULTS

Under 14 Boys
L. White (C) 36 pts (max), S. Ivanovic (C) 32, H. Flett (T) 31.
Under 14 Girls
H. Teare (M) 36pts (max), M. Peterson (S) 29, S. Crook (T) 20.
Under 15 Boys
B. White (S) 36 pts (max), L. Edwards (T) 33, A. Son (T) 24.
Under 15 Girls
S. Tippett (M) 36pts (max), S. Anderson (S) 33, S. Thompson (M) 30.
Under 16 Boys

E. Hoffmann (S) 36pts (max), Michael Slabbert (M) 27, Taj Saatze (C) 23.
Under 16 Girls
M. Long (M) 36 pts (max), J. Lambert (S) 32, S. Anderson (C) 30.
Over 16 Boys
J. White (C) 36pts (max), D. Orr (M) 33, J. Edwards (T) 30.
Over 16 Girls
T. Ivanovic (C) 35 pts, B. Lambert (S) 34, J. Bond (S) 24.
Open Boys
J. White (C) 48pts (max), E. Hoffman (S) 42, D. Orr (M) 38.
Open Girls

M. Long (M) 48pts (max), B. Lambert (S) 40, J. Lambert (S) 3.

Championship Shield
Sturt 730pts, Murray 708, Chaffey 669, Tintra 656.
Handicap Shield (Most Improved)
Tintra 831 pts, Chaffey 735, Sturt 708, Murray 607.
Splash "Bucket" Events
Murray 105.5, SAturt 100, Chaffey 77.5, Tintra 70.
Most Dedicated
B. Hooper (C), C. Lawton (M), J. Doecke (S), A. Esam (T).

One Riverland-born cricket star talks about another...

Rick's big call on Carey

BRENDAN LINES

FORMER state cricket selector and Australian Test batsmen Rick Darling has made a bold prediction about Loxton-born Alex Carey's prospects at Test level.

Darling, from Waikerie, is the most recent Riverland-born cricket player to wear a baggy green, playing 14 Tests from 1978 to 1979.

Following the recent 11th-hour postponement of the South African two weeks ago.

Carey will have to wait until the tour of the West Indies in June for a potential Test debut.

Darling is resolute in the opinion Carey has what it takes to step into the Test team.

"Well, I can see that Alex is going to be the new Adam Gilchrist," he said.

Darling said under-fire Test skipper Tim Paine might be challenged for his spot.

"I would be very worried if I was Tim Paine because obviously Alex can fill in that wicket-keeping role," he said.

"And to have him coming in (batting) at six or seven you can virtually play another all-rounder or another bowler.

"And if he performs there and gets a chance I think he's going to be there for a long time."

Carey, 29, has established a distinguished career across 42 one-day international and 30 T20I appearances.

A recent 101 against Brisbane Heat in January was a timely reminder to the Australian selectors of Carey's influence with the bat.

Darling said in the days he played under captain Ian Chappell selection decisions were made more instinctively.

"Ian Chappell was an advocate of not waiting



Riverland-born Australian Test batsman Rick Darling in action at Adelaide Oval against India in 1978. PHOTO: supplied

until a player has made 2000 first-class runs," he said. "If you are performing at the time, you should get a go."

"I was lucky because I was performing when I was 20.

"I got a game and a couple of tours after that." That 'time' for Carey might have already arrived, according to Darling.

"Alex is one of those players in demand who can play all formats and he's now ready," he said.

"But I'm sure he'll take it in his stride and add Test cricket to his repertoire of T20 and one-day cricket.

"He's in the world of professional cricket now and Test cricket is only part of his game."

So why has it taken so long to produce another Test player, like Darling, born and bred in the Riverland?

"From what I hear it's not going all that well up there," he said.

"In my time as a selector the mandate for SACA was to produce Test cricket players and nothing else.

"And to play Test cricket you have to play for the state and you have to play for one of the clubs, that's the only pathway.

"I think Alex getting selected might be good for local players who may want to make the commitment and come through club cricket."

NEXT WEEK: Pioneer talks to Alex Carey

Berri demolishes Loxton's batting order

BERRI demolished Loxton's batting order on its way to taking a 60-run win in Riverland A grade cricket on Saturday.

Loxton's bowlers started on the front foot as Jake Albrecht's 3/7 knocked over Berri's top order batsmen.

Berri's middle order dug-in, Joshua Willis top scored with 34 runs, helping Berri post a respectable 127 runs at the end of its 40

overs. Jagjeet Sandhu chimed in with a handy 30.

In reply, Loxton's batsmen all went cheaply, with only two players reaching double figures and Luke Zdanowicz top scoring with 13.

Veteran Wayne Scadden did the damage with the ball against the top order, finishing with 3/12, while teammate Richie Kubsch took 4/7 off four overs to clean up Loxton's tailend and seal the win for the home side.

