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Owner downplays Katarapko Island 'drama' anded

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THE owner of an air service business that had a light aircraft land on Katarapko Island, Loxton, on Saturday night has described the unorthodox landing as "no big deal". PHOTO: Murray River Pix **PAGE 8 STORY**

Tim's support drops, while Labor names unknown candidate

Chaffey 2022: It's game on

A SHARP drop in support for Tim Whetstone and the naming of a nearanonymous Labor candidate have heralded the official start of the 2022 Chaffey State Election campaign.

A poll released today suggests Liberal MP Mr Whetstone's first-preference vote has dipped from 46 per cent in 2018 to just 36.7 per cent ahead of the March 19 vote.

However, Labor appears to be running dead in Chaffey, providing zero details about its Adelaide-based candidate, whose name was only revealed publicly at Monday's ballot draw in Berri.

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those polled remain undecided.

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Glossop man George Simos is encouraging fellow locals to donate goods for victims of flooding in NSW and Queensland.

George's call for flood aid donations

A LOCAL man is asking for donations of non-perishable food, water, clothes, and other essential items to transport to northern NSW and southern Queensland to aid Australians affected by flooding.

George Simos, of Glossop, put the call out on Facebook yesterday morning for donations to help "our fellow Australians (who) need us now".

"When I went to the Canberra rally recently, I met some people that live in Lismore and we've created a little family, with people as far up as Yeppoon in Queensland," he said.

"When it's people you know that have lost everything – literally – it hits home and you just want to do something to help.

"They need food and water mostly, but also clothes, electronics, toys for kids... "It certainly isn't a cash thing, it's more

goods." Mr Simos' friend in Lismore told him

other items required, especially to start the clean-up process, include:

Linen, pillows and bedding

Towels

□ Plastic buckets

Cleaning products

Gum boots

Disposable gloves

Mr Simos said a truck has been donated, but he was waiting to find out about a tautliner.

"Hopefully we can fill that up and maybe even get another one if the demand is there," he said.

"As soon as people can organise themselves and amongst their friends to get together and donate a pallet of water, a pallet of canned foods... every little bit will help."

Mr Simos asked that all donations be organised by Friday, as he hopes to hit the road as soon as possible.

"I'd like to get going in about two or three days, tops," he said. "It's about a two-day or three-day drive to

get there."

To organise donations, contact Mr Simos on 0409 832 360.

Pioneer cover price:

THE Murray Pioneer's cover price has increased from \$2.50 to \$3, as of today. It is the first price rise in nearly three years.

Pioneer claims a handful of awards

THE Murray Pioneer enjoyed another outstanding night at the 2021 SA Country Press Awards, held at the Adelaide Convention Centre last Friday, bringing home a bumper crop of five awards, and several top-three placings.

Heading the pack was journalist Stephanie Thompson, who won the prestigious Excellence in Journalism award for a second time. Ms Thompson's front-page

story on sexual assault victim Heather Wynands was described by the judge as "a compelling, harrowing read" that "met all the criteria for the award".

Ms Thompson and Pioneer editor Paul Mitchell also combined to take out the Best Sports Story award for their article on the Loxton Tennis Club being absent from the multi-million dollar Loxton Precinct sporting hub. The judge said the opening paragraphs of the story – head-

ed "No club at Loxton's \$13m hub" – present "what is a strong news angle, in a succinct yet easy-to-understand manner" and "leave the reader quickly turning the page in search of the rest of the story".

It is the third time Mr Mitchell has won the Best



Murray Pioneer managing director Ben Taylor (right) with journalists Hugh Schuitemaker (left), and Ben Lennon, journalist and special features co-ordinator Elyse Armanini, advertising sales manager Glenda Kelly, and Border Times editor and Pioneer journalist Deirdre Graham, with the numerous awards the Pioneer picked up at the 2021 SA Country Press Awards last Friday.

Sports Story award.

The Pioneer also took home the inaugural Barnet Award for Best Community Advertising Feature for its Riverland Rose

and Garden Festival promotion. The judge referenced The Pioneer's 36-page glossy official program, describing it as "beautifully designed and printed with comprehensive information about the festival" and saying they believed the feature "would have exceeded the fes-

tival organisers' expectations". The judge also mentioned The Pioneer's ongoing festival coverage.

For the first time in many years, The Pioneer won the Best Front Page award for its May 19 edition, comprising a photograph relevant to the impact of QR Codes on local retail businesses and a story about \$4.3m of Riverland infrastructure funding.

Rounding out the handful of winners, The Pioneer's Josh Brine was named Young Journalist of the Year.

Young Journalist contenders were judged on a selection of their work across 2021, plus their other responsibilities.

Mr Brine, 23, started at The Pioneer in January 2020 and has been particularly prominent in the newspaper's local government and health coverage, especially Covid-19-related issues, since then.

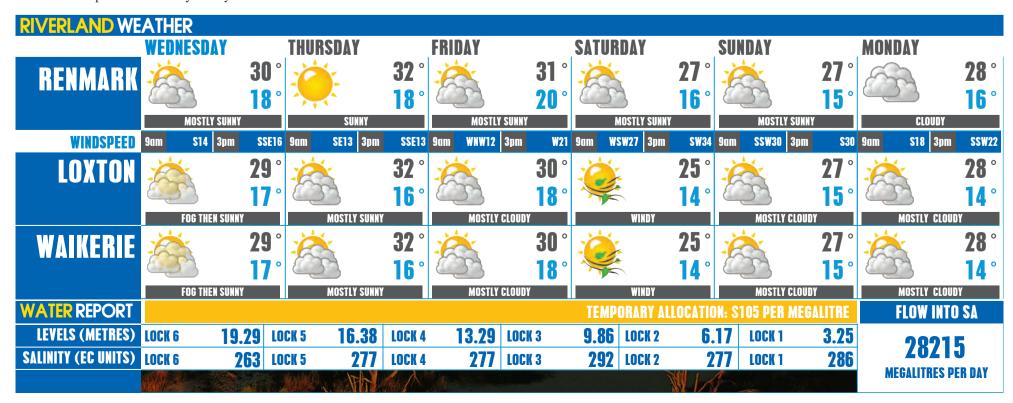
Mr Brine was described as "doubtless a strong asset for The Murray Pioneer", with his writing skills and versality lauded. The Pioneer narrowly missed out on winning back-to-back Best Newspaper awards, finishing runner-up behind Mount Gambier's resurgent Border Watch newspaper.

Pioneer's big night:

1st Excellence in Journalism, Stephanie Thompson **1st** Best Community Advertising Feature (Riverland Rose and Garden Festival promotion) 1st Best Sports Story, Paul Mitchell and Stephanie Thompson 1st Best Front Page 1st Young Journalist of the Year, Josh Brine 2nd Best Newspaper (over 4000 circulation) 2nd Best House Advertisement 2nd Best Community Profile, Stephanie Thompson 3rd Best Editorial Writing, Paul Mitchell



LOCAL SUPPORT FOR **UKRAINE: The side** of Barmera's Bonney Theatre was lit up in the colours of the Ukrainian flag last weekend, following Russia's invasion of the country late last week. Berri Barmera Council has previously used the permanent projection site outside the theatre to show support for other causes, including a rainbow display to show support for the LGBT+ community during the annual Feast Festival.



Fatal crash a hit and run

LOCALS have been urged to provide any information that could assist police investigations into a hit and run accident that saw a man lose his

Patrols attended and located a deceased

70-year-old male - from Angas Valley -

who is believed to have been the victim of

It is understood Halfway House Road

Police believe the circumstances indi-

cated the driver may have been unaware of

Early voting Polling day - Saturday 19 March Can't get to a polling booth on

was closed to all traffic for a number of

life near the Riverland. Police and emergency services were called to Halfway House Road following reports of a man lying on the road around 9.45pm last Wednesday, February 23.

hours following the incident.

their involvement in the crash.

a hit and run crash.



Renmark's Darcy Carpenter (left) and Madalene Macera backstage preparing for the dress rehearsal of Seeing Through Darkness last week. PHOTOS: Elyse Armanini



Renmark's own Restless dancer takes to the stage

ELYSE ARMANINI

TWO Riverlanders were among a group of performers to take to a local stage in an uplifting dance and immersive lighting performance last week.

Renmark's own Darcy Carpenter featured in the Seeing Through Darkness production at the Chaffey Theatre on Thursday, her first performance since joining the Restless company as a professional dancer.

"(The first performance) went really well," Ms Carpenter said. "I stayed focused on what I had to do, that helped me connect.

"(I was nervous) to start with, but I had to think, 'You're not alone, you have friends'."

Ms Carpenter said it was "quite strange" to be performing in Renmark.

"Because it's my home town, it's where I grew up," she said.

"But I was very excited." Ms Carpenter was pleased to when she was 14, and I first



At the Chaffey Theatre last week were dancers Michael Hodyl (left), Charlie Wilkins, Michael Noble, Alexis Luke, Darcy Carpenter and Madalene Macera.

finally put all the practice and rehearsal hours into the real show

Artistic director Michelle Ryan said it was "amazing" to see Ms Carpenter perform in front of a Riverland audience.

'I remember seeing Darcy to Restless, so to actually bring

spotted her on (the Chaffey Theatre) stage," Ms Ryan said.

"It was a Restless workshop that had a performance, and I

spotted her at that point and thought, 'she's got a talent'. 'We started building that relationship and she started coming her back now, as a professional dancer, I think just shows what people can do."

Ms Ryan said she hoped Riverlanders could take inspiration from Ms Carpenter, who lives with Down syndrome, and the Restless company dancers.

"Darcy has been part of the touring company that went to the Commonwealth Games arts and culture festival, to Seoul in South Korea.

"I grew up in Townsville, and to actually return home is always a proud moment for yourself, but also for your family.

"Hopefully it inspires other people in the Riverland region." Michael Noble, of Waikerie,

also performed in Seeing Through Darkness.

Mr Noble performed with Waikerie High School in school musicals and drama productions before joining the Restless Youth Ensemble in 2016.



To actually bring her back now, as a professional dancer, I think just shows what people can do...



- Michelle Ryan

Restless artistic director



Riverland emergency services crews attended the scene of a vehicle rollover on Monday, where a male driver needed to be extracted from the car. PHOTO; supplied

No serious injury from rollover

hospital, but is believed to have suffered no serious injuries, following a car accident in the Riverland on Monday.

MFS, SES and ambulance crews from Renmark and Berri we called to the scene of a vehicle rollover, near the Renmark-Berri

A MAN was taken to Field and Game shooting range, at the intersection of the Sturt Highway and Old Lyrup Road, around 4.20pm. A male driver of the vehi-

cle was extracted by emergency services crews and transported to hospital, however it is believed any serious injuries were avoided.

Jet ski driver pleads guilty to Murbko death

CHRISTINE WEBSTER

A 43-year-old male has pleaded guilty to causing the death of a teenager in the River Murray at Murbko last year.

Daniel Patrick Liddell, of Craigmore, appeared in the Adelaide Magistrates Court yesterday and pleaded guilty to causing death by dangerous driving and causing harm by dangerous driving.

Police alleged Liddell caused the death of 14-year-old Cooper Jackson Henke, from Roxby Downs, after Liddell's jet ski collided with him, and a younger child who received minor injuries, while the pair were swimming.

Police alleged Liddell operated the vessel in a culpably negligent manner, or recklessly, or at a speed, or in a manner which was dangerous to the public and by that culpable negligence, recklessness or other conduct, caused the teenager's death.

Police also alleged Liddell's actions caused harm to the younger child, Hunter Denman.

Liddell was remanded on bail to face an arraignment hearing in the District Court in Adelaide on April 22.



PAUL MITCHELL

SUPPORT for Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone has dipped significantly since the 2018 election, leaving the Liberal incumbent increasingly reliant on preference votes to be re-elected on March 19.

Mr Whetstone secured over 46 per cent of first-preference votes in 2018, but has just 36.7 per cent of first preferences currently, according to a phone poll undertaken by Grain Producers SA (GPSA).

Even though the poll was conducted before the state opposition had confirmed its Chaffey candidate, now revealed as Adelaide woman Joanne Sutton, SA Labor still had 23 per cent support.

Over 13 per cent of those polled remain undecided.

Results were revealed ahead of this afternoon's GPSA State Election Forum at the Loxton Hotel and GPSA CEO Brad Perry said the survey uncovered local sentiment about several key topics.

"According to the poll, voters in Chaffey want to see commitment to addressing the regional road maintenance backlog, doing more about mobile blackspots in farming areas and helping farmers adapt to a changing climate," Mr Perry said.

Mr Perry said the poll found that Chaffey residents are more likely to vote for a candidate or political party with policies supporting grain and agriculture.

Unlike 2018, The National Party – regarded as being supportive of farmers, graziers and regional areas - has a Chaffey candidate this election, former shearer Damien Buijs.

According to the poll, Mr Buijs has just over 9 per cent of first-preference



Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone is expected to be more reliant on preference votes in this month's state election, with a new Grain Producers SA phone poll predicting he would receive just 36.7 per cent of first-preference votes.

votes in Chaffey.

The major difference between the 2018 and 2022 Chaffey election dynamics is the absence of SA Best contender Michelle Campbell, who captured 24.9 per cent of first-preference votes four years ago.

Meanwhile Mr Perry said the poll results - carried out by uCommunications - reflected the importance of the SA grain industry.

"More than 50 per cent of voters polled in Chaffey are more likely to vote for a candidate or political party with policies supporting the grain industry and that's a big tick of approval for our sector," Mr Perry said.

The phone poll results included: □ 68.5 per cent believe the grain

industry is very important or somewhat important to the state's economy

□ 93.5 per cent believe it is very

important or somewhat important to address the regional road maintenance backlog

■ 88.6 per cent strongly agree or agree the state government should do more to fix mobile blackspots in farming areas of Chaffey

□ 79.1 per cent strongly agree or agree that more needs to be done by government to help farmers adapt to a changing climate.

□ 47.3 per cent are more likely to vote based on commitment to investing in research for the grain and agriculture industries.

The free GPSA Forum is at the Loxton Hotel today from 5pm. GPSA is encouraging attendees to register, due to Covid-related capacity limits. To register visit: www.tinyurl.com/GPSAevents2022.

Labor drops a name...and nothing else for Chaffey

SA Labor has unveiled the name of its Chaffey candidate – and nothing else. Joanne Sutton was revealed as the party's 2022

candidate at Monday's ballot draw in Berri, but the party has released zero details about its candidate, despite the State Election being just over a fortnight away.

The Murray Pioneer understands Ms Sutton resides in Adelaide, and could have a public service background. As of yesterday, she was yet to be included on SA Labor's online list of 2022 State Election candidates.

The Pioneer this week attempted to contact Labor

about Ms Sutton, but was unsuccessful.

Nonetheless her candidacy bolstered the Chaffey field to six, after Family First confirmed Adelaidebased Mathew Francis as a definite starter.

Mr Francis is an Indian immigrant who owns a demolition business. Family First upper house candidate Tom Kenyon, who was in the Riverland on Monday night for an Australian Christian Lobby forum in Loxton, said Mr Francis would visit the Riverland soon and be available to local constituents.

Despite her low-key introduction to Chaffey voters, Ms Sutton had her first slice of luck at the ballot draw, snagging the coveted top position on voting slips and ensuring she gains a few extra donkey votes.

Only three candidates, Liberal MP Tim Whetstone, Nationals candidate Damien Buijs and Greens contender Trevor Schloithe were represented at the ballot draw.

- PAUL MITCHELL

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Parliament of South Australia Legislative Review Committee **Further Call for Submissions** House of Assembly Petition No 84 of 2021 - SA Ambulance Service Resourcing Under section 16B of the Parliamentary Committees Act 1991, House of Assembly Petition No 84 of 2021 - SA Ambulance Service Resourcing has been referred to the Legislative Review Committee. The Petitioners request that the House of Assembly urge the Government to take immediate steps to: Provide a long-term sustainable funding stream that provides the resource capacity needed to respond to the escalating demand for ambulance services. 2. Eradicate the practice of ramping at South Australian hospitals through whatever means

necessary, including additional funding.

The Committee is making a further call for any person or organisation wishing to make a written submission or register an interest in presenting oral evidence to the Committee to do so by COB Friday 6 May 2022. Written submissions and registrations of interest in presenting oral evidence should be addressed to the Secretary, Legislative Review Committee, Parliament House, North Terrace, Adelaide 5000, or by email to seclrc@parliament.sa.gov.au.

All submissions will be made publicly available on the Committee's webpage and are subject to Parliamentary Privilege. Requests for confidentiality must be made clear in the submission and will be granted at the Committee's discretion

Enquiries to the Committee's Secretary: (08) 8237 9415 or email: seclrc@parliament.sa.gov.au.

For more information and updates on the Committee's progress in relation to House of Assembly **Petition No 84 of 2021 – SA Ambulance Service Resourcing**, please refer to the Committee's webpage www.parliament.sa.gov.au/Committees/Irc and follow the Committee on Twitter @seclrc sa.

Matt Balfour

Secretary to the Committee

Libs pledge life-saving helipads

NEW helipads in Berri and Loxton to help locals in need of critical medical care reach major hospitals quicker and safer are part of a new \$7m re-election promise by the SA Liberal Party today.

The new infrastructure would be part of a "blitz" to upgrade helipads across regional South Australia.

Premier Steven Marshall said his government was "committed to investing in regional health so all South Australians receive high-quality care".

"These critical upgrades will ensure that medically equipped ambulance helicopters can provide emergency evacuations, bed-tobed patient transport, and emergency paediatric support," he said.

"It is another way my government is focused on building a stronger future for communities who live in regional South Australia."

The announcement follows changes to the Civil Aviation Regulations Authority's requirements for helipads, which requires them to be able to withstand the weight of modern helicopters and accommodate forced landings and rejected take-offs - a standard regional helipads fail to meet.

Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone said the upgrades would accommodate the new requirements and provide patients with a direct route to emergency health services.

'In an emergency, especially a major medical emergency, time is critical and having

the helipad and a safe and serviceable landing area is vital," he said.

"The upgrades will give the people across the Riverland and Mallee greater access to expert medical care.

"The commitment will increase the helipad footprint and allow medical teams to deliver an improved patient experience and a more seamless journey from bed-to-helicopter.

"Having the helipad available for use and fully operational provides our community with confidence in the knowledge they can have access to first-class emergency services

on their doorstop when needed.

"I'm proud to be part of a government that is committed to improving regional health services."

Health and Wellbeing Minister Stephen Wade said the government was expanding and upgrading healthcare across regional South Australia.

"After 16 long years of Labor, South Australia's regional communities finally have a government that's listening, taking action and delivering better healthcare, closer to home." he said.

Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone has welcomed today's announcement of funding for new lifesaving helipads in Berri and Loxton. PHOTO: supplied



Riverland deputy mayor's stroke ordeal

LOXTON Waikerie deputy mayor Trevor Norton has revealed details of a recent ischaemic stroke that saw him rushed to Royal Adelaide hospital.

Councillor Norton says his wife, Colleen, did "everything humanly possible" to save his life, after he collapsed at the couple's home just over three weeks ago.

"Fully awake under a CT scan and via a stent inserted into an artery through a catheter in my groin, the surgeons removed the blood clots from the left side of my brain," Cr Norton says in today's resuming weekly Pioneer column, Conduct Becoming.

Cr Norton said he received a thrombolysis drug within 60 minutes of the stroke - then had a much-needed stroke of luck.

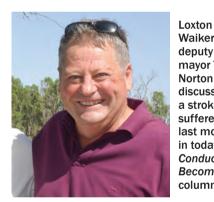
"A Royal Flying Doctor Service aircraft was at Renmark on the ground loading a patient and waited while I was transported to the aerodrome so that they could take us both to Adelaide," he says.

"If you get to a recognised hospital within

4.5 hours of the first symptoms of an ischaemic stroke, you may get a type of medicine called a thrombolysis to dissolve blood clots. But time lost is brain lost."

Cr Norton is now recovering and even undertook his first official council duty this week since returning home, attending the opening of the St Francis St Francis of Assisi College Renmark on Monday.

PAGE 13 'I had a stroke



Waikerie deputy mayor Trevor Norton has discussed a stroke he suffered last month in today's Conduct Becoming column.



OPINION

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BY PETER AND CARLA MAGAREY

Will Labor join the campaign?

SO, Labor has a candidate for Chaffey. Or is it just someone to fill the House of Assembly slip so the party can reap its upper house quota from across our electorate?

Will the Labor candidate, revealed this week as Adelaide woman Joanne Sutton, show she is actually interested in campaigning in the seat, or at least engaging with the electorate and showing some respect to the party's local supporters?

That number of supporters is not unsubstantial, given a Grain Producers SA poll released this week suggests current Labor support in Chaffey is 23 per cent.

Or will she do what some Greens candidates have done over the stretch by being completely absent, and nothing more than a name?

All parties have rusted-on voters; those who would literally vote for anyone their party puts forward as a candidate. Humphrey B Bear could show up – silent and pants-free – and get the nod.

That's because many people vote on principle, not candidate. And that's fine. Some conservative voters simply could never bring themselves to vote for The Greens, regardless of who was put forward.

Likewise Labor or Greens voters with the Liberals or One Nation. But these hard-core supporters should

But these hard-core supporters should never be taken for granted.

Given Labor Leader Peter Malinauskas is looking increasingly likely to be premier after March 19, it would be a shame if locals failed to hear his message delivered by the party's Chaffey candidate.

Meanwhile, if it materialises on March 19, the apparent swing against Mr Whetstone could be attributed to a few factors.

First and foremost is the state scene. While we do not operate under a presidential-type system of voting for a leader, Australian campaigns increasingly tend to skew that way. Witness the 'Scomo versus Albo' image battle currently being played out on the national scene.

And in SA, momentum is most definitely with Mr Malinauskas and his Labor Party.

Pundits are now confidently predicting that Premier Steven Marshall and the Liberals will be a one-term government. If that feeling is replicated in the ballot box, it will impact every electorate, including Chaffey.

Secondly, Mr Whetstone has been around for a long time now, and inevitably, even the best politicians and most competent leaders are susceptible to voter indifference. In short, people look for change for the sake of change.

Thirdly, Mr Whetstone's recent public stoush with Renmark Paringa Council would have cost him some votes, particularly given it happened very recently.

Whether or not you agree with Mr Whetstone, he must be applauded for having the courage of his convictions in speaking up on this issue, as he knew many people would disagree with his view. Others – including some in his own party – might have done a personal cost/benefit analysis and decided against it.

It all adds up to a more interesting Chaffey election than many would have anticipated even six months ago. But will Labor join the campaign? LOX TON

THE YEARS GO BY

Mardi Gras Queen 1972, Wendy Obst (later, Hall): As a Mardi Gras Queen entrant, Wendy was sponsored by Loxton Lions Club. At the close of the week-long 15th Mardi Gras, Wendy was proclaimed 1972 Mardi Gras Queen. The week-long activities had included an Hawaiian night attended by 500 people, a chicken and champagne breakfast, and children's events in the Lions' Park. Singer Rocky Page provided entertainment while a boat parade was viewed by the crowd. The Loxton branch of the National Trust displayed articles and photographs of our town's pioneers, while a melodrama, Ye Olde Loxton Variety Show, was presented. In addition there were golf and bowls, wine-tasting events, a carnival ball and an open-air variety concert. Other gueen entrants were Ruth Charlesworth (sponsored by Apex), Christine Hyde (Hotel Social Club), Diane Golding (Rotary Club), and Judy Good (RSL). Judy was competition runner-up, winning a set of travelling cases, while Wendy, as Queen was awarded an air-travel trip to Alice Springs for the annual Todd River event. The two Princess winners were Fiona Logan and Linda Adams. Wendy, Fiona and Linda were sashed by 1971 Queen Liz Dymmott (née Schubert), current chair of the Mardi Gras Committee. PHOTO: Mardi Gras Archives

I applaud councillors Peter

have gone to print with the cour-

Hunter and Marg Howie who

age of their convictions and of

stand up against the proponents

of short-term commercial gain.

If the Renmark Club is in a

position to invest further in tour-

ism, how about doing up some

particular the standard of tables

of your own facilities and in

I agree with the Murray

Pioneer correspondent Craig

Leuders and others, that there are

plenty of other equally attractive

sites for 5-star accommodation

without compromising our river

What about the road to Lock

Why couldn't the Renmark

Paringa Council introduce pen-

alty rates for unused buildings

in prime positions on Murray

Avenue and Ral Ral Avenue,

Finally, another step to

improve the attractiveness of

our river front and to stop the

wake boats, would be to intro-

duce a boating speed limit of 5

This might persuade expo-

knots along our river front.

nents to go to Barmera for a

day's wake jumping, and at

least encourage them to empty

their huge water ballast tanks

Would all councils

really think that?

I AM writing this letter as a

constituent of the state elector-

ate of Chaffey for which Tim

Whetstone is the current MP.

I found his comments in last

week's Murray Pioneer, regard-

ing a local issue in the Renmark

old Westpac building site, to be

I do not live in this council

has nothing to do with me, but I

wonder whether Mr Whetstone

area, and the discussion topic

overbearing.

