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Barmera Centenary committee members (back, left) Kelsey Hogan, Jenny Sindos, Sue Webber, Graham and Glenys Matthews, Meta Sindos, Peggy Germein, Martin and Judy Bailey, and Helen Barney. Front: Alysha Herrmann. The group is ready to celebrate and showcase Barmera as part of the town's centenary this year. PHOTO: Peta-Marie Philippou

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Riverland paramedic's concern over ambulance wait times...

'LIVES RISKED'

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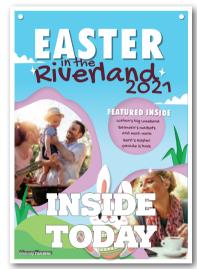
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nificant milestone this year.

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Community mourns Richard Stewart

THE Renmark and wider community is mourning the sudden loss of Richard Stewart, who died last week.

Mr Stewart was a well-known businessman, community leader and local volunteer.

Over the years he was involved with Renmark Hospital Board, National Trust, Renmark Hotel (including as manager), Renmark Paringa Council and many other groups.

At the time of his death he was operating the United Fuel service station on Renmark Avenue.

Centenary event update

ONE of the events outlined in the Barmera, Glossop and Monash Centenary booklet included in today's Pioneer now has a different date.

The booklet says the Glossop Primary School's open day is on Sunday, October

However, the open day is in fact on Saturday, October 16, from 10am to 2pm.



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Ambulance waiting times



STEPHANIE THOMPSON

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- Loxton-based paramedic Craig Todd

Riverland paramedics is putting lives at risk, with some patients waiting over 30 minutes for assistance in serious emergency situations.

"We have an ambulance in each Riverland town and the ambulance in Loxton and Barmera are on-call paramedics, so that means we work 24 hours a day for four days, so 96 hours straight," he said.

"During the day we are at the station and then at night time we both take an ambulance each and respond at home for emergencies."

Mr Todd said the ambulance service acknowledges that the roster is "fatiguing"

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Added mental load to our local ambos

RIVERLAND paramedic Craig Todd says the current roster system is increasing stress levels for people already carrying out difficult jobs.

Loxton and Barmera ambulance crews are required to work 96-hour shifts, but only get called to serious emergencies after hours.

"You talk about paramedics going to stressful jobs, but it's almost just as stressful finding out you didn't get sent to a job and you could have helped out," Mr Todd said.

"You wake up the next morning and you find that they should have dispatched to you to that job, but they didn't because they are trying to extend the life of a roster that should not be here anymore."

Mr Todd said he found the current system "disconcerting", especially in a small commu-

"We wake up in the morning and we go to work and find that an ambulance had to come to our town to pick someone up and they may have turned out to be quite ill," he said.

Mr Todd said he finds it difficult knowing that patients are suffering while waiting extended periods of time for an ambulance to come from other towns.

'Sometimes if someone has fallen on the ground, it is quite stressful for us because we know we could have been there in 10 or 15 minutes and helped that person in quite a lot of discomfort and pain,"

'Because of the on-call roster, they don't like to dispatch us at night for those sorts of cases."

and "not sustainable".

"What they do is the next best thing and use Loxton and Barmera for any 'priority one' and 'priority two' events and Berri or Renmark come over to cover the other categories," he said.

"What happens then... if a job comes up in Berri or Renmark, there is quite an extended wait time for them to come back as they are in Loxton doing our work because they are trying to protect the on-call crew.

"Absolutely lives are at stake with these

Mr Todd said it was a "complex and multi-faceted" issue impacting the whole region.

"Barmera goes to Waikerie a lot, as

(Waikerie) are off to Blanchetown and Morgan. and we are getting pulled more into that area because while the volunteers do a great job, there's just not enough of them to cover their roster," he said.

"When Morgan can't cover their roster, they'll send Waikerie to do the case. When that happens they send an ambulance from this end of the river – whether it's Barmera, Renmark, Berri or us (Loxton) – to Waikerie to cover, as it's a long way to go if something happens there.

"As soon as you have a little hole in the volunteer sector, that affects the coverage for the rest of the region."