In under 15 Loxton completed its win over Renmark North bowling out the visitors for just 62 runs off 24 overs, in reply to 9/179.

A GRADE

Berri 8/127 d Loxton 67
Berri 8/127 (M. Barber 2, R. Herbert 8, B. Rosenzweig 0, J. Sandhu 30, W. Scadden 0, J. Fielke 18, J. Willis 34, B.J. Oakley 1, J. Preece 26, R. Kubsch 0, J.M. Albrecht 3/7, B. Hoffman 2/24, B.J. Lynch 1/6).
Loxton 67 (M. Hobby 10, J.M. Albrecht 0, L. Zdanowicz 13, B. Hoffman 8, J. Bergamin 6, J. Durdin 0, V. Patel 9 not

out, B.J. Lynch 11, T. O'Shaughnessy 6, M. Worsfold 0, J. Launer 0, R. Kubsch 4/7, W. Scadden 3/12).

Waikerie Ramco v Renmark North (No results received).

UNDER 15

Loxton 9/179 d Renmark North 62
Loxton 9/179 (A. Peltz 50, D. Zdanowicz 18, K. Evans 54 not out, J. Perram 9, R. Montgomery 4, C. Hennig 1, A. Edwards 0, J. Hall 0, C. Schwarz 0, L. Scholz 0, J. Francis 1) d Renmark North 62 (K. Evans 3/5, R. Montgomery 2/5, D. Zdanowicz 2/7).

Brown on target

HAYDEN Brown won the steel 75-target shoot in AA grade Riverland field and game target-shooting on Sunday.

The Renmark Berri Field and Game Association's first event of 2021 attracted 30 shooters and a handful of first-timers.

Julie Gillespie took out the B grade while Karen Miller won in C grade.

Results

AA grade: 1 H. Brown (Renmark) 72/75, 2 R. Shawyer (Renmark) 69/75. A grade: 1 M. Rover (Renmark) 68/75, 2 D. Hutchinson (Waikerie) 61/75. B grade: J. Gillespie (Loveday) 58/75, J. Redway (Renmark) 49/75. C grade: K. Miller (Renmark) 49/75, M. Stoeckel (Renmark) 42/75.

Lacey's trophy win

THE first round of the Renmark Small Bore Rifle club's Mark Cresp trophy was held at 90 meters in windy conditions on February 11.

Brenton Lacey was the handicap winner and Mark Cresp won the off-rifle event.

Results

B. Lacey 99.3, 99.1 (0) 198, M. Cresp 99.2, 100.3 (0) 199, H. Lloyd 96.1 95.1 (3) 192, R. Ward 95.1, 88.0 (1) 184.

Broekers' 180s

IN round eight of the Riverland darts summer season Cobby Eagles beat local rivals Expendables 10-1 last week.

Eagles' Jeff Broekers kept up his consistent form twice scoring maximum 180 and a high peg-out of 112.

In the other match Monash Wanderers were lucky to come away with a 7-4 win over Double Jacks.

Wayne Bonham scored a maximum 180 for a second week in a row saving the match for Wanderers.

Results

Monash Wanderers 7 (W. Bonham 180, 140, 133, 125, 123, 100 x 2, A. Weidenhofer 123, 102, 100, R. Stemp 105, A. Martin 100 x 2) d Double Jacks 4 (L. Platten 140 x 2, 125 x 3, 100, K. Wenske 114, F. Wenske 100 x 2).
Cobby Eagles 10 (J. Broekers 180 x 2, 140 x 3, 125, 121 x 2, 100 x 4, 112 high peg, A. Hargreaves 140 x 2, 135, 125, 121 x 2, 100 x 4, S. McKinnon 140, 125, 100 x 2) d Expendables 1 (S. Lockwood 125, D. Kiggs 101, 100, A. Barnes 101, G. Norman 100 x 3).

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30hp Sports (from left) Shane Taylor, Reece Yard holding Jaxx, Zac and Scott Pogorecki and Jake Payne. Front: Bailey Yard. Absent: Tim McKenzie. PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff



30hp rookies' podium Taylee and Bradley Healy, Luke Gordon, Cameron Price, Zach and Shae Lochert.



30hp Super Standard class podium Luke Bacskai, Bode Baylis, Nick Gray, Luke Sharrad, Nathan and Joel Woodrow.



30hp Standard Class Ben Lloyd, Ben Bruhn, Ty Wagenknecht, Briley Gibbs, Tyson August and Braiden Hocking.



300cc Modified Class Reece Glazbrook, Nathan Wilson, John Chigros and Riley Harmer.



25hp Class Ki Shaddock, Cohen Jenke, Tanya and Mark Webber. Absent: Charlie Stutchbury and Steven Whittley.