Paringa Council area, namely the

Murray.

when operating along the River

PETER FREEMAN

Woolshed Brewery

destruction of the river banks by

5-star accommodation?

which are perfectly suitable for

and chairs.

front

5?

their own personal ethics, to

Amazed at MP's river front stance

A BIG thank you to Trevor Loxton, David Crouch and our ex-mayor Rod Thomas in their persistence in wanting the Westpac Bank demolished and the land once again becoming unhindered river frontage for locals and tourists to enjoy.

We have the added bonus of the Murray River Queen finally, maybe, hopefully moving off down river to block out someone else's river view.

Thank you also to those councillors who voted in favour for this to take place.

It is with absolute amazement, and I might add disappointment, that I saw the front page of the recent Murray Pioneer (16/2/22) with Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone in front of the Westpac building telling the people of Renmark what a waste it will be not to have further development on that site. This development was, I believe, to have been a multistorey building.

All this to grab the tourist dollar as they walk the main street to admire our empty shops and the eyesore on the corner of Murtho Street and Ral Ral,

Fred's 2nd Hand Shop. I am not anti-development if

done properly. A multistorey building would not be out of place where Hambours sits vacant. It could incorporate parking, shops and

accommodation, with a great view. It is a rarity for travellers to come across a country town – the emphasis being on country –

and find a river frontage like we will have to offer not clogged up with high rises etc. As for asking any other

As for asking any other council in Australia to have this opportunity which they would grab with both hands, I like his use of the word grab. I am starting to wonder who exactly was going to benefit from this proposed development?

It is most strange for an MP to try to sway a council into making a decision that its ratepayers are against, though not all I am aware. In my extensive travelling around Australia I have found that in most towns with any water frontage, their councils have enhanced that area for the usage of locals and tourists alike.

1 am looking forward to seeing the Westpac building demolished and the Murray River Oueen gone from sight.

I am looking forward to seeing what this 'vision' so often mentioned by councillors turns out to be. Their last one wasn't too crash hot: good idea, wrong place.

Gone forever the beautiful fountain to be replaced by a fence and roses. It doesn't matter what is behind as it can't be seen.

ELSA FARMER Renmark

Our councillors have foresight

THERE must be an election coming up for Tim Whetstone to take such a cheap shot at the Renmark Paring Council over its decision to demolish the Westpac building, and for the Murray Pioneer to give him the front page publicity.

Let's have the complete picture.

We are lucky to still have members on the Renmark Paringa Council who had the foresight to sell the Renmark Caravan Park to its current owners despite, I remember, considerable local opposition.

They now appear to also have the foresight to maintain the maximum attractiveness of our river front.

Some of the main attractions of South Australia, and more particularly of Renmark, relate to our unique wilderness perspective attractions and their ability to attract high-yield international and interstate visitors.

Where else in the world could you look out on such a magnificent stretch of river with virtually no signs of human habitation, and certainly with no clutter of cheap accommodation on moored houseboats, canal boats or river boats? LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

has the characteristics of a person I wish to represent me in parliament.

His comment, "If you asked any other council in Australia for this opportunity they would grab it with both hands", makes me ask if he has the ear of all councils/councillors throughout Australia? I think not.

Perhaps he and Premier Steven Marshall could build a \$700m stadium on this prime river front piece of land in Renmark?

CHRIS PAGE Berri

Anti-demolition argument failed

CONGRATULATIONS to the elected members of the Renmark/Paringa Council for passing the motion that confirmed the demolition of the Westpac Bank and supporting the intention of their previous fellow councillors of some 22 years ago.

The two members who voted against the motion should have a really good look at the reasons they were encouraged to become anti-demolition, anti-river-front development voters. That argument just did not stand up.

Council, hopefully, will get onto the job immediately and get some local contractors to progress the decision.

Another big disappointment to me was the interference by local member Tim Whetstone.

Not only it seems did he canvas elected members before the confidential meeting, but after the decision he made the front page of the Pioneer, denigrating the Renmark Paringa elected members for their decision.

He is the Member for Chaffey, not a person entitled to interfere in council business, either before or after the Council makes decisions.

The council is entitled to respect for its decisions, this one in particular, not criticism, from someone who isn't even a ratepayer.

"Perhaps the owner of the old Target building needs a bit of a push..."

BELINDA ONOFRIA

Develop buildings across the road

LOVED the piece of history from Margaret Duggin ('Riverfront plan nothing new, says town stalwart', 23/2/22).

She's spot on when she says we should be looking at development on old existing buildings across the road.

Perhaps the owner of the old Target building needs a bit of a push and incentive to sell that site if he's not going to do anything with it?

It might make pretty decent accommodation building. BELINDA ONOFRIA Renmark

New developments for Renmark Paringa

THANK you to everyone who took the opportunity to give feedback on my earlier letter ('Plans didn't meet the challenge', Murray Pioneer, 23/2/22), where I attempted to share some of the background to the Westpac Bank site decision, from my perspective.

It is heartening to see the widespread support for our beautiful river front.

There certainly is a great deal of opportunity within Renmark for development which will be welcomed and supported strongly.

This was highlighted by many suggesting alternative locations near the bank property, as well as focusing on the next stage of the Jane Eliza development, which will be a massive move forward for our community.

Sadly, one the major frustrations regarding involving residents in such decisions, is the significant "commercial in confidence" barrier to sharing what is happening in the background.

This is certainly true with developments like the Westpac Bank process, where many of us would have liked to have shared

You've gotta be joking! Cartoon comment by Tony Hersey ELECTIONS: 4 TOURIST CANDIDATES & 2 LOCALS STORY PAGES 1 & 4. CAN YOU TELL US THE WAY TO THE GHAFFEY REGION ? GEPPS CROSS affe 0 1-3-22 GANDIDATES HERSEY CONTENDERS OR towy PRETENDERS

what the various proponents were putting forward (not just the club), the net benefits and the less desirable aspects, so that we could all have an informed opinion.

But this is not allowed, when proponents share their ideas and costing in confidence.

There are exciting developments with both the Urban Design Framework and the Jane Eliza development that will be emerging soon – exciting options for Renmark Paringa. PETER HUNTER

Renmark

Disability support members needed

WHAT a privilege it is to experience positive impact on the lives

of people who are sometimes shunned by others, just for being different.

The experience is made even better when you know that you have, in an indirect way, contributed a little to that progress.

This is what can happen by being a member of an organisation that supports people with disability.

I speak of clients of Novita who, via a 'transition to work' program, have grown in personality and confidence and learned skills giving them the possibility of seeking and finding employment.

Novita has many clients in the Riverland and Mallee region and the recently upgraded new hub in Berri provides various and increased opportunities for local clients

Most fundraising organisations have experienced considerable difficulty to raise money during the Covid period.

The Brown's Well and Mallee Novita Auxiliary falls into that category.

However, despite the difficulty, we have managed reasonably well during the past two years, especially considering the small number of people involved.

We can only dream of how well we might do if we had more members.

I would be happy to chat with anyone interested in finding out more about the auxiliary and I can be contacted on 0429 435 762. YAE SCHOENHENZEL

> Secretary Brown's Well and Mallee Novita Auxiliary

> > **TEXT LINE**

park? I presume it's a pump for the fountain? If it cannot be relocated, could a couple of unisex toilets adjoin it and the building somehow be painted/designed to blend into the landscape?

ANN Renmark

I for one will be voting for the political party that addresses the ridiculous cost of fresh, healthy food, including meat, the cost of fuel, and the left-behind rural health system. Anybody with me?

GARY Waikerie

Congratulations Loxton Waikerie council for a top job in the preparation and sealing of the recently constructed Taplan Road. Looking forward to seeing the remaining section completed. IAN

Loxton

Seriously people, is it so hard to put your shopping trolleys back into the Foodland store in Renmark rather than leave them six steps away from the front door? Let's all make a difference. LINDA

Renmark



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LET'S MAKE A SPLASH: If you care about the Riverland's future, you must get access to a copy of Tuesday's special edition of The Murray Pioneer. It will contain two items crucial to the Riverland ahead of next week's vital Muray Darling Basin Authority (MDBA) meeting in Renmark. The Pioneer's front page will be a poster, designed for everyone to bring along and brandish at the meeting in a show of strength and unity to MDBA officials about the proposed Basin Plan.



RACE TRACK REVIVAL: Quarter horse sprint races could be held at the Berri Racecourse and broadcast world-wide via the internet. Racing company Sprint Horse Australia is believed to be negotiating with Berri Barmera Council to lease the racecourse and establish a facility similar to the controversial Teletrak proposal at Waikerie. The Murray Pioneer has learned the plans have been discussed for the company to hold regular races at Berri to cater for internet and track-side gamblers.

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 to edit all letters.

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Seems to be a lot of money being dished out and hand shaking at the moment. Must be something happening. Our local Member for Chaffey had a crack at council regarding the Westpac building. I noticed he brushed off the wakeboard boats issue. Why was that? Another person wasn't happy about the Westpac decision. Who owns the Ozone? I thought it unfair to name those in council who opposed the development. Someone from Loxton also had a Paring Council got the Murray River Queen wrong but it's heading your way. Eyesore gone.

THEO S Renmark

I rang Waikerie Police Station twice two weekends ago. The calls were diverted to Berri. Great. I needed police presence within minutes. I had to wait for Berri police to arrive an hour later. What a joke. Crime, domestic violence, drug deals, assaults happening in Waikerie every weekend, yet residents are left to defend themselves. This is not good enough. wake up. I feel unsafe

KAY Waikerie I have been a Liberal supporter all my life and I have never been so disappointed in my elected state representative as I am with Tim Whetstone's outburst and criticism against Renmark Paringa councillors. To try to get involved in the politics of any local council is not something a politician should ever do. To assist local councils is part of the parliamentarians' job and I have always thought that Mr Whetstone had done a good job, But not now. Running councils husi not Mr Whetstone's business. And, equally disastrous for Mr Whetstone, it seems he rang the Renmark Paringa councillors and tried to change their votes before the confidential meeting. He needs to apologise to the Renmark Paringa Council and to promise to keep his nose out of affairs that are not his business. This council deserves respect, not denigration. And respect for this Westpac site decision. Sorry Tim. No more votes for you from me or my family. ROSALIND Renmark

With the cost of fuel sky rocketing why can't the government step in and help the motorists out?

The government are the biggest winners from high fuel prices. I read a story in the RAA Booklet (4/5/20) about fuel breakdown and the cost of a litre of petrol. Based on 92.4c a litre the government was taking 49.4c tax, including GST. So you can work out what they are taking now. Imagine if they cut some of the tax out of their profits, how beneficial it would be to all now. KD

Waikerie

I also can't see why the council didn't go through with the process before making the decision to knock over Westpac. What an opportunity missed. CHRIS

Renmark

Regarding the Westpac building in Renmark, on one hand I am disappointed an art deco building will be lost from Renmark history gone. On the other hand I commend the council for keeping the site as open river front. There have been many comments about no toilets at the water park. My question: What is the small white building behind the lion in the

8 NEWS www.murraypioneer.com.au Wednesday, March 2, 2022 Plane owner downplays Katarapko Island drama... **'I've landed in worse airports'**

STEPHANIE THOMPSON

THE owner of an air service business that had a light aircraft land on Katarapko Island, Loxton, on Saturday night has described the unorthodox landing as "no big deal".

The incident attracted substantial attention from metropolitan media, but Central Air Service CEO Tom Schade said initial reports the plane had fallen from the sky and that a faulty fuel pump was to blame were incorrect.

"There was a partial loss of engine power, so instead of going back to the airport, he (the pilot) decided to land it in the paddock there - end of story," he said.

"It's just a landing that wasn't at the airport."

State Emergency Service, ambulance, police and the Metropolitan Fire Service crews were all called to the Loxton boat ramp at about 6.15pm to assist with a search.

However, Mr Schade said the involvement of emergency services came as a surprise to the pilot and fellow air service colleagues.

"(The pilot) was standing at the river front waiting to be picked up when all of a sudden, the SES showed up," he said.

Mr Schade said he was unsure why emergency services were called.

"I've landed in worse airports," he said.

"(The pilot) was suspicious that something was wrong, so he didn't want to take the chance of flying



Emergency services were called to the Loxton boat ramp on Saturday evening to assist with a search of the plane, much to the surprise of the pilot, who landed the plane safely on Katarapko Island and was waiting to be picked up by colleagues. PHOTO: Stephanie Thompson

over the town.

"It was no different for us. We land at the airport or we land in the paddock.

"Nobody was injured, nothing was damaged." Central Air Service is now in

Loxton for its 22nd year, providing bird control over almond orchards

and relocating corellas from the town river front.

Mr Schade praised the pilot and

described it as just "another day in the office".

"Our training involves all of this sort of stuff," he said.

"Flying low can be inherently dangerous because you don't have a lot of time to make decisions.

Any decision is better than no decision... so you land while you can, sort it out and then go again.

"Any decision is better than no

Mr Schade said the plane has

"We were going to fly it out

"It's probably going to be a few

Meanwhile, an Australian

decision... so you land while you

since been checked and there was

(Monday), but it got a bit wet," he

days before we get it out of there

'nothing wrong with it".

said.

now."

can, sort it out and then go again."

Transport Safety Bureau (ATSB) spokesperson said a precautionary landing incident involving a Piper PA-28 at Katarapko has been reported.

"As reported to the ATSB, the aircraft's engine lost partial power and the pilot conducted a precautionary landing into a paddock," the spokesperson said.

"The ATSB is gathering further information as to the circumstances of the incident."

- Tom Schade, Central Air Service CEO

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The light aircraft made an emergency landing on Katarapko Island on

Saturday evening after the pilot suspected engine failure and made the

decision to land the plane safely. The plane has since been checked and

no issues have been found. PHOTO: Murray River Pix

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Blessed the rains down at St Francis

ELYSE ARMANINI

NOT even grey skies and a thunderstorm could take away the excitement of a Renmark secondary school's official opening and blessing ceremony on Monday.

Local and visiting dignitaries were among the crowd for the official proceedings, which were able to go ahead thanks to the easing of Covid-19 restrictions, at St Francis of Assisi College Renmark.

Esteemed guests included Catholic Diocese of Port Pirie Bishop, Karol Kulczycki; Catholic Education Port Pirie Diocese director, Nichii Mardon; and SA Minister for Education, John Gardner.

Bishop Karol blessed gifts and religious artefacts during the official ceremony, before going around the school and blessing each learning space.

"From the Riverland, we had people from the local Catholic parish, who have been hoping for 10, 20 years to have a Catholic secondary school here," said St Francis principal, Nathan Hayes.

"For that reason, all coming together on Monday was a real celebration for those who had been involved in a whole range of ways. It was excellent."

Ms Mardon said to finally have the school blessed and officially opened felt "so right for the community".



St Francis of Assisi College assistant principal religious identity and mission, Nanda de Winter; St Francis of Assisi College principal, Nathan Hayes; chair of the South Australian Commission for Catholic Schools, Professor Denis Ralph; SA Minister for Education, John Gardner; Catholic Diocese of Port Pirie Bishop, Karol Kulczycki; and Catholic Education Port Pirie Diocese director, Nichii Mardon. INSET: Bishop Karol Kulczycki blesses the school candles, symbol of learning, symbol of wellbeing and religious artefacts with holy water. PHOTOS: Elyse Armanini

"(It was great) to see students fully realised in uniforms, so proudly part of the liturgy and celebrations, because they're actually who it's all about," Ms Mardon said.

"It feels like a learning environment, but it's got a sense of identity and purpose already and I think that's remarkable."

Ms Mardon had nothing but praise for Mr Hayes as the inaugural principal.

"He's extraordinary," she said. "He's a highly-capable leader. His experi-

ence, and his gentle and his calm, he has not

missed a trick in the whole process.

"I learn from him, at every encounter." Addressing the students in his speech, Mr Gardner said they have a "unique opportunity".

"It's such an exciting thing to be the first students at a new school," Mr Gardner said.

"I have a feeling, as Catholic education in the Riverland has been in existence for more than a century, this school will be very famous in the years ahead and will be known in 100 years. "Its culture will be built on the foundations of faith... but also the spirit, willingness, enthusiasm and values demonstrated by its first students."

The next step for the school is the planning and construction of stage two, with the review of stage one already under way.

"We're talking to our teachers and students about the next stage to make sure we pick up and learn from the first stage, as we move into what will mostly be for the 10 to 12s," Mr Hayes added.



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Carp Frenzy returns to Barmera lake front

HUNDREDS of fishers from largest carp caught, best fancy across SA and interstate will descend on the Riverland this weekend for the annual SA Carp Frenzy at Barmera's Lake Bonney.

The event, which drew over 800 entrants last year, will be held this Saturday, March 5 from 6.30am to 3pm.

The frenzy will be followed by the annual carp tossing competition at 4pm and presentations at the Barmera Club at 5.30pm.

A random draw of all entrants will be held, with \$3000 for first prize. Other prizes will also be given out for most carp caught, dress and more.

Entrants will also be able to fish in Loch Luna and Chambers Creek, while some parts of the lake front on the east side of Lake Bonney will be closed off due to works by the Berri Barmera Council.

Registration for the event is \$20 per adult, \$10 for children under 16, and \$50 for a family of four, and can be done on Friday night or Saturday morning.

Individuals registration forms are available at tinyurl.com/3vynnhm7, while the form for families can be found at tinyurl.com/6lh8j8ee.





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With Grain Producers SA's 2022 State Election Priorities document are (from left), GPSA board director and Eyre Peninsula grain grower Peta Willmott, GPSA CEO Brad Perry, GPSA chair Adrian McCabe, GPSA independent director Professor Wendy Umberger and GPSA board director David Malpas. GPSA will host a forum in Loxton at 5pm today, PHOTO: supplied

SA election grain gain outlined before forum KEY State Election Election Priorities document

priorities of the state's grain industry – including a \$10m "grain growth program" – are among the topics likely to be discussed at a Chaffey election forum in Loxton tonight.

A raft of key projects aimed at increasing productivity and profitability for the grain industry were outlined in a Grain Producers SA's (GPSA) 2022 State Election document released last month.

The plan was compiled following a grower priorities survey, which found market access, drought resilience, climate change and biosecurity were the top policy issues affecting profitability and productivity of South Australian grain growers.

GPSA chief executive officer Brad Perry said GPSA was seeking all political parties and candidates to commit to the initiatives the grain sector has put forward as part of the March 2022 State Election.

"With the Grain Industry Blueprint setting the target for a \$6 billion contribution to the state's gross food revenue by 2030, our grain growers need the support and backing of all levels of government to reach that goal," Mr Perry said.

"GPSA's 2022 State

outlines a number of important projects to create new international and domestic market opportunities, invest in research and development, provide greater connectivity, protect the state's grain growers against pests and diseases and build and train a labour workforce to meet demand.

"With GPSA's pre-election forums in the electorates of Chaffey, Flinders and Narungga coming up, I look forward to hearing more from candidates about their support for measures to drive growth in the South Australian grain industry."

Mr Perry said in the face of adversity, South Australia's \$4 billion grain industry - which directly employs 23,000 people - has already demonstrated it is resilient and innovative.

"But with further support, we believe the grain industry can exponentially grow and reach its full potential," he said.

"Through GPSA's 2022 State Election Priorities, we have outlined the levers that need to be pulled to deliver industry growth and we encourage all candidates to support our policy asks."

Key grain and community issues will be front and centre at today's free local

forum, being held at the Loxton Hotel from 5pm.

GPSA is encouraging attendees to register, due to Covid-related capacity limits.

To register visit: www. tinyurl.com/GPSAevents2022.

The forums will also be livestreamed for those unable to attend.

GPSA'S KEY PROJECT ASKS:

□ \$10m grain growth program.

□ \$20m agricultural mobile blackspot funding round. \Box \$4.2m for a sustainable

weather station network. □ \$250,000 for subsi-

dised PPE equipment packs for farmers fighting fires.

□ \$700,000 for a new agricultural bag recycling program.

□ Introduction into SA Parliament of a new Biosecurity Act.

□ \$6m grain export and market entry program.

□ Four-year maintenance fund to address the state's road maintenance backlog. □ \$4 million for retrain-

ing into agriculture initiative. To view GPSA's 2022 State Election Priorities document, visit the website (www.grainproducerssa. com.au).

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Labor buyback plans 'harmful', says Pitt

THE re-introduction of policies aimed at diverting more water toward environmental use would be "harmful" for Riverland irrigation, according to a federal minister.

In recent days federal opposition spokesperson for water, Terri Butler, has hinted a Labor-led government could seek to reclaim more water for the environment by re-introducing buybacks.

However, Minister for Water Keith Pitt said this policy would see water taken away from local irrigators.

"Put simply under Labor more water will be recovered for the environment at the expense of productive, job-creating water," Mr Pitt said.

"Under the Liberals and Nationals Government we listened to our Basin communities who had suffered under water recovery through the Basin Plan and implemented the protections they deserved.

"Disappointingly, but predictably, what we have heard today from Labor's environment spokesperson is confirmation that the Labor/ Green/Independent alliance's water policy is not about regional communities.

"Instead the Labor/Greens/Independent alliance is about securing numbers on paper, pandering to the inner-city Green vote, and appeasing climate policy idealists over regional strength."

Under the Murray-Darling Basin Plan, 450GL of water must be recovered for the environment by 2024, through projects that had a neutral or improved impact on basin communities.

Speaking to ABC's Rural program, Ms Butler said "all Australians have an interest in the Murray-Darling Basin Plan, not just those who live in the basin and the basin communities, but all Australians".

"You can expect us, when we make our policy announcements, to be upholding the letter and the spirit of the Murray-Darling Basin Plan to keep faith not just with the jurisdictions – that's all the jurisdictions, not just the two biggest ones that entered into the plan at the time – but to keep faith with all Australians," she said.

Mr Pitt said the economic needs of Riverland communities were prioritised under current water regulations.

"Instead of clawing more water from communities who have already given enough, the Liberals and the Nationals are delivering

Submissions open on allocation changes

RIVERLAND water license holders have been encouraged to provide feedback on new allocation regulations.

The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board last month released a draft updated River Murray Water Allocation Plan (WAP), including changes to private carryover regulations.

Minister for Water David Speirs said feedback with local irrigation industry representatives had been "essential

to developing this carryover reform proposal".

"The updated draft WAP responds to calls from industry leaders to explore improved private carryover arrangements," Mr Speirs said.

"The changes proposed in the draft WAP

would make carryover more secure in dry years and would mean that irrigators could factor carryover into their planning with greater confidence." Submissions on the proposed River Murray

David Speirs

carryover changes are due to the Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board by 5pm on Thursday, April 14. job opportunities, driving down unemployment, and ensuring the health of the Basin," he said.

"This hasn't happened by accident, but make no mistake it would all be at risk under a Labor/Greens/Independent alliance.

"This one is simple – the only guarantee of water security for our communities without harmful buybacks is with a Liberal-National Coalition.

"The Liberals and the Nationals have fought and continue to fight hard for an implementation of the Basin Plan that puts our regional communities at the heart of the plan."



Minister for Water Keith Pitt (right), pictured with Barker MP Tony Pasin, says the potential re-introduction of water buybacks under a Labor federal government would harm Riverland irrigation.

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A new SAPOL campaign is encouraging senior Riverlanders to recognise the signs of increasing vulnerability on the roads. IMAGE: supplied

SENIOR Riverlanders will be encouraged to avoid high-risk road situations, or consider alternative modes of transport, through a new police advertising campaign.

SAPOL last week launched the Don't Stop Driving By Accident campaign, aimed at lowering the number of road accidents involving elderly drivers.

SAPOL assistant commissioner Ian Parrott said drivers aged over 70 accounted for 23 percent of fatal accidents, and 13 per cent of serious injuries.

"Older road users can be experiencing cognitive decline, reduced physical capability or responsiveness, fragility and other medical challenges, all of which compound the inherent dangers of using the road," AC Parrott said.

"We want to empower older drivers and their families to talk about reducing the risks of driving if it's becoming more stressful,

scarier and therefore, less safe.

"We have developed this campaign with the utmost respect for older South Australians and with the understanding that independence is an important part of an older person's lifestyle.

"The people surveyed said they could see themselves and/or their parents experiencing these scenarios and that the ads felt credible and respectful."

Council on the Ageing chief executive Jane Mussared said "empowering older drivers to recognise the signs of increasing vulnerability" was a goal of the campaign.

'Older people are used to making big decisions," Ms Mussared said

"Reviewing our driving and reducing, changing or stopping driving is one of those big decisions.

"We are very pleased that the campaign appeals directly to the good sense of older drivers.

"It acknowledges that freedom, independence and mobility are highly valued by older people and that modifying driving behaviours doesn't need to mean a reduction in lifestyle quality."

RAA senior manager safety and infrastructure, Charles Mountain, said the campaign advised older drivers to avoid driving at night, driving in bad weather, or driving on busier roads.

