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Supporters of a planned rally calling for the Riverland stretch of the River Murray to be reopened to leisure activities, Michael Polson, of Renmark, Ian Cass, of Loxton, and Malcolm O'Brien, of Gurra Gurra. PHOTO: Paul Mitchell

‘Unsafe’ building forces council to move...



DOWN TO THE RIVER

“SIGNIFICANT” structural defects, air quality issues and mould have forced Berri Barmera Council’s staff to begin relocating from their principal office of 40 years to a vacant riverfront building.

Council has commenced moving from 19 Wilson Street, Berri, to 5 Riverview Drive – the former Centrelink building.

Independent structural and environmental assessments

undertaken at the council office late last year revealed “significant deterioration in the building’s structural integrity and associated issues with air quality, due to mould”.

Berri Barmera Council

CEO Dylan Strong said council had occupied the Wilson Street office for more than 40 years, but the building was no longer safe for staff and visitors.

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Berri Barmera Council's existing Wilson Street office.

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An explanation, but no excuse



Tim Whetstone says losing his driver's licence was a low priority, compared to dealing with flood-related matters, hence he didn't tell State Opposition Leader David Speirs until last week. The duo are pictured in Waikerie last November. PHOTO: Christine Webster

'Why I didn't speak up any earlier'

CONTINUED focus on the delay between losing his licence and telling his boss about it has bemused Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone.

Mr Whetstone only revealed his licence suspension to Opposition Leader David Speirs last Friday, more than three months after it occurred, as widely reported.

However, Mr Whetstone says as he was able to continue carrying out his duties during the suspension period, telling Mr Speirs about the situation "was not a high priority".

"I made all the provisions to continue my obligations as MP...nothing changed," he said.

"My view is, why is everyone so fixated on me not telling Speirs?"

"I was concentrating on what was my priority and telling David Speirs that I didn't have a licence was not a high priority of mine.

"Doing my job well was what I considered a high priority. I can be judged on that and if people don't like it, they don't like it."

Mr Whetstone, who regained his licence on December 27, before the story broke, said he finally decided to volunteer the information after word started to spread.

"It got to a point where people were probably asking questions about why I had friends and staff driving me," he said.

In The Advertiser this week Mr Speirs said he had a "frank, serious and difficult discussion" with Mr Whetstone and that ideally he would have learned about the situation "a bit sooner".

Mr Speirs also said there was "an incompatibility with a multitude of driving offences and the road safety portfolio".

- PAUL MITCHELL

Tim says flood crisis led to speeding fines

PAUL MITCHELL

TIM Whetstone has offered an apology, an explanation, but no excuses for losing his driver's licence and subsequently standing down as State Opposition road safety spokesperson.

Multiple speeding offences saw the Chaffey Liberal MP relinquish his licence in September, however he only revealed the news publicly last Friday.

Mr Whetstone said just one of the offences attracted three demerit points, for exceeding the speed limit by between 10km/h and 20km/h, while the remainder were

two-demerit-point offences (less than 10km/h).

While stressing that he blamed no one but himself, Mr Whetstone said his focus on the electorate's flood crisis had seen him cover extra kilometres and fulfil additional commitments in 2022.

"I was consumed trying to deal with my community's flood preparation and the mitigation of impacts," he said.

"I've always taken pride in my work ethic and having a diary as active as it is puts pressure on me to do even more than I normally would..."

"But look, it is what it

is, I got caught out, and I have no excuses."

Mr Whetstone said he typically drives up to 100,000km per year, mainly travelling back and forth to Adelaide, and that he always tries to "get the maximum out of a day".

Despite being without a licence for three months, Mr Whetstone said he managed to maintain his workload and travel around Chaffey as required during the final three months of 2022.

"During work hours I relied upon my staff (for transport), and at times my family," he said.

"I tried to minimise the

impact as best I could..."

Mr Whetstone released a statement last Friday saying it was "inappropriate" for him to retain the road safety portfolio, however he will remain Opposition spokesperson for police and community safety, corrections, and mental health and suicide prevention.

He admitted the days immediately after his transgression became public had been challenging.

"It's not been easy, no," he said.

"I pride myself in my integrity towards the job and the confidence that people put into me, so

I can only apologise to those that I've let down.

"I haven't treated it lightly, hence stepping away from the road safety portfolio."

Mr Whetstone also described as "absolutely false" accusations he had been reported for drink driving or driving dangerously.

In 2009, Labor's then Road Safety Minister, Tom Koutsantonis, resigned from the portfolio after it was revealed he had over 30 traffic offences and had also lost his licence for three months – in 1999 – for the accumulation of demerit points.

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The scene at Pike River recently. Destination Riverland wants restrictions on the use of River Murray backwaters lifted to help boost local tourism. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

Tourism industry’s call to open river backwaters

JOSH BRINE

THE region’s peak tourism body has echoed calls to review “unnecessary” restrictions on the use of River Murray backwaters and creeks, due to the “dramatic impact” of the ban on the local visitor economy.

In a statement, the Destination Riverland board said it recommended modification of the policy while “still carefully considering the safety of people and property”.

“We believe some of the broader restrictions are

unnecessary and will have a dramatic impact on tourism experiences during our normally busy holiday period,” they said.

“We recommend a review of the policy to allow motorised or unmotorised craft in backwaters and creeks of the Riverland’s floodplain, under current 4-knot restrictions, and away from any inundated infrastructure or levies.

“It is important to remember that flooding of the river system is a natural event, and it is a fabulous time to come to the Riverland to

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witness mother nature in all her glory.”

The board highlighted the challenges facing some local tourism operators during flooding, but said the safety of river users and property was “critical”.

“Many local tourism operators and businesses are currently significantly impacted by the Murray River flood event, particularly those lower-lying areas like caravan

parks and shacks, and the high flows have significantly impacted the houseboat industry,” they said.

“But there are still plenty of safe places in the Riverland to enjoy that are ‘high and dry’, and it is a unique and special time to witness the power and beauty of mother nature as the river flows bring about an explosion of biodiversity to the river environment.”

“We acknowledge the time, money, infrastructure and resources utilised to create various levees, and the vital importance of them to protect critical assets during the flooding event.

“Boat wash should be kept away from these levies to minimise any damage, so we support a ban on motorised vessels in the vicinity of levies.

“It is pleasing that Lake Bonney and professional boat tour operators are

exempt from the restrictions, and that the ban on land-based fishing and yabbing has been lifted.”

Destination Riverland general manager Pamela Canavan said it “certainly hasn’t been a ‘normal’ holiday season” for operators impacted both directly and indirectly by flood.

“With houseboat businesses unable to operate, many of the region’s caravan parks out of action and an absence of those who usually like to enjoy river activities such as wakeboarding and skiing, things have certainly looked very different this year.

“It has been pleasing to hear that locals, as well as their visiting friends and relatives have still enjoyed spending time together in the Riverland this Christmas and new year, as well as some visitors from Adelaide coming up to support the region.”

Meanwhile Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone has labelled the closure of the Lake Bonney inlet a “poor decision”.

A levee across the lake’s inlet was completed in early December to protect infrastructure including a wastewater network, recreational facilities and low-lying residential areas.

However, Mr Whetstone said the closure “takes away the opportunity for the lake to be refreshed, as every other part of the Murray Darling basin is”.

“I just want to see them reconnect the lake, because this is a once-in-50-year event to refresh the lake...” he said.

“I want the lake opened tomorrow if possible.”

Last week, Berri Barmora Mayor Ella Winnall told The Murray Pioneer she and the council wanted the inlet reopened as soon as practical.

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Unsafe again: SA Health’s latest Bonney backflip

PAUL MITCHELL

SA Health’s flip-flopping on Lake Bonney has taken another turn.

After testing the lake for blue-green algae on Saturday and subsequently declaring the lake “safe for all activities”, SA Health was last night expected to again warn

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people against swimming in the water.

Just after 6pm on Saturday, SA Health gave the “green light for swimming and diving again at Lake Bonney” via a media


statement, after the lake had been off limits since December 29.

Its principal water quality adviser, Dr David Cunliffe, said SA Health would continue to monitor the lake and The Murray Pioneer understands the latest testing, done sometime after Saturday, led to yesterday’s backflip.

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Tinny rally to send a message



This drone photo over the Goolwa Street area of Renmark shows the receding water levels. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

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“More and more people are getting angry,” Mr Cass said.

“We don’t want to operate in the main river, run our ski boats, or do anything dangerous, we just want restrictions on aluminium boats

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and punts, canoes and kayaks lifted.

“Small boats in backwaters are as safe as they’ve ever been.”

Loxton-based Mr Cass hopes a mass gathering of trailers and tinnies in Berri on Saturday will send a message to the State Government.

“A whole lot of us are really annoyed about this,” he said.

“It’s not fair, so how about you listen to us?”

Last week the government announced that land-based fishing and yabbing was now permitted, and that the SA stretch of the river had been divided into eight zones, set to be subjected to different restrictions as the peak travels downstream.

As water levels start to

recede, Renmark Paringa Council is among those calling for the government to activate the zones – and expects a decision soon.

“Council has lobbied the State Government for a rolling back of the current boat ban and – based on the advice of the recession of river levels – expects that the removal of the ban and introduction of appropriate safe boating guidelines is imminent,” said council CEO Tony Siviour.

Renmark man Michael Polson, former captain of various river vessels, including the PS Murray Princess and The Murray River Queen, will attend the Berri rally and said while supporters understood the need for restrictions in the fast-flowing main river channel, they could safely resume their former leisure activities.

“There’s no great safety risk out in the backwaters, where 90 per cent of the peo-

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ple I’ve spoken to want to go,” Mr Polson said.

“I can understand the moratorium on speed boats and wake boats and things like that, but canoes and little tinnies, you’re doing no damage – and everyone understands to stay away from the houses and levee banks.

“It’s just getting out to do what we’ve done for the last 100 or so years as families – seeing this flood while it’s here, because it might be the last one while I’m around.

“It’s just part of what we do in the Riverland.”

Mr Cass agreed that lifting restrictions immediately would require river users to be acutely aware of safety factors.

“We don’t want to go anywhere near a levee,” he said.

“I think you should be able to cross the main river, but I don’t think you should

be blazing up and down it, especially not where there’s levees or anything else.

“People need to be keeping clear of any flooded infrastructure, and if the government wants to put some limitations in for some of that, fine.

“For wake boats and jet skis, it’s too dangerous in the mainstream at the moment, but a small boat cruising through the backwaters? I can’t see the risk and I can’t see how we’re affecting anything or anyone.

“They need to back off and they need to find some middle ground.”

Mr Cass said SA Premier Peter Malinauskas would be invited to the rally, along with all Riverland mayors.

“But I don’t think Mr Malinauskas will attend, because he might get an ear-bashing,” he said.

The rally is planned for Berri Oval this Saturday, from 9am.

Peter Malinauskas

Premier urged to announce reopening triggers

CHAFFEY MP Tim Whetstone has urged SA Premier Peter Malinauskas to reveal the triggers for easing restrictions in the Riverland stretch of the River Murray.

Mr Whetstone contacted Mr Malinauskas this week, calling for restrictions to be lifted locally and asking for some concrete guidelines.

“The mental stress and anxiety is now having a noticeable effect on those upstream communities who will now need to explore this one in 70-year event,” Mr Whetstone said in his communication with the Premier.

“The goodwill would be bolstered in my community if they have a clear pathway forward.

“I’d urge your management to treat this issue with a matter of utmost urgency.”

- PAUL MITCHELL

River zones ‘good for economy, mental health’

PAUL MITCHELL

ALLOWING Riverlanders back onto the water sooner rather than later – via the creation of eight River Murray zones – will be a major boost for the region’s economy and locals’ mental health, Tim Whetstone says.

Under the first Emergency Management Direction for the flood, the river was last week sectioned into eight zones, with individual zones able to be subjected to different restrictions.

Restrictions on boating and other recreational activities are set to be lifted locally first, given the Riverland experienced peak river flows before other river communities.

Mr Whetstone, the Member for Chaffey, worked with the SA government on the codes and said opening up sections of the river at a time would present multiple benefits.

“We can get our tourism economy kicking along,” he said.

“But also I think people need to get out on their tinnies into the environment.

“I think it’s a very good mental



Grant Stevens



Tim Whetstone

health medicine if people can understand what all this angst and anxiety has been about.”

The eight zones comprise seven sections of the river, plus Lake Bonney, which has not been subjected to recreational restrictions.

SA Police Commissioner Grant Stevens said the zone system would allow authorities to manage restrictions “in accordance with the level of risk that exists in those different areas”.

“So from example, from the border to Renmark, we know that they’re already past the peak flow and that the peak has moved beyond Renmark,” Mr Stevens told ABC.

“(This) means there’s an opportunity for us to start thinking about



how we relax those restrictions in that top end of the river network...

“We’ve divided it up so we don’t just have one blanket rule for everybody, when the risk is not the same in different parts of the river system.”

Mr Stevens said criticism that the zone system should have been introduced simultaneously with river restrictions – announced on

December 20 – were unfair.

“That’s the benefit of hindsight...” he told ABC.

“I’m certainly not critical of the various agencies that have put these instructions or restrictions in place under different legislation.

“But because we’re talking about an event that is occurring over weeks and unfortunately months, we do get that opportunity

to go back and tidy things up.

“We did that with Covid...”

Loxton Waikerie Mayor Trevor Norton backed the State Government’s zone plan and said it augured well for the river to be reopened soon.

“Dividing the river into eight zones (gives) every indication that the State Government is going to fast track the return of recreation use by zone as the flood peak passes,” Mr Norton said.

“Making decisions to remove restrictions will be a lot more responsive if only a zone has to be assessed and not the whole river.”

THE EIGHT ZONES ARE:

Zone A – SA border downstream to Lock 5 (including Paringa)

Zone B – Lock 5 downstream to Lock 4 (including Berri and Loxton)

Zone C – Lock 4 downstream to Lock 3 (near Overland Corner)

Zone D – Lock 3 downstream to Lock 2 (near Waikerie and Cadell)

Zone E – Lock 2 to Lock 1 (at Blanchetown)

Zone F – Lock 1 to Wellington ferry crossing (includes Swan Reach, Mannum, Murray Bridge)

Zone G – Wellington Ferry crossing to Murray Mouth

Zone H – Lake Bonney

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EDITORIAL

THE YEARS GO BY

BY PETER AND CARLA MAGAREY

Big calls loom on reopening river

FROM a Riverland perspective, the political pendulum is slowly swinging away from the need to adopt swift, practical, preparatory measures to deal with the flood.

Most would surmise that Riverland councils have exercised an abundance of caution in recent months in attempting to mitigate the flood’s impacts, notwithstanding the handful of isolated instances that were always bound to cause tension and unrest among some sections of the local community.

Although questions linger about who made the ultimate call to disconnect Lake Bonney, that decision probably sits atop the pile labelled ‘query’, along with individual cases involving private levees and power disconnections.

Without making excuses for anyone, a certain amount of people were always going to get the rough end of the pineapple when an exercise of this magnitude was carried out.

But now the focus is increasingly turning to judgment calls, most notably when local sections of the river can be reopened to river traffic.

A planned rally in Berri this Saturday aims to shine a spotlight on the situation, with organisers adamant that certain vessels should be allowed back on the river immediately.

Without doubt, the region’s economy is suffering by the absence of river activities. The trickle-down effect of recreational aquatic activities is significant.

Sensibly, the State Government has adopted a zones system to allow the river to be opened up incrementally, as levels drop.

Those behind the rally believe that bulging backwaters can be safely navigated and indeed should never have been included in the government’s extraordinary December 20 edict that banned all leisure activities.

However, now that waters are finally receding – and relatively rapidly – their call to reopen the river is growing stronger by the day.

Interestingly, Renmark Paringa Council has revealed in today’s Murray Pioneer that is has been lobbying the State Government to roll back the current boat ban sooner, rather than later.

In fielding questions about water safety, rally organisers have spoken of personal responsibility, making not unreasonable comparisons with similar pursuits, such as ocean fishing and other outdoor activities where risk is inherent.

They may be unaware that their argument is steeped in classic libertarianism, but as has been pointed out before, the past three years in Australia has seen that concept shelved in favour of government protection and, some would argue, control.

However, balancing that lofty ideology are the practical concerns around reopening the river too early.

Would local looters materialise and have a field day with unoccupied properties?

Would opening too early lead to unnecessary risks associated with power connections?

Goodness knows what lies beneath the surface now. Would those unknown threats pose an unacceptable risk to river users and to those who would need to rescue anyone in peril?

Expect plenty of focus on these judgment calls in the coming days and weeks. The decision-makers, including those elected to do just that, will earn their money.



1956 flood, Loxton: The decade of the 1940s was dry, with dust storms that lasted days, whereas the 1950s was wet with floods that lasted months. In 1956, the Berri ferry was out of action for seven months, impeding travel from Loxton to Berri. The river began to rise in June, peaked in August, but then took five months to recede sufficiently for the ferry to reopen. The Murray ran high rivers (over the bank) in 1951, 1952, 1955 and 1956. Two other decades, the 1970s and 1990s, also experienced four floods. If this pattern persists, we could expect more high rivers this decade. The height of the flood of 2022-23, now receding from the Riverland, surpassed all the high rivers of modern times except the 1956 event. Given the high level of monitoring flows in the Murray and Darling Rivers, and good communications to the Riverland from up river, much-improved warnings – though not perfect – were relayed to those potentially affected by the present high river. In the 1950s, those living near the river’s edge had little or no idea of how quickly or how high the flood would come. They were obliged to watch, wait and act. PHOTO: LHC

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Lake closure a blight on council

IT comes as no surprise that the Berri Barmera Council wants Lake Bonney opened – its closure has been a public relations, environmental and financial fiasco.

Mayor Ella Winnall is dead right to say that it has been incredibly difficult to access information – nowhere more so than from the Berri Barmera Council.

The plan to close the lake was kept hush-hush till it was a fait accompli, and not a word since about who made the call to close it, or the exact nature and location of the infrastructure that “needs” protecting.

It is disingenuous to suggest that mixed messaging about blue-green algae has killed tourism in Barmera.

It is the very closure of the lake that has done that.

Tourists would have come in droves to see the spectacle of the lake in full flood, even if the caravan park had been closed with valid reason, rather than, as is the case, for no reason at all, I believe.

And blue-green algae would not have been an issue.

In my view Berri Barmera Council has treated its citizens with the utmost contempt. I for one will never believe another word that comes out of that organisation.

MICHAEL BONNAR-RANDALL
Barmera

Cost of removing Barmera’s big levee

I HAVE sent this letter to Barker MP Tony Pasin to highlight the issues of Lake Bonney and a long-term solution.

I would like to let you know that the water circulation pumps seem to be working at north lake and it no longer looks like green paint rolling into the shore, which it was during the blue-green algae outbreak.

We understand why a structure needed to be put in place at Nappers Bridge, to protect Barmera’s township and infrastructure, however we are very concerned about how much has been put in place.

It is a shame that it has come to this: having all these pumps around the lake to make it suitable for people to enter it.