15hp Class Hudson Pearce, Emmy and James Haslett, Jaxon McInnes and Cain Berryman. Absent: Ollie Pearce.

Dinghy Derby correction:

LAST week's Dinghy Derby results in the Murray Pioneer were provisional results.

The official results in 30hp super standard class are: N. Gray/L. Sharrad 1:25.15, B. Baylis/L. Bacskai, J. Woodrow/N. Woodrow.

A detail in last week's Dinghy Derby 30hp standard class first place results was also incorrect.

The report read "T. Wagenknecht/S. Gibbs." when in fact the winners were T. Wagenknecht/B. Gibbs.

RIVERLAND GOLF

THE Loxton Golf Club hosted 33 teams over two days of Riverland golf two-ball and single-ball ambrose competition last weekend

On Saturday Steve Palat and Michael Modlinski shot an impressive round of 65 off the stick for a net 62.75.

Palat and Modlinski won by a half a shot over runners-up Darren Pfeiller and Dave Sunman who posted 71 for a net 63.25.

On Sunday, Mark Howie, from Berri Golf Club, shot 77 off the stick for a net 71.

Runner-up Andrew Hume scored 71 of the stick for a net 72.

LOXTON

Stableford, Wed, February 10, Ladies: S. Grein 35pts, runner-up: M. Tyler 33. Stableford men's A grade winner: M. Howie 38pts (Berri Golf Club), runner-up J. Wright 36 (Barmera Golf Club) (cb) S. Palat 36. Stableford, Men's B grade winner John Reynolds 41pts, runner-up M. Bacon 35 (Virginia Golf Club). Stableford, Fri, February 12: Winner D. Unferdorben 36pts, runner-up M. Taylor 33pts.

Farmers Pannell and Sons two-person Ambrose, Sat, February 13: winner S. Palat/M. Modlinski 65 net 62.75, runner-up D. Pfeiller/D. Sunman 71 net 63.25. Ambrose, singles, Sun, February 14: winner M. Howie 77 net 71 (Berri Golf Club), runner-up A. Hume 71 net 72.

BARMERA

Stableford, Wed, February 10: R. Bedford 39pts, N. Kelton (from SA Prison Off. GC) 38, B. Whitehead 35, T. Fisher 35, N. McPherson 34, T. Graetz 34, P. Wenman 34, K. Martin 34, R. Nagy (from Berri GC) 34. John Thomas Memorial Trophy, third round, Sat, February 13: G. Millard +4 (par), S. Weir +2, D. Agg +2, G. Blythman +2, W. Whateley +2, D. Hodgson +1, T. Jackson +1, M. Eisner 0, M. Williams 0, R. Chabrel 0, E. van Hensbergen 0, M. Starkey 0, P. Hamood 0.

BERRI

Stableford, Wed, February 10: P. Mudge 39 pts, I. Bradshaw 35 (cb), S. Gore 35, K. Wyman 34 (cb), C. Hyde 34, E. Dawson 34, W. Thiele 33 (cb), R. Knight 33. Birdies, C. Berry 6th, M. Wilksch 16th. Stableford, Sat, February 13: C. Smith 40 pts (cb), M. Jennings 40, C. McKinlay 39 (cb), P. Jury 39, D. Dawson 38, W. Hocevar 37, I. Bradshaw 35 (cb), A. Thiel 35, T. McHugh 35, Y. Reynolds 35, B. Hartshorne 35, R. Knight 34 (cb), L. Mudge 34. Eagles M. Clifford 2nd, R. Day 9th, Birdies T. McHugh 13th. Stableford, Sun, February 14: J. Stephenson 41 pts, P. Cummins 36, G. Mack 35 (cb), R. Dale 35, R. Thurmer 34 (cb), L. Smith 34, M. Jennings 33. Birdie P. Cummins 6th.

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Barber guides ABCDE FC to victory

ABCDE FC thumped FC Fucurodani by 12 goals in round 12 of Riverland Futsal played in Berri on Sunday.

Marty Barber top-scored for ABCDE FC with four goals in the 15-3 win.

Young God FC won by a single goal in a tight tussle with Under Construction, while two goals to Zac Hamood helped Tekkerslovakia to a 4-2 win over Cinga FC.

In the women's games Pimms Parade won 3-1 over Arse-n-all, while in the other match BHC won by the barest of margins over Banana Slugs 5-4.

Dicky Knees had a crushing 14-1-win over SPF 50 + in the mixed game.