Mr Todd said it was "easy" to overwhelm

How ambulance calls are categorised

Priority 1: Failed primary assessment, life threatening, two ambulances (minimum 4 paramedics) automatically dispatched. Lights and sirens.

Priority 2: Failed secondary assessment, possibly life threatening. Lights

Priority 3: Emergency situation, significant pain. Acute treatment required.

Priority 4: Routine job, active treatment required.

Priority 5: Routine job, possible treatment required

Priority 6: Transfer, treatment required, patient stable. Priority 7: Transfer, observation

required.

Priority 8: Transfer, no treatment

Example scenario under the current model

ALICE is a paramedic based in Loxton. She works 96-hour shifts, meaning she finishes at 6pm. and takes an ambulance home with her and remains on-call for priority one or two incidents.

Alice's neighbour, Ray, has a fall and breaks his hip at 10.30pm and it is

categorised as a priority three incident.

The Berri ambulance is already responding to another situation, so the Renmark ambulance responds to the Loxton incident, which takes 40 minutes for them to arrive.

At 11.15pm, a man in

the Renmark catchment area has a cardiac arrest, which is a priority one event. Alice is called to the job from her home. After waking up and getting dressed, she picks up her Loxton colleague, Steve, and they drive to Renmark, arriving at the scene 40 minutes later.

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the Riverland's ambulance service.

"One car, having a crash with five people, can wipe out every ambulance we have in the Riverland," he said.

"It has happened before where we've been at an emergency of a vehicle accident and another vehicle accident has come in.

We might get the MFS or SES to drive for us and we will work by ourselves (but) working by yourself as a paramedic has its inherent challenges as well."

Mr Todd said the current on-call roster for Loxton and Barmera was "not hugely attractive" for recruiting staff.

"The younger generation paramedics are very much (about) work-life balance," he

"They don't mind working hard, but they want their time off as well to recuperate from it and that is completely understandable.

"You have to be able to handle the on-call roster and you have to have that mindset of coping with that.

"If you want to go out, you know you have to go out with your uniform on and ambulance with you."

Mr Todd said he would like to see a new roster system put forward.

Member for Chaffey Tim Whetstone acknowledged the current roster system "might need some tweaking".

We don't want to see a roster system in the regions that mirrors what is happening in metro Adelaide," he said.

"I'm in discussions with the health minister on ways we can fine tune the roster system.

Shadow Minister for Health and Wellbeing Chris Picton said the health needs of regional South Australians were "consistently disregarded" by the current govern-

"The lack of resources is affecting ambulance staff and patients in the Riverland every day," he said.

"These ambulance staff are telling us they are burnt out and not supported by the government.

"The Liberals were elected saying they would invest in regional health services, but every day people are finding out that promise has been completely broken."

Minister for Health and Wellbeing Stephen Wade was unable to provide a comment to the Murray Pioneer by the time of



RIVERLAND STERILE FRUIT FLY RELEASE

McCormick centre outbreak war room

A COMMUNITY building currently unused by a Riverland council will help the region respond to recent fruit fly outbreaks.

At a special meeting on March 16, Renmark Paringa councillors endorsed a draft lease agreement with PIRSA to deliver a fruit fly response program from the McCormick Centre.

Renmark Paringa chief executive officer Tony Siviour said co-ordination was required between council and the State Government to overcome local fruit fly outbreaks.

"Given the escalating situation in relation to fruit fly and the importance of the

Riverland retaining its Pest Free Area status, the last few weeks a lot of work has occurred to formalise a lease of the McCormick Centre between PIRSA and council," Mr Siviour said.



"The partnership formed between PIRSA and the Renmark Paringa Council is the type of collaboration that is needed if the region is to retain its Pest Free Status.

"Council has tried for a long period of time to find a sustainable use for the McCormick Centre.

"The building is ideal for the sterile fruit fly release program and council is happy to be able to activate the building and play our part in the ongoing response to fruit fly outbreaks."

A motion was passed at February's general council meeting to begin the process of revoking community land status for the McCormick Centre.