I feel this must be a very expensive exercise as a long-term solution.

For 30 years Barmera man Peter Symens has been researching how to maintain the lake in good condition.

He has found a solution of putting in a small pipe on the Barmera Caravan Park side of the lake, taking it 5km along the Sturt Highway to Cobdogla, then pointing it downstream into the river so a ‘venturi’ cycling system develops.

With the Nappers Bridge entrance open, the fresh water is drawn through Chambers Creek into the lake. Consequently, the lake will self-freshen without affecting downstream uses of the river through the pipe near the Barmera Caravan Park area, as there is a natural current that occurs when the Nappers Bridge entrance is open. He has had this system researched in America and at local universities in Adelaide and they have stated that it would work.

If this system was installed, it would allow us to open the lake as early as possible, and even if black water was to enter the lake it would return to the river naturally.

This would connect the lake to the river system correctly, giving us a naturally created water storage area for the Murray-Darling system in SA.

By doing this it will freshen up the whole Chambers Creek system and protect the Loch Luna national park area. No running costs would be involved, apart from the initial set-up costs.

It would also make the lake naturally safer for recreational and swimming activities, without ongoing cost, increasing tourism in the Riverland.

We have visited the Nappers Bridge construction site on several occasions, and I am very concerned about the all the construction that is going on there without community consultation.

They have now raised the road around two metres on top of the original bitumen road approach-

ing Nappers Bridge, and have installed pipes under the road so that they can pump water in and out from Loch Luna.

We are estimating that it could cost around \$500,000 to remove all the soil from the inlet and to fix up all the constructions at Nappers Bridge.

As of last week, the water level had only just touched the first layer of the smaller sandbags installed and we have reached the peak here in the upper reaches of the Upper Murray.

We would like to ask you to come and visit the site so that you can get an understanding on what is happening here at Lake Bonney.

We are very concerned that the original nine-week closure period will pass by without the Lake Bonney being reopened, due to the costs involved in removing everything that has been put in place.

HEATHER ROBERTSON
Barmera

Flood insurance?

IT has come to my attention that many if not all of my friends or associates living within the Riverland are being hit with massive insurance bills to cover for those who either build on flood plains or have the unfortunate issue where flood has affected them.

If any business offers a service in Australia, they are in it for both profit and loss, so why not insurance companies? Has this changed?

My home, for example has new roofing, electrical work and new plumbing.

With all the compliances, the house has no possible way of ever suffering from home and contents risk, unless it deliberately occurs.

The communities need immediate action from government authorities to rectify this scam.

GARY MITCHELL
Waikerie

Underwater, but club will be back

IT’S a small club, the Morgan Cadell Golf Club – and it’s currently under the current of the high Murray River.

The course is in the natural

riverine floodplain of Bryant’s Creek that leads into the Murray.

Low-lying ridges form a natural amphitheatre, and sometimes when I play there I feel alone in a world of solitary happiness.

In a normal year, maintenance is about 2000 hours of work on our mostly grass-free course. This year we will probably do more hours.

We use black gravel scrapes instead of greens, due to the lack of water. On the fairway you can use a small red tee, due to the lack of grass.

I have had many happy days there. Splendid place.

We are currently under about a metre of water.

When the water recedes we will need to wait for the land to dry out and one of our experts says that will be about June.

Then we can start fixing the damage. Our shed got water in it, so we may have to build a new one, higher up.

My plan is to create a plan. We have time for that.

Part of that will be asking people for help, like DownerGroup.

They don’t know that yet, but I’ll send them a nice email, or two.

Golf is a very good game for finding out about yourself. So I plan to have us up and golfing again by the end of this year.

Like a golf ball, we will bounce back.

JAKOB GAMERTSFELDER
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Morgan Cadell Golf Club

Wealthy Australia should set example

GORDON Forrest makes an interesting point in his letter (‘Politicians and climate change’, Murray Pioneer, 14/12/22), where he applauds The Murray Pioneer for publishing both sides of the climate debate.

However, he also states: “Yes, there is unproven evidence that we are experiencing CO2-influenced climate change and need to take informed, appropriate action to reduce human derived emissions.”

Over 99 per cent of world-class climate scientists disagree with this statement and a huge body of peer-reviewed science

“In my view Berri Barmera Council has treated its citizens with the utmost contempt...”

- MICHAEL BONNAR-RANDALL



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backs them up.

But I agree with him about the need to urgently develop a nuclear industry.

We are at war with carbon dioxide, an invisible enemy that’s capable of destroying life on the planet as we know it for thousands of years.

During World War II Winston Churchill had a steely resolve when faced with the German invasion and the war against carbon dioxide and the proponents of misinformation regarding its dangers – the fossil fuel industries – is much more serious.

In the same manner we need leaders with a steely resolve and preparedness to take on the rich fossil fuel industries that are fostering lies and misinformation in order to create doubt about the threat of climate change and so keep raking in their ill-gained profits.

During war we cannot discuss issues based only on economics and in order to achieve net zero emissions in our war against CO2, financial sacrifices are needed.

As well, individuals are expected to make sacrifices during a war. We should cut back meat consumption, increase re-forestation, keep developing renewables, cut back unnecessary travel and fossil fuel use.

That isn’t enough, however, as the CO2 levels continue to rise, along with a weapon with real teeth: nuclear energy.

It will cost a lot to get nuclear energy established in Australia and around the world, but a necessary cost as we need to bring the ever-rising carbon dioxide emissions curve back down.

Slowing down the rise of CO2 emissions for a couple of decades will buy enough time to allow us to develop new and promising technologies – like nuclear fusion – that are expected to be in operation by around 2050.

Wealthy western nations are capable of building highly efficient and safe ‘fast neutron’ nuclear reactors that can also burn old nuclear waste – a technological step beyond conventional power reactors. Fast breeder reactors offer the prospect of vastly more efficient use of uranium resources and the ability to burn long-lived component of high-level nuclear waste.

Australia exports some 10,000 tonnes of uranium and is holding around 35 per cent of the world’s reserves, so it’s a no-brainer to develop a nuclear industry.

Even some highly educated

You've gotta be joking!

Cartoon comment by **Tony Hersey**

THE NATIVES ARE GETTING RESTLESS OVER RIVER RESTRICTIONS

SEE STORIES: PAGES 1, 4 & 5.

I'M TELLING YOU THERE WILL BE 'AN INVASION WHEN THEY LET THEM LOOSE, SO STAY IN YOUR DUGOUTS.

TONY H. 10-1-23

LAWS ARE DESIGNED FOR THE 1%

Flood Levels at Renmark
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19.81m
25-12-2022
19.04m
1917
estimate 18.8
11-1-2023
approx 18.69m
1931
18.65m
Nov'74
18.54m
1975
18.50m
July'74
18.14m

Greens are turning towards the nuclear option.

The climate denier argument that we only produce a tiny fraction of the world’s CO2 output is selfish and weak.

If a wealthy country like Australia can’t set an example and lead the world against CO2 emissions, given we are the worst polluters per capita, how can we expect developing nations to do so?

Sadly climate deniers have capitulated and are happy to see the fossil fuel industry continue to pump out CO2 and destroy the planet due to their insatiable greed.

ALF RAPISARDA
Elwood, Victoria

SA roads overdue for investment

IMAGINE you are travelling along a country road, and you’re jolted as your car tyre lurches in and out of a deep pothole.

It’s unfortunately an all-too-familiar experience for many across regional South Australia.

Now imagine you are in a truck loaded with grain and your tyre dips in and out of that same pothole. Not only does that hole get bigger, but the safety of the truck driver (and others on the road), as well as his load of grain is potentially at risk.

For far too long the South Australian grain industry, which is expected to contribute almost \$4.5bn to the state’s economy from the 2022/23 harvest, has been forgotten when it comes to road maintenance, repair and upgrade.

For this reason, Grain Producers SA (GPSA) undertook the Worst Grain Road campaign to find the route in the poorest condition in the state. These routes are key to getting grain to port.

The campaign saw almost 60 different roads across the state nominated, however it was the Upper Yorke Road on the Yorke Peninsula, Nine Mile Road in the Murraylands and Worlds End Highway in the Mid North that were voted the top three worst grain roads.

Comments from grain producers and truck drivers to go with the submissions should have decision makers immediately concerned and in fact, I’d be worried if they weren’t already concerned.

As one grain producer put it when commenting on the Upper Yorke Road: “It’s a prime agricultural area that is producing millions of dollars in grain and sheep, yet we’ve got a third-class road to travel on.”

During the campaign we heard that some heavy vehicle

drivers are having to veer onto the opposite side of the road to avoid bumps, potholes and undulating surfaces. Some said they struggled to control their truck when tyres dropped off the edge of the narrow roads.

These roads are key freight routes for South Australian grain producers that transport significant volumes of produce, ultimately providing a return to the state’s economy.

The lack of investment into our federal, state and local government-run roads results in grain producers losing productivity, as well as putting themselves and the safety of other road users at risk due to the poor conditions of these roads.

The total road maintenance backlog in South Australia was estimated to be at almost \$800m in 2020 and growing by \$100m every year.

It’s high time that improvements are made, so GPSA is calling on immediate investment into the top 10 worst grain roads in South Australia.

The full Worst Grain Roads Report is available to download at www.grainproducerssa.com.au.

BRAD PERRY
Chief executive officer
Grain Producers SA

Looking back... 10 years ago January 11, 2013



Free to ski? Maybe not

Renmark, Berri, Loxton and Waikerie. Benefits of investment from such the Murray Pioneer are education and public awareness around riverbank erosion and flood risk.



BACK ON TRACK: Bill Brader and Shaun Smith, of Upper Murray Case Supplies, are putting last year's flood back on track. Photo: Peter Smith



FREE TO SKI? MAYBE NOT: Plans to restrict boat and jet ski activities at six Riverland sites could be formalised this year, depending on co-operation between local environmentalists and river users. The proposed ‘no wash’ zones would enforce speed restrictions along short stretches of the River Murray – including sites at Renmark, Berri, Loxton and Waikerie. Benefits of minimising boat wash at the targeted locations are expected to include reducing nearby river bank erosion, which threatens local vegetation and properties.

20 years ago January 10, 2003



New stores arrive

Subway in Renmark, Berri
Baker's Delight in Renmark, Berri
Cheap as Chips in Berri

NEW STORES ARRIVE: Popular fast food chain Subway and bakery franchise Baker’s Delight will establish stores in Renmark and Berri this year. Subway hopes to be operating in a new building in between McDonald’s Restaurant and the Mobil Service Station by Easter in April. Another store is planned for the Riverland Plaza in Berri by the middle of the year. Baker’s Delight will establish a store in what was formerly the Directors Cafe in 14th St, Renmark and has indicated that it is looking at suitable locations in Berri for further expansion.

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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Great news: the SA government has just announced that all beaches in SA will be fenced off to protect the public from all predators and the possibility of drowning. The public will not be allowed at high tide, low tide or in between. Dodge tides are still being debated by skilled marine engineers. This decision has been made following the successful bans in the Riverland. Further to this the government is considering whether all swimming pools should be converted into shallow sand pits

so that the public can bury their heads in the sand without danger.
GARY M
Waikerie

The representative committee of the Waikerie churches pass on its thanks to all who gave of their talents, time, generosity and energy to make the 2022 Carols by Candlelight, held on the Waikerie Primary School Oval, a great community event.
WAIKERIE CHURCHES COMMITTEE
Gary M (Text Line, 4/1/23) how

dare you assume that all “big” people are gluttons and consume loads of so-called fast foods. There are many causes of weight problems, including medical issues. I have lived with this all my life, and bigots like you make life miserable for others when being so judgemental.

ADC
Barmera

Good news for Jack Miller of Barmera (‘Up in arms over north lake project’, *Murray Pioneer*, 23/11/22). The man-made bike/

walking trail between Apex Park and the nearest man-made controlled camping area along eastern side of Lake Bonney has been reverted back to its original sandy beaches. This is nature’s way of saying don’t mess with Lake Bonney’s environments.

DB
Barmera

Tim, Tim, Tim. Normally three strikes and you’re out.

KD
Waikerie

Kingston Road’s costly closure

ALEXANDRA BULL

THE impact of the closure of Kingston Road due to floodwaters has been felt by many, however for the Moorook General Store, the closure has meant the loss of half of its regular business.

Owner Satish Tati said trade has dropped by “about 50 per cent” since the road closed last month.

“Because it’s the holiday season we usually do better than the regular months but even if you think back to the regular months, trade has dropped down pretty bad,” he said.

“Of course there are people coming to the shop, but it’s very limited.”

Mr Tati has looked at accessing grants to support his store while the road is closed, but was told the business was ineligible.

“There is the forced closure grant that we looked at, but we are not eligible because we are still able to operate as we are not directly affected by the floodwater,” he said.

“We are eligible for the loss of income grant but that is only after three months and you have to show that your trading has gone down by 30 per cent.

“It would be helpful if we could access the grant. It won’t be until March because it has to be three months, and the road only closed in December.”

While Kingston Road closed to all traffic in December, Mr Tati said the store had been impacted since early November, when the stretch was closed to heavy vehicles.

“I lost my camping business and the truckies a month and a half before the road closed because of the water at the camping grounds, so I was not getting any income from that,” he said.

“I am not getting any trade locally; some tourists are coming to take a picture but not much apart from that.”

Mr Tati said he had contacted



Moorook General Store owners Priti and Satish Tati said the closure of Kingston Road has resulted in the loss of half their regular trade. PHOTO: Alexandra Bull

the Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) and Loxton Waikerie council for more information on the road closure, but neither had given him the answers he was looking for.

Mr Tati added that he would feel more secure with the future of the road closure situation if DIT or Loxton Waikerie council answered his questions.

“Simply closing the road is not

going to help anybody. What is their plan of action? Nothing has been said to us,” he said.

“Even if it was an approximate answer; they should have reacted a long time ago.”

Man’s body found on flood plains

POLICE recovered the body of a 78-year-old local man in flood waters at Loxton North yesterday morning.

The man was reported missing, believed to be in flood waters nears Casson Avenue, just after lunch on Monday.

Local police along with SES crews in boats and PoAir searched until last light on Monday, then resumed yester-

day morning with assistance from Water Operations Unit.

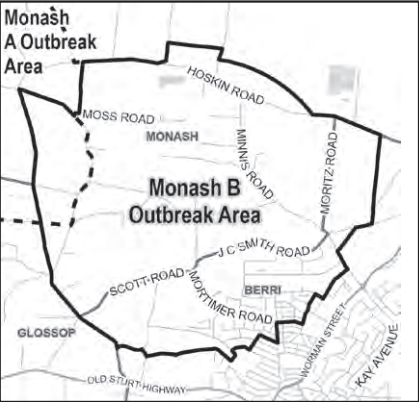
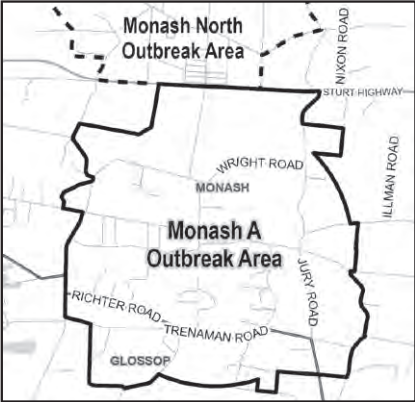
“Just before 8.30am, police divers retrieved the body of the 78-year-old local man in flood plains near the river,” SA Police said in a statement.

“There are no suspicious circumstances and police will be preparing a report for the state coroner.”

FRUIT FLY OUTBREAKS

MONASH A

MONASH B



Queensland fruit fly found in apricots at Monash have caused two new outbreaks, called Monash A and Monash B.

A 1.5 km radius outbreak area has been established around each detection site.

If you live in these areas, visit fruitfly.sa.gov.au to understand the restrictions in place.

Some fruit and vegetables cannot move from properties in the outbreak areas.

Eradication programs have begun in both areas. PIRSA field staff will be carrying ID and entering properties to apply organic fruit fly bait and check fruit.

Discuss special arrangements for moving commercial produce from the Monash A and Monash B outbreak areas by calling the industry hotline on **1800 255 556**.

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- **Call** the Fruit Fly Hotline on 1300 666 010 if you find any maggots in fruit, seal the item in an airtight bag and arrange collection.

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Proud Loxton North parents Niki and Daniel Gray with daughter Remi, born on January 2. INSET: Remi Willow Gray was the first baby to be born in the Riverland this year.

PHOTOS: supplied

Rock-a-bye Remi our first 2023 baby

THE Riverland welcomed its first baby for the year at 7.43am on Monday, January 2, at the Loxton Hospital Complex.

Remi Willow Gray, daughter of Loxton North’s Niki and Daniel, entered the world at 7.43am, weighing a healthy 3.6kg and measuring 51cm long.

Mrs Gray said that Remi has been an “absolute dream”.

“We are first-time parents; we have been very fortunate, she is settling in very well,” she said.

“She was born at 39 weeks and six days, so she was one day early.”

Mrs Gray said so far, every moment with Remi has been her favourite, and she is “really excited” to share her with friends and family.

“She (Remi) is the first-born grandchild to my parents, so they are stoked, and she is the second born grandchild to my husband’s family,” she said.

Mrs Gray, who had all her care throughout her pregnancy at the Loxton Medical Centre, said the care she received was “amazing”.

“I just want to thank the whole team. I am very grateful for my midwives Julie and Catherine, everyone at the hospital at the time, and Peter Tate and Kerry-Anne from the Loxton Medical Centre for their care throughout,” she said.

“I’ve never met someone for the first time who’s changed my life so fast, in the very best way.”

– ALEXANDRA BULL

Prisoner dies at Cadell Training Centre

A DEATH in custody has occurred at the Cadell Training Centre.

The Department for

Correctional Services said the death in custody on January 2 would be subject to a coronial investigation.

A departmental spokesperson said there appeared to be no suspicious circumstances.

– CHRISTINE WEBSTER



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Waikerie Hospital Guild's Norma Modistach (left) and Cheryl Mortimer, who were the main organisers behind the centenary celebrations for the guild and Waikerie Hospital in November last year. PHOTO: Christine Webster

Guild's big centenary celebrations awarded

THE Waikerie Ladies Hospital Guild's 100-year celebrations has been awarded the Waikerie Community Event of the Year award for 2023 by Loxton Waikerie council.

For 100 years, volunteers of the guild have held fundraisers to purchase equipment for the hospital.

These include furnishings, televisions, beds, operating equipment and more. Loxton Waikerie council said in 2022 the organisation took its efforts "one step further" by celebrating a centenary of the guild and its fundraising efforts.

Over the year of celebrations, the guild organised a fete at the Waikerie Civic Centre that raised more than \$4000 and a dinner at the Waikerie Hotel for past

and present staff, board members and guests.

The guild also produced a cookbook using recipes from the guild members, plus a history book on Waikerie Hospital and the Hospital Ladies Guild.

It organised a display of photographs and memorabilia in the entrance to the Waikerie Library.

Loxton Waikerie council said the continued efforts of the guild members had played a significant role in keeping the Waikerie Hospital open to the community.