RESULTS

MEN

Tekkerslovakia 4 d Cinga FC 2.
 Best: Tekkerslovakia - F. Pipinis, Z. Hamood, Cinga FC - I. Rafie Goddi, J. Guillen.
 Goals: Tekkerslovakia - Z. Hamood 2, D. Kanankaris, V. Kollias, Cinga FC - I. Rafie Goddi, H. Papageorgios.
 ABCDE FC 15 d FC Fucurodani 3.
 Best: ABCDE FC - M. Barber, K. Head, FC Fucurodani - M. Rayner, T. Mitchell.
 Goals: ABCDE FC - M. Barber 4, K. Head 3, E. Wade 3, J. Pintilie 2, K. Barber Jnr, M. Eleftheriadis, own goal (TLC), FC Fucurodani - M Rayner 3.
 Young God FC 8 d Under Construction 7.
 Best: Young God FC - B. Koskinas, O. Hunyadi, Under Construction - J.K. Kim, M. Singh.
 Goals: Young God FC - B. Koskinas 4, O. Hunyadi 2, L. Psarakis, T. O'Shaughnessy, Under Construction - M. Singh 3, J.K. Kim 3, J. Singh.

WOMEN

Pimms Parade 3 d Arse-n-all 1.
 Best: Pimms Parade - L. Quinn, A. Pipinis, Arse-n-all - K. Watkins, T. Albrecht.
 Goals: Pimms Parade - S. Woods, H. Amos, L. Quinn, Arse-n-all - M. Rayner.
 BHC 5 d Banana Slugs 4.
 Best: BHC - K. Jury, K. Hibberd, Banana Slugs - M. Coombe.

Goals: BHC - N Milne 3, B Hibberd, K Jury, Banana Slugs - G Skilton 2, M Coombe 2.

MIXED

Tastes Like Chicken 11 d Banana Slugs 4.
 Best: Tastes Like Chicken - C. Mitchell, T. Mitchell, Banana Slugs - J. Skilton, M. Coombe.
 Goals: Tastes Like Chicken - T. Mitchell 5, C. Mitchell 2, M. Rayner, M. Rayner, M. Akaso, own goal (BS), Banana Slugs - J. Skilton 2, A. Perry, M. Coombe.
 Dicky Knees 14 d SPF 50 + 1.
 Best: SPF 50 + - Z. Hamood, M. Bourton, Dicky Knees - T. Greer, S. Greer.
 Goals: SPF 50 + - M. Bourton 6, N. Bourton 3, M. Barber 2, D. Kanankaris, Z. Hamood, J. Bourton, Dicky Knees - D. Greer.

UNDER 16

Red Hot Chillies 9 d Hula Dancers 4.
 Best: Red Hot Chillies - T. Ogle, A. Halupka, Hula Dancers - T. Mitchell, M. Rayner.
 Goals: Red Hot Chillies - T. Ogle 3, A. Halupka 3, M. Akaso 3, Hula Dancers - T. Mitchell 2, S. Miller, J. Heuzenroeder.

Bridget 12 d Teenage Mutant Ninja Moles 8.
 Best: Bridget - E. Wade, T. Pipinis, Teenage Mutant Ninja Moles - A. Son, K. Kahlon.
 Goals: Bridget - D. Greer 4, E. Wade 4, T. Pipinis 3, R. Verrall, Teenage Mutant Ninja Moles - U. Somuncu 4, G. Tsolomitis 2, A. Son, K. Kahlon.

UNDER 14

Hatrick Swayze 5 d Radical Reds (forfeit).
 Teenage Mutant Ninja Moles 14 d Ball of Duty 6.
 Best: Teenage Mutant Ninja Moles - G. Tsolomitis, U. Somuncu, Ball of Duty - M.A. Perre, F. Perre.
 Goals: Teenage Mutant Ninja Moles - A. Son 6, U. Somuncu 4, G. Tsolomitis 3, B. Clark, Ball of Duty - F. Perre 2, N. Adam 2, M.A. Perre, D. Vrakking.

UNDER 12

Super Strikers 4 d Block it Like it's Hot 3.
 Best: Super Strikers - B. Tsakarellos, J. Ikesa, Block it Like it's Hot - Z. Hronopoulos, N. Vallelonga.
 Goals: Super Strikers - R. Thiele-Butterworth 2, B. Tsakarellos, A. Flavel, Block it Like it's Hot - J. Hunter 2, Z. Hronopoulos.



Mitchell Rayner (left) and Marty Barber in Riverland futsal action last Sunday. PHOTOS: supplied



Zac Hamood (left) scored two goals in Terrorslovakia's 4-2-win over Cinga FC in round 12 of Riverland futsal.

Raspberry Lemonade 6 d Blues Brothers 2.0 3.
 Best: Raspberry Lemonade - M. Mitchell, J. Abela, Blues Brothers 2.0 - W. Marks, K. Krendle.
 Goals: Raspberry Lemonade - M. Bourton 3, M. Rayner, M. Mitchell, own goal (BB), Blues Brothers 2.0 - J. Sweet 2, W. Marks.