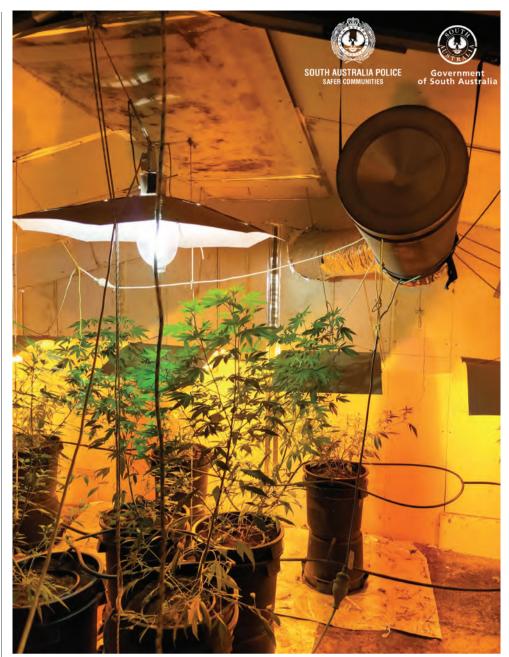
"The campaign empowers older drivers to make decisions that support their own safety," Mr Mountain said.

"Whether driving in metropolitan or regional areas, drivers need to be confident that they are adopting the safest possible behaviours and modifying their transport plans accordingly."

The campaign is set to run until the end of March.



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Police located 30 cannabis plants and a large quantity of dried cannabis at a home in Cadell earlier this month. PHOTO: supplied

Cannabis operations busted

FOUR Riverlanders are set to face court on numerous charges - including the possession of prohibited weapons and an explosive device - relating to the growing and sale of cannabis.

A sophisticated hydroponic cannabis operation, with three grow rooms including an underground bunker, was located at an address in Cadell on Friday, February 11, when police seized 30 cannabis plants, a large quantity of dried cannabis material and various prescribed equipment.

A 59-year-old man was reported for cultivating a commercial quantity of cannabis, trafficking a controlled drug, possessing prescribed equipment and diverting the electricity supply.

Approximately 10 grams of methamphetamine, two cannabis plants, cash, two slingshots and drug paraphernalia were then found at a house on Smith Drive, in Waikerie, on Sunday, February 13, with a 41-yearold man reported for trafficking a controlled drug, cultivating cannabis for sale or supply, possessing prohibited weapons and possessing an explosive device.

Another home at Cadell was also searched on Wednesday, February 16, with 10 cannabis plants located on the property.

A 50-year-old man from the property was reported for cultivating cannabis, possessing prescribed equipment and hindering police, while a 19-year-old man from the property was also reported for cultivating cannabis and hindering police.

It is understood all offenders will be summonsed to appear in court at a later date.

Riverlanders with information regarding the manufacture, sale, or possession of illegal drugs is asked to contact Crime Stoppers by phone on 1800 333 000, or by visiting the website (www.crimestopperssa.com. au).

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I HAD a stroke.

An ischaemic stroke, which occurs when the blood supply to part of the brain is interrupted or reduced, preventing brain tissue from getting oxygen and nutrients. Brain cells begin to die in minutes.

Three weeks ago, I was laying on our bed watching a movie on Sunday night at about 9.15pm and Colleen was watching a different program on the television in the lounge room.

I lost all movement down the right-hand side of my body, from head to toe and could not speak.

I tried to get up, but fell and started to call Colleen. She thought I was making strange sounds and quickly came.

She applied FAST – Facial drooping, Arm weakness, Speech difficulties and Time - recognised my condition, and dialled 000.

The paramedics where at my Kingston-On-Murray home within 20 minutes and I was at Riverland General Hospital in Berri within another 20 minutes.

An emergency doctor was waiting and within minutes a neurosurgeon joined from Adelaide on the telemonitor.

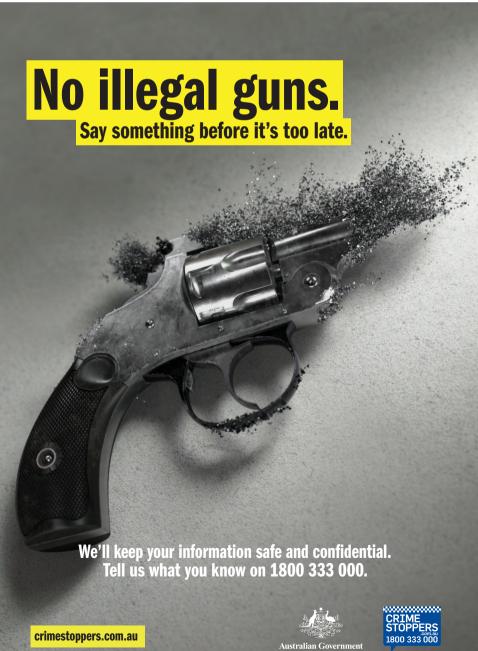
If you get to a recognised hospital within 4.5 hours of the first symptoms of an ischaemic stroke, you may get a type of medicine called a thrombolysis to dissolve blood clots. But time lost is brain lost.

Riverland General Hospital is a major stroke hospital in country South Australia. Others at Whyalla, Mount Gambier, Port Augusta, Port Lincoln, Port Pirie, Naracoorte and Kadina, with Broken Hill, Alice Springs and Darwin also part of the network.

I received a thrombolysis drug within 60 minutes of the stroke.

A Royal Flying Doctor Service aircraft was at Renmark on the ground loading a patient and waited while I was transported to the

I lost all movement down the right-hand side of my body, from head to toe and could not speak...



The owner of the Murray River Queen, currently moored at Renmark, is hoping the vessel will still get to call Loxton home, despite a lengthy development process.

move still happening

STEPHANIE THOMPSON

THE owner of a Riverland tourism vessel is still hoping it will call Loxton home, despite enduring a "long development process"

Loxton woman Donna Neale purchased the Murray River Queen last year, with the aim of relocating it from Renmark to Loxton.

However, the development application is still with the SA Planning Commission.

"The plan is still for the boat to come to Loxton," she said.

"That is my plan, I just haven't had the approval to say, 'Yes, it can absolutely happen'.

"It is moving along, but it is a long process.'

Ms Neale met with the District Council of Loxton Waikerie in April last year to discuss mooring sites, with elected members agreeing in-principle to the Lions Park, near the Tree of Knowledge. Loxton Waikerie council environmental services

manager Cheryle Pedler said the State Commission Assessment Panel is the relevant authority for the proposed development.

"Despite that council has indicated in-principle support for the application, we're not an authority other than a referral body under the Planning Development and Infrastructure Act," she said.

"The applicants have lodged a letter requesting negotiations in relation to a licence to occupy, which council and the Department of Environment and Water and Crown Lands currently are assessing."

Ms Pedler said council would continue to progress the application with Crown Lands and Ms Neale.

"The council is the custodian of the land adjacent where the boat is to be moored. The river is unalienated Crown Land, controlled by the minister," she said.

"The council and DEW Crown Lands will continue to work together with Ms Neale towards a favourable custodianship of the land to enable the development to proceed."

In December, Renmark Paringa Council endorsed that the sublicence agreement for the Murray River Queen to utilise a portion of the town wharf would expire in June 2022.

However, in a report to councillors, it stated that if the vessel is not moved by May 2022 and it "does not look likely" that the vessel will be moved by June 2022, a further report would be provided for council consideration.

Grassroots investment for the Riverland

RIVERLAND community organisations, volunteer groups and individuals are invited to apply for funding through the 2022-23 Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board's Grassroots Grants program.

The program helps support locals in the management of the region's landscape and natural assets.

Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board chair Dianne Davidson encouraged community groups and individuals to apply for the program.

"Grassroots Grants are an important way the landscape board supports the local community to improve the management of the region's landscape and its natural assets," she said.

For more information or to apply, visit the Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board website (landscape.sa.gov.au/mr).

Applications close on Monday, March 28, 2022, at 5pm.

Grassroots Grants are funded through levies collected by the Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board.





aerodrome so that they could take us both to Adelaide.

On arrival I was transported direct to the Royal Adelaide Hospital to a ready medical team.

Fully awake under a CT scan and via a stent inserted into an artery through a catheter in my groin, the surgeons removed the blood clots from the left side of my brain.

The operation took about 45 minutes and within the hour I was in recovery; tubes from both arms and a new urine catheter. The stroke was controlled, but I still

couldn't feel anything on my right side or talk. Colleen was by my side again Monday afternoon, like she was the night before, but I could not talk to her or relay how I felt.

She was happy to see me, but not as happy as I was to see her. Maybe she was, but not knowing what came next kept the mood decidedly and understandably sober.

Without panic, she had done everything humanly possible at a time when it was needed to save my life – but it didn't guarantee anything else.

I am now on the road to recovery, so thanks to everyone for their support. I have been unable to reply to everyone who has expressed their concern and Colleen only gave me back my phone this week.

NEXT WEEK: Part 2

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



14 NEWS www.murraypioneer.com.au Wednesday, March 2, 2022 Finish line in sight for community centre



On site of the new Loxton Retirement Village Community Centre were Big River Developments apprentice Reece Lehmann with Loxton Waikerie council project manager Daniel Brown and Loxton Retirement Village administration officer Eve Will. PHOTO: Stephanie Thompson

STEPHANIE THOMPSON

A MULTI-functional community centre in Loxton is on track to be completed in May.

Construction of the \$2.6m Loxton Retirement Village Community Centre began last year, with gyprock recently installed, while kerbing and carpark works

were under way last week. "It's up at lock-up stage," Loxton Waikerie council project manager Daniel Brown said.

Loxton Waikerie council received \$1.2m of Federal Government funding to build the community centre, while the remaining \$1.4m will be sourced from the village's capital reserve.

The centre will have a large communal space, cinema, gym, meeting/consult rooms, semi-commercial kitchen, toilet and storage room.

It also features an outdoor entertaining area, along with a community share garden with raised beds.

Mr Brown said the building was designed to be user friendly for elderly residents.

"There's extra-wide footpaths around the perimeter, zero thresholds through all the doorways, so no steps through the doors, along with oversized power points and a simplified PA/AV system," he said.

"There's also an acoustic ceiling for sound and hearing loop for hearing aids."

The building will also feature disabled and gopher parking, a full concrete access ramp, plus a concrete footpath, giving direct access from Leatrice Pfitzner Court.

Riverland-based building company, Big River Developments, is completing the works.





Waikerie GP Dr Ian Gartley says a significant number of Covid-19 cases have been recorded around the town this month. PHOTO: Christine Webster

Covid 'not just a bad cold', local GP warns

CHRISTINE WEBSTER

A WAIKERIE GP is urging residents in the Riverland West area against being complacent about Covid-19 following a sudden spike in cases in the area this month.

The Waikerie Community Club has been closed since February 21, after receiving several notifications of Covid-19 cases among patrons who visited its premises from February 17.

A senior doctor at the Waikerie Medical Centre, Dr Ian Gartley, said the Covid-19 cases were believed to have originated from the club's "Thursday schnitzel night" event.

"This schnitzel night is usually very well attended, probably between 100 to 150 people, usually go to this at the Waikerie Club," he said.

Dr Gartley was expecting more cases to emerge from the popular venue.

He said a significant number of Covid-19 cases had also been recorded at the Waikerie Primary, Waikerie Lutheran Primary schools and Waikerie High schools.

Dr Gartley said some Waikerie Hospital staff had also tested positive to the virus.

He said in a close community such as Waikerie, Covid-19 had the potential to spread if people failed to take the right precautions.

"Omicron is incredibly contagious and we can't afford to drop our guard for a minute," he said.

"It is important to realise that vaccination is only one part of the strategy to avoid getting it in the first place." Dr Gartley said people

should still remember to social distance and also use hand sanitiser.

"Monitor yourself and if there are any signs of symptoms get tested," he said.

Dr Gartley expressed concern about the number of Covid-19 cases among the 20 to 35-year-old age bracket in the Riverland West area. "Young people going to Adelaide often let their guard down and do not realise how big a risk it is when going out to places in Adelaide," he said.

"Certainly at the moment there is quite a bit of it going around, up until a few weeks ago that wasn't the case." Dr Gartley said unfortunately vaccinations for primary school students between the ages of five to 11 were only available a couple of weeks before they returned to school.

"The government were caught between a rock and a hard place," he said.

"In order to be up to date for five to 11-year-olds, they need to have two doses, eight weeks apart and in that lies the problem," Dr Gartley said.

"I know at least one parent who is home schooling her child until he has had his Covid-19 vaccination booster."

Dr Gartley said while children usually only experienced mild symptoms and were unlikely to become seriously ill with the virus, parents still needed to vigilant.

He said children could still contract "long Covid", which could cause extreme fatigue and last up to 12 months.

"I would recommend that people do all that they can to avoid Covid," he said, "and to not laugh it off as a bad cold."



www.murraypioneer.com.au Wednesday, March 2, 2022 NEWS 15 **Committee members wanted for show**

A LOXTON event is seeking executive and management committee positions to ensure a successful 102nd show.

All positions for the Loxton Show committee are declared vacant ahead of the annual general meeting (AGM) next week.

Outgoing president Bill Shannon urged anyone interested in assisting the show to head along next Wednesday.



"Over the last few years, we've been finding it hard to get some of these positions," he said. "It's a sign of the times."

After three years as president, Mr Shannon said he was looking forward to seeing someone else step up to the role. "I'm fairly confident we will get

someone," he said. "We are also looking for a treasurer as we haven't had any appli-

cants in that area." Despite Covid regulations, the

Loxton Show held a successful two-day event last year.

"It was brilliant last year with the new Precinct," Mr Shannon said. "It was so good to work with that last year and I'd imagine it would be like that or better again this year.'

This year's Loxton Show will be held on Sunday, October 2 and Monday, October 3. Show secretary Linda Wiltshire said all were welcome to next week's AGM.

"Anyone who would like to join the committee, please come along,' she said.

In addition to committee and management positions, convenors for the amateur wine making and brewing, scarecrows and log chopping sections are also being sought.

The Loxton Agricultural and Horticultural Society will hold its AGM on Wednesday, March 9, at 7.30am at the Loxton Club's Woolshed Bar.

Apologies can be made to the secretary on 0497 147 890.

A Riverland mum says her primaryschool-aged daughter has been sub-

"My daughter was teased by other

The local father, Darren – who did

"The other kids said, 'You're going

"One of the teachers had to step in

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Riverland parent says he is prepared to lose his job rather than take a Covid-19 booster...

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PAUL MITCHELL

A RIVERLAND father concerned about schoolkids being vaccinated says he is prepared to lose his job, rather than receive a Covid-19 booster.

Darren, who did not want his surname published for the sake of his family, says his two youngest children one in primary school, one in high school – are among the few unvaccinated students in their classrooms, and that his negative vaccine experience has led to his concerns.

"I won't give the vaccine to my child," he said. "I just ask people to go to

the TGA (Therapeutic Goods Administration) website and see how many children and adults have had adverse effects from the vaccine.

"I can't believe that almost all the kids in my children's classes have been vaccinated."

According to the Australian-centric TGA, the total reporting rate of "adverse events" post-vac-

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cine is 2.1 per 1000 doses. "Like all medicines,

Covid-19 vaccines may cause some side effects," the TGA says.

"The most frequently reported include injectionsite reactions - such as a sore arm – and more general symptoms, like headache, muscle pain, fever and chills. This reflects what was seen in the clinical trials."

Darren, in his 50s, said he was "forced" to be vaccinated in order to keep his transport industry job, but that his side effects had left him unprepared to take the booster.

"I've got continuous tingling in the legs, on the inner thigh, and on the top of the thigh, and chest pains," he said.

"I've got a sore arm where the injection is, and I'm just so fatigued all the time.

"When I come home from work all I do is sleep." Darren has been in the

transport industry for 30 years, but said a career change could be on the cards, due to vaccine mandates. "I won't be having three

shots," he said. "I'll either be trying to get

a job in Adelaide or doing something different, because it's just not going to happen."

The TGA says it is "closely monitoring adverse event reports" in children aged five to 11.

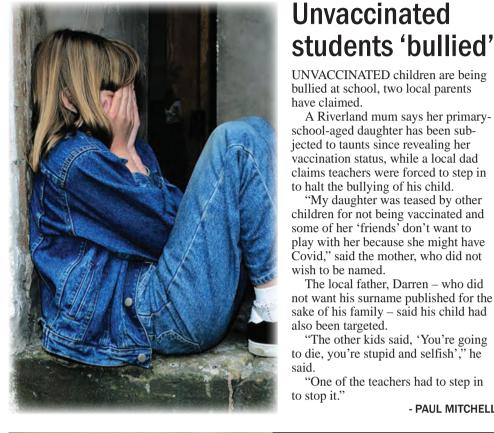
"To 13 February 2022, we have received 622 reports from approximately 1.1 million Comirnaty (Pfizer) doses administered..." it

says. "The most common reactions reported include chest pain, vomiting, fainting, nausea and paleness.

"We have received 10 reports of suspected myocarditis and/or pericarditis in this age group.

"Following review of information in the reports, none were likely to represent myocarditis."

Darren claimed reports of vaccine side effects had been deliberately "kept quiet" by the Australian media.







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The Riverland Radio Club last month launched a high-altitude balloon near Chowilla Station. INSET: Ivan Smith. PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff

Radio club's new heights

HUGH SCHUITEMAKER

LOCAL radio enthusiasts recently gathered for a "hugely successful" test of communications technology.

Members of the Riverland Radio Club last month performed their first launch of a high-altitude balloon near Chowilla Station.

Riverland Radio Club secretary and treasurer, Ivan Smith, said strict parameters needed to be followed in order to reach their targets.

"We aim for a certain rate of ascension, which is 2m per second," Mr Smith said.

"The critical thing is we have to measure the balloon when we're filling it. We

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measure the circumference to an exact size, which was .7 of a metre.

"Then we know at two metres per second, we aim for it to go (24km) high. "Then it bursts and it falls

back down to earth.' It is understood the bal-

loon reached a maximum altitude of 24m. Mr Smith said live data

from the flight was made available online through a network of tracking stations. 'We fly a transmitter

on it, which sends us back some telemetry (data) on temperatures, speed and altitude," he said.

"There's tracking stations around Australia that track high-altitude balloon

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launches, and we ended up with 23 stations tracking our flight.

'Information from the tracking program goes straight onto the internet, so anybody can watch the flight and you see the data live.'

Mr Smith said a number of other balloon flights were being planned.

"Our ultimate aim is to involve a school with a STEM (science, technology, engineering, maths) program," he said,

For further information regarding the Riverland Radio Club contact Ivan Smith on 0428 882 719, or visit the website (https://rrc. org.au/).

Non-resident wins Eyre Ward election

CHRISTINE WEBSTER

MANNUM-based Deb Brokenshire - who has more than 30 years' experience in SA's local government sector - has won the Mid Murray Council's Eyre Ward supplementary election.

Voting closed on February 21 and following the count on February 22, Mrs Brokenshire was provisionally elected on 263 votes, ahead of Jakob Gamertsfelder and Wayne Tredrea.

Her victory was officially announced by Mid Murray Council on Friday.

The supplementary election was held to fill a vacancy for a councillor in the Eyre Ward, following the passing of Cr Dennis McCarthy in October last year.

Mrs Brokenshire was humbled to be voted into the role.

"I was pleasantly surprised, I don't live in that ward, and I wondered if that might concern people," she said.

Mrs Brokenshire is originally from the Yorke Peninsula and moved to Mannum in 2017.

She said living outside Eyre Ward would ensure each town received equal attention, a view based on her 30 years of local government experience.

"I am not talking about now, but I have seen councillors in the past and they tend to focus on the township that they are in - it is kind of an



Mannum woman Deb Brokenshire won the Mid Murray Council's Eyre Ward supplementary election last month.

unconscious bias," she said. "So by not living in the ward, I will be able to provide fair and equitable services to all the townships in Eyre and not just focus on one."

Mr Gamertsfelder who lives in Morgan and was defeated by Mrs Brokenshire, after the distribution of preferences by 13 votes, expressed his concern in a letter to the editor this week.

He said he was "angry" about losing to someone who did not live in the Eyre Ward. "All my plans for improvement become nothing now," he wrote.

Mr Gamertsfelder said he had hoped to generate real estate development for Morgan, access paramedics for the Eyre Ward and ensure signs were placed at the



Morgan Information bay.

Mrs Brokenshire said she was keen to work with Mr Gamertsfelder and Mr Tredrea to help them address the issues they had raised as part of their election platforms.

Mrs Brokenshire said some Morgan and Blanchetown residents had already raised concerns about the distance they had to travel to access medical practitioners.

"I was going to investigate the possibility of teleconferencing, I have been researching all that to see what possibilities there could be in that area," she said.

Mrs Brokenshire will join Cr John Forrester and Cr Kevin Myers in representing the Eyre Ward and will officially begin her duties at this month's council meeting.

About 30 per cent of the 2042 enrolled voters in the Eyre Ward took part in the supplementary election.

Mid Murray Council CEO Ben Scales said the council would have liked to have seen stronger voter participation in the election.

He encouraged people living in the Mid Murray Council district to ensure they vote in the November local government election.

Fringe laughing all the way to Waikerie

AN Adelaide Fringe show is coming to Waikerie this month, with the promise of a night filled with "wall-to-wall laughter". English comedian Gordon Southern

Fringe's 2021 com-

edy award winner, ed by the events of 2020 in SA and I've Kel Balnaves, to the Waikerie Football managed to get one of the best Aussie Club to perform the Adelaide Fringe acts to join me for a **Comedy Superstars** night of laughter on show on Sunday, the long weekend," March 13, from 7.30pm.

Mr Southern said. For tickets visit "I'm a UK comethe Adelaide Fringe dian happily strandwebsite.



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Bigger and better than ever

THE Murray Pioneer, Boats and Bedzzz AFL Footy Tippers is back – and truly bigger and better than ever in 2022.

Ahead of the launch of the 2022 AFL season, on Wednesday, March 16, the Pioneer has announced details of the prizes up for grabs this year.

First prize is a four-night houseboat holiday on Moving Waters supplied by Boats and Bedzzz – valued at \$2600.

Moving Waters is privately owned and operated, with a modern, spacious design and can accommodate up to 10 people in four bedrooms.

The large panoramic windows and large, shaded upper deck provide picturesque views of the passing landscapes whether inside or outside of the boat.

Moving Waters' easy operation creates a comfortable and relaxing river getaway for any first prize footy tipper.

A two-person kayak is also supplied in the holiday package.

"People love the Pioneer's Footy Tippers competition and given everything that's happened over the past couple of years, we're keen to make the 2022 footy tipping season plenty of fun for our readers," said Pioneer managing director Ben Taylor.

"We're very fortunate to secure some great prizes this year, so I'd encourage all Pioneer readers to enter this season.

"We've got those great end-ofseason prizes, but weekly prizes too. "And best of all, it's free to enter each week."

1st Prize: 4 night houseboat holiday on Moving Waters supplied by Boats and Bedzzz – valued at \$2600

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18 NEWS www.murraypioneer.com.au Wednesday, March 2, 2022 Locals warned of killer mosquito viruses

RIVERLANDERS are being urged to avoid exposure to mosquitoes, following a death and four hospitalisations from mosquitoborne flaviviruses across the state in the last month

Kokobera virus has been detected in adult mosquitoes in the Riverland, while Japanese encephalitis virus and West Nile virus have been detected interstate this year.

SA Health executive director of health protection and licensing services Dr Chris Lease said the increased risk of mosquitoborne disease, including flaviviruses, was due to the current La Nina weather pattern.

"In South Australia, there have been seven cases of acute encephalitis identified in the past month, which are currently undergoing investigation for flavivirus infection," he said.

"All of these people required hospitalisation with four people currently still in hospital, and one person having sadly passed away.

"Kokobera virus, Japanese encephalitis virus, West Nile virus, and Murray Valley encephalitis virus all belong to a group of viruses called flaviviruses.

"Most people who are infected with these viruses are asymptomatic or develop a mild febrile illness, but a small proportion of infected people – less than 1 per cent - will develop encephalitis, which may be fatal or cause long-term neurological damage.

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been detected in the Riverland.

"Symptoms of encephalitis may include confusion, headaches, neck stiffness, tremors, drowsiness and seizures."

Dr Lease said the number of Ross River virus cases had also increased, with 77 cases reported across SA so far this year compared to 48 at the same time last year.

"To protect against mosquito-borne diseases, we are encouraging people to 'fight the bite' and take precautions such as wearing long, loose-fitting, light-coloured clothing and using a repellent which contains DEET or picaridin," he said.

"People should also reduce the risk of being bitten by mosquitoes by proofing their homes and by removing any potential breeding sites on their properties.'

For information on how to reduce mosquito exposure, visit www.sahealth.sa.gov. au/fightthebite.



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Water damage was recently found in the Waikerie Institute. FILE PHOTO

Electrical issues, termites and now water damage

AN ICONIC Waikerie building has been dealt yet another blow, with water damage now added to its list of issues.

Water damage was recently found in the Waikerie Institute's adjoining shop fronts, Cobweb Arts and Craft and the former Penrose office, with damage to both the floor and ceiling.