- HUGH SCHUITEMAKER

Calling in the cavalry for fruit fly battle

HUGH SCHUITEMAKER

THE release of sterile fruit flies at Riverland outbreak zones is hoped to prevent the pest from spreading further throughout the region.

Legislative Council Member Nicola Centofanti and Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone last Wednesday attended a PIRSA release of sterile fruit flies in Renmark.

Ms Centofanti said the sterile flies would mate with, and interrupt the mating cycles, of other fruit flies in the region.

"The release of the SIT flies is an exciting and proven technology, and an important part of the State Government's response to the fruit fly outbreak," Ms Centofanti said.

"It is one tool, and we're looking at using a range of tools to overcome the outbreak."

Outbreaks of Queensland fruit fly were declared at Pike River and Berri on March 17, following previous detections at Monash, Renmark West and Cooltong.

Ms Centofanti said stripping backyard fruit trees – and ensuring no fruit was shared between locals – was necessary to prevent further outbreaks.



Approximately 3.5 million sterile fruit flies were released by PIRSA in Riverland outbreak areas last week. PHOTOS: Hugh Schuitemaker

"We're really calling on the community to help us with the outbreak, and in doing so stripping trees of any fruit and making sure there's no fruit left on the ground," she said.

"Also ensuring people aren't moving or sharing home-grown fruit.

"These are important measures we really need the community on board with, so we can ensure the Riverland remains fruit fly free.

"It's really important at this point in time that we're not sharing fruit and not moving any home-grown fruit, because that's where a lot of the risk lies."

Ms Centofanti said PIRSA would utilise sterile fruit flies – distinguishable by a pink dye on their bodies – at other Riverland outbreak areas

"We'll be looking to use them in the longterm at Pike River, as well as Berri," she said.

Approximately 3.5 million sterile fruit flies were released into Riverland quarantine zones last week.





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RIVERLAND STERILE FRUIT FLY RELEASE

Council action needed on empty blocks

HUGH SCHUITEMAKER and JOSH BRINE

RIVERLAND councils need powers to improve the management of abandoned fruit blocks in order to prevent further fruit fly outbreaks, says a local MP.

PIRSA last week released an estimated 3.5 million sterile fruit flies into Riverland outbreak zones, which will now be under quarantine until November.

Speaking at the release, Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone said further action was required from Riverland councils to assist the eradication of fruit fly in the region.

"That's also a call for local government to be a part of the solution," Mr Whetstone said.

"We're asking council to consider playing a larger role... there are opportunities for council to be part of the eradication program.

"I know councils are picking up green waste more than they normally would, the question is are they prepared to go a step further?"

Mr Whetstone said councils needed the ability to force owners of local abandoned fruit blocks to clean properties of potential fruit fly host material.

"Owners of the abandoned horticulture blocks must understand the risk those properties present," he said.

"I'm pushing for local governments to have more power to enforce hygiene in abandoned properties, to the point where those orchards are cleaned up, or trees and vines are removed.

"(It) poses an added risk of host material for fruit fly.

"I've spoken to the planning minister, and



Liberal Legislative Council Member Nicola Centofanti and Member for **Chaffev Tim** Whetstone attended a release of SIT fruit flies in Renmark last Wednesday.

the chair of the Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board, and they are looking at ways they can strengthen regulations."

Berri Barmera Council is assisting PIRSA with fruit removal and disposal through weekly green bin collections within the Berri township following a fruit fly detection earlier this month.

During a deputation to elected members at council's monthly meeting last week, Mr Whetstone called on local government to be proactive in managing abandoned orchards.

"The abandoned orchard that we were talking about behind On the Run (in Berri) – I went for a drive through there and it's atrocious," he said.

"It's not managed at all, is about eight acres, and it has lots of host fruit... it's a jungle and it's a disgrace.

"I've spoken to the Attorney General and the Minister for Planning, and (Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board Chair) Di Davidson to look at ways we can give local government more power, and I've spoken with the Mayor.

"Everyone says we need more money, and that will be a challenge, but if we're going to be serious about the Riverland coming together on this we need to have all guns blazing."

When asked by council CEO Karyn Burton why responsibility for the blocks was being passed down to councils, Mr Whetstone said it was the only way the region could eradicate fruit fly.