UNDER 12 GIRLS

Footloose 5 d The Saints (forfeit).
 The Pink Marshmallows 14 d Go Getters 1.
 Best: The Pink Marshmallows - M. Bourton, M. Mitchell, Go Getters - R. Wishart, B. Kaur.
 Goals: M. Bourton 9, M. Mitchell 2, A. Perry 2, own goal (GG), Go Getters - R. Wishart.



Matilda Mitchell (right) and Sian Woods in the women's futsal competition.

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Supercats victorious in top-of-the-table clash

LOXTON handed Barmera's division one men's basketball team its second loss of the season during a top-of-the-table matchup last Thursday.

The Supercats looked set to build a strong lead early, with an advantage of 11 points just two minutes before half time, but the Lakers managed nine unanswered points to head into the break just two points behind.

Barmera hit the front in a tit-for-tat third quarter, but a strong defensive effort from Loxton in the final quarter carried it to a seven-point win.

Jesse Will led the scoring for Loxton with 19 points, while Jack Sullivan had 13 points for Barmera.

Renmark managed a seven-point win of its own in a physical game against Berri to reclaim third place on the ladder.

The Steamers looked in trouble in the first half, with Blazers guard Judd Hansen starting out hot with 14 points through the first two quarters.

Despite foul trouble that saw two players from each side foul out, a strong offensive effort in the final quarter saw Renmark walk away with a 63-56 win.

Declan Johnson scored 16 for Renmark, despite fouling out, while Hansen led all scorers with 22.

In women's division one action, Loxton moved back into second place on the ladder after picking up a narrow victory over

Barmera.

A competitive and low-scoring first half saw Barmera hold a one-point advantage, and the Lakers threatened to run away with the game after scoring 10 points in two minutes to start the third quarter.

The Supercats managed to battle back, trailing by just two heading into the fourth quarter.

With scores level at 53, Loxton's Mackella Hogan made a shot with just seconds remaining in the game to secure the win for her team.

Hogan led the way for Loxton with 25 points, while Barmera's Ashlee Wutke scored 14 points in the loss.

Berri came tantalising close to its first win of the season, but fell just short against Renmark.

After a slow start in the first quarter for both teams, the Steamers managed to build a lead of eight points over the Blazers heading into the final period.

Berri's Lana Gregoric scored nine straight points for her team, and a three-pointer from Despina Eleftheriadis brought the Blazers within striking distance just over a minute remaining, but Renmark's defence did just enough to hold on for a five-point win.

Renmark's Zoe Siviour scored more than half of her team's points with an impressive 26, while Gregoric led the scoring for Berri with 18 points.



Loxton's Jesse Will reaches out to steal the ball from Barmera's Jed Millington in men's division one basketball last week. PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopf

RESULTS

MEN

DIVISION ONE

Renmark	16	31	46	63
Berri	20	35	47	56

Points: Renmark - D. Johnson 16, B. Rover 14, C. Gartery 13, A. Haynes 12, J. Brine 4, R. Curtis 4.
Berri - J. Hansen 22, R. Kunoth 9, H. Campbell 6, S. Smith 6, I. Woolston 5, K. Harkins 4, W. Frankel 2, P. Minchella 2.

Loxton	14	30	41	58
Barmera	13	28	43	51

Points: Loxton - J. Will 19, R. Stasinowsky 11, B. Whitelaw 9, T. Wagner 6, J. Tschirpig 5, R. Kennedy 4, L. Francis 2, L. Phillips 2. Barmera - J. Sullivan 13, D. Millard 12, R. Haigh 10, S. Butterworth 5, A. Smith 5, C. Marks 3, J. Millington 3.

Ladder	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	%
Barmera	7	2	2	648	473	27	137.0
Loxton	6	1	3	570	471	23	121.0
Renmark	4	2	4	538	550	20	97.82
Waikerie	3	2	5	431	466	18	92.49
Berri	1	3	7	392	619	16	63.33

DIVISION TWO

Tigers 62 d Barmera 26; Allstars 66 d Renmark 35; Steamers 41 d Waikerie 26; Loxton 49 d Chaffey 34; Wildcats 30 d Supercats 19; Berri 41 d Warriors 34.

DIVISION THREE

Lakers 24 d Berri 19; Renmark 45 d Blazers 30; Warriors 41 d Supercats 28; Loxton 49 d Barmera 38; Waikerie 57 d Steamers 25.

DIVISION FOUR

Loxton 48 d Renmark 36; Barmera 26 d Steamers 10.

WOMEN

DIVISION ONE

Renmark	11	26	40	51
Berri	8	21	32	46

Points: Renmark - Z. Siviour 26, A. Modlinski 10, R. Leuders 5, J. Haynes 3, M. Newman 2, S. Rucioch 2, K. Waechter 2, T. Cooper 1. Berri - L. Gregoric 18, K. Krollig 8, A. Krollig 6, C. Gates 6, D. Eleftheriadis 4, A. Westley 2, C. Drogemuller 2.