It comes after termite nests were found in the floor area of the kitchen and in the roof above the entrance foyer last year.

lunchbox"

In September 2021, Loxton Waikerie council budget money for upgrades to the Waikerie Institute hall kitchen were partly re-allocated for important electrical works.

The electrical works were completed earlier this year, while the termite nests were sprayed and baits positioned to prevent further infestation.

A report tabled in council

said a builder had assessed due to the water damage. the water damage and would However, as a temporary provide a quote. solution, it is now trading in

be assessed to determine

what is required to ensure

water does not flow back

into the shops in the event of

another severe weather pat-

"The assessment is due in

"An insurance claim has

Meanwhile, the Cobweb's

shop front is currently closed

also been submitted and is currently being assessed."

tern," the report said.

the next few weeks.

"The box gutter will also

Purnong School reunion set for next month

A PURNONG School reunion will be held next month.

The event will be held at the school grounds on Sunday, April 10, from 10.30am. Organisers said the event is "BYO eve-

belongings in the display. "We'd love to see you and meet up with past school friends," a spokesperson said. rything, including your lunch in a school

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Ruby Hunter's brother and sister-in-law Eric and Rosslyn Richards (left), Ruby Hunter Memorial Committee member Rosemary Gower, Berri Barmera Mayor Peter Hunt, Cr Rhonda Centofanti, Mick Norris, Ms Hunter's brother Jeffrey Hunter, Cr Margaret Evans and committee member Cheryl Norris (front) with the mosaics created to adorn Ms Hunter and Archie Roach's plinths on the Barmera lake front. PHOTOS: supplied

\$15k donation set to make lake-front plinths a reality

JOSH BRINE

PLINTHS honouring two Aboriginal artists who called the Riverland home will be funded by a Tasmania-based footwear company, thanks to the efforts of local volunteers.

The creation and installation of two plinths on the Barmera lake front, honouring the late Ruby Hunter and her husband Archie Roach, has been fully funded by a \$15,000 donation from Blundstone.

Ruby Hunter Memorial Committee member Rosemary Gower said Blundstone's involvement began following a nationally broadcast radio interview with local indigenous woman and fellow committee member Cheryl Norris.

"As a result, Cheryl got a phone call from Adam (Blake, Blundstone joint chief executive)," Ms Gower said.

"He heard her speak about it and he was very impressed by Ruby and Archie, (so) he asked Cheryl if we'd be interested in a donation from them.

"He got back to Cheryl within a couple of days,



Rosslyn Richards with a mosaic she created to be raffled off to raise funds for the Ruby Hunter Foundation.

and they decided to donate the \$15,000 which they've sent to the Berri Barmera Council.

"(The council) has supported this project and gave us approval to have the monument down on the lake front."

Ms Gower said the committee, which includes Berri Barmera councillors Rhonda Centofanti, Trevor Scott and Margaret Evans, had met with Ms Hunter and Mr Roach's family to start planning to stage an unveiling ceremony.

"It's going to be fairly soon, and we want it as soon as possible because of Archie's health," she said. "He's going to come for

it, and so are Ruby's sons and grandchildren.

"We're very excited especially because it's taken so long.

"We're doing this out of love and respect for Ruby and what she's done for the Aboriginal community and also because she was a great entertainer with Archie."

The plinths will be decorated with a mural by local artist Ena Turner and mosaics by Ms Hunter's sister-inlaw, Rosslyn Richards.

"For Ruby's, they're going to have a pelican, because that was her totem," Ms Gower said.

"And for Archie's, his was the eagle."

A mosaic created by Mrs Richards will be raffled, with tickets sold at a screening of a documentary on Ms Hunter's life, Wash My Soul in the River's Flow, at the Chaffey Theatre on March 10 at 7pm.

Proceeds from the raffle will go to the Ruby Hunter Foundation.

www.murraypioneer.com.au Wednesday, March 2, 2022 NEWS 19 Photo exhibit in Barmera

IMAGES from some of the world's best nature photographers will be on display at an exhibition at the Barmera Soldiers Memorial Hall, set to open this Friday.

The images are a collaboration of entries from the 2021 Australian Geographic Nature Photographer of the Year competition, displaying photographs from around Australia, New Zealand, Antarctica and New Guinea.

Berri Barmera Council community development manager Andrew Haigh said the exhibition was part of council's activation targets for the Bonney Theatre complex.

"The aim is to leverage the recent investments into this beautiful town icon and increase the frequency of use by our community," he said.

"With the Soldiers Memorial Hall now boasting reverse-cycle air conditioning and exhibition art

rails, it provides the capacity to present the whole Bonney Theatre complex as a great venue for exhibitions, performances, large and small meetings, and other gatherings."

New South Walesbased photographer Scott Portelli, whose photo of a leafy sea dragon on the Fleurieu Peninsula won the Australian Geographic competition and will be displayed in Barmera, said the nationwide Covid-19 lockdown in early 2020 had proved a "blessing in disguise".

"The nation-wide lockdown was declared, and we were stuck for six weeks at a small campground in the Fleurieu Peninsula," he said.

"Over the course of the six weeks I had the opportunity to dive regularly, becoming familiar with the terrain, getting to know the dive site and spotting a few individual sea dragons.

"I became acquainted

with the resident dragons of Second Valley and this is how I managed to get the shot.

"After several encounters with one particular sea dragon it appeared to become unperturbed by my presence and I was able to compose a shot that tightly captured its eyes, features and appendages front on.

"Winning the 2021 Australian Geographic Nature Photographer of the Year is a highlight of my photographic career.

"Being awarded in one of the most prestigious and respected nature photography competitions in Australia is an honour and a privilege.

The 25-image exhibition will open this Friday, March 4, to Thursday, March 31, from 10am to 2pm, excluding Sundays.

Opening hours will be extended on March 13 (9am to 12 noon) and March 14 (10am to 1pm).



We'll need face masks for GP visits for a long time yet

THE Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP) says face masks still need to be worn in general practice, despite the relaxing of rules across Australia.

New South Wales, Queensland and Victoria all relaxed requirements for face masks last week, so they are no longer required in most indoor settings, while South Australian rules are slowly being wound back.

However, RACGP president Dr Karen Price said face masks will still need to be worn in healthcare settings, including general practice for the foreseeble future.

"With the rules for face masks easing across the country, it's easy for people to forget they still need to wear a face mask when visting their GP," she said. "While we are celebrating case numbers declining in many states, it's important to remember we are still living with Covid-19 in the community, and we will be for a long time."







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All systems go for Ski for Life

BEN LENNON

A DECADE ago, Bill Stockman and some of his bold mates completed the daunting task of skiing up the Murray River, from Murray Bridge all the way to Renmark.

The journey marked the beginning of an event that has gone on to touch the lives of thousands, raising money and awareness for people doing it tough and struggling with their mental health.

Bill Stockman has since passed away, but his vision lives on as Ski for Life enters its 10th year, and it is set to be the biggest year on record.

Since Stockman's first journey, the event has raised well in excess of \$600,000 and that number is set to grow even more in 2022.

Though the task for entrants remains the same, one thing that has changed is the number of people involved, with the 2022 edition set to see over 350 crew members hit the water in the name of suicide prevention.

It's the most entrants the event has ever had and even more impressive is the time it took for allocations to be exhausted, with all spots filled within eight minutes of registration opening.

This year sees a new chairman at the helm in Mark Facy, and ensuring Ski for Life's vision is front and centre is at the top of his priority list.

"It's moved very much from a small and emotionally driven event with a very strong cause, and that still remains, but by natural progression it's got bigger," Mr Facy said. "My real purpose as chairman is to hold

"My real purpose as chairman is to hold

the true value of why we're doing what we're doing.

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"We've got a mission to raise awareness around mental health wellbeing and suicide prevention and we continue to do that by engaging communities and engaging people that attend the event."

Mr Facy has served on the Ski for Life committee for the past two years, but 2022 will be his fourth year involved in the event after being invited out by friends Tim and Sue Watt.

Although initially drawn in by the skiing, Mr Facy admits the event has become so much more than that.

"I went to a fundraising event they were running for their team some years ago and walked in, saw a picture of water skiing and said 'I need to be a part of this'," Mr Facy said.

"It's in my nature to do get involved so I ended up helping out like I normally do and at the end of the event Jane, who was the chair at the time, approached me.

"She asked if I would consider being a part of it so we attended the next year and the year after that I became part of the committee.

"From very early on I knew this is really something I wanted to throw myself at." The 2022 event will see entrants arrive in

Murray Bridge on Friday, March 10, before setting off on the river the following day.

The crew stops in surrounding towns on its journey, with overnight stays in Morgan on Friday and Cobdogla on Saturday, before arriving in Renmark on Sunday afternoon.



Ski for Life is back in 2022! The ground-breaking event is celebrating its 10th year in style, with participants from across the country making the journey up the Murray over the March long weekend. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

With many towns touched along the way, Ski for Life is able to make a difference in regional communities that may not otherwise be exposed to mental health awareness.

"Our intention is to deliver back into those rural and remote areas and the communities that we touch," Mr Facy said.

"It's been the last three or four years where the grant funding process has become a big part of what we're doing.

"We've got a number of teams now that are raising quite considerable sums of money.

"We're now responsible for that and are working very hard now to deliver that into two areas – the local communities we touch when we come up the river and the areas where the teams come from to participate."

Some of Mr Facy's fondest memories include his own family's involvement in Ski for Life, but the theme of family goes further for the new chairman.

"It's the connections and the friendships that you build along the way," Mr Facy said. "We talk about the Ski for Life family and it is exactly that.

"I won't say they're all likeminded but they've all been touched by some bad times.

"We don't want that to be the norm or to put it on a pedestal, we want it to be a part of strengthening who we are and being resilient about the way we operate."

For more information regarding the event including how to donate or get involved, head to the Ski for Life website www.skiforlife.com.au.

If you are currently having suicidal thoughts, please seek immediate assistance by calling Lifeline on 13 11 14 or the suicide call back service on 1300 659 467. If you or someone you are with is in need of immediate support please call 000.

SkiforLife



GRANTS

The money raised by the many people involved in Ski for Life is available to help communities, groups and individuals undertake projects which align with our mission of raising awareness and promoting mental health, wellbeing and suicide prevention.

To enquire about grants please visit our website.

Ski for Life is celebrating 10 years this March long weekend

Departing from Sturt Reserve Murray Bridge on Friday 11th March 2022 Arriving at the Renmark Club on Sunday afternoon 13th March 2022

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New Covid rules to impact local university

STAFF, students and visitors to Renmark's Flinders University campus will be subjected to a new Covid-19 vaccination policy, which was implemented on Monday.

All staff, students, academic affiliates, contractors, tenants, vendors, occupiers and volunteers attending the university will be required to show a declaration of having received "one dose of an approved or recognised vaccine" and be booked to receive a second dose, from this week. Unvaccinated students must declare they will undergo regular Covid testing to attend the campus.

In an email sent to students on Friday, February 18, Flinders University deputy vice-chancellor (students), Professor Romy Lawson, said Flinders had considered the "most effective means of managing the Covid-19 pandemic into 2022".

"Over the past few weeks I have carefully considered hundreds of responses covering a vast range of views, from personal rights around medical procedures, to those who would feel safer attending campus knowing those around them are vaccinated." Professor Lawson said.

"(Unvaccinated) students will be required to have a RAT within the three days prior to each attendance on campus and only attend campus if they have a negative result, a measure which, in conjunction with continued wearing of masks and physical distancing, will further help minimise risk and increase

views, from personal rights around confidence across our community.

"We believe these are practical measures to support the health and wellbeing of our community and enable us to continue to deliver vibrant on-campus learning and to support all our students to succeed in their studies."

Vice-chancellor Professor Colin Stirling informed staff of the new vaccination policy, stating they will also have to be vaccinated, or submit regular negative RAT results.

"This has been a very difficult

issue to grapple with and I thank the many staff who took the time to offer their considered and constructive feedback," Professor Stirling said in a statement.

"The overwhelming majority of staff expressed very strong support for a vaccination mandate. Many also expressed support for the alternative RAT regime for those who remain unvaccinated."

The new vaccination policies will be reviewed as necessary as the year progresses.

Government funding to bolster health training

HEALTH training in the Riverland is set to be expanded following a federal government funding boost for Flinders University's rural and remote programs.

Flinders was awarded \$1.94m to extend the government's Rural Health Multidisciplinary Training (RHMT) program, allowing for an expansion of "multidisciplinary service-learning placements" at the university's campuses in Berri and Murray Bridge.

The program offers students the opportunity to train in rural and remote communities, with an aim of recruiting and retaining medical, nursing, dental and allied health professionals in the regions.

Vice president and executive dean of Flinders University's College of Medicine and Public Health, Professor Jonathan Craig, said the project would also create a pathway for early career allied health professionals to become clinical educators.

"Flinders University has delivered health education and training in regional South Australia and the Northern Territory for over 20 years..." he said.

"Working together with our local health service partners, we will look to expand our current speech pathology and social work service-learning activities to include multidisciplinary placements for students studying other allied health degrees including dietetics, audiology, public health, occupational therapy, physiotherapy, podiatry and pharmacy, not just from Flinders University, but also UniSA, University of Adelaide and TAFE SA"

The funding will also allow for the purchase of housing for student accommodation in both Berri and Murray Bridge.



Flinders University vice president and executive dean of the College of Medicine and Public Health Professor Jonathan Craig, Rural and Remote Health dean Professor Robyn Aitken, Minister for Regional Health Dr David Gillespie, Flinders vice chancellor Professor Colin Stirling and Barker MP Tony Pasin following the announcement of almost \$2m for the university's Rural Health Multidisciplinary Training program. PHOTO: supplied

More jabs for kids following Moderna approval

LOCAL kids are being urged to get vaccinated against Covid-19, following the approval of the Moderna vaccine for children aged six to 12.

Rural Doctors Association of Australia (RDAA) president Dr Megan Belot said with people suffering "vaccine fatigue", it was important to ensure children are vaccinated.

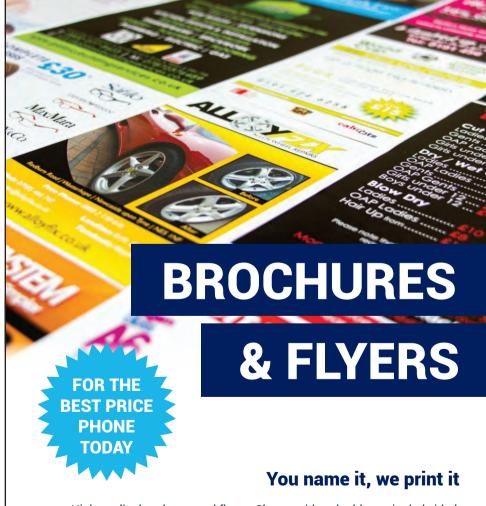
"Schools are proving to be a great mixing ground for spreading (Covid-19) through the community, so now the kids are back in face-to-face learning, vaccination not only protects them from the disease, but



can also help your family and community through reduced spread of the virus," she said.

"With both Pfizer and Moderna now approved for children and adolescents, parents should have little trouble accessing a vaccine suitable for their child."

Dr Belot said regional and rural children were "lagging a little bit behind" in Covid-19 vaccination rates compared to their counterparts in metro areas.



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22 NEWS www.murraypioneer.com.au Wednesday, March 2, 2022 Telegrams, five-digit phone numbers: something precious about slow communication

PLEASE forgive this, but I'm about to name-drop. I was about 10 when a telegram was hand-delivered to home, Mum being maturely, excitedly calm as she read its contents to a young audience.

The then deputy premier of SA, Des Corcoran, was coming to Renmark for a political gathering at the Renmark Institute.

And he would like to come out for an hour-long visit that afternoon. Des and Dad had been long-time friends and, given their divergent paths since teenage hood, this was a golden chance to meet up.

Telegrams were rare and, by their nature, usually carried special news which at times was not so good. And because the sender was charged by the word, they were invariably brief. This was the way of

urgent, if not instant, communication then. Take your pick from mobile phones to Zoom, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Email, LinkedIn and Snapchat today.

Wedding receptions also featured telegrams; the best man would collate messages from those unable to attend and read them out during his speech.

Boys being boys, a few



extras were fabricated, usually messages from the groom's other lovers – the dubious humour often bringing the house down.

Why telegrams? Well, although most people had telephones by the 1960s and 1970s, long-distance calls





Junior Entry can be purchased on the day for \$15 but they are ineligible to win the major prize. Juniors can purchase a full price ticket and still be eligible for junior prizes as well.

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BREAKFAST AND CATERING AVAILABLE ON THE DAY

\$500 CASH DRAW on the night - must be present to win. Presentations from 6pm Saturday 12th March. For more information, contact Kelly Chamberlain: chamby_25@hotmail.com, 0409 412 815



were charged by the minute, were expensive and were approached with near trepi-

dation. In fact, to make an international or 'long-distance' call, one would make a booking with the operator about an hour beforehand, then wait anxiously to be connected.

The old-style telephones were made to last; big, black and shiny, with a rotary dial.

The voice quality was usually okay, but having a private call wasn't that easy given the phone's central location in the house. I bet everyone can still

remember their number. Ours was 53353. In those days, phones

were made for conversation. In early teenage hood, girls

found it essential to talk to friends for several evening hours even if they'd spent the day together.

up on the wall, adults in

lounge chairs and the kids

lying on the floor, as plates of food were passed around

and scenes from overseas

Late into the evening,

sleep would become increas-

The internet has made

possible instant familiarity

with virtually everything in

As a young Advertiser

listened to discussions about

computers that would one

day access all the informa-

tion about anything anyone

wanted, eventually making

"Rubbish," I thought.

nication then; the explora-

tory hand-written letters,

private diaries, long phone

conversations, schooling in

elegant cursive handwriting,

personal Christmas cards,

chats with neighbours, pen

I wonder, would this pace

of life be more or less advan-

pals and slide evenings.

tageous now?

But there was something

precious about slow commu-

newspapers obsolete.

the universe nowadays.

journalist in the 1980s, I

slide projector.

ingly irresistible.

were illuminated through the

Now, they share texts, sometimes when they're in the same room.

Glamorous, rich and charmed was our perception of people who travelled overseas in those days.

Hence, a postcard from London would arouse considerable interest; those redsuited men with very high black hair fascinated the minds of Cooltong Avenue youngsters.

But if an aerogram came, in beautiful cursive handwriting, we'd all take a seat to hear of detailed happenings in far-off lands and to gaze at the stamps that'd travelled such time and distance

Adults, I found, never made their aerograms very interesting for kids, so we gave up listening after a couple times.

But of course, any deprivation was overcome by slide evenings upon the tourists' return.

I remember a sheet hung

Fisherama's strong support

2022 CATEGORIES

Biggest callop from boat senior

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Biggest callop from bank senior

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Biggest bag amount callop caught

Categories include biggest

callop caught from a boat for

senior and junior entrants,

and biggest callop caught

from a bank in senior and

Mr Thiel said all major

prizes in the fishing competi-

ion were worth more than

\$150 and despite Covid-19,

Riverland businesses have

been generous in their spon-

callop caught by a junior

from a boat is a kayak val-

ued at more than \$500, spon-

sored by Woody's Variety

the biggest callop from the

river bank will win a swag,

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CHRISTINE WEBSTER

STRONG participation numbers are is expected at the Riverland West Fisherama and Boat Raffle next Saturday, March 12.

One of the event co-ordinators, Craig Thiel, said he is hoping for a similar number of registrations to the record 300 last year.

He said the entrants came from the Riverland, the Barossa Valley, Adelaide, Mildura and other interstate areas.

"It happened before we had Covid-19 lockdowns last year, so we just scraped in," he said.

Mr Thiel hopes people from interstate will be able to come to the region again to compete in this year's event.

He said each year the fish are usually biting on the day of the Riverland West Fisherama.

"They are usually callop, we don't usually encourage people to catch Murray cod because they are endangered," Mr Thiel said.

"If one happens to be caught, we will take a photo of it and give some prizes for them.

"Every year, everyone walks away pretty happy." Mr Thiel said a bag limit of five native fish would also apply in the Riverland West

Fisherama, with a prize on offer for the heaviest bag. He said each ticket includes registration in the fisherama and entry into the boat raffle.

The major raffle prize worth 17,000 -, is a boat package donated by HMF Boats, Mercury Marine and Waikerie Honda and entrants do not need to fish on the



Joel Semmler won the boat, trailer and motor package valued at over \$14,000 in last year's Riverland West Fisherama and Boat Raffle. PHOTO: supplied

> include Top Catch Tackle in Barmera, Spot On in Berri, and Sportsfishing Scene in Cavan.

> "Most of the prizes are made up of rod reels and fishing vouchers," Mr Thiel said.

Registration next Saturday begins at 7am at Ramco Point in Ramco, and the event officially starts at 8am. Breakfast and catering

will be available throughout the day. Winners will be presented

their prizes next Saturday at 6pm at the Ramco Football and Netball Clubrooms.

A \$500 cash draw will also occur during the presentations and to win. entrants need to be present.

For more information about the Riverland West Fisherama, contact Craig Thiel on 0429 430 968.

Tickets can be purchased at Waikerie Honda, Woody's Variety Store in Waikerie, Murray Marine Centre in Renmark, Spot On in Berri, Top Catch in Barmera, Sunlands Service Centre, the Waikerie Club, Rollbusch Quality Meats in Waikerie, GB Electrical, Waikerie, Morgan Riverside Caravan Park and Caltex Morgan.

Lions help fund student dreams

TWO outstanding students from Berri and Loxton are this year's recipients of the Berri Lions Terry Kearney Memorial Scholarship.

Sophie Lipman and Jake Wade will each receive \$5000 to cover costs while studying at university.

The money was raised by the Berri Lions Club through the sale of its Images of the Riverland calendar that features the work of well-known local photographer Italo Vardaro.

Lions spokesperson Rob Sully said seven "outstanding" applications were received, with three from Glossop High School, three from Loxton High School and one from Renmark High School.

Mr Sully said both Sophie and Jake were worthy recipients.

"Jake helps out in the local community by coaching basketball for young people with a disability and together with his family they organised a fundraiser event titled Step Up for Downs Syndrome which raised thousands of dollars to go towards research," Mr Sully said.

"He gains his inspiration from this two brothers' condition (of) Down syndrome.

"Sophie has been previously honoured by the Loxton Waikerie council for providing service to the wider community and displaying potential for further study, and also receiving the Zonta Award for community service, sound academic results and being a role model for younger women in school."

Jake is now studying a double degree in science and engineering at James Cook University, with a long-term goal to be an aeronautical engineer or gain any entry path involved with space.

It is his dream to be an astronaut.

"The scholarship will go towards educational supplies such as text books, a laptop if I need that, and just basic things to help me get By DEIRDRE GRAHAM

started and progress at university," he said.

"Considering I am doing a science course... having all those text books and the supplies will be really, really helpful."

Sophie will be studying paramedic science at Flinders University with a dream to graduate as a paramedic.

"I will be putting (the scholarship)

towards my tertiary studies when I am at university, things like uniforms, text books, stationery, public transport, and other equipment," she said.

"Because I am studying paramedic science it will be things like stethoscopes, safety glasses and those kind of things.

"The money will help me enormously.

"Because I am straight out of school and I didn't have a part-time job when I was in year 12, I wasn't able to earn money throughout that time, so having the money will be a huge help."

Meanwhile the Berri Lions Club is encouraging local youth to take part in the annual Lions Youth of the Year event scheduled for March 9 at the Berri Hotel.



Announcing the winners of this year's Terry Kearney Memorial Scholarship were, back (from left) Berri Lions members Willemina Boekhout, Rob Sully, Allan Dand, Bill Quirke and Terry Mullan. Front: scholarship winner Sophie Lipman and last year's state Youth of the Year winner Cameron Dixon. PHOTOS: Deirdre Graham



Berri Lions member Willemina Boekhout congratulates Sophie Lipman, recipient of this year's Terry Kearney Memorial Scholarship.



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Lions Awareness Day community event

A LIONS community event to celebrate the work the local organisation does will be held in the Riverland this weekend.

To celebrate the national Lions Awareness Day, the Lions Club of Renmark will host a free community sausage sizzle – with doughnuts also available – at the Arthur Shepherd Lions Park, Patey Drive, Renmark on Sunday from 12 noon.

The event will also be a memorial barbecue, with

Renmark Lions members and partners to remember the service of past members recognised on the Renmark Lions memorial wall within

the park. "This type of event has been popular in the past with our community, and we would like to see many people join us on the day to know more about what we do as Lions and the causes we support," said Lions Club of Renmark president Allan Maddocks. "We welcome any inquiries about Lions and our club.

Terry Kearney

Memorial Scholarship

recipient Jake Wade.

"With over 25,000 members, Lions Australia is Australia's largest service organisation. That's why we are taking the opportunity to tell our story on Lions Awareness Day.

"In the meantime, we hope that people will support this event and spread the word amongst family and friends, workmates, and others." OUT & ABOUT

Historical Village to host Fringe art

THE Loxton Historical Village will host an official Adelaide Fringe event - as part of River Fringe - from next week.

The first – and only, at this point - registered River Fringe Event at the Village is a four-day art exhibition, titled An Artful Weekend at the Village.