"The guild has not only provided support to the hospital but friendship within the guild and the guests they entertain through their events," it said.



Waikerie Citizen of the Year for 2023 Carmel Wuttke who is being recognised for her service to a wide range of Riverland West community organisations. PHOTO: Paul McCormick

DEDICATED community volunteer Carmel Wuttke has been named Waikerie Citizen of the Year for 2023.

Loxton Waikerie Mayor Trevor Norton visited the recipients of the Waikerie Australia Day awards last month before Christmas to notify them of their acknowledgements.

In a statement issued this week, Loxton Waikerie council said Mrs Wuttke had donated many hours of her

time to various areas of the community, demonstrating her caring and compassionate nature.

She is a welcome, friendly face for Waikerie elderly who receive Meals on Wheels, an organisation she has served for 14 years.

The council said the Meals on Wheels Waikerie branch chairperson and coordinator "goes above and beyond in this position".

"(Mrs Wuttke) ensures everyone receives their meals, even during missed deliveries and low volunteer numbers," the media statement said.

Mrs Wuttke is also Lutheran Church office manager and in the past has recorded audio-versions of the weekly River News for people living with sight impairments.

She volunteers at the

Rain Moth Gallery and at Santa's Cave every season, and is involved in the Mainly Music program for pre-school ages that allows children of all backgrounds to enjoy the gift of music.

Mrs Wuttke served as South Australian Lutheran Women's Group president for over 20 years, is on the Board of Ministry, providing Holy Communion to the elderly and people with illnesses, and is a pastoral assistant to the Waikerie Lutheran Church Minister, organising the music program with board members and singers at the church.

Mrs Wuttke advocated for the initial build of the Lutheran school in Waikerie, and also provides continued support at the school through volunteering.

The council said she is known among her peers as

"a truly special human being who never complains".

Her support for the people in the Riverland West district had left "a positive and lasting impact", council said, and she was described as "a great leader and community role model".

Mrs Wuttke said she was "surprised, overwhelmed, honoured, humbled and very thankful to receive the award".

"I love helping out in this community and always feel privileged to hear the wonderful stories of people here in Waikerie and appreciate the community spirit that I find here," she said.

"I look forward to the year ahead and finding more voluntary work to do, as long as the good Lord gives me the strength to carry on."

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Loxton's 2023 Citizen of the Year Bert Haslam at The Pines Historic House and Garden where he has been a volunteer for over 19 years. PHOTO: Alexandra Bull

Brilliant Bert Loxton's top citizen

A FORMER Loxton Waikerie councillor has been crowned as Loxton's Citizen of the Year for 2023.

After being part of the Loxton community for 48 years, Loxton's Bert Haslam was awarded Citizen of the Year for his outstanding contribution in diverse areas in the community such as education, health, charity, sporting clubs and the environment.

Mr Haslam has been a mental health instigator during the Covid-19 pandemic, offering his time as a guest speaker and organising functions in rural and local communities, as well as chairman of the Rotary sub-committee for mental health.

An active member of the Loxton Rotary Club for the past 21 years, Mr Haslam is currently in his third stint as president.

He was also part of the establishment of Riverland SAPSASA junior netball and Saturday morning under 13 football and netball at Loxton North, was awarded life membership of the Loxton North Football Club, where he was president for six years, along with membership and former presidency of the Loxton North Sports Club and Loxton North Cricket Club.

A former principal of Loxton North School, Mr Haslam was integral in the initiation of fundraising to provide air-conditioning to the entirety of the school.

Mr Haslam was presented with Riverland Citizen of the Year in 1984 for his services to youth sport and umpired over 250 games for the Riverland Football League, ultimately being awarded RFL life membership.

Mr Haslam was also a councillor of Loxton Waikerie council from 2003-2010, and has been a justice of the peace for over 20 years.

He has been a volunteer of The Pines Historic House and Garden in Loxton for 19 years, and was chair of the management committee for 10 years.

"When Mayor (Trevor) Norton told me I was the recipient of the Citizen of the Year award I have to say I was chuffed," Mr Haslam said.

"To be recognised this way is also recognition for all the volunteers in their communities.

"I'm proud to share this award with all the volunteers that I have worked with in the Loxton and Loxton North community.

"Volunteering is just a way for me to give back to the community that my family are proud to be a part of."

In a statement, Loxton Waikerie council said Mr Haslam had made a significant contribution to the Loxton and Loxton North community, and demonstrates "vision and leadership in every committee or group that he is involved with".

"As a husband and father, Bert has instilled a fine work ethic in his children and has become a well-respected and loved member of the community," the council statement said.

MEET THE TEAM:



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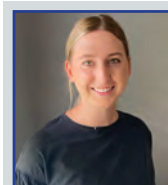
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Ferry good news for Waikerie



THE Waikerie ferry has begun operating again after the River Murray level there fell below 12 metres AHD (Australian Height Datum).
The Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) closed the ferry on September 30

for about 10 days while the water level exceeded 12 metres AHD.
It recommenced the ferry service on Monday because the water levels dropped to the level deemed safe.
DIT said an inspection on Monday also showed water on

Taylorville Road, the ferry access road, had also receded, allowing the road to reopen and ferry services to resume.
The department said use of the Waikerie ferry was still limited to light vehicles, school buses, emergency vehicles and heavy vehicles

up to 19 metres long and less than 42.5 tonnes. B-doubles are still not permitted to use the road.
The Morgan, Swan Reach and Lyrup ferries were still closed as of Monday.
DIT said as water levels fall along the river, previously closed

ferry services were expected to progressively resume as soon as it was safe to do so.
The department said this would include conducting any necessary repairs or adjustments to ferry and road infrastructure to ensure services could safely operate.



The closure of the Waikerie ferry increased the distance the Markaranka-based Wilsons had to travel to check on elderly parents. Pictured are Jenni Christiansen (left), Jamie Wilson and their children Brandon, 3, Liam, 10 and Charlotte, 7. PHOTO: Jamie Wilson



The flood has caused the River Murray to flood the river flats on the Wilsons' property at Markaranka. PHOTO: Jenni Christiansen

Ferry's 10-day closure a school holiday dampener

CHRISTINE WEBSTER

FOR the Wilson family of Markaranka, the closure of the Waikerie ferry due to the River Murray flood for almost 10 days meant doubling the travel distance to access essential goods and services, and check on elderly parents.
Jamie Wilson and Jenni Christiansen and their three children, Liam, 10, Charlotte, 7, and Brandon, 3, regularly travel to Waikerie via the ferry to visit the supermarket plus visit family and friends.
The Department of Infrastructure and Transport closed the ferry on December 30 due to the river level, which exceeded 12 metres Australian Height Datum (AHD).
The ferry began operating again on Monday this week when the water level dropped to 12m AHD, the level deemed safe for it to operate.
The Wilsons grow 30 hectares of citrus on their property, on the northern side of the river, and also own a 40-hectare citrus property at Taylorville.
It usually only takes about 25 minutes for the 17km trip from Markaranka via the Waikerie ferry into town.
But during the ferry closure the Wilsons had to travel more than 50km via the Cadell ferry, taking almost an hour.
They support the idea of a bridge being built across the river from Waikerie to

Taylorville, as suggested by some locals in the area, including on social media recently.
"I think it would be a great idea, but I am not sure I will see it in my lifetime," Mr Wilson said.
Mr Wilson said the ferry closure was an inconvenience.
"We have had to choose what days we go into Waikerie and try and do larger shops, because we have to travel twice as far," he said.
Mr Wilson's mum, Joan, 82, and Ms Christiansen's mum, Daphne, 86, live on the Waikerie side of the River Murray and often rely on the couple to assist them with shopping and their home care.
Mr Wilson said the Waikerie ferry closure meant they were unable to check in on their elderly mothers as frequently.
The flood and ferry closure also meant the Wilson children had less opportunity during the Christmas school holidays to have play dates with their friends on the other side of the river.
"It is not convenient to just quickly pop in," Mr Wilson said.
The Wilsons were also unable to enjoy their usual swimming and boating activities in the river due to the dangers posed by the flood.
It was an anxious Christmas for the family, as Mr Wilson had to ensure the irrigation pumps kept operating on both his citrus properties and did not become submerged in the rising water.
Mr Wilson said after SA Power Networks switched off the electricity supply to the irrigation pump system on their Taylorville property, he had to install a new suction line to access water from the nearby lagoon.
He said since the commencement of the flood, the pump system used to irrigate their Markaranka property also had to be moved to higher ground several times.
The family is relieved however, that the ferry closure happened outside the school term, as both Liam and Charlotte travel by bus to Waikerie for their primary education.
Mr Wilson said it was a relief to see the river level at Lock 2 drop 20mm in 24 hours between Thursday and Friday last week.
"That was the first time in several months we saw the water go down," he said.
The Wilsons over the weekend were eagerly awaiting the reopening of the Waikerie ferry.



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\$300 relief for flood-impacted local travellers

LOCAL low-income earners, pensioners and concession card holders facing increased travel costs due to flooding will be eligible for a \$300 payment from the State Government.

In response to more than 120 road and 10 ferry closures across SA River Murray communities – which in some cases have added hours of travel for residents – one-off \$300 Travel Assistance Payments will be available to

SA Government concession and Centrelink recipients.

Premier Peter Malinauskas said the State Government was “acutely aware of the cost-of-living pressures being experienced by many in the community”.

“Even without a flood, we know the cost of fuel is a significant cost-of-living burden for low and fixed-income households,” he said.

“The closure of roads and ferries has made it even tougher for

some in river communities to get to the shops, attend appointments and care for friends and family.

“This one-off payment is recognition of that fact.”

Applicants will be required to demonstrate they are required to undertake significant additional travel – at least 30 minutes more per day, three times per week – for medical appointments, work, volunteering, to collect essential supplies or to attend to carer duties.

FLOOD EVENT

Treasurer Stephen Mullighan said the payments would help “those most in need” to meet increased travel costs through flood-affected areas.

“This is another way the State Government is working to help those impacted by the floods, with

over \$190 million of state and Commonwealth support committed so far,” he said.

Applications can be made in person at Emergency Relief Centres (ERCs) in Berri, Mannum and Murray Bridge.

People who live significant distances from the ERCs and find it difficult to visit in person can call the Relief Information Line on 1800 302 787.

PAGE 18 \$1.2m beds scheme

FLOOD EVENT

Police warn of online flood scam

AN online scam aiming to exploit the flood has been circulating in the Riverland.

Murray Mallee Police last week issued a warning to the public to be on the lookout for any scams or criminals trying to take advantage of people in areas affected by flooding.

“Police have recently been made aware of an online scam offering cheap rooms at a hotel in the Riverland area, to entice people to visit and stay in the region to help support local businesses that may have been affected by the floods,” SA Police said in a statement.

“Members of the public are reminded that they should only deal with reputable businesses directly, and report any potential scams to the ReportCyber website (cyber.gov.au).”

Lions lend a hand at flood centre

ALEXANDRA BULL

A LOCAL service club has been providing home-cooked meals for those working at, and receiving assistance from, the Emergency Relief Centre in Berri.

The Berri Lions Club has been providing lunch for those at the centre since it opened in late November, with members banding together to support the Riverland community during the River Murray flood event.

Berri Lions Club member and catering co-ordinator Bill Quirke said Lions Clubs have an understanding with Housing SA that in the event of a natural disaster, respective Lions Clubs are called in to help.

“This has been a major task for our club but we are there to serve our community in whatever way possible during these challenging times,” he said.

“We have been catering lunch every day since the relief centre opened, and we have been getting assistance from a local café that’s been producing a lot of the meals.



Among the Berri Lions Club members providing lunches for those at the Emergency Relief Centre in the town are David Andrews, Debbie Tanner, Allan Dand and Bill Quirke. PHOTO: supplied

“On weekends we do a bit more of our own food preparation. Particularly over Christmas and New Year, with the shops being closed, we did our own thing, and different members prepared food and served whoever needed a meal.”

The Berri Lions Club will continue to serve lunch at the centre for the foreseeable future, with Mr Quirke

saying members had received “good reports from the people down there”.

“We have just been doing the lunch meals,” he said.

“If anything more serious was to happen, like a levee breaking, we could be called on to do more in the way of catering such as breakfasts, but fortunately that hasn’t happened.

“We are a service club; we help

out, that’s what we do.”

At least two members have been there every day from 10am to 2pm, serving lunches to staff at the centre and those who come in for assistance.

The Murray Pioneer understands the Berri Lions Club could be supplying volunteers at the centre until March.

“ This has been a major task for our club but we are there to serve our community in whatever way possible...

– Berri Lions Club member and catering co-ordinator Bill Quirke

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Lifting fishing ban 'sensible'

FLOOD EVENT

PAUL MITCHELL

THE lifting of a short-lived ban on land-based fishing along the River Murray was a sensible move, a Riverland fishing expert says.

On December 20 the SA government banned all non-essential activity on the river, citing safety concerns associated with the high river, but just nine days later the fishing and yabbying restriction was reversed.

The initial ban was "a bit of an overreaction", according to local man and former member of the Minister's Recreational Fishing Advisory Council, Peter Teakle.

"It's a long time since

we've seen the higher water, so I supported that initial (restriction)," Mr Teakle said.

"But once the water started to spread out over the floodplains and so did the carp...I thought it wouldn't hurt if people wanted to get out in the shallows and fish for carp.

"At Jane Eliza (in Renmark) the carp were there, right in the shallows, so there's no reason why you couldn't drop a line in and catch some of those, and get them out of the system.

"It might have been a bit of an overreaction from the government, but in the river proper itself it made sense. I wouldn't get in there myself."



● Peter Teakle

Mr Teakle said when news of the initial ban on all recreational activities was first announced he assumed it was for the main river channel. However, the government said the restrictions

included "all creeks, tributaries, lakes, lagoons and other bodies of water connected to (the river)", except Lake Bonney.

Mr Teakle said despite the short-term inconvenience to fishers, he supported the safety measures.

"It's one of these things... we've just got to be a little bit patient," he said.

"It was a bit of a disappointment, because people love their yabbies, but safety access would've been one of the key points and that's why I supported it."

Meanwhile The Murray Pioneer has received anecdotal reports of strong yabby numbers across areas of the Riverland and Mr Teakle is

hoping for a big yabby local season ahead.

"Nature looks after itself in a way and those yabbies bury very deep into the sub-structure of the river and the wetlands," he said.

"They can remain there for years, because it's cycle for them when you get these big rivers.

"When the waters first come in and the yabbies are in there for a fortnight or three weeks, they start to really get moving underground and come to the surface.

"We'll have to wait and see until the water drops, but I think it'll be a very good yabby season."

Car roof rescue

ALEXANDRA BULL

THREE people were rescued from a car stranded in floodwaters in Renmark during the early hours of Thursday, December 29.

The SES received a call about a car in floodwaters and occupants on the roof at Plushbend Road around 1.20am, and the three occupants – a 30-year-old male, a 19-year-old male and a 16-year-old female – were rescued from the top of the vehicle.

SES state duty officer, Brenton Clarke, said driving into floodwater is typically the main cause of death during flood events.

"These deaths are often locals driving on local roads," he said.

"People should follow the road closure and all other warnings and advice given by authorities.

"Just because you know the road well, doesn't mean it will be safe to drive when it's flooded.

"Never drive through floodwaters and make sure children don't play in or near fast-flowing water."

Two SES Swiftwater crews attended the rescue along with SAAS and SAPOL crews, with the MFS assisting the SES to remove the occupants from the water.

Pair of high-clearance trucks to tackle flood

TWO cutting-edge emergency vehicles joined South Australia's frontline flood response this week.

The Mercedes-Benz Unimog high-clearance vehicles were shipped in from New South Wales to assist flood affected communities, thanks to a partnership between the SA State Emergency Service (SA SES) and the NSW State Emergency Service (NSW SES).

The off-road vehicles are built for the toughest of terrain and will assist SA SES in critical operations, including flood rescues and evacuations. They will also provide logistical support to isolated communities if required.

The high-clearance vehicles can operate safely for sustained periods in more than a metre of water, making them well-suited to flood response.

The trucks are also capable of carrying heavy loads, in addition to a driver and five passengers in their cabin.

An NSW SES said the trucks had proven to be "lifesaving assets" during last year's NSW floods.

SA Minister for Emergency Services, Joe Szakacs, said the vehicles were a "worthy addition" to SA SES during the River Murray flood.

"Thank you to NSW SES for their support of the specialised vehicles," he said.



Two special Mercedes trucks have arrived in SA from NSW to help with the flood effort. PHOTOS: supplied



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start to the 2023 school year

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2. Set up some playdates in the holidays with local kids who are also starting school so they see some familiar faces on day one.
3. Visit the school – check out the playground, find their classroom and have a wander round so they can get used to where things are.
4. Invent a fun routine to make saying goodbye a bit easier – try a high-five, bear hug or secret handshake.
5. Talk positively about the day ahead on the way to school and remind your child where you'll be at pick-up time.
6. Drawn-out goodbyes can be upsetting, especially if other kids are getting emotional. Once your child is settled in their classroom, give them some final positive reassurance and beat a hasty retreat.
7. Try to limit other activities during the first few weeks – the transition to school can be tiring and kids need down time.
8. Schedule a family celebration or a Skype call from grandparents on the weekend to mark the milestone – after all, starting school is a pretty big deal.

Source: Beyond Blue

Essential items for your backpack

❑ The backpack

The most important essential item is the bag itself. It needs to easily store everything you need for your day at school,

is comfortable, and easy to carry. Most schools have branded backpacks readily available for purchase.

❑ Stationery

This includes all books, binders, pens, pencils, erasers, rulers, highlighters and more. Schools offer stationery packs with everything you need to get your year started off in an organised way, so make sure you take advantage of their office opening hours.

❑ Planner and binder

Planners or diaries are a great way to keep track of what classes are when, and when assignments or tests are due – especially in the first few weeks while you get used to the weekly routine. Bullet journals are a way to show creativity and cater to your specific organisational needs.

Loose pieces of paper – for assignments or homework tasks – are easy to lose, dirty or destroy. Using a binder with sheet protectors makes sure important pieces of paper stay pristine and in an easy-to-find place.

❑ Scientific calculator and textbooks

Many high school students in mathematics and science classes will know the need to have a scientific calculator, so make sure you are prepared from day one, even if you think you do not actually need it on that day.



Textbooks are usually loaned out in the first week of school, so make sure your backpack is prepared to gain more weight and for more space to be taken up.

❑ Small (but still essential) items

Personal items like your phone, keys, student ID, money (for emergencies or snacks), and bus card are important to keep safe in your bag to ensure they are not misplaced during the day.

A reusable water bottle will save you

money and help save the planet at the same time. Most backpacks even have a side pocket specifically for water bottles.

Tissues and lip balm can be life savers, especially during summer with classroom air conditioners turned on full blast.

Headphones or earbuds are handy for study periods or quiet learning time if you are a student who benefits from background music, and if you take the bus home.