Loxton	10	25	40	55
Barmera	11	26	42	53

Points: Loxton - M. Hogan 25, P. Roberts 12, S. Smith 12, S. Edwards 3, E. Foulds 3. Barmera - A. Wutke 14, C. Wutke 13, L. Hill 9, T. Dillon 5, A. Haigh 5, L. Martin 4, K. Stavrou 3.

Ladder	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	%
Waikerie	6	2	2	449	400	24	112.3
Loxton	6	1	3	555	399	23	139.1
Barmera	6	2	3	482	438	22	110.1
Renmark	4	1	5	450	544	19	82.72
Berri	0	2	9	381	536	13	71.08

DIVISION TWO

Loxton 37 d Supercats 16; Renmark 24 d Barmera 19.

DIVISION THREE

Barmera 37 d Supercats 29; Lakers 28 d Renmark 21; Berri 40 d Chaffey 28; Steamers 28 d Tigers 21.

DIVISION FOUR

Berri 50 d Supercats 10; Blazers 39 d Wildcats 37; Allstars 34 d Renmark 17; Waikerie 24 d Steamers 13; Tigers 38 d Loxton 13.

BOYS

U18

Div 1 Loxton 52 d Berri 31; Renmark 36 d Barmera 32. Div 2 Waikerie 49 d Supercats 25.

U16

Div 1 Barmera 31 d Loxton 29; Renmark 53 d Waikerie 23. Div 2 Berri 45 d Barmera 25; Loxton 20 d Renmark 19.

U14

Div 1 Loxton 58 d Berri 15; Renmark 40 d Barmera 31. Div 2 Waikerie 30 d Renmark 12; Barmera 20 d Lakers 17; Loxton 56 d Berri 13.

U12

Div 1 Barmera 35 d Renmark 18; Loxton 27 d Berri 17. Div 2 Waikerie 25 d Supercats 8.

GIRLS

U18

Barmera 34 d Renmark 23; Berri 28 d Waikerie 11.

U16

Barmera 37 d Waikerie 16; Loxton 36 d Berri 33; Renmark 47 d Supercats 10.

U14

Barmera 32 d Waikerie 17; Berri 41 d Loxton 20; Supercats 45 d Warriors 6.

U12

Div 1 Barmera 37 d Berri 20; Renmark 22 d Waikerie 8. Div 2 Waikerie 25 d Supercats 8.



Loxton's Paige Roberts goes up for a lay-up in her side's two-point win over Barmera in division one women's action.



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Blue smashes season-high

RENMARK and Berri teams faced-off in local derbies in Riverland A grade baseball last Friday at Glassey Park.

Renmark Blue brought a strong batting game, beating Renmark White by 10 runs.

Renmark Blue controlled the match from the get-go, extending a seven-run lead at the end of the first innings.

Renmark White salvaged some pride by matching Renmark Blue with three runs a piece in the third innings.

Staring down the barrel of an inevitable defeat, Renmark White took its opportunity to blood some junior pitchers.

Lee Rasheed's two safe hits put the game beyond doubt for Renmark Blue, smashing its way to a season-high score.

In the other game Berri Red had a comfortable nine-run win over Berri Blue.

Berri Blue got the jump on Berri Red establishing a slim one-run lead after the first innings.

Berri Red quickly reined in the deficit, smashing six runs in the second innings with no answers from Berri Blue.

Berri Red kept applying scoreboard



Marley Fridd (left) and Gabriel Good at last Friday's Baseball SA coaching clinic. PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff

pressure with a further two runs in the third.

Berri Blue was bereft of any scoring potency, posting just four hits for the game.

Pitcher Tom Brook had a good night on the mound for Berri Red, scoring two strike-outs.

In the final game of the junior season Berri Red was victorious with a three-run win over Renmark.

Berri Red led by a single run at the end of the first innings.

Renmark hit-back in the second with two runs, taking back the lead by one run at the bottom of the second.

Pitchers Alex Foley (Berri) and Josh Peltz (Renmark) battled for supremacy of the mound, squaring the ledger with five strike-outs each.

Berri dug deep, scoring four runs in the third inning mounting a memorable final stand to close its season.

Meanwhile Baseball SA held a coaching session at Glassey park in Berri last Friday night.

A GRADE

Innings	1	2	3	4	T
Renmark Blue	7	4	3	1	15
Renmark White	0	2	3	0	5
Safe hits: Renmark Blue - L. Rasheed 2, N. Tzanos, J. Di Cerbo, L. O'Brien. Renmark White - L. McDonald, C. Jarrett, K. Radloff, M. McDonald, D. Grenfell.					