It will feature artworks by Loxton artists Lyn Anstey and Julie Noble.

The opening night is planned for Friday, March 11, at the family-friendly time of 6pm to 8pm, with free entry, sausage sizzle, coffee and cake.

Loxton Citizen of the Year Denis Hann will officially open the event.

"Because of his long

association with The Loxton News, and because we have some of their old machinery in the Clarion, our volunteer Melvin will open up and have an old printer operating and printing a commemorative card for visitors to take home," a spokesperson said.

Ms Noble will provide some "old-time music" for half an hour via a tribute to American singer Patsy Cline.

"Meet the artist" demos will be held on Saturday and Sunday afternoon, along with a "quirky art competi-

tion". The prize a family year pass to the Loxton Historical Village.

"Monday morning the Loxton Art Group will run a come and try water-colour session for children," the spokesperson said.

"Normal entry into the Village applies during daytime sessions. Opening hours are 10am to 4pm, but no charge to participate in art sessions.'

River Fringe is a 10-day mini festival, featuring performances, tours, exhibitions, workshops, cruises and more.

It will officially launch on the long weekend in Waikerie, on Sunday, March 13, with a "bunch of familyfriendly fun with markets, food, aerial acrobatics, and the Adelaide Fringe Caravan packed full of Fringe artists ready to entertain crowds of all ages".



Fingers crossed for Mildura Wentworth Country Music Festival in 2022

IF all goes to plan, a week of country music in the Sunraysia will be staged this year. Dates announced for the 2022 Mildura

Wentworth Country Music Festival are September 23 to October 1, and I am hoping the first new-look festival can go ahead this time

Adam Brand is still festival ambassador. Other artists include Rodney Vincent, Paul Costa, Don Costa, Justin Standley, Bec Hance, Luke O'Shea, Sandy Dodd, Gretta Ziller, Anthony Tenace, Gina Timms, Rob Breese, Neil McArthur and Caitlin Drew, plus South Aussie-bred artists Graeme Hugo, Lance Birrell, Dwayne Elix and John O'Dea.

I will update info on this festival over the next six months, but the main thing at this stage was to let you know the dates so you can book accommodation if needed.

Tamworth venues are feeling better after last week's announcement that there will now be no density limits for hospitality venues, that the 20,000 people cap for music festivals has been lifted, and that singing and dancing is now permitted.

Masks will still be mandatory at indoor music festivals with over 1000 people, and on public transport at this stage.

An album recorded late last year by SA-based entertainer Eric Bogle, The Source of Light, was released recently through Rouseabout Records with MGM Distribution.

The titles of the songs make me want to purchase this one. The tracks are *The* Old Dog's Song, The Armageddon Waltz, Embers, The Girl In The Photo – Peter Tichener, Song For Susan, The Source of Light, If She Ever Dreamed, A Cottage in The Country, The Flag - Eric Bogle, Catching The Wave, The Border, When The Last Tree Falls, Eric's Never Written A Song About Me – Peter Titchener, Mind The Gap A Dear John Letter – Emma Luker, and If I Should Wake.

Musicians who make this collection of songs come alive are **Peter** (guitar, vocals) and Emma (strings and vocals), Damien Steele Scott (acoustic guitar, bass), Jon James (percussion), Richard Cotes (accordion, keyboards), Anthony Stewart (mandolin, electric guitar)

and Anthony O'Neill (tenor banjo), with The Sherrahs supplying harmony vocals. Catching The Wave features guest

English artists Chris While (vocals) and Julie Matthews (keyboards), while A Cottage In The Country showcases The Bogle Pub Choir, and The Girl In The Photo features Gina Jeffreys on lead vocals, as well as **Peter Franche** (accordion) and Mike Haynes (bass).

A Scottish-born lad, Eric Bogle, immigrated to our nation in 1969, and has had



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an extensive catalogue of songs that include comedy, protest and serious songs about issues that come up in life.

He has toured extensively across Europe and North America as well as his regular tours here in Australia including both the Port Fairy and Woodford Folk Festivals, the Tamworth Country Music Festival and Gympie Music Muster.

Eric was inducted into the National Hands of Fame at Tamworth in 1986, appointed a Member of the Order of Australia in 1987 in recognition of his service to the performing arts as a songwriter and singer, and was awarded a peace medal from the U.N. for his efforts to promote peace and racial harmony through his music.

Tickets will sell fast for the very special 50th anniversary concert that will be held at the Tamworth Regional Entertainment and Conference Centre

(TRECC) on Thursday, April 21 at noon. The idea of this concert is to document the evolution of our nation's longest- running festival from 1972 to 2022.

It will feature vision and commentary about the pioneers who helped establish Tamworth as the home of Australian country music - our country music capital.

One of our living legends, Chad Morgan OAM, is on the bill for this one-off concert. A few of the many other artists are **Troy** Cassar-Daley, Graeme Connors, Beccy

Cole, Sara Storer, James Blundell, Felicity Urquhart and Josh Cunningham, Shane Nicholson, Busby Marou, Bill Chambers, Colin Buchanan, Kevin Bennett, Brad Butcher, Anne, and David Kirkpatrick, Peter Denahy, Lynchburg, Jeff Brown, Michael Fix, Darlinghurst, Lawrie Minson, Pixie Jenkins, Tracy Coster, Dianne Lindsay & Peter Simpson, The Weeping Willows, Melody Moko, the Crosby Sisters.

Angus Gill has announced that he is doing one show at the Tamworth Country Music Festival, and is on at the Tamworth

Services Club on Saturday, April 23. In a pleasant surprise for country music fans, he has the very talented TC Cassidy opening the show. This will be her first performance as TC in almost 30 years.

Last December I offered a gift pack of CDs to anyone who could name some albums I had written about during 2021. However, I never received a correct answer, so stay alert as later this year the offer will be on again.

COMMUNITY DIARY

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

WEEKLY

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

WEEKLY

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

Every Thursday and Friday from 10am to 4pm, and Saturday from 9.30am to 3.30pm, the Barmera Theatre Art & Craft Gallery, on Barwell Ave, is open for sales. Inquiries: Ruth 0428 899 506. WEEKLY

Every Monday, even long weekends, 1pm to 4pm. Card and board games at Renmark Lutheran Church, 62 Seventeenth Street, Renmark. Phone Roz Frazer 8595 1560. WEEKLY

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

WEEKLY

The 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

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

The Riverland Philatelic Society -Stamp Club - meets on the fourth Monday of every month at 10am at the Berri Library. All Welcome

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4 - SATURDAY, MARCH 19

Murray Moments by the Waikerie Photography Club. The exhibition of unique Riverland landscapes and portraits of local characters at the Rain Moth Gallery is part of the Adelaide Fringe/River Fringe festival.

FRIDAY, MARCH 4 The World Day of Prayer Service for

Berri will be in the Uniting Church, Denny Street at 10am. Robyn Raeder is the guest speaker. All welcome and morning tea to follow.

SUNDAY, MARCH 6

Riverland Orchid Society Inc. meeting at the Uniting Church Belmont Hall, Denny St, Berri at 1.30pm. Plants to be benched by 1.15pm. All welcome. Enquiries 85887384.

TUESDAY, MARCH 8

Due to renovations being carried out at the Monash Club, Palms Bingo Club will recommence their regular Tuesday morning Bingo at the Monash Club. Doors open at 11am and eyes down at 11.30am, lunch and drinks available at the bar. Covid-19 rules still apply.

SATURDAY, MARCH 12 - MONDAY, MARCH 14

Riverland Miracle Tent. Adelaide Cup Weekend. Loxton Community Theatre. Free entry. Love offerings collected.

Guest speakers. Food available. Facebook or (www. riverlandmiracletent.org.au) for

session times.

FRIDAY, MARCH 11

Opening Night of An Artful Weekend at the Village, featuring artworks by Lyn Anstey & Julie Noble. 6pm – 8pm. Free entry, sausage sizzle, coffee & cake. Officially opened by Loxton Citizen of the Year Denis Hahn. SATURDAY, MARCH 12 - SUNDAY,

MARCH 13

Meet the Artists, Lyn Anstey and Julie Noble, with demo and come & try. 1pm - 3pm.

MONDAY, MARCH 14

Kid's come & try water-colour with the Loxton Art Group Fun Art Competition each day. 10am -12noon

SATURDAY, MARCH 19

Berri Church of Christ outdoor March market and car boot sale. 1025 Old Sturt Highway, 8.30am - 12noon. Contact Trish for bookings on 0409 900 380.

SAVE THE DATE: GROWER INFO DAY, RIVERLAND EVENTS CENTRE, BARMERA, FRIDAY, APRIL 22

Citrus SA

Shipping trends, the labour situation, an update on visa labour programs, the chemical supply forecast and geospatial mapping will be some of the topics covered at Citrus SA's Grower Information Day at the Riverland Events Centre on Friday, April 22 at 8.30am. An agenda and more detailed information will be supplied closer to the date.

ON THE ROAD AGAIN – CONTINUING THE FRUIT FLY MESSAGE FOR TRAVELLERS

Citrus SA has undertaken a road sign project to thank motorists for not bringing fruit into the Riverland. The signs will be erected on the five arterial roads into the Riverland from Burra in the north to Pinnaroo in the south. They will be placed on the sides of the roads just past the quarantine bins. Citrus SA fully supports the SA government's zero-tolerance policy for fruit entering the Riverland and wanted to positively reinforce this message through these road signs.

The project is partly funded by grower levies and partly funded by the state government.



FRUIT FLY UPDATE – CHECK **PIRSA WEBSITE**

Not sure what the latest fruit fly detections mean for you and the movement of fruit over coming months? In short, the Pike River and Renmark West fruit fly outbreak areas have been extended until May 6 after fruit fly was detected recently.

Monash, Berri and Cooltong outbreak areas have ended, but growers and producers may continue to be impacted by the Pike River and Renmark West outbreaks and are now partly or wholly in a yellow suspension area.

You can find up to date information at https://fruitfly.sa.gov.au/industrysupport/about_the_riverland_outbreak_ areas

SUPPORTING FRESHCARE FUTURE PROJECTS

Citrus SA is working together with industry-owned certification provider Freshcare, to deliver positive outcomes for citrus growers. Following the launch of Freshcare's VISION 2030 Strategic Plan, Citrus SA consulted with Freshcare CEO Jane Siebum on some of the concerns and challenges currently faced by local growers.

Freshcare has welcomed the opportunity to work together with citrus growers to create a positive solution aligned with the VISION 2030 targets, for the benefit of the Australian industry.

"We are keen to continue to work with citrus growers throughout Australia to a more fit-for-nurnose certifi option, tailored specifically to the needs of the sectors' market access requirements," she said.

"Through the development of customised pathways and resources, Freshcare will continue to support every growers' access to market and industry sustainability."

The project, supported by Citrus SA, will create a resource pack specific to citrus growers, remove unnecessary compliance elements and record keeping requirements. Additionally, the project will ensure auditors are informed of the changes, to keep the auditing process more streamlined.

Visit freshcare.com.au to view the Vision 2030 roadmap.

HOW TO INDUCT SEASONAL AND CASUAL WORKERS – SAFEAG SYSTEMS BLOG

Seasonal and casual workers are a valuable labour force in horticulture and while they may only be working for you for a short period, it's important they know your site policies and procedures.

A simple way to streamline this process is to create seasonal safety induction kits to train short-term workers during these peak times.

To tailor the safety induction kits to suit your seasonal workers, consider the season and tasks they will be undertaking. For example, it is essential they know an emergency response and first aid kit locations, but not as important to be inducted for chemical use or machinery they may not use.

Consider covering the following:

Farm safety awareness Location of known hazards, such as overhead power lines, dams, chemicals storage etc.

Personal protective equipment (PPE)

Machinery safety

□ Safe lifting

Emergency response

First aid

Contact lists

How to report hazards and incidents

Even if your new workers may have worked in similar roles for you or others in the past, ensure they understand the current health and safety policies on your property and know their WHS/OHS/ health and safety requirements.

Check and double check their understanding and make sure they know where safety equipment is.

If they are overseas workers, make sure they understand what you expect of them. If language is a barrier, consider creating a short video showing them how to do the task safely or use signs and pictures. If something goes wrong, the penalties are not just financial - you are responsible for your workers' lives.

You can read more articles on the SafeAg Systems blog at https://www. safeagsystems.com/blog

MARCH PRODUCTION HINTS AND TIPS

Skirting: Those that have registered for KCT should ensure that no more than one in 20 trees are touching the ground if registered for Korea and Thailand.

KCT audits: Usually occur mid-late March. Ensure all monitoring records, spray diaries, calibration records and farm diary are all updated. Liaise with your packing shed for confirmation of audit dates.

Pruning and desuckering: Keep on top of this in both young and mature trees. Irrigation: Continue to monitor

soil moisture as we move into autumn and modify as required. Check irrigation systems and flush regularly.

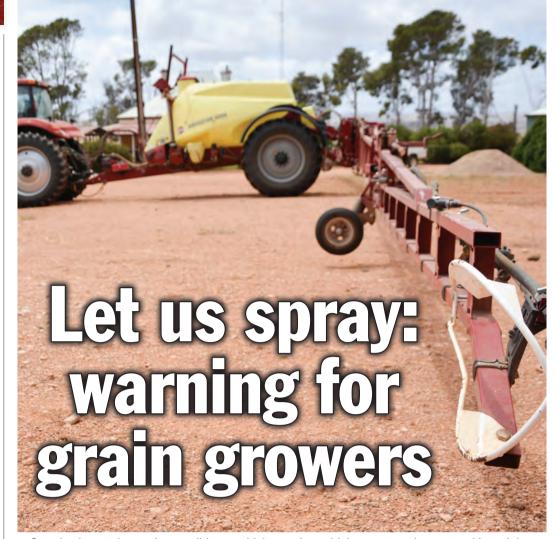
Fruit sizing: Thinning of patches with heavy crop loads will help promote sizing. Nutrition: Take leaf samples for nutri-

ent analysis to ensure effective fertilizer programs are implemented

Spraying: Seek professional advice before spraying oil/GA as this could retard colour development of particularly early maturing varieties. Consider your strategy for the application of copper in March as not only does this control preand post-harvest diseases but can be useful for snail control and some protection against frost

Heat damage: While it has been a relatively cool summer, it could be worth inspecting trees for sunburn. Varieties such as Satsuma, Honey Murcott, Cara Caras and Amigos are most susceptible. Determine whether any fruit should be removed prior to harvest.

Hail damage: Check closely, it is starting to appear in some areas which may have thought they have escaped it unscathed.



Spraying in certain weather conditions, at high speed, or with incorrect equipment could result in damage to neighbouring crops, Grain Producers SA has warned. PHOTO: supplied

RIVERLAND grain growers could face fines of up to \$35,000 for deliberately ignoring laws surrounding the spraying of chemicals on crops.

Grain Producers SA (GPSA) last week launched the Hit Your Target Campaign, aimed at minimising the risks of spray drift and off-target chemical damage to other Riverland properties.

GPSA chair Adrian McCabe said spraying in certain weather conditions, at high speed, or with incorrect equipment could result in damage to neighbouring crops.

'Most grain growers in South Australia implement a spraying program safely with consideration of weather conditions, other landholders, households in rural areas and crop types to minimise the risk of off-target spray damage," Mr McCabe said. "Grain growers who are deliberately ignoring the considerations of other crops when spraying could receive a maximum penalty of \$35,000 per offence, reflecting the seriousness of not following mandatory label instructions.

"Growers must adopt best practice strategies and equipment to ensure spray drift doesn't occur that results in damage to other people's livelihoods. "Grain growers need to make sure they are spraying safely and following the directions on the product label at all times, otherwise we risk losing access to important, cost-effective products."

It is understood a Riverland farmer was recently fined \$7000 for failing to follow instructions surrounding chemical use.

Mr McCabe said mandatory requirements on chemical product labels must be followed.

"It makes good agronomic sense to stay on top of summer weeds through summer spraying to preserve moisture and nitrogen for the 2022 growing season and to prevent seed set for future years," he said. "With the rising cost of inputs, particularly herbicides, growers will want to be making sure they are getting the best results from their spray applications and not wasting any chemicals."

Mr McCabe said numerous outlets provided up-to-date information and data regarding local weather conditions.

"Many growers have private on-farm weather stations and there are a number of publicly available networks, such as the Mid North, Riverland and Mallee Mesonet networks, which provide growers with the right information as to whether it is safe to spray or not," he said. "It would be prudent to subscribe to the Mesonet network to continue the ongoing maintenance of the multi-million system that provides valuable inversion layer data to grain growers."

Further information regarding the Hit Your Target campaign is available by visiting the GPSA website (https://tinyurl.com/uvhssaub).

Tourism pledge 'great opportunity' for Riverland

ELYSE ARMANINI

AN SA Liberal State Election promise presents a "great opportunity" for the Riverland's regional and nature-based tourism, according to Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone

The Marshall government, if re-elected, has committed \$25 million over five years for the **Opening Our Great Outdoors** fund, to help grow the regional tourism offerings, including accommodation, and continue South Australia's growing economy.

"This commitment presents a great opportunity for our region to see the benefit

Whetstone said.

industry to continue to grow we must keep up with demand and drive economic investment.

"I'm proud to be a part of a government that understands the importance of regional economies.

"Local jobs, local upgrades and new tourism infrastructurethat what this fund will mean to communities across the Riverland and across the state."

Premier Steven Marshall said the package was designed to ensure SA tourism operators take "full advantage of the post-Covid bounce that is gathering momentum locally,

of continued investment," Mr nationally and internationally". "Tourism is a vital sector of "In order for our tourism the South Australian economy and this support package will help drive new investment and jobs across the state in the short and medium term," Mr Marshall said.

The fund will be available for capital works, infrastructure and facilities that enhance nature-based, farm-based, fishing-based and other tourism opportunities."

The funding will support the improvement of visitor experiences and allow tourists from Australia and internationally to travel and connect with the offerings of regional South Australia.

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Loxton to Vegas and back again

ELYSE ARMANINI

FROM the bright lights of Las Vegas, to finding love and exploring her creativity in Canada, returning to the Riverland will always mean coming home for Julie McInnes.

Ms McInnes, who grew up in Loxton, returned to the Riverland recently to visit and spend time with her mother after being apart since November 2019.

"I've been away for so long, and because of the pandemic I haven't been able to travel, and I finally could," Ms McInnes said.

"We've been FaceTiming quite successfully, but it's not the same. This is my fifth week with Mum, and we've had a great time."

Ms McInnes left Australia in 1998 as part of the Cirque du Soleil team, after being spotted by a Cirque sound designer while in her role as musical director and performer with Circus Oz in 1996.

"I didn't know what the job was, but it ended up being for O, in Las Vegas, which was a really fantastic



Julie McInnes playing cello during her time with Circus Oz.

show," she said.

"I ended up moving back (to Australia) after four years, (but within a year) I got an invite to be in the Celine Dion show, A New Day..., back in Las Vegas.

"I took that, and did it for a year, then I was invited by the Cirque du



Julie McInnes as Prospera in the Cirque du Soleil touring show Amaluna. PHOTOS: supplied

Soleil director for his next show, KA.

"I was playing guitar, mainly cello and voice, and the tiplé – a little South American instrument.

"So I got to use a little bit of the versatility that my Australian experience had given me."

In 2011, after eight years of KA in Vegas, Ms McInnes received the role of Prospera in Amaluna, a Cirque du Soleil touring production.

Ms McInnes has lived in Las Vegas, Milan, and currently resides in Montreal, but she always enjoys returning to her hometown of Loxton and revisiting her many fond memories of growing up in the Riverland.

She recently featured in the Murray Pioneer's Looking Back at 130 Years page as a Loxton Mardi Gras Princess in 1971.

"I enjoyed it," Ms McInnes said. "I have always said it's an incredible place to grow up. The river, the sport, the music."

She has said she can "conjure up the smell of eucalyptus and dried mud with great pleasure" and that it was the simple pleasures that made her miss home the most.

"I don't think I ever really planned to not come back," she said.

"I ended up being away for so long, and I did find a partner and stayed in Canada, but we come back quite often.

"There is something about where you grow up that is so strong. We just spent so much time on the river and I've just grown incredibly fond of things that other people probably take for granted."



Loxton Mardi Gras Princesses Julie McInnes, 11, (right) and Patricia Hondow, 9, in *The Murray Pioneer* in 1971.



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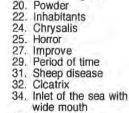
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Stella Vallelonga - 8/3/2014 Interested in appearing on Buddy's Birthday list?

Contact: Murray Pioneer

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Don't forget that if your name appears on my birthday list then you can pick up a voucher from the Murray Pioneer, for a FREE Popcorn Chicken & Orange Juice, compliments of KFC in Renmark!

March 2022 Horoscopes: week 1 ARIES (March 21st - April 20th) You have been spending a lot of time trying to solve other people's

problems recently. However you have issues of your own which need attention as well. **Romance**. Do your best to balance the needs of your partner with those of the other people around you. Your friends may want to spend more time with you than you can spare at the moment.

TAURUS (April 21st - May 21st)

Do your best to push ahead with a long-term project. A break later in the week will put you back on track. Romance. It is important that you take the initiative in bringing on some much-needed changes. If you want your love-life to get back on track you must stop being so passive.

GEMINI (May 22nd - June 21st)

A favour will soon be returned - but not in quite the way you have been expecting! It will be a while before you understand what is really going on. Romance. If you are in the mood to gamble, this would be a good time to try. You may end up gambling without realising it, however. Be careful later in the week, when your luck may change suddenly.

CANCER (June 22nd - July 23rd)

A colleague at work who let you down recently may not realise how much their actions have affected you. A long chat with this person later in the week will help you to put the record straight. Romance. Try not to let your partner feel left out of any social gathering which you arrange with your friends

LEO (July 24th - August 23rd)

A phone call will help you to get to grip with events which have been worrying you for some time. Don't accept the first explanation you are given, as this won't be the whole story. **Romance**. Your partner will be in a very romantic mood this week. This will be a good period for both of you.

VIRGO (August 24th - September 23rd)

An acquaintance may let you down unexpectedly. This problem won't be caused by a misunderstanding: you need to find out why your friend's feelings towards you have changed. It is not too late to remedy the situation. Romance. Your emotions will be very strong at the moment. Put off making an important decision until you are clearer about your feelings.

LIBRA (September 24th - October 23rd)

You have done a lot for other people over the last few weeks. Make sure that you get the support that you need in return. Romance. Your positive mood will help to give your love-life a boost. An evening with a new friend will work out much better than expected, but it will be a while before this relationship develops as a romance

SCORPIO (October 24th - November 22nd)

A positive aspect to Mars later in the week will give you a lot of energy, but could make you quite tense at times. Be careful not to get into an argument with somebody who could affect your career. **Romance**. There will be a lot to look forward to over the next few days. Take things one step at a time

SAGITTARIUS (November 23rd - December 21st)

An meeting which happened recently may have had more effect on you than you realise. It might be better to sort out your feelings about the matter once and for all. Romance. This should be a very good time for sorting out the long-term future of your relationship. Don't be afraid to ask some difficult questions!

CAPRICORN (December 22nd - January 20th)

An acquaintance who has been unreliable in the past is unlikely to suddenly improve. Be careful not to put yourself in a position in which you are relying on this person. Romance. A powerful aspect to Mars could make you a little tense at times. You will have a lot of emotional energy, but you must be careful that it doesn't spill over into an argument.

AQUARIUS (January 21st - February 19th)

Focus on what you need to do and get down to it. A burst of energy around the middle of the week will help, but you may need to persevere in order to finish everything off. Romance. A series of powerful aspects to Mercury at the beginning of the week will help you to communicate effectively with your partner.

PISCES (February 20th - March 20th)

You could get into an embarrassing situation because of the actions of a co-worker. This person does not want to inconvenience you, but they may not realise the consequences of their mistake. Romance. Your ability to understand what your partner is thinking will help you to sort out a recent source of tension between you. Don't assume that you know all the facts, however

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THE FAIR-WEATHER GARDENER

Bulbs

TODAY was an exciting day for me as I received my spring bulbs. I look forward to planting them in autumn and watching them bloom in spring. I've written in my diary when to get out and do this.

I have found late April early May (approximately) is the ideal time for our climate. They are appearing in shops and garden centres, so get yours too.

If you want a particular variety or colour there are many online shops.

They are the most amazing plants as each bulb or corm already contains the flower and leaves. All we have to do is plant them out and care for them. The most casual gardener will still get results.

I have my tulips in the bar fridge to get them started.

Other spring flowering bulbs can be treated the same way.

Placing in a crisper is often suggested, but if you have fruit or vegetables in your fridge the gas they produce can damage the flower inside the bulb. However a cool, dry spot inside a cupboard can also work

When planting make sure you plant at the right depth. Daffodils and jonquils need to be planted at least 12cm down and tulips at 10cm.

Your bulb packaging should give these directions. If you have online

access there are many planting charts on there.



WELCOME to another month in our beautiful Riverland region - it is certainly the place to be at this time of the year. We do have some residents in our region that may be unwell from the Covid-19 virus and we trust that they are now on the improve and feeling much stronger.