"I don't want to put all the weight on council, but PIRSA has shown its not capable of doing it," he said.

"It has had the chance to do this for a long time... they know that abandoned orchards are a problem.

"They know but they aren't doing anything about it.

"I've watched the behaviour of the depart-

ments and they are process-driven, not outcome-driven, so we're not getting the results we need...

"I'm just trying to provoke a debate about who is responsible. At the moment, PIRSA ducks and local government don't want to know about it."

Mr Whetstone said preventing additional outbreaks of fruit fly was a "common goal" for the Riverland.

"Everyone needs to step it up now," he said. "Not only people with fruit trees in their backyard, but as a community we need to give support to the industry, our fellow (growers), and irrigators.

"We cannot afford to have any level of complacency. This is a time when the Riverland has to pull together.

"We all want fruit that is fruit fly free, whether that is commercial fruit for export markets, or backyard trees for local consumption"

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EDITORIAL

THE YEARS GO BY

BY PETER AND CARLA MAGAREY

Our fab five women didn't need quotas

ANNE Ruston, Karlene Maywald, Nicola Centofanti, Jan Cass and Margaret Evans.

These Riverland contemporary politicians span all three levels of government and are highly respected. All are sharp, intelligent and switched-on.

Mrs Cass and Ms Maywald have exited politics, while Ms Centofanti is still in the relatively early stages of her political career – unlike Mrs Evans, who has been a marvel of longevity during her successful association with local government.

Ms Ruston is smack-bang in the middle of her political life, as evidenced this week by her appearance on ABC's hard-core Radio National breakfast show, hosted by Fran Kelly, and her appointment as inaugural Minister for Women's Safety.

All five of these Riverland high achievers happen to be women.

This was a seemingly insignificant point until a few days ago when, in his latest desperate, ill-considered and ultimately doomed bid to appease angry people who will never vote for his party, Prime Minister Scott Morrison all-but flipped on his long-held opposition to gender quotas in the Liberal Party.

Mr Morrison has endured a difficult month, with new gender-related scandals seemingly cropping up in the media daily, relentlessly smacking him about the face.

The mainstream media loves and promotes the idea of gender quotas, while on social media any opposition to the idea – reasoned or otherwise – is met with the blanket label of misogyny.

No doubt women are discriminated against on the basis of gender and it (still) happens in many walks of life, as has been shown recently by revelations from Canberra, apparently a hot-bed of inappropriate and disgusting behaviour.

Naturally, quotas would ensure greater female representation in politics. A 50/50 split between the sexes, at worst.

Proponents argue that women provide different and presumably better perspectives on issues. Maybe that is correct. Maybe not.

But whichever way you slice it, having our elected representatives selected on gender, rather than merit serves to diminish the credibility of females in politics.

Every woman – including those who deserve to be there, like the Riverland quintet mentioned above – would have that suspicion hanging over their heads:

'Were they picked on merit or gender?' Or, just as bad, self-reflection: 'Was I picked on merit or gender?'.

And why stop at gender? Why not quotas for different sexual orientations? Or for different religions?

To take the argument to a logical conclusion: Would you prefer to be operated on by a surgeon who attained their qualifications on merit or via quota?

Perhaps a more revealing gauge on this issue would be to do the maths on the percentage of women who put themselves up for preselection, rather than the number elected, or the number of ministers in a sitting government.

Ms Ruston has meanwhile said she is against the idea of quotas. As a high-achieving woman in the Coalition Government, few would be better placed to pass reasoned, rational and informed comment on the idea.



1947 Leyland Comet truck, Meringur, Victoria: Age wearies and the years condemn. This old truck cuts a forlorn and lonely form, lying quietly as it is, with its beaten and battered body now seemingly forming its own head stone above its own yet undug grave. It has a glint of hope in its broken, long-extinguished headlights. The glazed right windscreen is reminiscent of an unsighted eye behind a hindering cataract, and its broken left windscreen like an eye open, reveals a clear view of life behind. The rusting body of the once shiny vehicle was made in England just after World War II and sent to Australia in anticipation of carrying heavy loads along both bituminised and dusty roads, as steered by the driver's wheel. It now rests jammed between the squashed remnants of an old rainwater tank among the dry, sandy mallee trees (and recently, hungry mobs of thirsty March flies). Both items likely long-served their several and various owners and both are now far past their prime and years of usefulness, awaiting their final fate. This truck was recently discovered at a farm clearing sale by Loxton residents and found to have been once owned by the former Loxton Club Hotel. PHOTO: Magarey collection

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Can't reach a drink in nursing home

WE have all read and heard the horrific stories of the elderly in nursing homes.