Innings	1	2	3	4	T
Berri Red	1	6	2	4	13
Berri Blue	2	0	0	2	4
Safe hits: Berri Red - J. Frazer, A. Rogers, L. Kambouris 2, T. Brook, P. Reid, K. Taylor, A. Weir, K. Liddel. Berri Blue - S. Goldspink, C. Hawker, L. Sutherland, T. Halupka.					

JUNIORS

Innings	1	2	3	T
Berri	2	0	4	6
Renmark	1	2	0	3
Safe hits: Berri - D. Binder 2, L. Gray 2, M. Ebert, J. Mulvey. Renmark - J. Peltz 2, M. Wilson, R. Halupka, L. Williams.				

Vic lockdown robs Alice of baseball spot

THE actions of the COVID-spooked Victorian Government has temporarily robbed former Riverlander Alice Prokopec of the chance to play alongside Australia's best women baseballers.

Adelaide-based Prokopec was named in the Brisbane Bandits squad for the Australian Women's Baseball Showcase, scheduled to be played in Melbourne this weekend.

The two-game double-header between the Bandits and the Victoria Aces was to be played at the Melbourne Ballpark on Saturday and Sunday, however it was officially postponed following the Victorian Government's snap lockdown, imposed on Friday night.

The initiative aims to bring together the country's best women baseballers,



Alice Prokopec in action for Glenelg. PHOTO: Facebook

and Glenelg Baseball Club member Prokopec was the sole SA player picked for the Bandits.

Prokopec was a star softball player in the Riverland – and a former state representative – before leaving the region. She is part of the well-known Prokopec baseball-softball family, which includes former Major League player Luke Prokopec.

Baseball Australia said this week the Showcase would be rescheduled.



Lyrup batter Hayden Johns swings into a pitch during in Riverland A grade softball action on Saturday. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

Ladder leaders and Renmark battle out 11-all draw

LADDER leader Loxton drew with third-placed Renmark in Riverland A grade softball on Saturday.

A four-bagger to Nicole Mentha helped Renmark reel in Loxton's early lead.

Loxton smashed six runs in the sixth innings and looked like it might run away with the game.

A determined Renmark fought back in the final innings to tie the game.

The result put the brakes on Loxton's run into finals, now sitting just one win ahead of Cobdogla.

In the other senior game Cobdogla overcame a slow start, taking a 9-1 win over Lyrup.

Lyrup opened its scoring account by taking a slim one-run lead after the first innings.

Cobdogla took until the fourth innings to find its form with the bat, but once the hits came the runs started flowing.

The more experienced Cobdogla outfit controlled the game in the field with a double-play from pitcher Di Passmore a highlight

In the C grade Berri kept its finals hope alive with an upset two-run win over top side Loxton Green.

Cellar dwellers Loxton Blue and Renmark played a 10-all draw in what was a chance gone begging for both teams to post a rare win.

SENIORS

Cobby 9 d Lyrup 1.
Best: Cobby – J. Gregory, D. Passmore, B. Smith, Lyrup – H. Johns, I. Kameta, D. Rothe.
Loxton 11 drew with Renmark 11.
Best Players: Loxton – I. Edwards, K. Johnson, A. Stokes, Renmark – N. Mentha, A. Selve, J. Botten.

C GRADE

Loxton Blue 10 drew with Renmark 10.
Best: Loxton Blue – L. Johnson, G. Mitchell, R. Geraghty, Renmark – T. Botten, K. Radloff, K. Botten.
Berri 13 d Loxton Green 11.
Best: Berri – K. Pellosis, S. Sampson. R. Erasga, Loxton Green – J. Hucks, A. White, M. Reichstein.

Westies' Riverland greats honoured

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"That's what they do in years and years of non-playing roles, supporting players and making it easier for them.

"So, to be included in that group is an amazing honour."

For Beech, a 154-game player, the honour marks his return to the club after a year away playing in Queensland.

"I love the footy club and obviously I've been there for a while now," he said.

"And it's a great honour..."

"It's good I can still play and hopefully win another premiership."

Mickan said the pair represent Riverland football's contribution across the club's most recent history.

"You could make an amazing team just out of Riverlanders," he said.

"And no doubt that goes back a long time.

"The Riverland has been well represented at senior level for West Adelaide and has been a very rich zone."

The pairs success culminated in West Adelaide's 2015 premiership with Mickan as coach and Beech as a player.

Having been to the heights of

the club's most recent success the pair share a high regard for each other.

Mickan said Beech's ability to play many roles was a key to its premiership success.

"Jono is a quality person there's no doubt about that," he said.

"He's very coachable and he did play a number of roles in that year (2015).

"He played a super grand final too. He's been a great acquisition to West Adelaide, a real leader amongst the players and a good example to young players of how to go about your preparation."

Conversely, Beech said Mickan brought an attacking style of football as a coach.