The Adelaide Crows Riverland Supporters Group has a sold-out dinner tonight, but has changed the venue to the Waikerie Hotel, due to Covid-19 restrictions that closed the Waikerie Community Club recently. The committee is appreciative of the service and liaison with both businesses that have enabled the dinner to go ahead. It will be a happy relief for the club, its staff and patrons when it can re-open again. Thanks to those supporters who booked for the dinner early. We trust you will enjoy the night with guests John Olsen, Tim Silvers and Sam Jacobs from the Adelaide Football Club.

Seeds If you like to propa-

gate your own plants you might think about growing your own seedlings. A good seed-raising mix

is optional, but does give superior results. However, there are many seeds that do well

when sown direct. I had amazing results last year with annuals like Queen Anne's lace, gypsophila, zinnia and a number of vegetables, such as butternut pumpkin, cucumber and tiny tomatoes (so sweet and delicious).

Don't forget to sow sweet peas on St Patrick's Day, March 17.

If you like the annual but amazing oriental poppy, toss your seeds around on Mother's Day. They prefer to be sown where they are to grow.

Growing from seeds gives you a sense of achievement, however sometimes we are too impatient and are happy to purchase seedlings, especially those hard-tofind seeds. There are many vegeta-

bles to grow in autumn, either from seeds or seedlings.

Sow seeds direct of broad beans, beetroot, lettuce, peas, silver beet, English spinach and radish. Cabbage and cauliflower are easiest from seedlings.

Don't forget herbs such as chives, coriander, marjoram, oregano and parsley.



Buddleja or butterfly bush You may be familiar with this fast-growing, hardy shrub.

and have a silvery cast to them. The flowers are long, pendulous and sweetly perfumed, coming in shades of pink, white, blue and purple.

There is even one called 'dark knight' with an extremely dark blue colour. They are all attractive to butterflies.

It can grow to 3m and approximately just as wide. Prune hard after flowering to prevent them becoming leggy. It will also promote flowers.

At the moment I am trying to source a miniature plant called 'high five purple'.

This is suitable for pots or small gardens and is described as having plenty of flower power and a sweet honey perfume.



Roses Continue to dead head and water your roses to promote their autumn flush.

This will reward you with larger blooms and usually of a deeper colour as our hot sun is no longer fading them.

Look out for fungal disease which may be present due to the moisture in the air (that's if we ever get any). Our hot, dry climate has some positives.

Fertilize in early autumn. Don't leave it too late or it will be of no benefit to your plants.

More

Prepare soil for new plantings and don't forget

than therapy, until your spouse adds up the



LOXTON WAIKERIE TOP 10 NOVELS

Steal by James Patterson

Dead Horse Gap by Lee Christine

The Couple at the Table

Violeta by Isabel Allende

by Sophie Hannah

Standing Alone by Stephen Leather

Wild Dogs by Michael Trant

Moonlight and the

Pearler's Daughter by Lizzie Pook **Snowy Mountains** Cattleman

by Alissa Callen Take Your Breath Away by Linwood Barclay

Clouds on the Horizon by Penelope January

TITLE: For Your Own Good AUTHOR: Samantha Downing **BOOK REVIEW BY:** Katrina Webber

FOR Your Own Good is a humorous suspense novel that focuses on Belmont Academy, a highly respected prep school that only the outstanding students attend and where only the leading teachers work. The plot centres on Teddy

Crutcher, who has just won Teacher of the Year He's proud of his achievement and makes sure everyone knows about it. He displays his plaque in the classroom to remind his students how great he is.

Teddy really does believe he is a great teacher. It's his life ambition to push the students to their full potential. He will do anything to help them succeed. It's a pity he's a psychopath. Teddy just wants to teach. He doesn't care that there is a mysterious death at Belmont Academy. It was just Ingrid



MARCH

BOOK REVIEW

Ross, president of the PTA and mother to one of his best students, Courtney.

But then Courtney is arrested and considered the prime suspect in her mother's murder and Teddy can't stand by and let her go to prison.

Courtney's best friend Zach knows she wouldn't have hurt her mother despite the compelling evidence, so starts his own investigation. His digging leads him to

Teddy, his spiteful English teacher.

Then more people at Belmont Academy mysteriously die. Zach realises that Teddy might have something to do with their deaths, but how can he prove it?

For Your Own Good grab's readers' attention from the very first chapter.

Loxton Waikerie Library Service newsletter

Loxton on Thursdays, from

10.30am, starting tomorrow.

If you and your child

would like to join this fantas-

tic science program, we still

week program finishes with

well under way at Waikerie.

Children have been involved

includes recognising shapes,

in play-based learning that

counting, measuring, spa-

tial awareness, and how to

recognise math in everyday

activities. This program will

be offered again in term 2.

Waikerie has a Little

Creators STEM Workshop

scheduled for Friday, March

put them.

sadly missed.

Maths Fun for Under 5s is

have vacancies. The four-

a science fair.

Club will be held at

THANK you to all customers who came in to the Loxton Waikerie libraries to help celebrate Library Lovers Day on February 14 - we hope you enjoyed the

chocolates. With the start of term 1, Loxton has recommenced Storytime on Wednesdays at 10.30am.

The sessions are varied and include a story, rhyming and craft activities, including textured and sensory play segments. Each session lasts approximately 30 minutes and is designed to enhance children's basic knowledge of colours, patterns and

shapes. Little Bang Discovery

or Loxton have them ready for you, and you can check out the website for full details of each event. The choice of events is varied. with something for all ages. Costs are clear

Great to see the Storytowns App launch will be included as part of River Fringe. The Waikerie Markets are on March 13.

The Waikerie Rain Moth Gallery had an early start to the River Fringe event, with the Murray Moments exhibit featuring images captured by Waikerie Photography Club members. It's brilliant, so don't miss it.

A popular event, The World of Musicals in Concert, that was cancelled last year due to Covid-19, will now be performed at the Chaffey Theatre on March 22. Some



18. Children can learn the science of building bubbles and make their own beaded bubble wand.

Phone the Loxton Waikerie Libraries for more information and to secure your spot. Places are limited so bookings are essential (Loxton Library 8584 8051, Waikerie Library 8541 0720).

patrons may already have their tickets from

last year. I hope you know where you safely

ily, he made Waikerie home so many years

ago. Allan was 103 years old and he will be

local Visitor Information Centre at Waikerie for you to see.

The Waikerie community extends sincere sympathy to the caring family and friends of Allan Channon upon his recent passing at Resthaven, Paradise. Allan was a much-admired and respected member of the Waikerie community. With his fam-

> It was a celebration of a very special person and her life when the family and friends of Alice Lewis got together on the weekend to share Alice's 90th birthday. Alice is a much-admired resident of our community who has given volunteer service for many years to others.

> > Thought for the week: We make a living by what we get, but make a life by what we give. - Winston Churchill

to get your order into your nursery or garden centre for your bare-rooted plants. "Gardening is cheaper

Its leaves are evergreen receipts ... "



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As of March 1 all styrene food containers will be banned and they will be replaced with cardboard-based food containers. It has taken a long time but the cardboard-based products can be recycled. On the weekend I was at a function where light paper boats were used for the food at the venue. They were most appropriate, and had many favourable comments from guests.

As River Fringe is about to begin, have you got your program ready? If not, your

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Letters

Tuesday, June 21, 2005

Riverfront project opinion I APPLAUD the excellent letter of Dud Foweraker (*Pioneer* 15/05).

In my opinion the purchase of the Westpac building by the then council of the day showed great foresight and acumen. Sadly in this matter of the riverfront, the council of today display neither.

M. H. HOWIE Renmark

Letters Tuesday, November 8, 2005

Park Lessee 'stands to gain'

I CAN understand Mr Edwards, lessee of the Renmark Caravan Park, being so outspoken. After all, he stands to gain from the sale of the caravan park.

However, let's not lose sight of the fact that the sale is to help pay for a new civic building - extra office space requirements - we have been told, when anyone with housekeeping experience can tell you that the extra office space can be obtained on the present site.

The offer of first option by Mrs Wilkinson for her riverfront property would be the icing on the cake. Think how our Chinese friends from the sister city would admire the view from it when they next visit! But no an aerial photo of the property was used to obtain a valuation of what it would cost to convert it. Out of the air was plucked the figure of an "extra million dollars". I ask you!

The group of people who have been opposed to the sale of riverfront assets to private enterprise are doing just what the city fathers did 101 years ago - trying to preserve it for public use. We lauded the council for obtaining the old Mitre 10 site, and the Westpac Bank. The former has been turned into a public use area. Great! What they plan for the bank is another matter. Another plaza?

The opponents of the residents' action group can abuse us all they want, but the action group agreed right from the start that they would do everything by the book and nothing has changed.

My mind will not change when there is community antagonism to the civic building project and the sale of riverfront assets.

The council was asked to call a public meeting to answer questions. Now, after rescinding Cr Petersen's brave motion to call one, we hear they intend calling an "information meeting" at the end of November. Do we again have to hear their answers to their questions? We want to ask the questions!

Why was everything done at such a gallop? Was a poll of ratepayers not wanted, perhaps knowing what the result might be? Our own poll, and the voting at the two public meetings, were indicators of how the people think.

Local government in this district is at its lowest, and I have nothing but contempt for those who cast aspersions on people who are trying to save the riverfront for the people. Let's save it for the future generations. There are other ways to increase office space, and better ways to beautify Eighteenth Street - the Sturt Highway - to make it attractive, at far less cost than \$4.5 million among 9800 people.

Y.M. GURR Renmark

EXAMPLE A COMPUTER FRONT AND WESTPAC BANK Listen to 'ordinary' ratepayers

By DUD FOWERAKER Renmark resident

Through your paper (June 15) I entered into debate regarding the proposed new council chambers out of concern for the sale of riverfront properties.

Probably at the time of the Westpac bank purchase council members were not entirely those serving today, but our mayor was. Since the community was led to believe this purchase was a step in opening up more river view when the lease expired, I felt that to sell it to finance new council chambers was a bit questionable on the council's part.

Most organisations have an elected committee to run them, but with my experience on these, nothing was ever decided without the near full agreement of members of that organisation.

Councils are extensions of these committees working for a community, followed by State electorates, State governments, and Federal governments at the top. It appears to me that the further we go from our first committee the more powerful and often arrogant some elected members become, particularly so as more money enters the equation.

To me it was a sad day when the ward system in council was thrown out. In those days ratepayers had a relationship with their councillor who took their concerns back to the council. These existed much more harmoniously with our governing body.

The abandonment of that system seemed to me to relieve the councillor of his or her services to the ratepayers and in a way most of the harmony was lost. In a letter to the editor (*Pioneer* 2-9-05) we had a "yes" to the council decision on the new civic building. The author no doubt had done well with the business enterprises he had achieved or mentioned in his letter. My congratulations to him as a business man.

What he has to remember is that those enterprises could not have happened without the help of little or ordinary ratepayers of the district who purchases his goods. It is that point I am trying to make regards our council.

Over many years our "little and ordinary" ratepayers, blockers, workers, and the many who struggle to make a living contribute to the town assets held by the council, by the payment of their rates, their riches coming not from monetary wealth, but from the richness of life itself.

They are the people others and I are hoping the council will listen to. As one of them I am proud of this town and its assets: swimming pool, fitness centre, ovals, skate park, gardens, caravan park, hospital, and that growing little town across the river. Our rates have paid for many of these things and I believe they belong to the public.

Since room has been the main issue for council, and it appears they want no alternative to the Eighteenth Street site, even though there are alternatives involving less expense.

Friday, September 9, 2005

Friday, November 12, 2004

Club seeking to extend car park

The Renmark Club has expressed an interest in acquiring land where the Westpac bank is situated to extend their car parking area.

In his report to the last Renmark Paringa Council meeting chief officer Barry Hurst said the issue was raised at a meeting between the club and council.

"The club has expressed an interest in acquiring the property leased to Westpac or a portion of that land to extend their car park," Mr Hurst wrote.

"They have also indicated a possibility of transferring land leased to council by the club (downstream from the club) as part of any transfer of the bank land. "While their proposition is not without some merit council is currently committed to leasing the prop-

rently committed to leasing the property to Westpac and it is not possible to sell the building and is likely to be difficult to annexe part of the site off for car parking.

"There may also be an issue with developing further car parking on the riverfront from a community amenity point of view."

It was moved that the club be advised that as council is committed to a lease with Westpac for up to 14 years it is not in a position to offer an option to purchase the land at this time.

Council buys Westpac bank

Friday, May 12, 2000

Renmark's Westpac Bank branch has been sold to Renmark Paringa District Council for \$356,000.

The council bought the riverfront property, along Murray Ave, at an auction in Adelaide on Monday.

Auctioneer Paul van Reesma said the council outstripped several other bidders vying for the property.

Renrnark Paringa mayor Rod Thomas said the council has a long term plan to either demolish the building or reduce its size and return the area to riverfront lawns.

"It was a once in a lifetime opportunity to return the building to community ownership," Mr Thomas said this week.

The council will receive a 9.39% annual yield on its investment, with Westpac committed as a tenant of the property for at least five years.

Annual rent on the property, about \$30,000, will now be taken in by the council.

Viewpoint

Riverfront should be for all to enjoy

By BRUNO STOLZE Renmark

I wish to answer Cr Marg Howie's letter in *The Murray Pioneer* on Friday.

She asks, what does the community want. How good is that? One more councillor that wants to consult the community before they make a monumental blunder.

We all need to remember that we are the keepers of this town for those that come after us, and if Renmark exists for eternity it will be millions. So you see council has a huge responsibility not only to the citizens but anyone that visits our beautiful town.

The present situation at the Jane Eliza Apricot Grove Estate should never have occurred in the first place, and if it goes ahead, as planned, it could not be corrected for a long time.

It seems strange that our council used

foresight when they spent hundreds of thousands of our dollars to buy back the co-op store and later the Westpac Bank building. It was money well spent, but the latest mess suggests council has been hoodwinked by some developer.

The late Ian Showell, an unselfish man with great vision, presented Renmark with the opportunity to have, right next to the town of Renmark, an aquatic park of unequalled beauty. Renmark would have stood out head and shoulders above other river towns along the length of the Murray. But no, it is not going to happen because money and greed won out over vision, commonsense and the rights of the citizens of Renmark for eternity.

One landowner has started preparing the river bank for a jetty and has cut down a number of native trees believing he had the right to do so. I had the opportunity to speak to the landowner for some time and left with the impression that the person was given approval by council to do so. If this is true, words fail me.

Tuesday, November 27, 2001

The trees (acacia stenophilla) are significant trees when it comes to holding the riverbank in place. All my life I have planted trees. I am the chairman of the Bookmark Creek action group - a group of very dedicated men and women.

We aim to improve the aesthetic quality of the Bookmark Creek environs. It is for this reason that I am all the more disappointed in what is going on at Apricot Grove.

In response to the question put by Cr Howie - 'do we please nine people or 9000?' - I would say 9000 wins out over nine. I hope our council makes every effort to gain more land for the public to enjoy for ever.

Otherwise we may stand condemned by those who follow us.

Candidate calls for revival of local ice addiction program

A CHAFFEY electoral candidate is calling for the revival of a local methamphetamine addiction program which failed to receive long-term state government funding last year.

Nationals candidate Damien Buijs (pictured) said the Matrix program, which operated on a trial basis in the Riverland from 2019 until December 2020, was a "clear success that was ready to improve,

and even save, the lives of many in the Riverland".

"Last election, the Liberal government promised to address the scourge of ice addiction in the Riverland that continues to hurt parts of our community," he said.

'This important issue was starting to be addressed by introducing the Matrix program, run by PsychMed, to the Riverland.

"However, the initiative was shortlived and quickly scrapped as (Chaffey MP) Tim Whetstone said 'there wasn't enough substantiated evidence to leave the program in the Riverland'.

"Not only had another election promise failed, but it more importantly has meant the support that many are seeking to overcome their drug abuse is sadly unavailable locally."

In March 2021, Mr Whetstone told The Murray Pioneer it was "very disappointing" the program was unsuccessful, but that an independent evaluation of the trial found the program failed to "meet the outcomes that were promised".



Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone, PsychMed lived experience mentor Nicole Bowering and psychologist Dr Quentin Black at the opening of the Berri PsychMed office in February 2019.

"I also met with SAPOL officers and senior SAPOL personnel and they didn't endorse it..." he said.

'There still are support services out there, it's just very disappointing that we couldn't have an ongoing intervention program in the Riverland."

Mr Buijs called the results of the trial 'simply incredible".

"The successful results from the 12-month Adelaide multi-site trial speak for themselves, including 82.5 per cent of the 228 people achieving remission, with 58.5 per cent achieving total abstinence..." he said.

"This is further backed up by the

promising results from the short-lived Riverland program which caused a 90 per cent decrease in drug use days and 40 per cent decrease in dependency amongst participants.

"Furthermore, Local Drug Action Team (LDAT) led by experts Bruce Mellett and Chrissy Eleftheriadis called for the Matrix program and PsychMed to return locally back in April last year.

"And for me, the importance of this program is clear from what one participant said: 'If it wasn't for you guys, I'd be dead or in jail'...

"Let us bring back the Matrix program for a better and safer Riverland."



Among the organisers for next week's SA CWA's March State Council gathering in Loxton are local branch members (from left) Liz Quinton (secretary), Kath Gillard, Leigh Petch and Carol Beswick (president). PHOTO: supplied

Loxton to host state CWA event

THE South Australian Country Women's Association is holding its March State Council in Loxton next week.

The two-day event will be held at The Precinct next Wednesday, March 9, and Thursday, March 10, hosted by the Loxton District branch of CWA.

Approximately 120 women, representing branches from the West Coast to the South East, including members from Riverland branches, will be attending.

Loxton Waikerie District Council Mayor, Leon Stasinowsky, will officially open the meeting on Wednesday, while guest speaker, Yvette Frahn, of Bugle Hut, will address the meeting on Thursday.

The agenda will include proposed changes to restructure the association

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at state level, reports from the various committees, plus the association's general business.

Most of the women, including some partners who will accompany them, will attend a dinner at The Precinct on Wednesday

night. "The menu has been been to incl specially chosen to include local product as far as possible," a spokesperson said.

"To occupy the men while the meeting is in progress, an interesting tour of the district, guided by David Kimber, has been organised.

"Local sponsors have generously donated items for visitors' gift bags.

"The host branch, Loxton District, led by president Carol Beswick, has worked hard to make this State Council a memorable event."

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BONUS How many countries does the Equator run through? QUESTION: Answer in next week's Quiz.

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Shane Schulz 0459721871 Connor Shea Napier, 33ft EC, 56 row, small seeds box, 3T box.

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BONUS QUESTION ANSWER (from last week): The first penalty shoot-out in an FA Cup final was in 2005.



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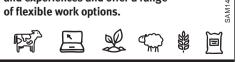
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LOXTON North - 249 Edwards Road, Friday. March 4. Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th, 10am 4pm. Plant sale.

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> to put to good use, please contact Rozz on 0409928248 (or the Renmark kitchen on 85866040) and see if Meals on Wheels tickles vour volunteering tastebuds! The purpose of the Wheelchair Access

Vehicle is to strengther people's capacity to participate in community life, maintain or regain independence. Volunteers are required to pick up and transport

clients in accordance with the daily schedule. Please call Deb 1800 334 882 or dmuller@ redcross.org.au for more information

Interested in working in an environment steeped in history? Olivewood (Renmark

Branch National Trust) is looking for volunteers to help with reception duties, gardening, cleaning and dusting. Thursday to Monday, hours to suit between

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Future water security a priority in new policies

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tion with businesses and indus-

try groups was necessary to

increase water security in the

tional water allocation planning

to partner with regional and

industry stakeholders on more

targeted water security strate-

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importance of the River Murray

and driving full implementation

of the Murray-Darling Basin

Plan to achieve a healthy river."

good levels of water security, a

warming and drying climate -

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need to be smarter about our

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we will see a range of benefits

for our towns and cities - from

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to greater flood resilience to

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The full Water Security

"Together with the private

"While we currently have

"Our approach recognises the

growth," he said.

"We are building on tradi-

Riverland.

Mr Speirs said collabora-

improve water affordability."

ENSURING water resources remain sustainable in the Riverland is the aim of two recently released policy documents.

The state government last week released the Water Security Statement - accompanied by the Urban Water Directions Statement - to highlight potential methods of improving water security, while also promoting economic growth and supporting healthy environments.

Minister for Water David Speirs said long-term planning surrounding water use was necessary to minimise the risks posed by climate change.

'We know that water is one of our most valuable resources which is not only required for critical human needs but it drives economic growth to create jobs as well as supporting a healthy environment," Mr Speirs said.

"While water investments and reforms over the last decade have provided high levels of water security for most of our population, the challenge now is to build on this legacy to maintain vibrant communities, industries and healthy ecosystems.

"This Water Security Statement is about ensuring equitable and affordable access to water to support sustainable growth in key sectors of our state's \$110 billion economy.

"It sets out 10 state-level strategic priorities for water security and builds on the gov-

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future.

ments."

most of our population...

- David Speirs Minister for Water

Soil measurement grant program opens

PROJECTS that help Riverland farmers analyse the levels of carbon present in their soil are the target of a new funding initiative.

The federal government last week opened applications for round one of the National Soil Carbon Innovation Challenge grants, aimed at lowering the cost of accurately measuring the amount of carbon in Riverland soils.

Barker MP Tony Pasin said the funding would support the development and testing of efficient methods to calculate local soil carbon levels.

"A key to unlocking the untapped potential of storing carbon in our soils is to bring down the cost of soil carbon measurement," Mr Pasin said.

"Through these grants and the National Soil Carbon Innovation Challenge, the government will be working handin-hand with innovators and farmers to increase soil health,

productivity and resilience and to create jobs and opportunities in regional Australia.

Minister for Industry, Angus Taylor, said lowering the costs of measuring carbon levels in soil was key to decreasing national carbon emissions.

"Getting the cost of measurement down will make it easier for farmers, suppliers and researchers to understand the impact that different management practices have," Mr Taylor said.

"This is the first step in making it easier for farmers to demonstrate how they are reducing Australia's emissions and be rewarded for their efforts."

Applications for the grants will remain open until 5pm on March 3.

Further information can be found by visiting the website (business.gov.au/grants-andprograms/national-soil-carboninnovation-challenge-development-and-demonstration).

Olivia Hastings celebrates as she wins the 2022 women's Nippy's Loxton Gift on Saturday night, crossing the line ahead of Helena Schwerdt and Liana Channon. PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff



BEN LENNON

THE race that stops the region returned last weekend, with South Australian Athletics Athletic League president Colin Rowston describing this year's Nippy's Loxton Gift as "probably the best carnival in its 21 years".

Clare runner Matthew Forrest was first past the post in the 120m men's Gift final, while Adelaidebased Olivia Hastings continued her stellar season, taking out the women's event.

"It had everything going for it. We had record nominations, great racing and Terry McAuliffe on hand to call the racing which is always spectacular," Mr Rowston said.

"We had a huge crowd, a great track and the weather couldn't have been better. It was a perfect day for us.

Fittingly, the heats were run in just that, with the afternoon sun beaming down on Loxton Oval, before the new lights kicked in, setting the stage for an epic few hours of night-time racing.

As part of the program, local children staged an impressive display of Little Athletics, with Joe Chigwidden and Millie Curkpatrick taking out their respective under 18 120m races.

With the finals of the professional events on the horizon, the carnival paused for the traditional local sports relays.

In the men's edition, the Barmera United Soccer Club came out on top in a dominant display, blitzing the competition and finishing a few lengths in front of Loxton Football Club in second.

The women's race saw Loxton North Netball Club hit the deck early, hampering its chances of a win, with Berri Netball Club going the distance and finishing on top, just ahead of Barmera Netball Club.

The addition of equal prizemoney for the women's edition meant that the competition was fierce, with a stellar field running in the final.

Hastings emerged on top, putting the icing on the cake of an impressive 12 months of racing.

"She was the runner-up in the Bay Sheffield and she has won a couple of other races. To her this is the culmination of a great year," Mr Rowston said.

"It (the prizemoney) means a lot to the women.



Helena Schwerdt was deemed athlete of the meet after making her way onto the podium on multiple occasions.

"It's the way sport is these days. We have to make sure that the women are treated the same as the men, it's only fair.

"For Loxton to now do that for the main race is another tick for the carnival. You saw by the quality of the runners who entered the race, it was lifted to another level."

Quality was a feature of the men's 120m final, with Forrest finishing in first place after a photo finish.

It took officials a few minutes of checking various different cameras to confirm who would walk away with the sash and after much deliberation, Forrest emerged on top.

His time of 12.620 saw him finish just ahead of Jesse Cordoma in second place, with a time of 12.635.

"I had no idea who won, no idea at all," Forrest said after the race.

"Massive thanks to Nippy's for sponsoring this event for many years now."