I must say that in the cities I am not surprised, it is far cheaper to pay unqualified staff.

I went to visit a friend in a local nursing home and I was appalled at what I saw.

Her bedside table had her cold midday meal on it. Her bed was in a low position and she was flat on her back. She had no means of reaching the table, had she wanted to.

Yes, there was a jug on the table with water in it.

Pray tell, what was she to drink out of, even if she had been able to reach the jug?

I emptied the cold coffee from the cup on her meal tray, rinsed it out and helped her to have a drink of water.

I did not even look at the main course. The sweets did look inviting: fruit and custard.

When I asked her if she would like some, she said yes. So I fed her what she wanted of that, which because of her health, was very little.

When I left at about 1.30pm I informed the lady at the office that my friend had nothing to drink water out of. There was much more I would have liked to say, but she wasn't the person.

I did contact my friend's brother and informed him of my observations. He was not impressed.

I also asked if the family would object to me visiting during meal times.

He was astounded, once again. He told me family and friends are not allowed to visit at meal times.

Could someone please tell me what diseases such people would be taking in at that particular time, but not between meals?

These establishments say they are short-staffed, so surely they would appreciate a little help,

plus I consider all residents are people, similar to me. If there isn't enough staff, get some.

I dreaded leaving my friend, to what?

LOU HUNT Loxton

About Easter...

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

In a broader sense Easter is about renewal and rebirth. As we spend time with family and friends, it is important to reflect on who we are and who we aim to be. On how we can improve ourselves and thus help enrich the lives of those around us.

As a community we have faced great challenges and achieved great things.

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

I urge everyone to stay safe while travelling this long weekend. To every Barker driver, every motorcyclist, every pedestrian and every cyclist, let's all take extra care and show respect for each other on our roads.

Happy Easter.

TONY PASIN Federal Member for Barker

More fruit fly advertising please

HOW deeply concerning to read in the Murray Pioneer last week that perhaps the statewide fruit fly committee has failed to meet in 18 months?

Is it any wonder that we are now on the back foot trying to contain this outbreak?

For the sake of all growers in this region we need to be more proactive in getting this under control, better advertising everywhere – newspapers, radio, television, Facebook – every day telling people not to take any fruit anywhere, from backyard trees in particular. Not just a generic ad to tell people to check

the website.

The fruit fly free status is so valuable for our region. We must all be working to get on top of this outbreak.

DI CRESP Renmark

Police speeding revenue trap got me

I FELL into a revenue trap last month.

One of the pitfalls of driving is that the police will catch you in a trap.

You will know the sort of trap: these traps share a few similarities.

A small section of road that has a drop in speed limit, while on either side of that small section of road, the change in speed signage is obscured by overhanging branches, or set far to the side of the road.

And there is no significant visible reason for the speed to vary, no change in road conditions at all

The short section allows a tax collector to ping traffic coming from both ways. Incoming traffic from both sides will be adding tidy sums to revenue.

In one week last month I'd done over 700km helping people get to medical appointments, and the day I fell into the trap was one such drive.

I got caught down in Two Wells somewhere.

The officer asked me why the excess speed and I said we were late for a medical appointment, but that was not good enough.

In fact the officer didn't like that particular doctor because his wife used to work for that doctor and things hadn't gone well. I got no clemency.

When I asked how much the fine was, he went back to his car and came back to tell me the apparently good news.

His face lit up with joy as he told me the numbers. I am glad that I enlivened his day.

If these traps worked to lower traffic accidents I would have no

argument. But they don't.

If they worked to stop acci-

dents, we would be having fewer accidents, but we aren't.