"He gave the playing group and myself a lot of confidence," he said.

"When he came to the club he got us to really attack and that resulted in us winning a premiership.

"He's a great communicator and all the boys got along really well with him.

"It was awesome Mark and I got the life membership on the night."

Mickan and Beech also share Neil Kerley Medals as best and fairest winners at the club.



New West Adelaide Football Club life member Jono Beech at Lyrup on Saturday during the SANFL club's preseason camp. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff



LEFT: Renmark product Mark Mickan receiving his West Adelaide Football Club life membership last week. He is pictured with former player and club volunteer of 25 years Jack Hamilton.



LEFT: Barmera-Monash product and West Adelaide 2015 premiership player Jono Beech with his life membership.

PHOTO: West Adelaide Football Club

Nippy's Gift to celebrate 20th year

ATHLETES will travel from across the country to compete in the 20th running of the Nippy's Loxton Gift Carnival on Saturday, February 27.

Since 2002, the South Australian Athletic League has conducted the annual race day and it has established itself as a highlight on the state's athletics calendar.

Four heats of men's sprinters will contest the \$7000 Nippy's Loxton Gift, including past winners Jacob Aston (2019), Jack Norris (2017), Brad Schutz (2014) and Clay Watkins (2013). Stawell Gift and Bay Sheffield runner-up Tjimarri Sanderson-Milera has entered, while the backmarker will be Queensland Fejiro Omuvwie, with the Olympic relay hopeful likely to start off scratch.

In the 120m Women's Gift, Natassia Messent will be hard to beat after her placing in the 2020 edition of the 120m Women's Bay Sheffield and her win in the 400m Women's Camden Classic earlier this month.

South Australian Athletic League president Colin Rowston said excitement is



Jacob Aston, winner of the 2019 Nippy's Gift, will return to attempt to win a second Gift in Loxton on Saturday, February 27. PHOTO: supplied

building for this year's event.

"The Nippy's Loxton Gift Carnival has gained a terrific reputation amongst athletes, coaches and officials and we can't wait to make the trip up again this year," he said.

"With racecaller Terry McAuliffe once again on hand to describe all the action, it

will be a terrific night of sporting entertainment for everyone to enjoy."

Action will kick off at 5pm, with the Nippy's Loxton Gift final the last race of the night, scheduled for 9.30pm. Local Little Athletics and races for Riverland footballers and netballers will also be on the program.



Clint Bambrick snatches victory just ahead of Brad Temple. PHOTO: supplied

Bambrick's road race

THE Riverland Cycling Club held its 37km Gurra Road handicap race at Lyrup on February 14.

Clint Bambrick snatched the win from Brad Temple with Eloise Temple in third.

Scott Hardwick won the club's Monash criterium short-course handicap held on February 10.

RESULTS

Monash Criterium 35-minute short-course handicap: S. Hardwick (3 laps), C. Bambrick, L. Rasheed (3), R. Strout (3), K. Ridley (1.5), W. Champion (3), L. Stevens (3), S. Lahainer (3), I. Thomas (3), A. Yila (3). Gurra Road. 37km handicap: C. Bambrick (16.5min), B. Temple (16.50), E. Vaughan (15), L. Stevens (15), S. Jaensch (15), B. Anderson (15), C. Ward (12), P. Weston, A. Yila, L. Rasheed (9), C. Holtham (12), I. Thomas (9).

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Renmark's high on victory

Renmark High School were this year's Riverland Interschool Swimming champions. Pictured are (front, left) Madelyn Long, year 11 and sisters Bree, year 12, and Jenna Lambert, year 10. PHOTO: Peta-Marie Philippou

RENMARK High School wrestled back the Riverland interschool swimming championship shield at the 2021 carnival in Loxton on Monday night.

Renmark beat Glossop by 95 points, 832 points to 737 points, with Loxton finishing in third.

Glossop won the Most Improved shield after finishing fourth in the championship

standings in the 2020 event.

Records tumbled as Nyah Shubert, of Glossop High School, broke Olympian Sophie Edington's 50-metre backstroke record by .57 seconds.

Glossop High School's under 15 girls relay team smashed Loxton's previous record by 5.77 seconds in the 50-metre freestyle relay event.

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Westies' Riverland greats honoured

BRENDAN LINES

RIVERLAND football greats Mark Mickan and Jono Beech have been honoured by the West Adelaide Football Club with life memberships.

Mickan and Beech received their honours at the club's AGM last Wednesday.

Mickan played 122 games between 1981 to 1996 and said his life membership came unexpectedly.

"In my contribution, I thought it probably wouldn't warrant selection of a life membership for the reason I wasn't there for that long," he said.

"So, I really do value the life membership,

"People that have also been honoured with a life membership have often spent 20 to 30 years as a statistician or a team manager.



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