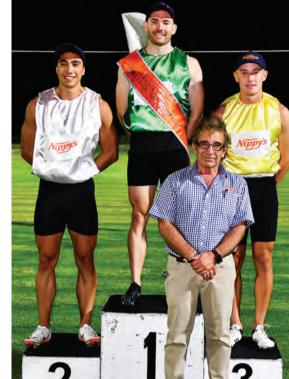
Mr Rowston echoed Forrest's sentiment, giving thanks to Nippy's as well as various other sponsors that make the meeting possible.

"Nippy's from day one has been there and has supported the event so it could become what it is," Mr Rowston said.

"CMV Farms as well, who made the extra contribution to get the prizemoney up to equal for the women, which is vital.

"It was an outstanding event and we'll all be back next year and look forward to the 22nd one."

Helena Schwerdt was named the athlete of the carnival after an impressive day saw her finish second in both the Gift final and the 70m race.



Frank Morena of Nippy's pictured with the placegetters of the men's final Jesse Cordoma (left), Matthew Forrest and Cooper Williams



Barmera United Soccer Club (left) and Berri Netball Club (right) took home the chocolates in the traditional local sporting club relay races.

on the track, there was still plenty happening off it, with John Petch and Geoff Strutton inducted as life members.

"Awarding life membership to these two gentlemen is a welldeserved recognition of their significant contribution," Mr Rowston said.

"We are indebted to those who established the carnival back in 2002 and the legacy of their efforts will be remembered as the event continues to grow."

The community aspect of the Nippy's Loxton Gift is something that Mr Rowston believes keeps



While most of the action was people coming back year after year. "The way the committee and the

community get behind this event means it will just keep growing," Mr Rowston said.

"The runners love it and they keep coming back year after year because of the way it's organised, the atmosphere, as well as the prizemoney.

"The athletes come along ready to run at their best and everyone goes away buzzing.

"We're absolutely thrilled that its grown so quickly in the 21 years."

RESULTS

70m under 14: Lewis Day (5.75) 8.857.



John Petch (left) was inducted as a Nippy's Gift life member by Denis Hann on Saturday night. Geoff Strutton was also inducted as a life member on the night.

70m men: Ben Larsson (8.5) 7.615 70m women: Anva Kalu (7.25) 8.437 120m men: Matthew Forrest (10) 12.620. 120m women: Olivia Hastings (7.75)

14.181. 120m under 18 boys: Joe Chigwidden

(9.75) 12.898. 120m under 18 girls: Millie Curkpatrick (11.25) 14.468.

300m men: Michael Haye (52) 31.96. 300m women: Hettie Driscoll (38) 37.83. 300m under 18 girls: Ava Griffin (30) 40.30.

300m under 18 boys: Oliver Sibbick (56) 34.11.

300m over 35: Salvador Jurado (41) 35.34.

1000m men: Archer Charles (112) 2:22.93.

1000m women/over 35: Mark Barnett

(281) 2:28.55. Athlete of the meet: Helena Schwerdt



Olivia Hastings (middle) was joined by Helena Schwerdt

2022 NIPPY'S LOXTON GIFT



Plenty of juniors were in action across the day at the 2022 Nippy's Loxton Gift Carnival.



Punters turned out in droves to cheer on competitors in this year's Nippy's Loxton Gift finals, held under lights on Saturday night. PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff



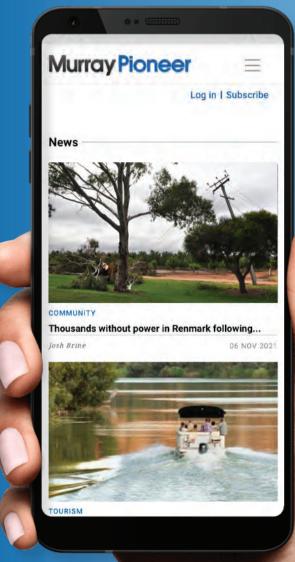
The local sporting club relays are always a hit and the 2022 event was no different, with some familiar faces burning up the track in both the men's and women's events.

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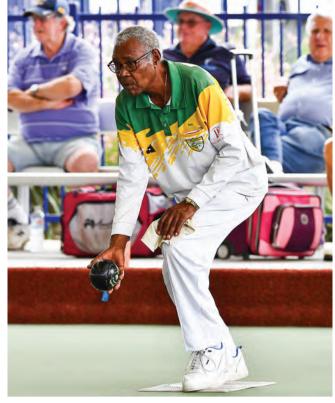




Christos Karantonis' four fought hard for Barmera, but it was not enough as the Pelicans bowed out in the Bowls Riverland Saturday pennants division one preliminary finals. **PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff**



Jim Cresp during his quartet's seven-shot win in the division two semi-final, with opposing skipper Jake Wrigley watching on.



Ben Quatrebornes and his Renmark division one team will face Waikerie in the grand final this Saturday at The Lawns.

Finals fever grips the Riverland

THE penultimate week of the Bowls Riverland Saturday pennants season has been and gone, with eight teams remaining in the hunt for premiership glory across the four divisions.

Division one's semi-finals saw Waikerie win its way straight through to the grand final, knocking off defending champions Renmark in a tight contest.

Barmera and Loxton RSL played out the do-or-die semi and it was the former that emerged victorious, thanks largely to a strong win from Christos Karantonis' quartet.

But, Barmera's fairytale season ended in dramatic style, when it came within a whisker of snatching a grand final spot, losing to Renmark by a single shot on Sunday in the preliminary final.

The battle between the Barmera four skippered by John Morena and the Renmark four skippered by Mick Rice was the last on the green.

Going into his bowls, Morena's team held one shot, but needed two to draw – and forced extra ends for all four match-ups -

and three to make the grand final.

Unfortunately for the Pelicans they were unable to pick up any extra shots, as Renmark held on and earned a shot at backto-back titles.

Waikerie's first division side was not the only Waikerie team to make it through to the grand final, with semi-final wins to both the second and third division teams also ensuring their progression.

The second division finale will see Waikerie take on Berri, after the latter picked up an 11-shot win in the preliminary final against Monash.

Loxton White is division three's challenger, after it handed Barmera Bowling Club its second one-shot loss of the weekend in the preliminary final.

Success did come for Barmera in division four, though, with its four-shot preliminary final win securing passage to the grand final, where it will take on yet another Waikerie team in Waikerie Regents.

All grand finals will be played at neutral venues this Saturday, with division two and three to be played at Renmark Bowling Club, while divisions one and four will take place at The Lawns.

RESULTS **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26**

SEMI-FINALS **DIVISION ONE**

Waikerie 57 d Renmark 53. G. Frahn 11 lost to S. Blee 27; W. Collins 24 d B.

Dopson 12; N. Cronin 22 d M. Rice 14. Barmera 63 d Loxton RSL 54. R. Reynolds 22 drew with J. Bodnar 22; J. Morena 17 lost to J. Wright 20; C. Karantonis 24 d S. Roberts 12. **DIVISION TWO**

Waikerie 62 d Monash 45.

M. Morete 22 d M. Wood 19; R. Davies 25 d S. Voigt 8; D. Thompson 15 lost to S. Elsdon 18. Berri 59 d Lyrup 57.

W. Couzens 20 d L. Recchia 17; J. Cresp 24 d J. Wrigley 17; L. Knight 15 lost to S. Munro 23. **DIVISION THREE**

Waikerie 62 d Barmera 51.

B. Oliver 62 d I. Lloyde 12; W. Burris 13 lost to R. Slater 21; G. Hall 22 d P. Symens 18. Loxton White 65 d Loxton Red 54.

B. Arnold 18 lost to T. Harrison 21; J. Vaughan 13 lost to R. Lee 23; K. Brandsma 34 d F. Armfield 10.

Waikerie Regents 41 d Barmera 32. L. Burnett 17 drew with T. Daelman 17; S. Shiers 24 d

K. Brown 15. Waikerie Hornets 38 d The Lawns Red 35. L. Watson 21 d C. Haar 18; E. Loughhead 17 drew with L. Pinyon 17.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27 PRELIMINARY FINALS DIVISION ONE

Renmark 57 d Barmera 56. B. Dopson 23 d R. Reynolds 19; S. Blee 12 lost to C. Karantonis 23; M. Rice 22 d J. Morena 14. **DIVISION TWO**

Berri 62 d Monash 51.

L. Knight 21 d M. Wood 14; W. Couzens 14 lost to S. Elsdon 20; J. Cresp 27 d S. Voigt 17.

Loxton White 64 d Barmera 63. K. Brandsma 26 d P. Symens 18; J. Vaughan 19 lost

to I. Lloyde 27; B. Arnold 19 d R. Slater 18. **DIVISION FOUR**

Barmera 33 d Waikerie Hornets 29.

K. Brown 15 lost to E. Loughhead 17; T. Daelman 18 d L. Watkins 12.

GRAND FINALS SATURDAY, MARCH 5

DIVISION ONE Waikerie v Renmark @ The Lawns BC **DIVISION TWO** Waikerie v Berri @ Renmark BC

DIVISION THREE Waikerie v Loxton White @ Renmark BC

DIVISION FOUR Waikerie Regents v Barmera @ The Lawns BC

Triples champs crowned with one more round Cross-town bowls grand final on the cards?

THE Lawns Red has sewn up the 2022 Bowls Riverland midweek triples pennant, after defeating Barmera Pelicans last week.

The side spent the majority of the season undefeated, losing just one game throughout the campaign in a dominant performance.

Barmera confirmed it would finish second by defeating The Lawns last week.

Its 31-shot win was not enough to close the points gap between itself and the ladder leaders, with The Lawns Red now 50 points clear on top.

Barmera Pelicans have one more week to propel themselves off the foot of the ladder, with a win against Berri Red in next week's fixture potentially enough to do so.

Monash and The Lawns are the two teams above Barmera Pelicans and will play each other next week, with the loser in danger of falling to last place.

RESULTS

Renmark Green 88 d Loxton Blue 71. J. Thompson 30 d P. Vaughan 14; M. Rice 24 d J. Patterson 11: B. Ouatrebornes 10 lost to R. Hancock 27; B. Knight 24 d H. Appleton 19.

Barmera 90 d The Lawns 59.

J. Morena 23 d M. Menz 11; D. Mills 17 lost to K. Knight 20; R. Reynolds 27 d K. Schopp 8; D. Button 23 d M. Hudson 20. Loxton White 80 d Berri Red 71.

D. Kimber 18 lost to J. Cresp 24; W. Harrison 17 d R. Correll 15; D. Schliebs 22 d L. Knight 20; R. Coombs 23 d P. Tanner 12. Waikerie 76 d Loxton Red 74.

M. Morete 14 lost to P. Kimber 16: B. Oliver 17 d C. Fisher 12; N. Harcombe 22 d G. Cockshell 20; R. Pickett 23 lost to T. Thurston 26.

Renmark Gold 91 d Lyrup 63.

B. Cropper 20 d G. Jenke 18; D. Leedle 31 d C. Gamble 11; M. Howe 26 d G. Milich 17; B. Dopson 14 lost to L. Recchia 17. The Lawns Red 80 d Barmera Pelicans 64. P. Lawton 23 d P. Thompson 20; R. Lawton 20 d I. Lloyde 15; R. Stoeckel 21 d H Robinson 14; S. Ivanovic 16 d B. Tamblyn

Berri Blue 93 d Monash 67.

15.

K. Stokes 32 d P. Grocke 16; A. Kosturjak 23 d R. Jury 15; G. Elleway 22 d W. Barnett

17; K. Carpenter 16 lost to W. Pahl 19.					
	W	L	Agg	Points	
The Lawns Red	16	1	295	427	
Barmera	14	4	441	377	
Renmark Gold	10	6	100	304	
Berri Blue	11	7	11	299	
Renmark Green	11	7	166	294	
Loxton White	10	8	117	283	
Waikerie	10	8	37	273	
Lyrup	9	8	60	257	
Loxton Red	7	10	-28	222	
Loxton Blue	7	11	-106	211	
Berri Red	7	11	-78	204	
The Lawns	4	14	-420	133	
Monash	4	14	-315	127	
Barmera Pelicans	3	14	-280	117	

THE first batch of Bowls Riverland Wednesday pennants finals took place last Friday, after the regular season concluded on Wednesday, February 23.

The Lawns qualified in first place in division one and managed to win its way through to the grand final, comfortably defeating Barmera in the first semi.

Monash was triumphant in its do-or-die clash with Waikerie for fourth spot, but fell in the semifinal against Renmark.

The win secured Renmark a spot in the preliminary final, which sees it take on Barmera today, with a cross-town grand final still a possibility between Renmark and The Lawns.

Berri Blue and Berri Red did battle in the first semi-final of the second division, with the former coming out on top by six shots.

Berri Red now faces straightsets elimination, unless it can pull out a win against The Lawns in today's preliminary final.

The Lawns is in hot form after defeating Moorook in the second semi-final by a massive margin

of 30-shots.

RESULTS **DIVISION ONE**

Renmark 55 d Berri 44. C. Eagle 21 d J. Price 14; J. Cooper 16 lost to K. Tanner 17; S. Schulz d K. Treloar.

Barmera 87 d Lyrup 44. G. Burns 27 d R. Smith 15; K. Mellon 20 d S. Lloyd 19; C. Shugg 40 d B. Howe 10.

Monash 65 d Waikerie 49.

R. Potts 21 lost to C. Davies 24; S. Elsdon 20 d J. Morley 13; J. Barnett 24

d M. Morley 12. Loxton 72 d The Lawns 42.

S. Coombs 27 d C. Topperwien 7; D. ner

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20 d S. Hanghe II.					
	W	L	Agg	Pts	
The Lawns	11	5	84	287	
Barmera	10	6	35	263	
Renmark	9	7	117	246	
Monash	9	8	36	235	
Waikerie	8	8	27	218	
Loxton	7	10	-47	190	
Berri	6	11	-27	171	
Lyrup	6	11	-225	158	

DIVISION TWO

Loxton 38 d Renmark 35. J. Hall 18 lost to B. Warren 19; N. Milich

20 d C. Vriends 19.

Moorook 39 d Waikerie 35. H. Smith 24 d L. Burnett 18; L. Tschirpig 15 lost to N. DellaZoppa 17. Berri Red 45 d Loxton RSL 28.

Red 40. L. Pinyon 21 d R. Christie 19; C. Haar 19 lost to E. Kennedy 21. Barmera 51 d Berri Blue 34. M. Szabo 21 d J. Lyons 19; C. Pickering 31 d B. Schulz 15 Agg Pts

D. Jungfer 25 d J. Smith 12; M. Miller 20 d H. Dreschler 16. **The Lawns 40 drew with The Lawns**

Berri Red	12	5	180	288
Berri Blue	11	5	149	271
The Lawns	9	7	-8	228
Moorook	9	8	96	217
Barmera	9	8	-56	217
Loxton	8	9	-9	196
Renmark	7	10	-15	171
The Lawns Red	6	9	-122	165
Loxton RSL	6	11	-96	144
Waikerie	6	11	-119	143

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25 SEMI-FÍNALS DIVISION ONE

The Lawns 69 d Barmera 45.

C. Topperwien 19 d K. Mellon 17; M. Spano 19 d C. Shugg 17; J. Knight 31 d J. Healey 11. Renmark 75 d Monash 47.

S. Schulz 34 d J. Barnett 12; J. Cooper 22 d R. Potts 14; C. Eagle 19 lost to S.

Elsdon 21. **DIVISION TWO**

Berri Blue 36 d Berri Red 30. J. Lyons 14 drew with M. Miller 14; B. Schulz 22 d D. Jungfer 16.

The Lawns 51 d Moorook 21. L. Pinyon 29 d L. Tschirpig 8; C. Haar 22 d H. Smith 13.

www.murraypioneer.com.au Wednesday, March 2, 2022 SPORT 43 Loxton aiming to upset Cobby again

LOXTON will be aiming to spring a second upset in three weeks when it faces Riverland tennis powerhouse Cobdogla in this Saturday's division one grand final.

Loxton beat an under-strength Cobdogla 10-5 in the final minor round, then progressed to the grand final with a 9-6 win over Berri in the preliminary final last Saturday.

As the top ranked team at the end of the minor round, Cobdogla - the reigning premier - automatically qualified for the grand final.

Cobdogla will welcome back Sam Butterworth, Sophie Nettle and Will Swinstead to the side that lost to Loxton late last month.

To have any chance of victory, Loxton will need to pull off some unlikely doubles victories, although it will have the advantage of playing at home.

Last weekend, Loxton was a lit-

tle too strong for Berri, after the two sides had been roughly even all season.

Loxton won four of the first six doubles rubbers, then pressed home its advantage in the singles, winning four of those six rubbers also.

Phil Cresp and Paul Reid won their singles for Berri, but Loxton's dominance of the women's rubbers - via Tasmin Smith and Nadia Kruger – helped it across the line.

In division two Barmera beat Berri 12-3, while in division three Paringa qualified for the grand final with a 9-1 win over Barmera.

Senior grand finals will be played in Loxton this Saturday afternoon.

SENIORS Division 1

Loxton 9-73 d Berri 6-62.

Doubles (round 1): A. Waters/P. Smith d E. Day/M. Jericho 6-4; J. Lane/J. Loxton

lost to P. Cresp/P. Reid 4-6; T. Smith/N. Kruger d M. Tzanavaras/K. Barnett 7-6; Waters/P. Smith d Day/Reid 6-3; Lane/ Loxton lost to Jericho/Cresp 3-6, T. Smith/ Kruger d M. Tzanavaras/Barnett 6-1. Singles: Waters d Day 6-4; P. Smith d Jericho 6-3; Lane lost to Cresp 2-6; Loxton lost to Reid 4-6; T. Smith d Tzanavaras 6-1; Kruger d Barnette 6-3. Doubles (round 2): Waters/Loxton lost to Day/Reid 2-6; P. Smith/T. Smith lost to Jericho/Tzanavaras 3-6; Lane/Kruger d Cresp/Barnett 6-1.

Division 2 Barmera 12-82 d Berri Red 3-47.

Doubles (round 1): J. Bannear/M. Henwood d G. Staehr/R. Mason 6-3; T. Charlton/P. Szabo d R. Cresp/C. Staehr 6-4; S-J Albrecht/E. Marks d J. Fulham/K. Hayes 6-1; Bannear/Szabo d Mason/ Cresp 6-3; Charlton/L. Marks d Button/C. Staehr 6-3; Albrecht/E. Marks d Hayes/C. Martin 6-0.

Singles: Bannear d G. Staehr 6-0; Henwood d Mason 6-4; Charlton lost to Cresp 2-6; L. Marks d C. Staehr 6-0: Albrecht d Fulham 6-1; E. Marks d Martin 6-4.

Doubles (round 2): Bannear/Henwood lost to G. Staehr/Mason 5-7; Szabo/Albrecht lost to Cresp/Fulham 2-6; L. Marks/E. Marks d C. Staehr/Hayes 7-5.

Division 3

Paringa 9-58 d Barmera 1-31. Doubles (round 1): J. Clohesy/C. Gardner d R. Harris/C. Cornelius 6-3; N. Spinks/N. Rover d M. Cornelius/D. Gilgen 6-1; Clohesy/Rover lost to Harris/C. Cornelius 3-6; Gardner/D. Roesler d Gilgen/A. Kariuki 6-2. Singles: Clohesy d Harris 7-6; Gardner d C. Cornelius 6-4; Spinks d M. Cornelius 6-0; Roesler d Kariuki 6-2. Doubles (round 2): Clohesy/Spinks d C.

Cornelius/M. Cornelius 6-3; Roesler/ Rover d Kariuki/Gilgen 6-4.

JUNIORS Green 2

Loxton Saville 3-35 d Renmark Diamonds 3-31.

Green 3

Barmera Tigers 3-37 d Renmark Kookaburras 3-36.

Green 4A Berri 4-23 d Waikerie Slammers 2-24. Waikerie Barty Party 5-31 d Cobdogla Eagles 3-33

Orange 1

Waikerie Wild Ones 5-41 d Berri 2-19. Renmark Koalas 8-48 d Barmera 0-7.

Orange 2 Cobdogla Raptors v Loxton Hewitt (no details supplied)

Green 4B

Barmera Magpies 5-35 d Barmera Giants 3-25

Yellow 1 Berri 5-39 d Renmark Sharks 3-32.

Yellow 2

Loxton DeMinaur 8-48 d Renmark Taipans 0-23.

Green 1 Pirates

Barmera 6-42 d Renmark Joeys 2-22.

Green 1 Opals Waikerie 4-37 d Barmera 4-36.

Futsal's finest fill their boots

RIVERLAND futsal was littered with high scores last weekend after a number of strong individual performances, particularly in the junior grades.

ABCDE FC did what ABCDE FC does in the senior men's division, registering another win, this time against Owens and the Gang.

It was the only match played in the men's competition, with The Other Mob and Young God FC forfeiting their matches against The Wannabes and That's Cooked.

A number of players from those teams stuck around and played a friendly match, making the most of the Sunday afternoon.

The Devil's Avocado flexed its muscle in the women's division, with Ruby Payne scoring 10 goals of her own in her side's 11-goal win against BHC.

Payne wasn't the only player to reach the double-digit goal mark this weekend, with Tony Mitchell scoring 12 in the mixed division and Cooper Ebert netting 10 times in the under 16s.

The Black Cats were unstoppable in the under 12s division, with a 23-goal win over rivals Wild Fire.

The margin was matched by Tastes like Chicken in the mixed competition, with the side defeating Banana Slugs 29-6.

RESULTS

MEN

ABCDE FC 9 d Owens and the Gang 1. Goals: ABCDE FC - K. Barber Jr 3, T. Pipinis 3, R. Verrall 2, J. Pintilie. Owens and the Gang - E Hoffman. Best: ABCDE FC – M. Barber, K. Barber Jr. Owens and the Gang - J. Botten, K. Lowe. The Wannabes d The Other Mob (forfeit).

That's Cooked d Young God FC (forfeit). WOMEN

Chicks 'n' Kicks 7 d Banana Slugs 4.

Goals: Chicks 'n' Kicks - P. Drakopoulos 4, H. Amos

2, L. Quinn. Banana Slugs – M. Mitchell 3, T. Mitchell. Best: Chicks 'n' Kicks – E. Flavel, H. Amos. Banana Slugs – M. Mitchell, T. Mitchell. The Devil's Avocado 13 d BHC 2.

Goals: The Devil's Avocado – R. Payne 10, M. Lockwood, T. Lockwood, A. Threadgold. BHC – E.

Berlage, N. Milne. Best: The Devil's Avocado - R. Payne, M. Lockwood.

BHC - E. Berlage, N. Milne. MIXED

Pimms Parade 10 d It Just Got Messi 2.

Goals: Pimms Parade - C. Cassell, T. Schrapel 3, P. Drakopoulos, H. Amos 2. It Just Got Messi - E. Flavel, M. Barber.

Best: Pimms Parade - T. Schrapel, C. Cassell. It Just Got Messi - M. Bourton, M. Barber. Tastes Like Chicken 29 d Banana Slugs 6.

Goals: Tastes Like Chicken - Tony Mitchell 12, M. Rayner 8, Tessie Mitchell, M. Mitchell 3, C. Mitchell 2, J. Mitchell. Banana Slugs – J. Skilton 4, K. Skilton,

P. Johal. Best: Tastes Like Chicken – J. Mitchell, C. Mitchell.

Banana Slugs – P. Johal, J Skilton. The Odd Mob d Purple Reign (forfeit). **UNDER 16**

Tastes Like Chicken Nuggets 15 d Tigers 3. Goals: Tastes Like Chicken Nuggets - C. Ebert 10, R. Milne 2, T. Mitchell, S. Miller, M. Mitchell. Tigers - S. Martin 3. Best: Tastes Like Chicken Nuggets – C. Ebert, T. Mitchell. Tigers – S. Martin, H. Martin.

Malcolm 6 d Pique Blinders 3.

Goals: Malcolm - M. Eleftheriadis 3, F. Vallelonga, C. Battams, R. Verrall. Pique Blinders - J. Tsonis 2, N. Mitchell-Cocks.

Best: Malcolm - M. Eleftheriadis, F. Vallelonga. Pique Blinders - J. Tsonis. C. Vanderwoude. Fake Madrid 12 d Nerds FC 9.

Goals: Fake Madrid - A. Son 5, G. Tsolomitis 4, E. Drakopoulos 2, K. Kahlon. Nerds FC - L. Perram 6, H. Smith, R. Kipkosgei.

Best: Fake Madrid - A. Son, K. Kahlon. Nerds FC - L. Perram, T. Skilton. **UNDER 14**

Hatrick Swayze 12 d Indoor Ballers 3.

Goals: Hatrick Swayze – C. Vallelonga 6, J. Krendl 3, M. Cawse 2, O. Muller. Indoor Ballers – S. Williams, D.

Vrakking, R. Thiele.

Best: Hatrick Swayze - M. Cawse, J. Krendl. Indoor



Thomas Pipinis scored three times in ABCDE FC's win against Owens and the Gang. **PHOTOS: Tessie** Mitchell

Fresh from his 10-goal performance in the under 16s, Cooper Ebert played in a friendly match after

Goals: The Black Cats - B. Perram 10, L. Perram 7, S. Williams, H. Martin 3, A. Flavel. Wild Fire - Z. Cole. Best: The Black Cats - B. Perram, L. Perram. Wild Fire Z. Cole, C. Muller.