Stationery Collection + Materials and Service payment

Wednesday 25th January 2023
8:30am - 11:am
12noon - 6:00pm

M&S fees are \$269.00 for 2023. Stationery packs will be given to all families who have paid M&S fees in full, part paid, signed an Agreement to Pay installment plan or applied for a School Card. "Agreement to Pay" forms will be available from the Front Office. School card and Centrepay can be applied for Online.

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Invoices will be sent to families during January 2023.

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Renmark High School

Issue of Stationery and Payment of Fees

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Cash cannot be accepted after 3:00pm due to the department's cash handling policy.

Direct deposit is the preferred method of payment however cash, cheque or EFTPOS will also be available. Please make cheques payable to Renmark High School.

The charge for 2023 school fees is \$355. Eligible families will again receive the \$100 Government rebate. This will be applied directly to M&S fees reducing the charge to \$255. School card applicants are not eligible to receive the rebate.

Renmark High School staff look forward to welcoming students back to school on Monday 30th January at 8.50am.

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New PATS increase ‘justifies Libs’ call

TIM Whetstone has welcomed an SA government decision to double the fuel subsidy for Riverlanders travelling to Adelaide for health appointments, after calling for the increase last year.

In June 2022, the Chaffey MP criticised SA Labor for refusing to review the reimbursement level for the Patient Assistance Transport Scheme (PATS), saying that retaining the 16c per kilometre figure could impact locals’ health-care decisions.

However, last week Labor announced the first major increase to PATS in more than 20 years, lifting the fuel subsidy to 32c per kilometre for eligible medical appointments.

“As a former government we proposed to double the mileage reimbursement,” Mr Whetstone said.

“(The increase) justifies the argument now because obviously cost of living has been a massive factor.” However, Mr Whetstone said the delay was evidence that SA regions were “getting treated like second-rate citizens” by the government.

When the PATS spat erupted mid-2022, Health Minister Chris Picton asked why the Liberals had failed to take action during their four-year term in government.

Mr Picton last week described the increase as “great news for the many thousands of people who access the scheme now or may need to travel for medical treatment in future”.

- PAUL MITCHELL

PATS spat ‘risking health of locals’

PAUL MITCHELL SA Labor’s decision to double the reimbursement level for the Patient Assistance Transport Scheme (PATS) could threaten the health of thousands of people in the region, Mr Whetstone said. He said the move was a “great news” for the many thousands of people who access the scheme now or may need to travel for medical treatment in future. However, Mr Whetstone said the delay was evidence that SA regions were “getting treated like second-rate citizens” by the government.



Paringa man Frank Turton’s latest project is his mobility scooter, fitted with corflute walls and roof. PHOTO: Robyn McIntosh

Frank’s funky new ride

LOOK out Renmark and Paringa, Frank has a new decked-out ride and is unafraid to show it off.

Well-known Paringa man, and Renmark Paringa councillor, Frank Turton bought a mobility scooter a couple of months ago and has since added corflute walls and roof, with more decorations in the works.

“You know me, I do things different,” Mr Turton said.

“I put Harley Davidson stickers on the front and back and someone saw me driving it and said, ‘Oh, that’s a beautiful bike’, then looked up at me, straight in the eye and said, ‘Don’t you do anything to alter it’.

“I think that’s like waving a red flag at a

bull, so, I started thinking...

“It has a weight limit so I have to always consider that. I put the lightweight corflute on it, one thing led to another and things evolved.”

The scooter has a cut-out map of Australia acting as a window for Mr Turton as he drives along at top speeds of 10km/h, plus a roof and chimney, with paintwork all completed by hand.

“It’s turned out a real boomer,” Mr Turton said. “I go to the Paringa Bakery every morning for a coffee and it was first seen out the front there. Mel from the bakery took a photo and put it on Facebook.

“There was a comment from someone from Coober Pedy who saw it and wanted a photo because he wanted to replicate it.

“You do something and you get the negatives and the positives, but I’ve just had 100 per cent positive.”

Renowned for his novelty boat, Wilitsinkorwontit, and other eccentricities, Mr Turton said he always has doubts starting a project, but is looking forward to adding extra features to his gopher including a snake coming out of the chimney and a perch for his hen and rooster to go along for the ride.

“There’s always the doubt of something like that on the road and whether it’s law-abiding,” he added.

“I’m doing more work on the side views so I can argue back that I can see. It’s got indicators, a headlight and a horn.

“I have been expected to be pulled up by the police for questioning but it hasn’t happened yet. They’ve just waved to me as I go past.

“I think it’s just another little something for Renmark and Paringa, and it’s a great conversation starter.”

- ELYSE ARMANINI

Remembering our Possum Lady, Trish

ELYSE ARMANINI

A MEMORIAL service will be held this Friday for Renmark’s Trish Stevens, affectionately known as The Possum Lady, who passed away last year.

A local since 1989, Trish spent her afternoons feeding many hungry possums along the riverfront for more than three decades.

She was a well-known checkout operator at Renmark Woolworths, enjoyed attending Wednesday carpet bowls at the Renmark Lutheran Hall, attended Bible study at the Anglican church, was a member of the Renmark Lions Club and volunteered at the hospital.

Trish’s long-time friend Judy Stuckey said Trish was a “very caring lady”, especially when it came to animals.

“We met when I had two little Jack Russells and she had a labrador and Australian terrier,” she said.

“We got around together on our bikes, had coffees together, she’d invite me out for tea with a group of other people and I used to go down to the possums with her.

“She would go every day without fail. It didn’t matter the weather, no matter how she felt. She even went the night before she passed.”

Trish is survived by her son Rhys, her grandchildren Chevelle and Damian, and great-grandchildren, who live in New Zealand.

The memorial service will take place from 2pm at the Renmark Lutheran Hall.

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A memorial service will be held for the ‘Renmark Possum Lady’, Trish Stevens, this Friday. Trish is pictured with her dogs Bella and Ruby shortly before she passed away last year. PHOTO: supplied

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Two backyard finds in Monash...

Outbreaks prompt a warning on apricots

TWO fruit fly outbreaks around Monash in just four days has sparked a plea for Riverland residents to check their home-grown fruit, especially apricots.

Queensland fruit fly maggots found in backyard apricots caused the region's latest fruit fly outbreak, called Monash B, on Friday. The declaration followed the detection of maggots in apricots on Tuesday last week, triggering what has been labelled the Monash A outbreak.

The new outbreak area overlaps a small part of the existing Monash A outbreak and also takes in part of the Berri township.

Residents have been urged to search their address on the interactive fruit fly map (fruit-fly.sa.gov.au) to learn how they are affected by restrictions and what they need to do.

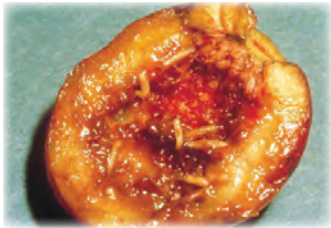
Warmer weather means fruit fly are more active, said PIRSA's fruit fly response general manager, Nick Secomb.

"We know PIRSA's eradication efforts are effective where our field teams are active, but a number of new detections at new sites is clearly a concern," said Mr Secomb.

"Everyone needs to play their part in not letting fruit fly under the radar.

"It's really important everyone with a fruit tree follows the four simple steps: pick ripe fruit promptly, collect fallen fruit off the ground, check your fruit for signs of fruit fly, call the Fruit Fly Hotline (1300 666 010) if you suspect anything."

Residents and businesses in



the new Monash outbreak area will receive information from PIRSA about the outbreaks and associated quarantine details, while fruit fly officers will visit properties in the outbreak areas to apply bait and check for signs of fruit fly in fruit.

Chair of the Riverland Fruit Fly Committee, Jason Size, said despite more fruit fly activity now, industry is confident eradication efforts will get on top of the outbreaks.

"We've all been living with fruit fly outbreaks for a while now but the data does show what PIRSA is doing at known fruit fly infestation sites is working," said Mr Size.

"However, PIRSA can't do it alone. The Riverland is a big region with a lot of fruit trees, and home and commercial growers must play their part.

"PIRSA's self-baiting program needs more growers – more growers signing up will greatly help our chances of stopping new hotspots from occurring.

"If you're a grower in a red outbreak area, please contact PIRSA to register your interest."

Primary producers impacted by current fruit fly outbreaks or flood are encouraged to contact the free Family and Business (FaB) support program.



SA Primary Industries Minister, Clare Scriven (middle), spreading the fruit fly eradication message at last year's Royal Adelaide Show with PIRSA staff. PHOTO: supplied

Summer fruit fly campaign steps up

A FREE grower self-baiting/lure program and focusing on high-risk areas are key planks of PIRSA's 2023 Riverland fruit fly summer eradication campaign, revealed last week.

Running from January to March, the PIRSA (Department for Primary Industries and Regions) campaign aims to build on build on previous preventative measures in place across the region.

PIRSA says servicing residential traps and a refreshed approach to raising community awareness about preventing fruit fly in backyards are also important parts of the plan.

It says work being done around detection sites shows eradication activities are working, with fewer outbreak triggers being found in those locations.

However, summer remains a critical time for fruit fly detections, with the risk traditionally peaking in April to

May, when any larvae that has gone undetected will complete its lifecycle.

Commercial growers in fruit fly 'red outbreak' areas are encouraged to access free bait and lures to help protect their crop in 2023. PIRSA says following feedback, changes have been made to the program to make it easier for additional commercial growers to participate.

"The Malinauskas

Labor Government remains committed to getting rid of fruit fly in the Riverland and working towards reinstatement of the pest free area," said Minister for Primary Industries, Clare Scriven.

"Significant progress was made in fruit fly eradication over spring and the heightened level of activity will go a long way to lowering fly numbers."

Since August 2022:

More than 39,000 traps deployed in outbreak and suspension areas.

200,000 litres of bait mix used at properties and in orchards.

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More than 21,500 residential properties visited regularly to inspect fruit, collect fallen fruit, apply bait, and deploy traps.

Ms Scriven

reminded the Riverland community to "stay vigilant and not let signs of fruit fly or infected fruit go unnoticed".

"Pick ripe fruit promptly, collect fallen fruit from the ground, check for signs of fruit fly and call the Fruit Fly Hotline if you suspect anything," she said.

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Riverland-based MLC Nicola Centofanti (centre) and Labor Mawson MP Leon Bignell (third from right) visited Calperum Station recently when a number of the station's rangers received their Certificate IV in Leadership and Management qualification (pictured below). PHOTOS: Hugh Schuitemaker

STUDENT ART: Rachael Thompson enjoyed visiting the Rain Moth Gallery in Waikerie with her children, viewing a Riverland student art exhibition. PHOTOS: supplied



Citrus-inspired artwork by year 2 students are among the many pieces of colourful artwork currently on display at the Rain Moth Gallery. Pictured is exhibition co-ordinator Karen Richardson.



Year 6 graduate Laila Kelly (second from right), from Kingston-On-Murray Primary School, was recently awarded the MP School Award by Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone (left). They are pictured with Laila's parents Amy and Mick. PHOTO: supplied



FLOODFEST: Members of the public joined together for the Our Town Berri FloodFest event opening day recently, including volunteers from Berri Regional Secondary College Nikki, Cameron and Cohen. PHOTO: Facebook

COMMUNITY DIARY

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

WEEKLY
Guided tours of **The Pines Historic House** are held every Sunday at 2pm, at 18 Henry Street, Loxton. Gardens open seven days. Extra tour inquiries to Helen (0421 601 903).
WEEKLY
Barmera Theatre Art & Craft Gallery in the Bonney Theatre complex open for sales Tuesday to Friday 10am to 2pm, and Saturday 9:30am to 11:30. Inquiries to Ruth (0428 899 506).
WEEKLY
Palms Bingo Club hold a bingo session every Tuesday at the Monash Club. Doors open at 11am and eyes down at 11.30am. Lunch and drinks available from the bar.
WEEKLY
Every Monday, even long weekends, 1pm to 4pm. Card and board games at **Renmark Lutheran Church**, 62 Seventeenth Street, Renmark. Phone Roz Frazer (8595 1560).
WEEKLY
Line dancing at the **Monash Club** every Thursday, 11am to 2pm. Lunch and drinks available.

WEEKLY
The **Berri Community Men's Shed** new open times are 9am to 1pm on Mondays and Thursdays. New members welcome. Inquiries phone 0428 215 114.
WEEKLY
Social badminton is played at the **Barmera Recreation Centre** every Tuesday evening from 6.30pm to 8pm, and Tuesday mornings from 9am to 10.30am. Racquets are available and all welcome. For more information contact Judy (8588 8000).
WEEKLY
Barmera Lake Bonney Quilters meet every Wednesday 9am to 4pm at the Riverland Field Days site. Friendly group. All welcome, beginner or experienced. Contact 0438 837 307.
WEEKLY
Riverland Concert Brass Band. Monday nights 7pm to 8.30pm, except public holidays. 1 Verran Terrace, Berri. All musicians welcome.
WEEKLY
Loxton Historical Village is closed until further notice. Apologies for any inconvenience.

WEEKLY
The **Loxton Legacy Widow Group** meet on the fourth Monday of the month at 10.30am at the Loxton RSL hall.
WEEKLY
The **Barmera Community Men's Shed** is open Monday and Thursday from 8am to 12.30pm at the Bruce Oval. All men are welcome. Not open on public holidays.
WEEKLY
Meet, Greet & Eat at **Loxcare Community Hub**, 13 Drabsch Street, Loxton, every Friday at 10am. Come and enjoy morning tea and a chat. For inquiries phone 8584 6954.
WEEKLY
The **SACWA Loxton District Branch** meets every Thursday, from 10am-2pm, at its hall on Kokoda Terrace, Loxton. Come along and enjoy a cuppa, companionship and craft.
WEEKLY
Tea nights at **Barmera RSL**, Sturt Street, Barmera. Every Friday night, served from 6pm. \$15 for a two-course meal. For bookings contact Peter (0408 813 882).
WEEKLY
Ukulele every Thursday during school

terms, from 5.15pm to 6.45pm at the **Monash Hall** supper room. Inquiries to Margot (0407 796 508).
WEEKLY
Berri Seniors meet every Tuesday, 1pm to 4pm at the RSL Room, Cottage Homes while clubrooms are used for emergency flood use. Activities including bridge, cards, games, computer, socialise, afternoon tea/coffee.
SUNDAY, JANUARY 15 & 22
Free Pondi workshops with Elders and artists at **Riverland Youth Theatre**, 4pm-6pm for First Nation children aged 8-16.
TUESDAY, JANUARY 17 & 24
Lord of the Rings big screen watch party at **Riverland Youth Theatre**, 5pm-8pm. Cost \$5 or \$15 for a family, BYO food and drink. All ages welcome.
THURSDAY, JANUARY 19
U3A Riverland registration of activities and membership and enrolment day held in the clubrooms on Strawbridge Street, Berri between 9.30am and 12 noon. Nomination forms for election on the U3A management committee for 2023 available for collection.

Hyundai and police Hilux in Loxton crash

INVESTIGATIONS are continuing into a serious crash near Loxton on Saturday night involving an SA Police Toyota Hilux and a car driven by two French nationals. Just after 11pm on emergency

services responded to reports of a crash between the SAPOL vehicle and a Hyundai sedan on Bookpurnong Road, near Loxton. The male driver of the sedan, a 27-year-old French national and

his female passenger, a 21-year-old French national both sustained serious, but non-life-threatening injuries and were taken to the Royal Adelaide Hospital. They were in a stable condition.

The police driver, a 55-year-old man was taken to the Berri hospital for minor injuries, while his passenger, a 42-year-old man, was taken to the Loxton hospital for minor injuries. Both officers were released on

Sunday. Bookpurnong Road was closed for several hours but reopened just after 4am on Sunday. “The circumstances of the crash are being investigated,” SA Police said.

A 2.4-metre high levee stretching 300-metres has protected the Waikerie Holiday Park from the River Murray flood, which peaked at Waikerie last week. PHOTO: supplied



Waikerie park donates pre-filled sandbags

THE Waikerie Holiday Park is offering free pre-filled sandbags to communities in low-lying River Murray areas still bracing for the flood peak. Edwards Group park support officer Catherine Hein said with the levees at the Waikerie caravan park holding, 2000 pre-filled sandbags were now available to help those still needing protection from rising waters. The Department of Environment and Water’s date – released late last week – indicated areas such

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as Murray Bridge, Wellington, Meningie, Milang, Clayton Bay, Goolwa and Hindmarsh Island would experience their flood peak by about Friday. Mrs Hein said the sandbags were “unspoilt and viable for others to use”, as they had been surrounded by a 300-metre by 2.4-metre levee that protected the holiday park during the peak of the flood.

She said communities and individuals needing these should contact Waikerie Holiday Park to arrange pick-up. “It is difficult to get a hold of sandbags right now, not to mention the time, labour and money they require,” Mrs Hein said. “It took our crew of seven people five days, a cement truck and 108 tonnes of sand to fill these bags, which were used to protect our most critical assets. “We want to pay-it-forward and

donate these straight to those who need them now. “We had a team of experts helping us build the levee and a lot of community support with sandbagging, but not everyone is in the same position as us. “The river level is of great concern for many communities and help is needed in protecting homes and livelihoods.” The Edwards Group called on the Riverland community to inform those in need about the free pre-filled sandbags.

Fire scene helped by farmers

QUICK thinking by several members of the local farming community prevented a grass fire from spreading at Paisley, north of Blanchetown, recently. Waikerie CFS Captain Shaun Arnold said 10 hectares of grassland was burnt in the blaze at the gypsum mining property. “The fire was in low-lying spear grass, enabling it to burn fairly quickly,” he said. Mr Arnold said a farm fire unit from a nearby poultry property helped prevent the fire from spreading to the road. He said another private company also assisted the CFS by giving the unit access to a 4000-litre water tanker. “The bigger CFS units went up to the nearby chook farms to fill up, but the smaller units were able to use this tank, which saved time,” Mr Arnold explained. “They brought that up so we could access water out of it. “It is good that people jump in to help if they can, even if it is not by fighting the fire, but bringing up a water tank.” CFS units from Waikerie, Blanchetown and Cadell attended the scene. Police said they could not determine the cause of the fire and did not consider it to be suspicious. - CHRISTINE WEBSTER

Livestock SA puts support offer out to flood-affected producers

FLOOD-affected River Murray livestock producers are being asked to provide Livestock SA with details of their fodder needs to assess the demand and co-ordinate donations. The River Murray flooding is causing major disruptions for primary producers

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and limiting access to livestock grazing areas, creating feed shortages. Livestock SA president Joe Keynes said these businesses require support now

while they assess the severity of the flood impacts on their business and make plans for recovery. “Livestock SA has been proud to support producers with fodder in the past as it eases the short-term burden and offers relief so producers can play for recovery,” he said. Livestock SA is also seeking fodder donations from producers to help those in need, with those able to donate encouraged to contact Livestock SA or complete the online form with the type of feed and volume they have available to

donate, along with delivery options. Call Livestock SA or complete the following online form if you require fodder (www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZZTNDTH). For more information call Livestock SA on 8297 2299.