UNDER 12 GIRLS

McChicken Nuggets 20 d Tomato Pugs 2. Goals: McChicken Nuggets - M. Bourton 9, M. Mitchell 7, H. Beames 4. Tomato Pugs - R. Wishart 2. Best: McChicken Nuggets - M. Bourton, M. Mitchell. Tomato Pugs – A. Kondoprias, R. Wishart. The Rebels 6 d Blue Bombers 3.

Goals: The Rebels - S. Setchell 2, C. Formby 2, C. Williams, O. Schwarz. Blue Bombers - E. Isaacs 3. Best: The Rebels - S. Setchell, C. Formby. Blue Bombers - E. Isaacs, A. Dale.



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Bourton, M. Mitchell, K. Ogle.

Block it Like it's Hot 7 d Blues Brothers 3.

Goals: Block it Like it's Hot - Z. Hronopoulos 3. A. K. Ogle, J. Ingerson, J. Garoufalis. Brothers - K. Ogle, J. Garoufalis. The Black Cats 24 d Wild Fire 1.

The Red Devils 11 d McChicken Nuggets 3. Goals: The Red Devils - B. Altundag 6, N. Meimetis 3, L. Crawford, A. Robertson. McChicken Nuggets - M.

Best: The Red Devils - N. Meimetis, B. Altundag. McChicken Nuggets - K. Ogle, E. Bascomb. **UNDER 12**

Ielasi 2, N. Vallelonga, R. Kipkosgei. Blues Brothers -Best: Block it Like it's Hot - A. lelasi, T. Skilton. Blues

the men's division had two forfeits this weekend. Ballers - J. Perram. T. Skilton.

44 SPORT www.murraypioneer.com.au Wednesday, March 2, 2022 **RFL Under 15 girls** officially under way

BEN LENNON

AFTER months of anticipation, the RFL under 15 girls competition finally got under way at Berri Memorial Oval last Monday night.

Four of the six RFL clubs entered teams in the competition, with Loxton and Loxton North having to pull out at the last minute due to a lack of players.

For Renmark, Waikerie, Berri and Barmera-Monash though, it was all systems go as the kids lit up the oval.

It threatened to be a typical wintery day of footy, with howling winds and buckets of rain falling in the morning, but as the matches kicked off at 5.30pm, the sun shined down on smiling faces.

enough players to fill a bench,

ly well-stocked, and coach Sarah Schiller was thrilled with her numbers, even if it meant wrestling with interchanges.

"A lot of them hadn't played. It was a good mix of non-players and players," Schiller said.

'The hard part was having five subs so we had to figure out how to rotate those that are new with those that had played before.

"I didn't even get to watch as much – I was busy trying to do the five subs more than anything else."

Many of the players in Schiller's side had been taught by her before in primary school, but the under

15s competition is Schiller's first foray into club football coaching.

with Waikerie Magpies particular- her head around some terminology, but believes that coaching kids is less about the sport and more about the message.

> "I don't think it makes much of a difference in any sport to be honest," she said.

"As long as you get to the ball first and actually play hard, it seems to work quite well.

"At one stage our attack was standing in a straight line.

"I said 'Girls look, you're in a straight line and you can't attack in a straight line' and then they all got it.

"It doesn't matter what sport you play, you can apply that kind of thing...'

The competition is largely based around participation, with the ninea-side format allowing players to



Josh Schiller was presented with life membership from West Adelaide Football Club president Murray Forbes a fortnight ago. PHOTO: supplied

Waikerie took on Renmark on one half of the oval, while Berri and Barmera-Monash did battle on the other in the first round of the inaugural RFL under 15 girls competition this week. PHOTO: Ben Lennon did really well and they improved a try out various positions. Players are still picking up mile within that game. where they can and can't go, with "They were a bit cautious but by zones implemented to avoid conthe end of it they were laying tackgestion, but the quality on show les left, right and centre and I was and smiles on faces were clear to thinking 'That's my girls'." see

"They really enjoyed it," Schiller said

"By the end they all pretty much played in different positions. They

Week two sees the competition head to Barmera, with the 5.30pm first siren time remaining the same despite the early exit of the two

Loxton sides.

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Waikerie's Schiller a Blood for life

FORMER Waikerie Magpie, Josh Schiller, was awarded life membership by the West Adelaide Football Club last fortnight after 15 years of service.

Schiller pulled on the red and black 230 times in his career before making the move back to amateur football with Edwardstown for the 2022 season.

His name was already etched into the West Adelaide history books, after he was a part of the drought-breaking 2015 premiership side under Mark Mickan.

Now he is part of an exclusive club and West Adelaide president Murray Forbes detailed exactly why when presenting Schiller with his life membership.

"(Schiller) has rendered invaluable service to the club both on and off the field for the past 15 years," Mr Forbes said.

"He has been a fantastic ambassador for the club, donating his time regularly to such activities as our elite development program and volunteered his time with many of our community partners."

Schiller won the under 18s best and fairest all the way back in 2010 and since then has achieved a great deal with the Bloods.

As well as the 2015 premiership, Schiller

has a plethora of individual accolades on his resume, including back-to-back reserves best and fairest awards in 2012/13.

When receiving the award, Schiller gave thanks to those that helped him along the journey.

"It's an honour to receive life membership with the West Adelaide Football Club," Schiller said.

"I still remember my first year in the under 17s, driving down with my dad, I never imagined in the 14 years that followed it would be my home.

"I have been very fortunate over the years, getting to know a lot of great people in this club both on field and off field who impacted my journey along the way.

"I want to thank my parents who sacrificed so much to allow me to live out my football dream.

"They drove me down every training and game and then when I moved down they helped me out financially while I juggled football, university and work, and all of this while rarely missing a game. I can't thank them enough for their love and support."

Riverlander Campbell makes Westies debut

THE Riverland now has one clearances in her first hit-out more SANFLW representa- and managed to lay five tackles, tive to add to its list after Sarah Campbell made her debut for West Adelaide last weekend.

Sarah was selected as part of the West Adelaide senior squad for the first time this year and took to the field on Saturday against Sturt.

She was joined by two other Riverland representatives in Ashlea James and Georgie Pater.

The game was one-sided, with Sturt running out convincing winners to the tune of 52 points.

Campbell picked up two

showcasing her ability to put pressure on the opposition.

Pater and James share over 35 games of experience between them, with James appointed to the leadership group earlier this year.

Eight games remain in the 2022 SANFLW season and the Bloods currently sit in seventh place, but remain just one win away from the top four.

Their opponents from the weekend, Sturt, sit on top of the table and remain undefeated to start the season.



Ashlea James (left),Georgie Pater and Sarah Campbell all saw game time in last week's round of SANFLW, with Campbell making her debut for the Bloods. PHOTO: supplied THE shot clock is about to hit zero, with just one round remaining in the Riverland basketball season.

The finals race in both the men's and women's division one competitions remains wide open, with a number of teams trying to move up the pecking order.

Loxton and Barmera have solidified their spots at the top of the men's ladder, with Renmark and Waikerie jostling for third position.

Barmera has the bye in the final round and it could prove costly in the women's division one competition.

The Lakers are three points clear on top of the table, but wins from Waikerie and Berri could see them fall as low as third by the end of the round.

In last week's action, a massive final quarter from Loxton saw it blow out Berri by 30 points in the men's division one competition.

The two sides were evenly matched down the stretch, with just 11 points in it at the final break, but it was the Supercats that walked away with the victory.

They were led by Jesse Will, who hit two three-pointers on his way to 20 points, one in the first quarter and one in the dominant final term.

Elsewhere, Barmera took care of business against Renmark, running out victors by 21 points

Dillon Millard led his team to victory with 24 points, but it was Declan Johnson who topped the scoring charts, scoring 24 of his side's 65 points.

Barmera also managed a win in the corresponding women's fixture, remarkably by the same margin as the men's team.

Tahlia Dillon put on a show, scoring 28 points in the win and she was helped out by a 22-point performance from Chelsea Wutke. Wutke was on fire from deep, with 15 of

her 22 points coming from beyond the arc. Berri defeated Loxton in the other fixture,

with Ellee Eleftheriadis and Lana Gregoric both playing a vital role, combining for 32 points in the win.

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Loxton 17 44 81 14 22 33 Berri 51 Points: Loxton - J. Will 20, B. Whitelaw 16, K. Miller 13, C. Lange 11, J. Hutchinson 10, B. Tregeagle 8, L. Stephens 3. Berri – Heath Campbell 13, J. Szalbot 10, Harrison Campbell, O. Hunyadi 8, R. Tieste 6, R. Kunoth 4, P. Dale 2. Barmera 23 45 65 86 Renmark 12 32 42 65

Points: Barmera - D. Millard 24, J. Drefke 14, R. Haigh 12, K. Stokes, M. Wellington 11, K. Wright 10, L. Warnett 4. Renmark – D. Johnson 25, C. Gartery 13, Z. Gartery 12, R. Curtis 7, J. Hansen 4, A. Haynes, W. Stockman 2.

Total points: Loxton 31; Barmera 29; Renmark 21; Waikerie 20: Berri 11 Division two: Barmera 65 d Waikerie Black 37; Allstars 42 d Waikerie White 26; Loxton 68 d

Supercats 40; Tigers 43 d Berri 26. Total points: Allstars 42; Tigers 35; Waikerie White 32; Berri 30; Loxton 28; Barmera 25; Waikerie Black 16; Supercats 13.

Division three: Waikerie White 63 d Chaffey 51; Barmera 41 d Supercats 39: Waikerie Black 48 d Loxton 46; Warriors 35 d Berri 24; Blazers 45 d Berri Red 16; Steamers 46 d Renmark 37. Total points: Steamers 38; Blazers 37; Barmera 33; Warriors 32; Loxton 30; Waikerie White 30; Waikerie Black 29; Supercats 29; Renmark 27; Berri 18; Chaffey 17; Berri Red 16.

Division four: Berri 35 d Blazers 26; Loxton 46 d Barmera 22. Total points: Loxton 28; Supercats 28; Blazers 23;

Berri 18; Barmera 15.

WOMEN

Division one Barmera 16 38 54 71 Renmark 5 21 33 50 Points: Barmera - T. Dillon 29, C. Wutke 22, K. Stavrou 11, A. Wutke 6, L. Hill, T. Hill 2. Renmark P. Roberts 21, M. Newman 9, M. Petersen 8, E. Stockman, S. Modlinski 6. 13 58 Berri 22 43 24 13 Loxton 30 44 Points: Berri - L. Gregoric 17, E. Eleftheriadis 15, C. Schupelius 9, B. Gates 7, A. Westley 6, C. Foulds 4. Loxton – L. Uren 12, M. Hogan, E. Foulds 11, S. Edwards 4, B. Hahn 3, S. Hsu 2, A. Modlinski 1. Total points: Barmera 28; Waikerie 25; Berri 25;

Loxton 21; Renmark 13. Division two/three: Supercats 34 d Lakers 27; Cat stars 44 d Allstars 23; Barmera 51 d Wildcats 1; Renmark 47 d Berri 20; Tigers 34 d Steamers 18. Total points: Renmark 40; Barmera 39; Cat Stars 34: Lakers 33: Supercats 33: Allstars 29: Berri 24: Steamers 23; Waikerie 21; Wildcats 14. Division four: Berri 33 d Renmark 26; Tigers 32 d

Loxton 22; Waikerie 29 d Allstars 19; Barmera 29 d Supercats 27. Total points: Berri 40; Waikerie 37; Loxton 31; Tigers

31; Barmera 26; Renmark 25; Supercats 20; Allstars 14

BOYS

Under 18 (div 1): Renmark 72 d Waikerie 25; Barmera 43 d Loxton 32. Total points: Renmark 40; Loxton 35; Barmera 22;

Waikerie 20 Under 18 (div 2): Berri 54 d Waikerie 19; Renmark

46 d Loxton 25; Barmera 35 drew Supercats 35. Total points: Berri 41; Loxton 34; Supercats 34; Renmark 29; Barmera 20; Waikerie 16.

Under 16 (div 1): Barmera 51 d Renmark 47; Waikerie 36 d Berri 34. Total points: Loxton 34; Renmark 29; Barmera 27;

Waikerie 16; Berri 14.

Under 16 (div 2): Supercats 44 d Waikerie 18; Renmark 46 d Barmera 33; Tigers 32 d Loxton 22. Total points: Supercats 37; Loxton 35; Renmark 35; Tigers 35; Barmera 23; Waikerie 12.

Under 14 (div 1): Renmark 35 d Berri 12; Barmera 26 d Loxton 15. Total points: Renmark 45; Barmera 33; Loxton 27;

Berri 15 Under 14 (div 2): Lakers 40 d Barmera 22; Waikerie

31 d Barmera 27.

Total points: Lakers 36; Renmark 28; Waikerie 21; Barmera 18; Loxton 14.

Under 12 (div 1): Waikerie 44 d Barmera 18; Loxton



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Berri and Loxton tip off during their division one men's basketball game last Thursday night. PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff



46 d Berri 25.

Total points: Loxton 41; Berri 36; Waikerie 26; Barmera 17. Under 12 (div 2): Waikerie 23 d Barmera 11; Supercats 24 d Loxton 15. Total points: Waikerie 36; Loxton 34; Supercats 33; Barmera 17.

Under 16: Barmera 63 d Renmark 12; Loxton 57 d Berri 32 Total points: Barmera 34; Loxton 32; Renmark 19;

Under 14 (div 1): Renmark 32 d Waikerie 20; Barmera 39 d Berri 33; Loxton 71 d Steamers 10. Total points: Loxton 36; Barmera 32; Renmark 25; Berri 20; Supercats 20; Waikerie 17; Steamers 17. Under 14 (div 2): Loxton 26 d Supercats 22; Waikerie 26 d Barmera 6 Total points: Waikerie 33; Supercats 32; Loxton 29; Barmera 26 Under 12 (div 1): Berri 54 d Waikerie 16. Total points: Berri 43; Loxton 33; Waikerie 26; Barmera 18. Under 12 (div 2): Waikerie 16 d Supercats 13; Loxton 19 d Barmera 2 Total points: Waikerie 39; Loxton 33; Supercats 33; Barmera 15.

RIVERLAND GOLF RESULTS

Kara-Ali, 12th P. Hamilton,

Stableford: K. Nolan 36, J.

15th C. Foreman.

Women

Waikerie 18: Berri 17.

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Men

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Stableford: A grade – C. Foreman 38, B. Paige 37, S. Patching 36, P. Harman 36, J. Henwood 36. B grade – K. Wagnitz 39, B. Skinner 37, O. Walkley 33, W. Wilson 32, G. MacInnes 32. NTP: 5th H. Kara-Ali 126cm, 12th P. Hamilton 342cm, 15th

G. Mudge 466cm.

Birdies: 2nd B. Paige, 5th H.

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Sawade 33. NTP: 15th J. Sawade. Saturday, February 26 Men Stableford: A grade – T. Sawade 40, B. Yeomans 38, C.

Pash 37, B. proud 37, P. Fisher 35, P. Harman 35, A. Pfeiler



37, P. Hopper 35, G. Schultz 35, T. Vivian 35, H. Schilling 34, B. Oxlade 34. NTP: 2nd P. Hopper 346cm, 5th P. Morris 897cm, 12th J. Sandland 557cm, 15th B. Proud 259cm. Birdies: 2nd B. Oxlade, 2nd B.

Paige, 5th A. Baker, 12th L. Kruger, 15th B. Paige. Women Stableford: J. Bullock 36, M.

Tyler 34, Y. Reynolds 34, J. Sawade 32, A. Thiel 32. NTP: 12th M. Tyler 223cm.

> Julie. Carmel, Peter and Jamie **McInnes** at the unveiling of the lan McInnes 'Legend of Loxton Golf Club' plaque. PHOTO: supplied

The Riverland's under 14 boys (above), under 16 boys (below) and under 16 girls basketball sides each won their respective competitions at the Naracoorte Junior Carnival last weekend.



carnival performances from earlier in the year and continued to mentor players in the younger Riverland sides.

The under 14 boys team cruised to victory in the second division, defeating the Naracoorte Kings by 24 points.

GIRLS Under 18: Berri 41 d Loxton 19; Waikerie 44 d Barmera 29 Total points: Renmark 34; Berri 32; Loxton 24; Waikerie 16; Barmera 8.

Riverland basketball juniors shine again

THE Riverland Basketball Association has again flexed its muscle in a junior competition, with six teams making their respective grand finals in the Naracoorte Junior Carnival last weekend.

Half of those went on to win their competitions, with glory going to the under 16 girls, under 14 boys and under 16 boys Riverland representatives.

Riverland girls were runners-up in the under 12 and under 14 division one competitions, while the boys went down in the under 12 second division grand final.

The success overall puts the cherry on top of an impressive summer after a number of Riverland teams finished first at the Country Championships late last month.

Sienna Lehmann was impressive in the under 16 girls final, leading her team to victory with a 12-point performance.

She backed up her strong

46 SPORT www.murraypioneer.com.au Wednesday, March 2, 2022 **Berri's Rosie rises** to the occasion

BERRI secured second spot by picking up a convincing win against Waikerie Ramco in last week's round of Riverland A grade cricket.

Brad Rosenzweig was the star, smashing an unbeaten 106 from just 95 balls before picking up a wicket with ball in hand.

He was supported well by Tom Jolly as the Demons rocketed to 214 from their 40 overs, a mammoth total to chase for a young Waikerie Ramco side.

The travelling side barely fired a shot in the run chase, with Waikerie Ramco only managing 74 in reply.

Berri failed to bowl the opposition out, with Waikerie Ramco finishing nine wickets down, but with a run-rate of under two per over, the home side was never under any threat.

The win sets up a match with Loxton in two weeks' time, with the winner to head straight into the grand final.

The Tigers have been dominant in the back half of the year and have barely put a foot wrong on their way to the minor premiership.

Their win last weekend against Renmark North came in convincing fashion, posting a total of 171 with the loss of just three wickets along the way.

Tyler Hobby and Reece Hogan were dismissed early for scores under 10, but Joshua Deren and Jake Albrecht batted Loxton back into the game.

Albrecht fell for 37 but Deren continued to pile on the runs, passing the half-century mark in stylish fashion, with 48 of his 92 runs coming from boundaries.

A 22-run cameo from Will Gutsche at the end of the innings meant the Bluetongues, who had been struggling for form with the bat prior to their win against Waikerie Ramco, would have to chase down a large total.

Liam Jackson returned to open the batting but fell for 12 runs, bringing last week's centurion Drew Mills to the crease.

Loxton did what Waikerie Ramco couldn't and dismissed Mills before he could trouble the scorers.

Fraser Sampson played a lone hand with the bat for Renmark North, with the side

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Brad Rosenzweig was unstoppable in Berri's win over Waikerie Ramco, posting an unbeaten 106. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

limping to 9/119 from its 40 overs, well short of Loxton's total.

The B grade saw three sides forfeit, with the match between Brown's Well and Monash the only one to take place.

Brown's Well picked up the win and secured a spot in the finals, with the Cows now two wins clear in fourth position.

The loss means the winner of Monash and Renmark North's clash this week will finish in second position, with the loser likely relegated to fourth place.

RESULTS

A grade Berri 4/214 (B. Rosenzweig 106no, T. Jolly 70, N. Scadden 22, F. Andrew 1/8, M. Carter 1/19, A. Williams 1/25) d Waikerie Ramco 9/74 (A. Werner 29, S. Taylor 17, H. Fridd 10no, B. Oakley 2/10, C. Smith 2/11, W. Scadden 2/13, C. Cassell 1/15, B. Rosenzweig 1/5).

Loxton 3/171 (J. Deren 92no, J. Albrecht 37, W. Gutsche 22no, B. Grant 1/10, T. Williamson 1/33, C. Packer 1/36) d Renmark North 9/119 (F. Sampson 37, C. Packer 22, B. Files 20, L. Jackson 12, B. Hoffmann 3/22, B. Lynch 2/21, T. Hobby 1/8, J. Norman 1/18, L. Zdanowicz 1/19, J. Albrecht 1/27) **B** grade

Brown's Well 1/133 (D. Ireland 66no, J. Patterson 42, B. Hampel 20no) d Monash 132 (L. Patterson 3/24, B. Hampel 3/26, C. Patterson 2/30, J. Patterson 1/12)

Renmark North d Gerard (forfeit). Berri d Waikerie Gold (forfeit).





Riverland women's eightball champions, Monash Club DV8s. Back Row - Di Marshall, Liz Threlfall, Tahlia Rice. Front Row - Ginny Beech, Shelley Garrett, Trish Steiler. PHOTO: supplied

DV8s pocket eightball title

THE Riverland women's eightball title was decided last week in a grand final fixture between Lyrup Club Odd Bunch and Monash Club DV8s.

After getting off to a flyer, Monash Club DV8s won out, despite a fightback from Odd Bunch through the middle of the match.

DV8s established a three-game lead early and continued to pile on the pres-

sure, extending the lead through the second round.

Odd Bunch won the first game of round three to bring the match back to 7-4 but it was not enough, with Monash Club DV8s taking the next game to win the match 8-4.

Teams are reminded that the annual cabaret will be at the Barmera Hotel this Saturday, March 5, with bookings to be made to the hotel on 8588 2111.

Darts' top two triumphant

THE two best teams in Riverland darts came out on top in last week's round of fixtures at the Cobdogla Club.

RC Ones got home in straightforward fashion against Expendables, running out 9-2 winners.

Monash Wanderers and Double Jacks played out a close match despite the comfortable eventual winning margin of five.

Wanderers took the points thanks largely to some accurate throwing from Darcy

Crane, who has been in exceptional form in the past month.

RESULTS

RC Ones 9 (N. Flack 140 x 3, 135, 100 x 3, W Schwartzkopff 140 x 3, 100 x 5, L, Rasheed 140, 101, 100, T. Stoneham 122, 100 x 3) d Expendables 2 (A. Barnes 125, 100 x 3).

Monash Wanderers 8 (D. Crane 180 x 2, 140 x 2, 134, 121, 100 x 9, W. Bonham 140 x 2, 125 x 4, 100 x 3, C. Martin 140, 138, 100 x 4, D. Martin 100 x 5) d Double Jacks 3 (N. Peatey 171, 121, 119, 100 x 2, C. Wagner 140, 116, 100 x 3, A. Hargreaves 140, 100 x 4, L. Platten 100 x 3).

Berri makes statement in game one victory

THE first match of the Riverland baseball grand final series went the way of Berri Red as it convincingly defeated Renmark last Friday.

Renmark finished the regular season in first place, earning it a spot in the grand final immediately, while Berri Red had to defeat Berri Blue in the semi-final.

The Angels now find themselves needing to win game two this week in order to keep the series alive.

Jesse Stemberger was exceptional for Berri Red in the side's win, leading the way with both bat and ball.

Stemberger stole a base to open the scoring for the away side and produced three safe hits throughout the match.

Perhaps more impressive was his form with ball in hand, with his massive 22 strikeouts keeping Renmark scoreless for the duration of the match.

The match ended early, with Berri Red picking up five runs in the eighth inning to secure the mercy victory.

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 Safe hits:
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 J. Stemberger 3, T. Halupka 2, R.
 Beviss 2, A. Rogers.
 Renmark - A. Hendry 2, G. O'Brien.

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Tony Halupka chipped in with two safe hits as Berri Red took a 1-0 lead in Riverland baseball's 2021/22 grand final series.

Strikeouts: Berri Red – J. Stemberger 22. Renmark – D. Grenfell 8, C. Jarrett 1.



Jesse Stemberger recorded a mammoth 22 strike-outs in Berri Red's game one mercy win. PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff

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Clare runner Matthew Forrest (green) took home the 2022 men's Nippy's Loxton Gift in dramatic fashion. PHOTO Grant Schwartzkopff

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THE race that stops the region returned last weekend, with South Australian Athletic League president Colin Rowston describing this year's Nippy's Loxton Gift as

"probably the best carnival in its 21 years". Clare runner Matthew Forrest

was first past the post in the 120m men's Gift final, while Adelaidebased Olivia Hastings continued

her stellar season, taking out the women's event.

We had record nominations, great racing and Terry McAuliffe on hand to call the racing which is

great track and the weather "It had everything going for it. couldn't have been better. It was a

perfect day for us." PAGES 40-41 GIFT WRAP

always spectacular," Mr Rowston

said. "We had a huge crowd, a



Barmera fairytale ends in cliffhanger

PERENNIAL battler Barmera's fairytale Saturday pennant bowls season ended in dramatic style, when it came within a whisker of snatching a grand final spot, losing to Renmark by a single shot on Sunday.

The battle between the Barmera four skippered by John Morena and the Renmark four skippered by Mick Rice was the last on the green.

Going into his bowls, Morena's team held one shot, but needed two to draw - and force extra ends for all four match-ups - and three to make the grand final.

Unfortunately for the Pelicans they were unable to pick up any extra shots, as Renmark held on and earned a shot at back-to-back titles.

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