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Berri resident David Campaign was one of the first users of a new fortnightly stroke prevention clinic at the Riverland General Hospital. PHOTO: Josh Brine

Stroke prevention clinic just what the doctor ordered

RIVERLANDERS now have access to a new local outpatient service to reduce the risk of stroke in the community.

The first fortnightly clinic assessing and diagnosing transient ischaemic attacks (TIA), a medical episode that is a warning sign a stroke may be imminent, took place at the Riverland General Hospital (RGH) in Berri late last year, and was the first of its kind in regional SA.

TIA clinic user, Berri's David Campaign, said his appointment was "close to home and convenient".

"My wife and I were grateful we didn't have to travel to Adelaide to access this service," he said.

"This kind of follow-up care is important to reducing the risk of stroke and it gave me peace of mind to receive care at a specialised service in the Riverland.

"It's great to see services like this available in the community and to be able to avoid the long journey to Adelaide for medical appointments."

At the clinic, doctors and a nurse assess patients locally, with a neurologist from the Central Adelaide Local Health Network (CALHN) taking part via telehealth and the local South Australian Medical Imaging service at RGH facilitating neuroimaging.

CALHN neurologist and rural clinical advisor on strokes, Dr Craig Kurunawai, said the clinic was an "important resource for the Riverland community".

"The Berri TIA clinic model will be of a similar service to patients as the clinic at the Royal Adelaide Hospital, but it will be at a local regional hospital, with local clinicians assessing patients in addition to dedi-

cated neurology specialist input," he said.

"It is a huge advantage for residents to have access to this service close to their home, and it is envisaged that this may assist in reducing the pressure on local hospitals by avoiding future admissions, through a safe alternate pathway for emergency departments.

"The clinic will also help serve local general practitioners who wish to refer their respective patients that meet the TIA clinic criteria."

Riverland Mallee Coorong Local Health Network (RMCLHN) CEO Wayne Champion said the RGH's partnership with CALHN neurology experts would help offer the "vital health service to the community".

"The new TIA clinic will significantly benefit the Riverland community and allow residents to have access to a potentially life-saving service at their doorstep," he said.

"As chair of the statewide Telestroke Oversight Committee, I see this is an important first step in making TIA clinics available in regional health services throughout South Australia."

People who have presented at the RGH with TIA or neurological symptoms are eligible to be seen in the new clinic.

Referrals will continue to be made to the Royal Adelaide Hospital TIA clinic for triaging; prior to scheduling attendance at the local RGH TIA clinic.

The service will add to the existing support available through the SA Telestroke Service, which provides 24/7 expert neurologist clinical support.

It's great to see services like this available in the community and to be able to avoid the long journey to Adelaide for medical appointments...

- TIA clinic user David Campaign

LGA praises its flood-hit councils

THE LGA has praised the efforts of River Murray councils in the Riverland and Murraylands in dealing the current flood.

The Local Government Association of SA, which represents the state's councils, says the local trio have played "an integral role" in preparing for and responding to the emergency.

"The local government sector has been active right throughout this crisis to support affected residents and businesses," said LGA SA president, Dean Johnson.

"Councils have carried out many important tasks including collaborating with key emergency management team stakeholders; managing road and land closures; undertaking levee remediation and regular ongoing monitoring; managing storm water impacts and amplifying emergency services messaging, amongst other activities.

"This is in addition to ensuring essentials

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have been maintained where possible."

Over 25 councils and regional LGAs have provided direct support to affected Riverland and Murraylands councils and the State Emergency Service (SES) to date.

Mr Johnson said the LGA had also played an active role throughout the emergency, "representing the views of the impacted councils and the broader sector in State Emergency Centre briefings, facilitating resource sharing and holding relevant information sessions with impacted councils on key challenges".

The LGA welcomed the additional \$126m of joint state and federal funding, announced last week, to aid the SA flood effort.

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6:00 Old People's Home For 4 Year Olds
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5:05 Tik Tak; 5:10 Clangers; 5:20 Buddi; 5:25 Children's Programs; 5:55 Reef School
6:05 The Adventures Of Paddington
6:20 Bluey
6:30 Spicks And Specks
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7:00 Home And Away
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11:00 Crime Investigation Australia
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6:00 Nine News
7:00 A Current Affair
7:30 Tennis Plays For Peace
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9:30 Just For Laughs Australia
10:00 Just For Laughs Uncut
10:30 Steph Tisdell - Identity Theft
11:30 The Project Encore
12:30 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert

5:00 World News; 9:00 Peer To Peer; 10:00 25 Tracks; 11:05 Great Canal Journeys; 12:00 BBC News at Ten; 12:30 NEWS; 1:00 PBS NewsHour; 2:00 The World's Greatest Palaces; 2:55 Great Asian Railways Journeys; 4:05 Jeopardy!; 4:30 Letters And Numbers; 5:00 Motor Sport
6:00 Mastermind
6:30 SBS World News
7:35 Engineering Reborn
8:30 Inside Central Station
9:25 How To Build A Nuclear Power Station
10:35 SBS World News Late
11:05 Gomorrah
1:50 The Kimberley Cruise: The Full Journey

SATURDAY

6:00 rage; 7:00 Weekend Breakfast; 9:00 rage; 10:30 rage Guest Programmer; 12:00 ABC News At Noon; 12:30 Endeavour; 2:00 Midsomer Murders; 3:30 Death In Paradise; 4:30 Going Country; 5:25 Australia's Favourite Tree
6:30 Nigella's Cook, Eat, Repeat
7:00 ABC News
7:30 TBA
8:30 Midsomer Murders
10:00 Unforgotten
10:50 A Life In Ten Pictures
11:40 rage Guest Programmer
5:00 rage

5:05:05 Tik Tak; 5:10 Clangers; 5:20 Buddi; 5:25 Children's Programs; 5:55 Reef School
6:05 The Adventures Of Paddington
6:20 Bluey
6:30 Spicks And Specks
7:30 Whose Line Is It Anyway?
8:15 Live At The Apollo
9:00 Melbourne Comedy Festival
10:05 The Set - Cosmo's Midnight
11:35 Would I Lie To You?
12:05 Staged
12:30 Bliss
12:50 TBA
1:40 Fleabag
2:00 QI
2:35 ABC News Update
2:40 ABC TV Plus Programs Re-sume At 6.30pm

6:00 NBC Today; 7:00 Weekend Sunrise; 10:00 The Morning Show Summer Series; 11:00 Border Security - Australia's Front Line; 11:30 Seven's Horse Racing; 5:00 Seven News Adelaide; 5:30 Border Security - Australia's Front Line
6:00 Seven News
7:00 Border Security - Australia's Front Line
7:30 Dumbo
9:50 Long Kiss Goodnight
12:20 The Good Doctor
1:20 Travel Oz
2:00 TBA
4:00 Get Clever
4:30 Get Arty
5:00 My Greek Odyssey

6:00 Drive Tv; 6:30 A Current Affair; 7:00 Weekend Today; 10:00 Today Extra Summer; 12:00 For The Love Of Pets; 1:00 Explore; 1:10 Mr Holland's Opus; 4:00 Bondi Vet; 5:00 Nine News; 5:30 Country House Hunters Australia
6:00 Nine News Saturday
7:00 A Current Affair
7:30 Miss Congeniality 2 - Armed And Fabulous
21:50 Two Weeks Notice
11:50 Unsane
1:35 Outdoors Indoors
2:00 The Incredible Journey Presents
2:30 Tv Shop - Home Shopping
5:30 Helping Hands

6:00 Reel Action; 6:30 Leading The Way With Dr. Michael Yousef; 7:00 Freshly Picked With Simon Toohey; 7:30 Escape Fishing With ET; 8:00 Exploring Off The Grid; 8:30 What's Up Down Under; 9:00 Everyday Gourmet With Justine Schofield; 9:30 Good Chef Bad Chef; 10:00 Studio 10; Saturday; 12:00 Cook It With Luke; 12:30 Well Traveller; 1:00 The Offroad Adventure Show; 2:00 All 4 Adventure; 3:00 p Pat Callinan's 4x4 Adventures; 4:00 Farm To Fork; 4:30 Taste Of Australia With Hayden Quinn; 5:00 10 News First
6:00 Bondi Rescue
6:30 Jamie Oliver - Together
7:30 NCIS
8:30 FBI
10:30 NCIS - Hawaii Encore
11:30 NCIS

5:00 World News; 9:00 Blue Water Safari; 10:00 Cook Up With Adam Liaw Bitesize; 10:05 Love your Garden; 11:30 Paul O'grady For The Love Of Dogs; 12:00 BBC News at Ten; 12:30 Surf Life Saving Iron Series Maroubra; 2:30 ABC World News Tonight with David Muir; 3:00 ISU Figure Skating Highlights; 4:00 Europe's Greatest Train Journeys; 5:00 Motor Sport
6:00 Great British Railway Journeys
6:30 SBS World News
7:35 Extreme Railway Journeys
8:30 Legendary Castles
9:30 Britain By Beach
10:25 Great Escapes With Morgan Freeman
11:15 The Keeper
1:25 The Chocolate Factory

SUNDAY

6:00 rage; 7:00 Weekend Breakfast; 10:00 Offsiders - Summer Series; 10:30 Australia's Remote Islands; 11:00 Compass; 11:30 Songs Of Praise; 12:00 ABC News At Noon; 12:30 Landline; 1:00 Movin' To The Country; 1:30 Monty Don's American Gardens; 2:30 Call The Midwife; 3:30 Victoria; 4:15 Grand Designs; 5:05 TBA
6:00 Antiques Roadshow
7:00 ABC News
7:30 Death In Paradise
8:30 Vera
10:00 Wreck
10:50 Operation Buffalo
11:45 Black Comedy
1:15 Les Miserables
2:15 Victoria
3:00 rage
4:00 Classic Countdown

5:05 Tik Tak; 5:10 Clangers; 5:20 Buddi; 5:25 Children's Programs; 5:00 Peppa Pig; 5:05 Octonauts And The Caves Of Sac Actun
6:20 Bluey
6:30 Spicks And Specks
7:30 You Can't Ask That
8:30 TBA
9:20 Louis Theroux's Altered States
10:20 Return To Belsen
11:10 Attenborough And The Empire Of The Ants
12:05 Long Lost Family
12:50 George Clarke's Amazing Spaces
1:40 ABC News Update
1:45 ABC TV Plus Programs Re-sume At 6.30pm

6:00 NBC Today; 7:00 Weekend Sunrise; 10:00 The Morning Show Summer Series; 12:00 Better Homes And Gardens; 1:00 Big Bash League Cricket; 4:30 Border Security; 5:00 Seven News Adelaide; 5:30 South Aussie With Cosi
6:00 Seven News
7:00 Big Bash League Cricket
10:30 7NEWS Spotlight
11:30 World's Most Shocking Emergency Calls
12:30 2023 Santos Tour Down Under
1:30 RSPCA Animal Rescue
2:00 TBA
3:30 Million Dollar Minute
4:00 NBC Today
5:00 Seven Early News
5:30 Sunrise

6:00 Drive Tv; 6:30 A Current Affair; 7:00 Weekend Today; 10:00 Surfing Australia Tv; 10:30 Take Me Home; 11:30 Arctic Vets; 12:00 Great Barrier Reef; 1:00 Housesitter; 3:00 Great Getaways; 4:00 Bondi Vet; 5:00 Nine News; 5:30 Hello Sa
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11:00 Manhunt
11:50 Law & Order
12:40 Drive Tv
1:05 Surfing Australia Tv
1:30 Tv Shop - Home Shopping
4:00 Believer's Voice Of Victory
4:30 Take Two
5:00 Today

6:00 Mass For You At Home; 6:30 Turning Point With David Jeremiah; 7:00 Joseph Prince; 7:30 Joel Osteen; 8:00 Luca's Key Ingredient; 8:30 Freshly Picked With Simon Toohey; 9:00 Destination Dessert; 9:30 Everyday Gourmet With Justine Schofield; 10:00 Studio 10; 12:00 The Bachelors Australia Encore; 1:40 My Market Kitchen; 2:00 Waltzing Jimeoin; 2:30 Exploring Off The Grid; 3:00 Pat Callinan's 4x4 Adventures; 4:00 All 4 Adventure; 5:00 10 News First
6:30 The Sunday Project
7:30 The Bachelors Australia
8:40 NCIS
9:40 FBI
12:30 The Sunday Project Encore
1:30 Home Shopping
4:30 CBS Mornings

5:00 World News; 9:00 Cook Up With Adam Liaw Bitesize; 9:05 Blue Water Safari; 10:00 Love Your Garden; 11:00 Paul O'grady For The Love Of Dogs - India; 12:00 APAC Weekly; 12:30 Surf Life Saving Iron Series Maroubra; 1:30 ABC World News Tonight with David Muir; 3:00 ISU Figure Skating Highlights; 5:00 Cycling Road National Championships 2023; 5:00 Motor Sport - Dakar Rally 2023
6:00 Great British Railway Journeys
6:30 SBS World News
7:30 Megastructures Of Genius
8:30 Nazca Desert Mystery
9:30 Pompeii - Sin City
11:00 Serena Vs The Umpire
10:00 Travel Man's Greatest Trips
1:50 How Mad Are You?

MONDAY

6:00 News Breakfast; 9:00 ABC News Mornings; 10:00 Muster Dogs; 11:00 Antiques Roadshow; 12:00 ABC News At Noon; 1:00 Vera; 2:40 Back Roads; 3:10 Gardening Australia; 4:10 Long Lost Family; 4:55 Australian Story; 5:25 Hard Quiz; 5:55 Old People's Home For Teenagers
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1:55 Black Comedy
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5:05 Tik Tak; 5:10 Clangers; 5:20 Buddi; 5:25 Children's Programs; 5:00 Peppa Pig; 5:10 Octonauts; 5:20 Hey Duggee; 5:30 Ginger And The Vegetables; 5:35 Do, Re & Mi; 5:45 Kiri and Lou; 5:55 Reef School
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7:30 David Attenborough's Rise Of Animals
8:30 Long Lost Family
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6:00 Sunrise; 9:00 The Morning Show; 11:30 Seven Morning News; 12:00 2023 Santos Tour Down Under; 2:30 Beach Cops; 3:00 The Chase; 4:00 Seven News At 4; 5:00 The Chase Australia
6:00 Seven News
7:00 Home And Away
7:30 Big Bash League Cricket
10:30 The Spin
11:00 Unbelievable Moments Caught On Camera
12:00 2023 Santos Tour Down Under
1:00 RSPCA Animal Rescue
1:30 Harry's Practice
2:00 TBA
4:00 NBC Today
5:00 Seven Early News
5:30 Sunrise

6:00 Today; 9:30 Australian Open Tennis
6:00 Nine News
7:00 Australian Open Tennis - Night
11:30 New Amsterdam
12:30 Family Law
1:30 Tv Shop - Home Shopping
4:00 Believer's Voice Of Victory
4:30 Nine News Early Edition
5:00 Today

6:00 The Talk; 7:00 Farm To Fork; 7:30 Good Chef Bad Chef; 8:00 Everyday Gourmet With Justine Schofield; 8:30 Entertainment Tonight Encore; 9:00 Judge Judy; 9:30 The Bold & The Beautiful Encore; 10:00 Studio 10; 12:00 10 News First; 1:00 Dr Phil; 2:00 The Bachelors Australia Encore; 3:10 Entertainment Tonight; 3:30 Judge Judy; 4:00 Farm To Fork; 4:30 The Bold & The Beautiful; 5:00 10 News First
6:30 The Project
7:30 The Bachelors Australia
8:45 Ghosts
9:15 FBI
11:15 The Project Encore
12:15 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert
1:00 Home Shopping
4:30 CBS Mornings

5:00 World News; 9:00 Destination Flavour China Bitesize; 9:15 Peer To Peer; 10:15 Beyond The Beaten Path; 11:10 Great Canal Journeys; 12:05 BBC Weekend News; 12:30 ABC World News Tonight with David Muir; 1:00 Al Jazeera News Hour; 2:00 Cook Up With Adam Liaw Bitesize; 2:05 The World's Greatest Palaces; 14:55 Great Asian Railways Journeys; 4:05 Jeopardy!; 4:30 Letters And Numbers; 5:00 Motor Sport - Dakar Rally 2023
6:00 Mastermind
6:30 SBS World News
7:35 Michael Mosley's Health Intervention
8:30 Heritage Rescue
9:30 Secrets Of Playboy
10:20 SBS World News Late
10:50 Reunions

TUESDAY

6:00 News Breakfast; 9:00 ABC News Mornings; 10:00 Kurt Fearnley's One Plus One; 10:30 Dream Gardens; 11:05 Aussie Inventions That Changed the World; 12:00 ABC News At Noon; 1:00 Father Brown; 1:45 Call The Midwife; 2:45 Back Roads; 3:15 Gardening Australia; 4:10 Long Lost Family; 5:00 Australian Story; 5:30 Hard Quiz
6:00 Old People's Home For Teenagers
7:00 ABC News
7:30 7.30
8:00 Anh's Brush With Fame
8:30 Love On The Spectrum
9:25 Julia Zemiro's Home Delivery
10:10 The Truth About Improving Your Mental Health
11:10 ABC Late News
11:30 The Accident

5:05 Tik Tak; 5:10 Clangers; 5:20 Buddi; 5:25 Children's Programs; 5:00 Peppa Pig; 5:10 Octonauts; 5:20 Hey Duggee; 5:30 Ginger And The Vegetables; 5:35 Do, Re & Mi; 5:45 Kiri and Lou; 5:55 Reef School
6:05 The Adventures Of Paddington
6:20 Bluey
6:30 Spicks And Specks
7:30 Would I Lie To You?
8:30 The Trip To Greece
9:00 Staged Outtakes
9:25 Bliss
9:55 Fleabag
10:20 QI
10:50 Friday Night Dinner
11:20 Everything's Gonna Be Okay
11:40 Black Comedy
12:10 Penn And Teller
12:50 Whose Line Is It Anyway?

6:00 Sunrise; 9:00 The Morning Show; 11:30 Seven Morning News; 12:00 2023 Santos Tour Down Under; 3:00 The Chase; 4:00 Seven News At 4; 5:00 The Chase Australia
6:00 Seven News
7:00 Home And Away
7:30 Big Bash League Cricket
10:30 Death Row - Countdown To Execution
11:30 2023 Santos Tour Down Under
12:30 The Good Doctor
1:30 RSPCA Animal Rescue
2:00 TBA
4:00 NBC Today
5:00 Seven Early News
5:30 Sunrise

6:00 Today; 9:30 Australian Open Tennis
6:00 Nine News
7:00 Australian Open Tennis
11:30 New Amsterdam
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1:30 Tv Shop - Home Shopping
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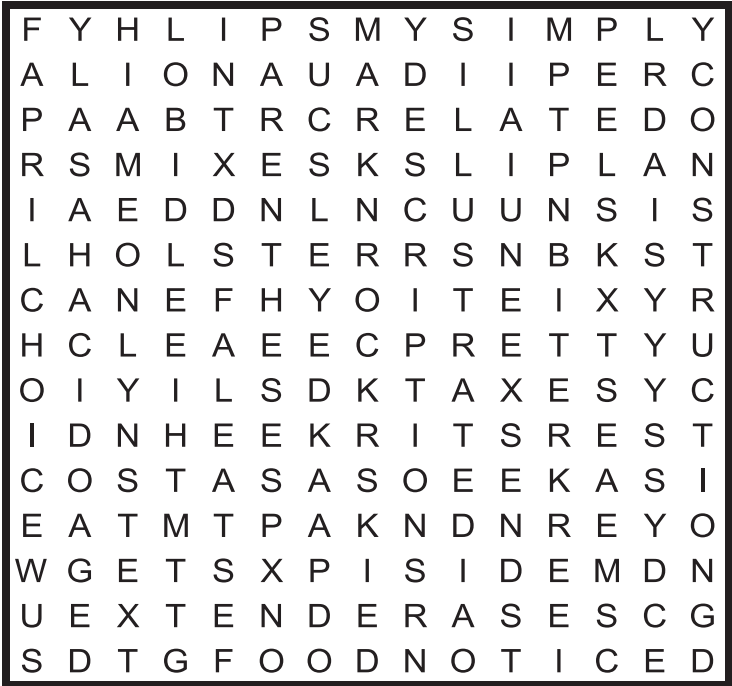
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6:00 Mastermind
6:30 SBS World News
7:30 Who Do You Think You Are?
8:30 This Is Joan Collins
10:20 SBS World News Late
10:50 Cheyenne & Lola
11:55 Unit One
4:10 Destination Flavour China

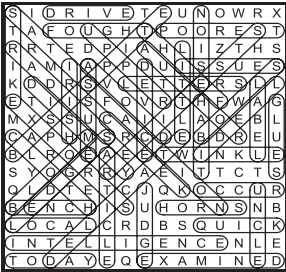
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How many words can you find?

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Last Week's Solution

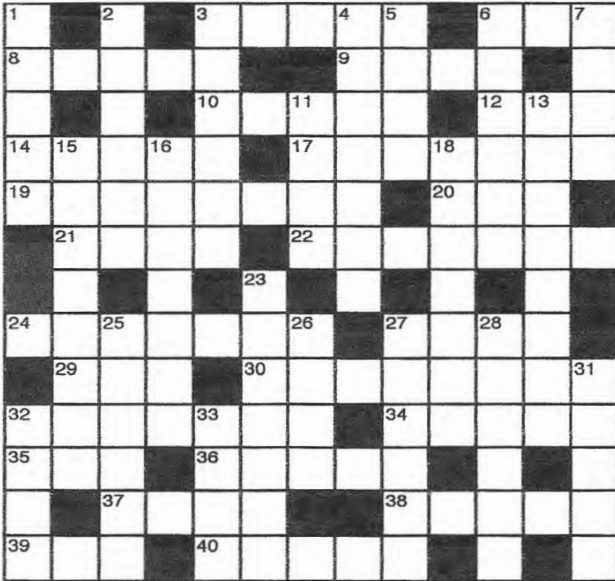


Crossword

ACROSS
3. Moon's age at beginning of year
6. Corded cloth
8. Prevail
9. Annoy
10. Judge's hammer
12. Fuel
14. Eastern inn
17. Bind fast
19. Advancement
20. Flightless bird
21. Parched
22. Briefly
24. Guardian
27. Greek letter
29. Soak
30. Gluttony
32. Young hare
34. Precipitous
35. Employ
36. Betel-nut palm
37. Ceremony
38. Money
39. Not at home
40. Extract

DOWN
1. Hold firmly
2. Looking glass
3. Surround
4. Fire basket
5. Lean
6. Administration
7. Mail
11. Huge
13. Having sharp prickles

15. Obliterations
16. Stir
18. Esteem
23. Protected
25. Return to former state
26. Mechanical repetition
27. Igneous rock
28. Fencing position
31. Town in Belgium
32. Board game
33. Chide



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION



January 2022 Horoscopes: week 2

- ARIES (March 21st - April 20th)
A few hours spent by yourself will help you to have a better understanding of what it is that motivates you. You need to make some important decisions about the future. **Romance.** A get-together with a person who admires you will help to give your confidence a boost.
- TAURUS (April 21st - May 21st)
A chat with a close friend will clear up any uncertainty you may have about a forthcoming decision. This person will help you to understand what has been going on in the back of your mind over the past few weeks. **Romance.** A dispute with your partner later in the week will be resolved if you stay calm.
- GEMINI (May 22nd - June 21st)
A powerful aspect to Jupiter will give your luck a boost. Use this opportunity to move ahead with a plan which has been stalled because you haven't had the courage to make a move. **Romance.** A dream about meeting the person of your dreams will not bring this any closer to reality. You need to start taking action.
- CANCER (June 22nd - July 23rd)
A comment from a close friend will throw you for a while. You may find that this person has a few other ideas which you haven't heard before. Be careful not to get too deeply involved. **Romance.** At times your partner may seem to be a little inflexible. You will need to be very firm at times.
- LEO (July 24th - August 23rd)
A powerful aspect to Jupiter will give your luck a boost. Use this time to move ahead with a plan which has been stalled because you haven't had the courage to make a move. Now is the time to get started! **Romance.** A dream about meeting the person of your dreams will not bring this any closer to reality. You need to start taking action.
- VIRGO (August 24th - September 23rd)
This will be a good time to clear up any misunderstandings. Your ability to communicate your ideas will be especially powerful at the beginning of the week. **Romance.** Don't allow a friend whom you hardly known to influence an important decision. This person may not have your best interests at heart.
- LIBRA (September 24th - October 23rd)
A favourable aspect to Jupiter later in the week will help to make this a lucky week. A risk which doesn't seem worth taking at the time won't disappoint you. **Romance.** Your partner has a much stronger hold over you than you realise. At times it might be better if you were a little more assertive.

- SCORPIO (October 24th - November 22nd)
A challenging aspect to Mars later in the week could make you a little tense at times. Do your best to avoid getting into conflicts, especially with your boss! **Romance.** Your energy will help to push you forwards. You need to take a few more risks in order to get your relationship the way you want it to be.
- SAGITTARIUS (November 23rd - December 21st)
This will be an excellent time to gain a deeper understanding of the people around you. **Romance.** A person whom you meet on the way to work will be very curious about your life. Don't be afraid to get to know this person better - you will find that you enjoy their company.
- CAPRICORN (December 22nd - January 20th)
A comment from a friend whom you haven't seen for some time may make you quite envious. This person's situation is not quite as rosy as it seems, however. **Romance.** A surprisingly frank comment from a friend may be just the tip of the iceberg. Some very subtle questioning will help you to find out the whole story.
- AQUARIUS (January 21st - February 19th)
A challenging aspect to Mercury right at the beginning of the week could lead to problems with communications. Do your best to check any facts before you depend on them. **Romance.** Your dreamy mood will make this a very good time for a romantic outing. Try to relax as much as possible.
- PISCES (February 20th - March 20th)
An act of kindness to an animal will be rewarded. This creature will not forget you and will help you in quite a different way later in the week. **Romance.** You need the chance to get away from your day-to-day routine. A short trip away from home with your partner will give you both a chance to recharge your batteries.

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SUDOKU No.410

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

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

Level of Difficulty: Hard

Solution No. 409

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AS we start to pack away the decorations, the tinsel on the trees, and the fairy lights for next Christmas, think of the joy and happiness they brought – not only to your family and loved ones, but to others who may not have been able to enjoy decorations last Christmas.

To those many community groups and individuals who participated in the Waikerie Christmas Tree Trail event each year, thank you. You will be aware that the display will be taken down on Monday, January 16 from 9am until 11am. Take care of your trees, as you now have just over nine months to think about how to decorate the tree for this year’s event in November.

Throughout our state and beyond, eyes have been on the River Murray flood, with concerns for so many families who have never seen it like this in the Riverland. Our thoughts are with those who will have months of repair and clean-up when that time comes. We are grateful to government for all the assistance they are providing to those in need. Riverland residents will be aware that Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson AC, Governor of South Australia, visited the region prior to Christmas to share her concerns with the communities and appreciate the challenges that we have been enduring. She brought gifts of fruit cakes to be shared in the communities. I can say that it was with gratitude to receive one and an honour to share it in our community.

Well done and thank you to Yvette Kelly and her team for arranging flights over the River Murray in flood. Those who have had the opportunity to do so have expressed that it was both enjoyable and memorable.

KEEPING IN TOUCH WITH

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There has been an influx of visitors to our region in the past couple of weeks and it will continue for quite a while I am sure. Several former residents living in the city and interstate have called to say they are coming to the region, and it is great to catch up with them for lunch or a cuppa at one of our cafes. The Waikerie Hotel has enjoyed sell-outs for lunches and dinners via the influx of those visitors.

Have you picked up your Adelaide Fringe magazine yet from your local Foodland store ? If not, get one soon, as there is so much in the magazine it will take a few afternoons to get through the pages and plan what you want to see. Adelaide Fringe opens February 17 and closes March 19. I haven’t gone through it all yet, but I noticed there is an event in Loxton, Waikerie, Chaffey Theatre and – if the flood is over – at Caudo’s. There is a huge selection at the Barossa, while Adelaide has 841 shows to choose from, including one of my favourites, WOMADelaide.

As the warmer weather hits, local swimming pools are getting busier, while water sports are prohibited during the flood. More seniors are also using the pool to give them relief from discomfort with their various aches and pains.

Thought for the week:
“Enthusiasm is the baking powder of life. Without it you’re flat. With it you rise.”
- Maria Fontaine

Waikerie Swimming Club c.1930 to 1956

THE Waikerie District Council agreed to the community’s request during the 1920s to build a safe swimming area in the River Murray at Waikerie.

The project came into fruition in about 1930.

The facility included a wooden parapet enclosing an area for young people to play and learn to swim in, a bough shed covering a sand pit for little ones to play in, and changing rooms for men and women.

It was terraced and grassed, and a large old gum tree nearby was turned into a diving tower.

Warm summer evenings saw townspeople flock to this spot, mothers often with food and drinks in a basket.

These were days when many families did not have a wireless or even a car.

The local brass band – always practising for competitions against other Riverland towns or the Barossa – would often gather just outside the gates and hold its practice night.

Waikerie swimmers became state champions during these years.

Our photo taken by a photographer from the Sunday



Waikerie residents Bill Renfrey (top) and Art Pawson diving off the diving tower made from the old gum tree.
PHOTO: Sunday Mail, 1937

Mail in 1937 shows Bill Renfrey and Art Pawson diving while other swimmers watch.

The flood of 1956 destroyed much of this and washed the diving tower away.

- Information supplied by Waikerie District Historical Society





the quiz



1. Which band headlined the opening/rebranding of the London Dome/O2 in June 2007?

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2. What part of Manhattan is named after a Dutch city famous for its tulip bulb trade?

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3. Insurgents of what nation took part in the Easter Rising of 1916?

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4. What Greek mythological horse sprang from the blood of Medusa?

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5. What was disestablished as the state religion of Japan after WWII?

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6. Who sang with James Taylor on hits Mockingbird and How Sweet It Is?

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7. At which 'Field' was Richard III's final battle?

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8. Which country originated the motor scooter?

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9. A mouflon is a Corsican wild species of what domesticated creature?

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10. The removal of salt from brine to produce fresh water is commonly named what?

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11. What was the German WWII air force called?

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12. To what colour is the human eye most sensitive?

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13. What is the width of a full size regulation snooker table in feet?

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14. The majority of the Amazon Rainforest is contained within which country?

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15. A shearwater is what type of creature?

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16. What is the name of the US electric car manufacturer, founded in 2003, whose cars include the Model S and the Model X?

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17. What is the capital of Kuwait?

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18. People born on April 17th have which sign of the Zodiac?

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19. Which European capital city lies on the River Vistula?

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20. Siderodromophobia is the irrational fear of which mode of transport?

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BONUS QUESTION:

Which major British newspaper closed down for almost a year in 1978? Answer in next week’s Quiz.

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Answers on

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With peak River Murray flows having passed through some Riverland towns, water has begun receding from inundated areas, such as Paringa's Bert Dix Park. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

New challenges as water recedes

HOUSEBOAT owners are among those who need to be on alert as water levels recede at an increased pace across the Riverland, a local council says.

The River Murray's flood peak passed through Renmark and Paringa late last year, however local council CEO Tony Siviour says the drop is likely to accelerate this week, bringing new challenge for the region.

"Based on the advice we have received from the Department for Environment and Water the patterns and pace of the recession of river levels will increase this week," Mr Siviour said.

"It is particularly important that houseboat owners are monitoring there boats as the water recedes to



ensure they don't get beached on the river bank."

In assessing how his electorate had dealt with the flood, Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone described Renmark Paringa Council as an "exemplar", due mainly to its work on local levees.

Mr Siviour said while the levees were holding up, council would continue its vigilance.

"Council continues to monitor our levee bank network on a daily

basis," he said.

"We are very satisfied with the performance of the network to date but until such time as all levee banks no longer have water against them the monitoring will continue to occur."

To prevent backflow through its stormwater network, council closed off all stormwater outlets and installed industrial-sized pumps across its towns. Mr Siviour said the pumps would gradually be decommissioned.

"As the community will appreciate we have had to deploy approximately 30 large industrial diesel powered pumps to ensure flooding of the town did not occur in rain events," he said.



Renmark Paringa Council will look to decommission stormwater pumps across the district as river levels drop. PHOTO: Alexandra Bull

"As the river level drops we will progressively decommission the pumps once the stormwater outlet

is no longer compromised and can be unblocked."

- PAUL MITCHELL



Kingston-On-Murray Primary School students who were involved in a stobie pole art project included Jaxson Mader (year 4), Max Albrecht (year 1), Austin McKinnon (year 3), William Albrecht (year 3) and Henry Hogg (year 1). PHOTOS: Facebook

Students give town spark of colour

KINGSTON-On-Murray Primary School (KOMPS) students from all year levels last year joined with community members to bring colour to the town's stobie poles.

Mike Smith, from the Moorook Kingston-On-Murray Community Association, contacted the school to see if students were interested in participating in a collaborative art project.

The project – run by KOMPS SSO Kerry Albrecht-Szabo – allowed students from reception to year 6 to contribute their painting skills during art lessons, giving the stobie poles surrounding the school an artistic touch.

The school's student representative council (SRC) came up with ideas on how the stobie poles could depict Kingston-On-Murray history, with some of the artwork displaying local native animals, town history and buildings, and paddle steamers.

Students were supported by Ms Albrecht-Szabo, former principal and local artist Di Robertson, and pastoral care worker Brenton Poole.



Some of the stobie pole art from the collaborative project with the Moorook Kingston-On-Murray Community Association and KOMPS.

Ms Albrecht-Szabo said the students enjoy being part of local projects that contribute to the local community, and recently planted trees along the riverfront, at Banrock Station and the road into Kingston-On-Murray.

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Scorchers prompt sunburn plea

RIVERLAND parents and carers are being reminded of the risks of sun damage, amid an increase in young patients being admitted to hospital with severe sunburn in SA.

The burns unit at the Women’s and Children’s Hospital has observed a spike in children needing to be treated for severe sunburns.

SA Health is advising parents and carers to protect themselves and their children from the sun, particularly with temperatures forecasted to exceed

40C later this week.

“The majority of patients we treat for sunburn are often in a lot of pain and have first-degree burns, which require ongoing frequent painful dressing changes,” said Linda Quinn, Women’s and Children’s Hospital burns advanced nurse consultant.

“Unfortunately, this means children miss out on many of the fun activities of the summer as they can no longer go swimming or play at the beach due to the burns.

“The best protection is to

avoid exposure to the sun during the hottest part of the day between 10am and 4pm but whenever outdoors, an SPF30+ sunscreen should be applied to exposed skin.

“Remember to protect ears, noses, lips, and the tops of feet which often go unprotected.

“Infants and young children have very sensitive skin and poor temperature control so can burn easily.

“Babies less than 12 months of age should not be exposed to the sun at any time and they can

even burn through light cloud cover.”

If a child does suffer mild sunburn, SA Health advises to keep their fluids up, give them a cool bath or shower, use a non-irritant moisturiser, dress them in loose and light clothing and administer a mild pain relief like Panadol or Nurofen.

Medical attention should be sought immediately if a burn is badly blistered, the child is showing signs of dehydration or if the pain is unable to be managed with mild pain relief.



Use your citrus before fruit fly can

RIVERLANDERS have been encouraged to turn excess home-grown citrus fruit into a range of foods and drinks, in order to help minimise the risks of further fruit fly outbreaks.

Berri woman, and Country Women’s Association Riverland member, Diana Daly, said home-grown citrus could be used to make sweets, sauces, spreads, snacks, juices and cleaning products.

“(Now) is a wonderful time to make the most of the seasonal citrus fruits that you may have an abundance of in your backyard,” she said.

“One of my current favourite recipes is lemon marmalade.”

PIRSA fruit fly response general manager Nick Secomb said avoiding the movement of fruit vulnerable to fruit fly was crucial, as

the pest becomes more active in warmer temperatures.

“Fruit fly spreads when people move fruit that has been stung and has eggs or maggots in it,” Mr Secomb said.

“Common backyard citrus fruits that are at high risk from fruit fly now include grapefruits, cumquats, lemons, limes, mandarins, oranges and tangerines.

“We all want to get back to sharing our fresh fruit but until that’s possible a good way to use up excess backyard fruit so that they can be shared is to cook them.”

Ms Daly’s top 20 ideas for using excess backyard citrus are:

❑ Lemon curd – makes a great gift or is handy to have in the fridge as a spread, or for baking

❑ Dehydrated lemon or orange slices – an

easy snack on the go, use in baking or dip in chocolate for a tasty treat

❑ Baked lemon cake – perfect for afternoon tea

❑ Home-made orange juice or citrus juice using a variety of fruits such as orange, lemon, and apple

❑ Candied peels – for a snack, or add to muesli or a salad

❑ Citrus syrup – use in a dessert, drink, or salad dressing

❑ Marmalade – spread on toast or use in cooking

❑ Lemon barley water – a very refreshing drink for spring and summer

❑ Lemon ricotta drizzle cake – another great treat

❑ Lemon chutney – a delicious glaze, sandwich filling or sauce to go with your roast

❑ Orange cake, or orange and almond cake

– a refreshing afternoon tea or dessert

❑ Orange and grapefruit marmalade – use in a salad dressing, as a glaze or simply by itself on bread

❑ Freeze lime and lemon juice in an ice cube tray – so you always have fresh juice handy for cooking

❑ Lemon chicken – perfect served with rice and seasonal veg

❑ Lemon bliss balls – a great lunchbox snack

❑ Orange lime sorbet – a refreshing dessert

❑ Lemon muffins – another great snack

❑ Kumquat jam – hard to buy at the shops, easy to make at home

❑ Dark chocolate and orange (jaffa) rice pudding – a rich and zesty dessert

❑ Homemade citrus multi-purpose cleaning spray – make a chemical free cleaning product

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INGREDIENTS

500g lemons

6 cups water

1.5kg white sugar

METHOD

❑ Cut ends off lemons, quarter and slice each quarter thinly. Add sliced lemon and water together in a bowl and soak overnight.

❑ The next day, put lemon and water into a very large stock pot or preserving pan and bring to boil for 10 minutes, or until peel softens.

❑ Turn down heat, add sugar and stir until sugar is dissolved.

❑ Boil rapidly for approximately 10-20 minutes until it is at set point, which is at a jelly consistency.

❑ To test for set point, place another saucer in freezer. Once the saucer is cold, spoon a small amount of mixture on the frozen saucer, leave in freezer for two minutes then run finger through mix and if it wrinkles, it is ready.

❑ Take pot of mixture off the heat and leave to sit for 10 minutes, that will allow the fruit to distribute through mixture. Pour into sterilized jars.

PUBLIC NOTICES



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday, January 23, 2023

Big River Tavern, Berri at 6.30pm

The committee encourages interested community members to attend. For more information, please call Amelia Anspach on 0438 391 222

Loxton Charity For All



AGM to be held

Wednesday, January 18, 2023

Loxton Club at 3pm

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POSITION VACANCY IRRIGATION MAINTENANCE WORKER

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10. Desalination
11. Luftwaffe
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BONUS QUESTION ANSWER

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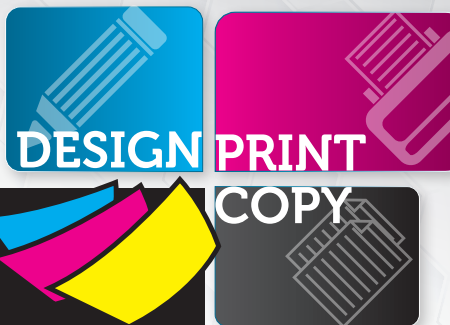
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DEATHS

BENNETT, Morris Lynton.

Morris passed away peacefully surrounded by family at the Berri hospital on January 6, 2023.

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A private cremation to be held with loved ones.

Sincere thanks to all the staff at the Berri hospital and Dr Paul Smith.

Forever in our hearts.
BRUNO, Antonio (Tony).

Passed away peacefully surrounded by his family at home on Friday, January 6, 2023.
Aged 83 years.
Loving Husband of Maria.
Adored Father of Rosamarie and Pelle, Angela and Bill. Cherished Nonno of Marco, Nicolas, Gabriella and Bianca.

Riposa in pace.

Funeral details will be advised in future edition.

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DEATHS

COMMANE, Robert John.

Born in Renmark on June 24, 1942.
Passed away on January 7, 2023, in Otunake, New Zealand.

Loved son of Nell and Jack Commane (deceased). Brother of Mary and Rob O'Donnell (deceased), Joan and Kevin Trenwith (both deceased), Errol and Monica Commane.
A very special uncle and great-uncle to nieces and nephews.

Rob was a beautiful man. He was loved and respected by all. We will all miss him. But he is now reaping his eternal reward.

Requiescat in pace.
FORMBY, John Harper.

Passed away peacefully at Melaleuca Nursing Home, Loxton with family by his side on Saturday, January 7, 2023.

Aged 82 years.
Dearly loved husband of Lorraine for 56 years.
Adored father and father-in-law of Cathy and Greg, Julie and Kerry, Michael and Vanessa, Liz and Jon, Stephen and Selena, Matthew and Dani. Dearest pop to 14 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren.
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GERMEIN, Keith Rodney.

Passed away peacefully at Riverland General Hospital, Berri on December 29, 2022, with daughter, Belinda, by his side.

Beloved husband of Avis (deceased).
Aged 93 years.
Much-loved father of Peter, Penny and partner Sue, Belinda, and Sally. Much-loved also by Domenico. Grandfather of John, Kate, Summer, Hannah, Prue, Brooke, and their partners. Great-grandfather of Levi, Asher, Faith; Seth, Benji, Elijah, Imogen; and Ivy.

Now at peace.

Keith's funeral service and burial were held on Tuesday, January 10, 2023.

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GERMEIN, Keith.

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HONDOW, Kym.

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Aged 58 years.
Dearly loved son of John and Beryl (both deceased). Loved brother and brother-in-law of Wayne and Elaine, Barrie and Allanah. Uncle to Jessica, Robyn, Katie, Jordan and Vanessa.
Rest in peace.

KOTSIAS, Kyriakoula.

Passed away at St Basil's Aged Care, Adelaide on Saturday, December 24, 2022.
Aged 89 years.
Loved wife of Panagiotis (deceased).

Rest in peace.

NITSCHKE, Colin.

Passed away peacefully after a short illness on Tuesday, December 20, 2022.
Aged 77 years.
Loved brother and great mate of Graham and Leona. Much-loved uncle of Joanne and Bruce, Mike and Karen, and families.

Loving memories are ours to cherish.
Now with his Lord and Saviour.

SANDER, Irene Mary (nee Danvers).

Passed away peacefully with family by her side at Mount Gambier hospital on Thursday, January 5, 2023.
Aged 89 years.
Dearly loved wife of Bevin (deceased). Loved mother of Paul, Vondi, Nita, Craig, Joff, and their families. Cherished grandma of 8. Loved great-grandma of 7.

Now reunited with loving husband, Bevin.

SANDER, Irene.

Passed away peacefully on January 5, 2023.
You will always hold a special place in my heart.

Loving memories will always keep you near.
Thank you, Aunt, for everything you have done for me.
Now in God's Heavenly home.
Love Irene Lockyer.

DEATHS

TRIPNEY, Don.

The members, board and staff of the Renmark Irrigation Trust were saddened by the recent passing of Don Tripney.

We wish to acknowledge Don's tireless commitment to the Renmark irrigation community throughout his 36 years at the Trust.
He was admired for his knowledge and wisdom as well as his wonderful stories.
He will be missed by all.
We wish to extend our sympathies to Don's family.

WOOLDRIDGE, Ronald George Henry.

Very much-loved brother to Beth. Uncle to Cindy, Rocca, Murray and Cazz. Great-uncle to Shania and Troy.
Forever in our hearts.

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FORMBY, John Harper.

Relatives and friends are advised that John's funeral service will be conducted at St Albert's Catholic Church, Loxton on Saturday, January 14, 2023 at 10am.
John's funeral service will be live-streamed. The link will be published on our Facebook page.

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HONDOW, Kym.

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KOTSIAS.

The relatives and friends of the late Kyriakoula Kotsias are respectfully invited to attend her funeral service to be conducted at St Constantinos and Eleni Greek Orthodox Church, Renmark on Tuesday, January 17, 2023, at 11am.

At the conclusion of the service, the cortege will proceed to the Renmark Lawn Cemetery for the committal.

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SANDER.

Family and friends of Irene Sander are respectfully invited to attend her funeral service to be conducted entirely at the Riverland Funeral Chapel, 32 Hughes Street, Berri ON THIS DAY Wednesday, January 11, 2023 at 1pm, followed by a private cremation at the Riverland Crematorium.

In lieu of flowers if desired, a donation to the RFDS Riverland Appeal in Irene's memory would be appreciated. Donations may be made at the service.

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SCHUTZ, Cynthia.

Three years have passed.
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Rest in peace.
Love Brian.

SCHUTZ, Cynthia.

It's been 3 years since we said goodbye.
5/1/2020
Gone but never forgotten.
Locked in our hearts forever.
Love always Natasha, Pete, Jayden, Tyson, Stacey and David.

STANFORD, Brian Edgar.

On January 13th, it will be 50 years since you died.

Too soon. So tragically.
The events of the fateful day will stay with me forever.
I miss you and your larrikin ways.
Your loving sister, Annette.

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Sunday, January 15

9am - Barmera St Edmund's
9am - Loxton The Resurrection
11am - Renmark St Augustine's
11am - Waikerie St James

Contact:
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Sunday, January 15
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Berri 11am
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Sunday, January 15
St Peter's 10am

Concordia 10am HC da Costa
Myrla & New Residence 10.30am HC Georg (New Res)
Bookpurnong 8.30am HC da Costa
Riverview Rest Home Wed, Jan 18 10.30am HC

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RENMARK | PARINGA

Sunday, January 15
Renmark 9am
Paringa 10.30am HC

All Welcome
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Phone 0460 300 492

WAIKERIE

Sunday, January 15
Waikerie 10am
Lowbank 8.45am
Ramco 8.45am

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Morgan 6pm
Renmark 6.30pm
Sunday
Berri 9am
Loxton 11am
Waikerie 11am
Barmera 6pm

WEEKS 2 & 4

Saturday
Waikerie 6pm
Berri 6.30pm
Sunday
Renmark 9am
Morgan 9am
Barmera 11am
Loxton 6pm

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Sunday, January 15
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Contact
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New campaigns supporting Riverland small businesses

SOUTH Australians were encouraged to buy, eat and drink local in a bid to support River Murray businesses in the lead-up to Christmas.

Spend Your Support – an online marketplace – was launched in December to help flood affected communities and allow shoppers to buy direct from the region in the comfort of their own homes.

More than 50 River Murray businesses signed up for the new

Brand SA campaign, with accommodation (30 per cent of sales), drinks (26 per cent) and hampers (16 per cent) the most popular categories in the first two weeks of the campaign in early December.

“When you buy local, you support producers, manufacturers, retailers and businesses throughout the entire supply chain, supporting local jobs and communities,” said Minister for Primary Industries and Regional

Development Clare Scriven.

“With globally renowned produce right on our doorstep, we can enjoy top produce and support our local businesses at the same time.”

Brand SA’s new call-to-arms campaign aimed to deliver significant economic boosts to local traders as floodwaters damaged livelihoods and impacted tourism.

Two other SA Government campaigns launched to further support Australian producers before the

Christmas period included:

- ❑ I Choose SA, promoting local food and drink retailers in SA and across the country.
- ❑ Eat Drink Local, with a renewed focus on its website to include updated information to raise the profile of the state’s premium produce.

Minister for Trade and Investment Nick Champion said it was clear River Murray businesses needed support over the

holiday season, calling on South Australians to continue to “rally around them” to stay open.

“We have delivered on our election commitment to bring Brand SA back and these new campaigns show how important a state-focused approach is for local products,” he said. “Our food and beverage industry is a major part of our economic and export success – and we are determined to keep that going and continue to expand in the new year.”

Mid Murray Mayor hears flood concerns

CHRISTINE WEBSTER

ISSUES of concern relating to the River Murray flood were raised by Mid Murray community members at recent coffee and chat sessions at Blanchetown and Morgan.

Mid Murray Mayor Simone Bailey organised the two informal discussions on December 29 at the Blanchetown Deli and Morgan Roadhouse.

She also invited staff from the Mid Murray Suicide Prevention Network.

Ten people, including local businesses operators, the Blanchetown Hall Committee and local residents, attended the Blanchetown session, while 15 community members took part in the one at Morgan.

Ms Bailey said those who attended in Morgan also represented a broad cross-section of the community, including local businesses, sporting clubs, shack owners, and permanent residents.

Mid Murray deputy mayor John Forrester also attended at Morgan.

Ms Bailey said community members at both meetings shared similar concerns.

“The Mid Murray Suicide Prevention Network dealt with any personal concerns,” Ms Bailey said.

“And I dealt with any concerns that council could help with, or we could advocate with the state government to get support with.

“It was good to hear straight from the community about the sort of things they were worried about, because I knew a lot of (the concerns) the state government was already working on.”

Ms Bailey said attendees at both meetings were concerned that they would have to pay Mid Murray Council dump fees to remove flood-related waste from their properties.

However, she was able to inform them that the SA government was working closely with council to provide waste-removal assistance during the flood recovery stage.



Mid Murray Suicide Prevention Network members Catherine Davies, (left) Lorinda Bayley and Graham Jenke at the coffee and chat session at the Blanchetown Deli recently. PHOTO: Christine Webster

Ms Bailey said one coffee session participant also asked if the SA government would provide uninsured property owners with grant assistance, like the NSW government.

She said she passed this concern onto the government and was pleased to learn it was providing uninsured property owners with access to financial assistance.

Ms Bailey said Mid Murray residents were also worried about the time it would take to reconnect electricity to properties that were disconnected due to flood inundation.

Last month the federal and SA governments unveiled a \$10m property assessment and essential services connection funding program for flood-affected River Murray communities.

Property owners with flood damage to their primary premises can apply for funding to assess structural damage, electrical infrastructure and to reconnect their services.

Ms Bailey said the SA government had also responded by recruiting electricians to help with this initiative.

Ms Bailey said her council was “certainly listening” to the concerns of flood-affected communities along the River Murray.

The Mayor and Mid Murray Suicide Prevention Network have also organised a free barbecue lunch at the Morgan RSL tomorrow for anyone from the district wanting to talk about the impact of the River Murray flood.



Mid Murray Mayor Simone Bailey (left) SA Premier Peter Malinauskas and Mid Murray CEO Ben Scales at Morgan last month when the Premier inspected the rising River Murray. PHOTO: Christine Webster

Help for uninsured property owners

ELIGIBLE uninsured property owners who have been impacted by the River Murray flood can apply to the SA government for a range of grants and support measures.

These include a one-off grant payment for people forced to leave their homes.

People living alone can access \$400 and a family up to \$1000. Rental assistance for housing or caravan site accommodation is also available for those who are not insured and displaced

from their homes by floodwaters and require emergency accommodation.

The SA government said singles can receive up to \$2000 and families \$5000.

This can be paid directly to a rental agent or caravan park proprietor, if evidence of a private rental agreement or booking confirmation is provided.

People displaced from their homes can also apply for up to \$500 towards the purchase of a generator for homes disconnected from

the electricity network.

Any resident homeowners forced to leave because of flood waters or long-term power outages, and requiring rental accommodation, can also apply for a bond guarantee as part of SA Housing Authority’s private rental assistance program.

For more information about River Murray flood assistance visit the website (sa.gov.au) or the Emergency Relief Centre in Berri, or phone 1800 302 787.

Best of Riverland plated up at Africola

RIVERLAND produce will be showcased in a four-course dinner, hosted by a multi-award-winning Adelaide restaurant, to help raise funds for the region’s residents and tourism operators.

A maximum of 100 guests will have the opportunity to experience the all-inclusive dinner at Africola next Monday night, with Riverland meat, fish, olive oils, ferments, flatbreads and more all on the menu.

“One thing we’d like every diner to try at this event is the Riverland carp – for some, this will be for the very first time,” Africola’s Michelin star awarded chef, Duncan Welgemoed, told Glam Adelaide.

“Carp is an important resource in the Riverland, and we will explain why we utilise this fish at the dinner. We’d also love to source some yabbies, depending on flood waters and what we can source.”

Tickets cost \$550 per person, with a percentage of sales helping to fund fuel vouchers for residents in affected areas.

An auction will also be held on the night, giving guests the chance to bid on tourism experiences and private dinners, and 100 per cent of proceeds will go back to tourism operators.

“A lot of (Riverland) tourism venues lost Christmas trade,” Mr Welgemoed said.

“We want to encourage people to visit the region when things settle down.

“With the auction, these businesses will be able to get money straight away in their pockets so they can sustain themselves until then.”

Guests will be “properly fed and watered” with gin cocktails offered to begin the night, followed by a selection of wines and winners from the 2022 Drink Easy Awards.

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Softball goes pink

RIVERLAND softballers created a sea of pink last week, with the association holding its annual pink round, raising funds for the McGrath Foundation.

Players from all teams donned various pink outfits to raise awareness, with the overall total raised eclipsing \$300 at the end of the day's play.

On the diamond Berri was on fire, with Cara Venning and Zy Heinrich playing starring rolls for the victors.

Heinrich's home run was a highlight in the side's 10-5 win over Cobdogla in the A grade, while the B grade also got the job done thanks largely to a strong performance from Kelsey Goldspink.

Goldspink managed three homers in the win over Cobby, while the result was reversed in the C grade, with Cobdogla taking home the points.

The other C grade fixture saw Loxton take home play of the day, with the side pulling off a double play at the top of the second innings.

**RESULTS
A GRADE**

Berri 10 d Cobdogla 5.

Best: Berri - C. Venning, Z. Heinrich, H. Clarke. Cobdogla - C. Thompson, D. Passmore, J. Gregory
Home run: Z. Heinrich.

B GRADE

Berri 21 d Cobdogla 11

Best: Berri - K. Goldspink, H. Brauer, K. Ferguson. Cobdogla - E. Pech, G. Dyer, C. Sharkey
Home runs - K. Goldspink 3, H. Brauer 1.

C GRADE

Cobdogla 14 d Berri 7



Josh Peltz getting into the swing of things at Riverland softball's pink day last week.

PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff

Best: Cobdogla - L. Bowers, L. Wade, L. Banks. Berri - M. Fridd, L. Walker, Z. Sampson.

Loxton 21 d Renmark 3

Best: Loxton - L. Johnson, B. Geraghty, O. Johnson. Renmark - D. Askew, M. Morris, R. Broad.



Cara Venning starred for Berri in her side's win over Cobdogla.

Hayden Clarke also dressed up for the occasion and was named in Berri's best as the side continued its hot run of form into the new year



Top side going Berri well in first division

BERRI has opened up a two-game gap at the top of the Bowls Riverland Saturday pennants table, after defeating Loxton in its first contest of the new year.

Ken Stokes stepped up as skipper in place of Mason Kaufer, with the former's rink producing an 18-shot win that helped set up a comfortable victory.

Dennis Treloar and Andy Hill's rinks also scored wins for the top side, which ran out 40-shot victors in the contest.

Barmera claimed a vital win over Waikerie, bringing the two sides level on wins heading into round 13.

Wayne Collins' rink picked up a win for the travelling Waikerie side, but victory to the remaining two Barmera

fours, skippered by John Morena and Ron Reynolds, was enough to see the Lakesiders home by three shots.

Meanwhile, The Lawns ran out six-shot victors over cross-town rivals Renmark, with victories in two of the three rinks.

Waikerie continued its hot streak in second division, with a win over Berri solidifying its grip on top spot.

The club also sit on top of the ladder in third division, having not dropped a game across the first 12 rounds.

RESULTS

FIRST DIVISION

The Lawns 57 d Renmark 51.

S. Leesue 26 d M. Rice 13; R. Lawton 18 d S. Blee 16; P. Lawton 13 lost to B. Dopson 22.

Barmera 71 d Waikerie 68.
J. Morena 31 d G. Johns 23;



Richard Lawton's rink helped The Lawns to a six-shot win over local rivals Renmark in last Saturday's round of division one pennant bowls.

PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

R. Reynolds 25 d A. Fulwood 23; C. Karantonis 15 lost to W. Collins 22.

Berri 79 d Loxton 39.

D. Treloar 24 d P. Kimber 13; K. Stokes 30 d R. Coombs 12; A. Hill 25 d D. Schliebs 14.

Points: Berri 256; Waikerie 208; Barmera 197; Renmark

97; The Lawns 94; Loxton 84.

SECOND DIVISION

Barmera 92 d Berri Red 28.

C. Gamble 37 d L. Knight 9; D. Mills 21 d D. Spicer 12; W. Uppington 34 d J. Centofanti 7.

Renmark 57 d Lyrup 52.
H. ter Bogt 24 d S. Munro

19; L. Warren 13 d P. Drewett 12; R. Andt 20 lost to J. Wrigley 21.

The Lawns Red 61 d Loxton 59.

B. Haby 17 lost to H. Appleton 20; R. Sutton 20 lost to T. Thurston 21; D. Ludas 24 d W. Harrison 18. **Waikerie 64 d Berri 55.**

D. Thompson 18 drew with R. Kuchel 18; R. Davies 31 d K. Carpenter 16; D. Morley 15 lost to J. Trezise 21.

Monash 68 d The Lawns 52.

I. Potts 21 drew with R. Ashworth 21; M. Wood 23 d M. Spano 19; M. Kruger 24 d J. Knight 12.

Points: Waikerie 198; Berri 188; Monash 159; Barmera 152; The Lawns Red 133; Loxton RSL 123.27; Renmark 114; The Lawns 109; Loxton 105; Lyrup 104; Berri Red 55.

THIRD DIVISION

Renmark 74 d Monash 54.

C. Vriends 21 d C. Traeger 20; M. Walker 22 drew with S. Voigt 22; J. Thompson 31 d J. John 12.

Berri 63 d Barmera 50.

B. Bland 21 d I. Lloyd 16; K. Tanner 23 d H. Robinson 15; L. Blades 19 drew with T. Brown 19.

Waikerie 88 d Lyrup 38.

B. Hill 38 d D. Hill 13; S. Canney 22 d P. Denton 17; W. Burris 28 d T. Slaytor 8.

Loxton RSL 56 d Berri Blue 54.

H. Dreschler 22 d R. Grosser 14; J. Smith 14 lost to P. Ledsham 26; P. Smith 20 d G. Pahl 14.

Loxton Red 70 d Loxton White 41.

K. Maynard 26 d B. Arnold 9; R. Lee 26 d K. Brandsma 17; M. Schutz 18 d F. Armfield 15.

The Lawns 72 d Moorook 47.

P. Brown 35 d M. Arnold 10; L. Pinyon 20 lost to A. Wachtel 21; D. Wilson 17 d M. Couzner 16.

Points: Waikerie 295; Berri 238; Barmera 204; Renmark 204; Loxton Red 192; Monash 143; The Lawns 143; Loxton RSL 121; Moorook 117; Loxton White 110; Lyrup 67; Berri Blue 36.

FOURTH DIVISION

Moorook 57 d Barmera 13.

M. Smith 31 d T. Daelman 6; L. Tschirpig 26 d K. Brown 7.

Loxton 40 d The Lawns 29.

N. Milich 18 d C. Haar 17; P. Madden 22 d V. Crouch 12.

Waikerie Regents 53 d Monash 37.

M. Morley 36 d T. Swanbury 13; G. van der Myle 17 lost to R. Wright 24.

Points: Waikerie Regents 210; Monash 162; Waikerie Hornets 129; Barmera 94; Moorook 87; The Lawns 78; Loxton 32.

Top four a cut above in Wednesday pennants

THE top four sides of the Bowls Riverland Wednesday pennant competition asserted their dominance in last week's round of action, with all four picking up wins.

Barmera remains at the top of the tree after its 26-shot win over fifth-placed Berri, with all three quartets picking up wins for the Pelicans.

Waikerie sits in second place, 25 points behind the ladder leaders, and started the year strongly, with a win over The Lawns in Renmark.

Loxton also travelled to Renmark and picked up a win against the home side to consolidate fourth spot, while Monash was far too good for Lyrup, running out 33-shot victors away from home.

Meanwhile, Berri Blue and Berri Red's dominance over the rest of the second division continued last week, with both sides securing convincing wins.

RESULTS

DIVISION ONE

Barmera 72 d Berri 46.

K. Mellon 25 d R. Butt 12; J. Gartner 27 d K. Treloar 22; C. Shugg 20 d C. Eichenberger 12.

Loxton 61 d Renmark 52.

M. Schutz 22 d C. Eagle 16; D. Vaughan 22 d S. Schulz 16; B. Mattner 17 lost to J. Cooper 20.

Waikerie 67 d The Lawns 51.

C. Davies 25 d J. Knight 16; J. Morley 18 lost to S. Machell 22; J. Strauss 24 d M. Spano 13.

Monash 70 d Lyrup 37.

J. John 22 d B. Howe 16; R. Potts 23 d R. Smith 14; S. Elsdon 25 d R. Adams 7. Points: Barmera 275; Waikerie 250; Monash 239; Loxton 176; Berri 141; The Lawns 141; Renmark 99; Lyrup 29.

DIVISION TWO

Waikerie 45 d The Lawns 40.

N. DellaZoppa 34 d C. Haar 11; S. Short 11 lost to L. Pinyon 29.

Moorook 42 d Renmark 41.

L. Tschirpig 23 d B. Warren 22; H. Smith 19 drew with B. Cornelius 19.

Berri Blue 52 d Barmera 19.

K. Tanner 22 d K. Brown 11; M. Miller 30 d D. Carter 8.

Berri Red 57 d The Lawns Red 28.

J. Lyons 32 d E. Kennedy 13; L. Blades 25 d K. Weir 15.

Loxton 48 d Loxton RSL 31.

J. Hall 23 d S. Charles 14; N. Milich 25 d H. Dreschler 17.

Points: Berri Red 260; Berri Blue 257; The Lawns 213; Moorook 211; Loxton 173; The Lawns 145; Waikerie 123; Loxton RSL 104; Barmera 51; Renmark 23.

Pelicans flying into 2023

BARMERA has picked up where it left off as Bowls Riverland midweek triples returned last Wednesday, with the top side picking up its 11th win of the season.

The Pelicans welcomed Berri Red to Barmera and ran out comfortable victors, outscoring the visitors by 42 shots, with wins in all four rinks.

Barmera is yet to lose this season, but the chasing pack also began 2023 well, with The Lawns Red, Loxton Red and Renmark Gold all picking up wins to start the calendar year.

At the other end of the table, The Lawns won a tight contest against Loxton White to pick up its second victory of the season, while Monash's struggles continued against Loxton Blue.

RESULTS

Barmera 101 d Berri Red 59.

C. Healey 30 d B. Hollis 10; P. Ashton 28 d J. Cresp 15; A. Gapco 19 d S. Eichenberger 17; J. Morena 24 d G. Elleway 17.

The Lawns Red 91 d Loxton RSL 70.

M. Inglis 22 d T. Wurst 14; N. Kelly 27 d D. Drabsch 15; R. Adam 19 d G. Huppatz 17; S. Ivanovic 23 lost to B. Manuel 24.

Loxton Blue 94 d Monash 76.

T. Inglis 22 d P. Raams 18; R. Hancock 26 d W. Pahl 13; N. Thiele 21 lost to R. Jury 26; T. Hucks 25 d B. John 19.

Loxton Red 94 d Lyrup 63.

G. Schulz 42 d P. Denton 10; G. Cockshell 15 lost to P. Drewett 17; R. Coombs 21 d G. Milich 16; R. Beswick 16 lost to S. Blee 20.

The Lawns 82 d Loxton White 81.

D. Ludas 14 lost to P. Vaughan 21; R. Ashworth 31 d W. Harrison 20; K. Knight 20 d T. Thurston 19; K. Tschirpig 17 lost to H. Appleton 21.

Berri Blue 89 d Barmera Pelicans 65.

K. Carpenter 24 d D. Button 18; J. Jungfer 12 lost to H. Robinson 23; D. Treloar 28 d C. O'Connor 7; K. Stokes 25 d T. Brown 17.

Renmark Gold 91 d Waikerie 55.

H. ter Bogt 27 d W. Burris 14; P. Amos 25 d M. Morete 14; B. Dopson 17 lost to N. Harcombe 18; B. Cropper 22 d R. Mortimer 9.

Points: Barmera 313; The Lawns Red 289; Loxton Red 221; Renmark Gold 219; Waikerie 190; Waikerie 189; Berri Blue 189; Lyrup 166; Loxton Blue 165; Loxton RSL 163; Berri Red 118; Loxton White 109; Barmera Pelicans 92; The Lawns 65; Monash 58.

‘Club-first’ mantra for Crawford

BEN LENNON

A CHANGE of direction is front of mind for the RFL’s new head honcho, with recently elected RFL chair Henry Crawford preaching a “club-first” mentality for 2023 and beyond.

Mr Crawford, who spent eight years as president of Waikerie Football Club during a golden era for the Magpies, was elected as chair of the RFL at a meeting of the new commission last week.

He is under no illusions about the challenge that lies ahead, but admits he is “pretty excited” about taking on the competition’s top job.

“I think people who know me know that I love country footy and am particularly fond of Riverland footy, Mr Crawford said.

“I was never particularly good at the game myself, but I’ve always found ways to be involved.

“Waikerie has been a big part of my life, but to be able to go to another level in terms of football administration is a great opportunity and I’m really looking forward to it.”

Mr Crawford heads up a new commission following the departure of Mark Wright late last year, and is set on changing the way the RFL operates to benefit the six

member clubs.

“For me I think the biggest challenge is that it looks and feels to me like we haven’t quite come out of Covid,” Mr Crawford said.

“We haven’t got the crowds that we used to and we haven’t got the participation that we used to, plus volunteers is always an ongoing issue.

“At the end of the day they’re the fundamentals, but from an RFL perspective I believe in a clubs-first mentality. They are the league, we’re just the body that binds it all together.

“From the RFL’s position, we just want to be acting in the best interest of the clubs. For me, I want to be spending a lot of time talking to the clubs and understanding their issues and how the RFL can help.

“We are probably going to have more delegate meetings each year. We’ve had four per year in the past but we’d like to have maybe six or so.

“Rather than those meetings seeing the delegates coming along and getting bombarded with a lot of reports, it’s really about trying to open up conversations about where things can be improved.

“I’ll be encouraging clubs and



The new commission has already made a key change in 2023, reversing the decision to change from an under 18s to under 17s competition. Pictured are last year’s under 18s premiers, Waikerie. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

presidents that if they have issues, to bring them up with the commission and express concerns.

“The clubs are now in the driver’s seat.”

The new commission has seemingly hit the ground running, overturning a decision to change the age of the RFL’s eldest colts division that was made in August last year, much to the chagrin of the majority of RFL clubs.

“That is a classic example of the governing body believing that it knows best and going against the grain of those that it’s there to look after,” Mr Crawford said of the initial change.

“At the end of the day, the participation issues still remain and the clubs overturning that decision doesn’t mean that there’s now no problems at all.

“But, the way it was handled and the solution that came about in the first place, from a Waikerie point of view, was a really unpalatable

situation. Those sorts of issues take time to work through, but at the end of the day now it’s back on the clubs.

“It’s their league so if that structure is what they want then it’s up to them as to how that happens.”

The 38-year-old vineyard manager acknowledged the large part Waikerie has played in his life and believes that his time spent at the club will help him in his new role, rather than hinder him or bring about bias.

“I definitely acknowledge that it (bias) might be a perception that people will form, but at the end of the day in all these sorts of roles it’s hard to find people to fill these roles that don’t have any allegiance,” Mr Crawford said.

“Every president that’s come before me has had strong allegiances to a club.

“I’ve been involved at Waikerie for a long time so I have a good sense of what it takes to run a footy

club and what it involves behind the scenes, so when issues are raised with me I’m going to be as well prepared as anyone to understand those.”

Mr Crawford’s attention now turns to a delegates meeting this Monday, with the commission also working to produce a fixture as soon as possible.

“There’s a couple of things we need to get on top of quickly, one of those being finalising the draw so we can get into the season,” Mr Crawford said.

“There’s no immediate changes on the horizon.

“There’s some work that’s beginning now about an overall strategic plan for the league, which is something the SANFL is encouraging, but that will require a lot of input from people.

“From an overarching document like that you can build a better picture of what you want to change to fit that plan.”

Berri boy Burgess Indonesia bound

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The 18-year-old said he is looking forward to the opportunity and the fresh set of challenges it presents.

“Definitely pretty excited. It’s a whole new experience so that’s going to be pretty fun but I’m definitely a bit nervous as well,” he said.

“It’s my first time going overseas and the competition side of it, it’s going to be tough over there.

“It’s pretty much game after game every day and it goes for two weeks. So, we arrived on the 8th and we’ll leave on the 22nd.

“This is going to be my longest tournament. Most of the tournaments I’ve played are about a week so this will definitely be the longest stretch of playing.

“I had a few setbacks recently with some leg injuries, but I’ve recovered well and am keen to get into it.”

The side is made up of the nation’s best country hockey players, with Burgess one of the young-set members of the side.

He believes finding his feet in senior hockey at an early age in the Riverland has stood him in good stead for the tournament.

“A lot of the guys are a couple years older than me so I’ve only seen them at a few tournaments.

“Playing higher grades from a young age has prepared me a bit. I’ve been playing A grade since I was 14, so that has helped me prepare playing against older people and more mature blokes.

“We haven’t had much training together because it’s been hard getting everyone to the same state, but we’ve had zoom calls every week to stay on top of things.



Riley Burgess will represent Australia over the next two weeks in Indonesia. PHOTO: Cameron Dixon and Emerson Fielke

“We’ve been building up a connection really well with that and we’re starting to gel together. Everyone is there for each other which has been really good.”

Burgess isn’t the only Riverlander set to represent the nation with the stick this year, with Berri clubmate Maddy Spano set to head to Malaysia as part of the Australian country women’s side later this year.

Having two national

representatives is a coup for the club, which has a long-standing history of producing talented players.

“I feel like Berri gets around the juniors a lot and definitely like to introduce them to tough competition at a young age,” Burgess said.

“With Karri McMahon playing at Berri, she’s obviously gone on to big things, so the juniors have always had a great program.”



Renmark North opening batter Ben Files brought up his second century of the season against Berri on Saturday. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

All smiles for Ben Files

A SECOND century of the season for Ben Files saw Renmark North over the line against Berri in last Saturday’s round of Riverland A grade cricket.

Files blasted his way into triple digits against an undermanned Demons outfit, with Liam Jackson also contributing well, giving the Bluetongues a formidable total.

Berri openers Brad Rosenzweig and Nathan Scadden took the attack to the Bluetongue bowlers, but the Demons failed to chase down the sizeable score set by the home side.

Meanwhile, the first round of the annual B grade T20 competition took place, with Brown’s Well looking like the team to beat in the early stages.

No scores were provided for either of the two A grade fixtures.

RESULTS

B GRADE T20

Brown’s Well 3/82 (L. Patterson 32no, B. Hampel 19no, J. Patterson 19) d Loxton 82 (C. Patterson 3/24, D. Ireland 2/8, D. Rothe 2/11, A. Cunnah 1/8, M. Hampel 1/20).

Gerard 8/145 (A. Abdulla Sr 51, A. Abdulla Jr 29no, T. Abdulla 28, G. Halls 13, L. James 4/17, D. Hill 3/29, T. Coombs 1/20) d Renmark North 130 (M. Cartwright 63, D. Hill 14, W. Coombs 14, M. Recchia 13, A. Abdulla Sr 3/24, T. Abdulla 2/16, B. McPherson 2/17, W. Motto 1/5, S. Mitchell 1/8).

Brown’s Well 2/214 (J. Patterson 120no, B. Hoffmann 31no, M. Hampel 27, M. Waanders 1/32) d Waikerie Ramco 5/106 (A. Werner 33, C. Smart 27, C. Patterson 1/2, J. Patterson 1/5, M. Hampel 1/9, C. Scholz 1/11, D. Rothe 1/30).

Monash 2/191 (J. Roberts 82, fill-in 75no, fill-in 15no) d Gerard 67 (T. Abdulla 16, B. McPherson 12).

Young Riverlanders making a splash

A NUMBER of Riverland youngsters took to the pool at the 2023 SA country swimming championships in Mount Gambier last weekend, with several achieving great success.

Renmark's Hugh Riedel was again in the thick of the action after finishing 2022 with a flurry of impressive results, this time breaking the 50m breaststroke record for 13-year-old boys, with his time of 35.24 seconds.

Riedel finished the carnival with three gold medals to his name to go with five second-place finishes, rounding out an impressive weekend.



Hugh Riedel picked up three first-place medals at last weekend's country SA swimming championships. PHOTOS: supplied

Loxton Swimming Club also produced a number of strong performances, particularly in relay events.

The club's 14 to 18-year-old boys relay teams claimed wins in the freestyle and medley races, while a combined Riverland relay team managed second place in the freestyle event and third in the medley.

Maddy Long shone in the individual events, picking up a first-place finish to go with a number of podium placings, while Jordan White set a new championship record in the 50m freestyle event

and in doing so produced a national qualifying time.

Berri Swimming Club juniors also achieved some strong results, capping off an impressive weekend for the region.

Amity Kassebaum was the club's best performer, taking home two bronze medals and achieving a state qualifying time in the 50m freestyle.

Oliver Sims also picked up an individual medal, finishing third in the 50m breaststroke, while a host of Berri youngsters featured in successful relay teams.



Loxton Swimming Club's victorious 14 to 18-year-old relay team. Bailey White (left), Jordan White, Lucas Cockshell and Lucas White.

RIVERLAND GOLF RESULTS

BERRI

Wednesday, January 4

Stableford: A. Brand 42, S. Renfrey 39. S. Wade 38, A. Rogers 35, I. Bradshaw 35, C. Foreman 35, S. May 34, G. Mack 34, M. Boon 34, P. Efthimiou 34, C. Hyde 34.

Saturday, January 7

Stableford: D. Shawyer 40, S. Marsden 37, P. Mudge 37, M. O'Loughlin 37, M. Jennings 36, P. Wood 36, S. Hawkins 35, L. Berry 34, A. Thiel 34, B. Eckermann 34, K. Traeger 34, K. Wilksch 34, W. Hocevar 34, E. Day 34.

Sunday, January 8

Stableford: I. Bradshaw 37, G. Harris 34, B. Eckermann

32, G. Tognon 31, M. Heuzenroeder 31.

LOXTON

Wednesday, January 4

Men: A grade - C. Wooldridge 37, T. Sawade 36, H. Kara-Ali 36, O. Walkley 36. B grade - R. Gray 42, G. Ling 41, T. Arndt 39.

Women: L. Rowe 36, J. Patching 34, J. Bullock 33.

Saturday, January 7

Monthly medal

Men: A grade - K. Martin 68, Z. Wooldridge 71 M. Maczkowiack 71, D. Forbes 71. B grade - L. Bradley 67, K. Wagnitz 69, J. Sandland 74.

Women: M. Thomson 73, M. Tyler 77, S. Grein 77.



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‘CLUB-FIRST’ RFL ERA

A CHANGE of direction is front of mind for the RFL’s new head honcho, with recently elected RFL chair Henry Crawford preaching a “club-first” mentality for 2023 and beyond.

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Henry Crawford of Waikerie has been elected as chair of the RFL for 2023 after the league’s new committee met early last week.

PHOTO: Paul McCormick



Berri’s Riley Burgess is currently representing the under 21 Australian country hockey side in Indonesia.

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Remarkable Riley

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