What they do is increase revenue. The police don't care about the safety aspect. If they did they would wonder why seemingly responsible drivers all of a sudden go rampantly crazy on certain sections of road.

The police don't care, because time after time they will go to these same spots and reel in the cash.

If the spots were that dangerous, they would be fixed.

Cash is the real king, not safety. That's just the excuse they use to take your money.

The future decision I have to make is, 'do I continue?'.

Do I continue to help people when it is a risk to me?

In my risk assessment the police are the hazard that I have to watch out for. Hmm.

Do I let the fine diminish my happiness from helping people?

Do I let that police officer poison my attitude? It's a difficult decision. I'll probably opt for the joyful life and keep on risking the police.

JAKOB GAMERTSFELDER

Monash's hidden secrets exposed

THIS year is the centenary of Monash and our committee has been planning events over the past three years.

The first major event is a photographic display: Monash Hidden Secrets...

Exposed, to be held over three days from Friday, May 28 to Sunday, May 30, which is also the Mammoth Monash Market day.

For another project, 20 volunteers have researched all the World War I soldier settlers of Monash and Lone Gum (approximately 150 of them).

The aim is to discover and publish their military service, plus information on their lives



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within the local community while setting up their fruit blocks under the World War I returned soldiers repatriation scheme.

I thought I'd share how this research has impacted one person and it shows why this project is so valuable. The following is from one of our researchers (with her permission):

"I just wanted to share a touching little thing that happened today. I sent the story I had put together on (a certain World War I soldier settler) to his 92-year-old daughter.

"Today she called me and she said something which made me feel sad and so happy at the same time.

"She said that her father had been a heavy drinker and hadn't been an 'attentive father', but that after receiving the story today she was really moved to read about her father as 'another man', that it was very emotional (but in a good way) to read about the man he was.

"She hadn't even realised that he had served in the war, he never spoke of it. She was so grateful for the story of his ear-

"Such a lovely lady. I wonder if he drank because of the war, so many men sadly did after getting home. I'm so glad we were able to do this for her at this stage of her life."

"Isn't that beautiful? This project means so very much to the families and I'm so grateful to be part of it. I was also able to put her in touch with her cousin (daughter of another local soldier settler of World War I) which is just lovely because they are both the last living child of these soldiers and hadn't been in touch with each other for many, many years.

"Anyway, after speaking to her this afternoon, I'm just feeling like this project is so much bigger than we realise, and is really a very, very special thing to be a part of. Maybe I'm feeling just a little bit emotional now.'

We will be publishing a 300page book in which to share this interesting and valuable information. If readers of the Murray Pioneer are interested in purchasing a copy we are taking pre-orders now to help us know how many to get printed.

The final book price has not been confirmed (as it will depend on likely print numbers), but we are hoping to keep the

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You've gotta be joking!

Cartoon comment by Tony Hersey



price down to around \$30-\$45. No money needs to be paid yet, we just want expressions of interest.

Please contact Ali Halupka to express your interest and the number of books you may wish to order (email: ali@grantsheds. com.au, phone or text: 0417 872 233).

To keep up to date with Monash centenary news, contact me and ask to be put on the newsletter list or visit the "Monash SA, Come Say Hello" Facebook page and sign up for the newsletter there

ALISON HALUPKA Treasurer and co-co-ordinator Monash Centenary Committee Monash & Lone Gum Community

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Time to revisit the **Bradfield scheme?**

IN last week's Murray Pioneer, Jeff Knispel, deputy chair of Water Communities SA, bared his frustration at water earmarked for irrigation purposes being taken from irrigators and given to individuals on mains water with a 100 per cent entitlement.

He says this has led to reduced allocation to growers in low inflow years.

Mr Knispel then alluded to one way of conserving the River Murray water: targeting evaporation losses by returning the Lower Lakes to a tidal waterway.

Witnessed in the past and unlikely to go away in the future is the conceptual negative barriers by upstream users, politicians and those with philosophical differences, together with others who do not identify or empathize with irrigators being given prior-

Another option, even though it's been thrashed to death in the media since its inception in 1937, is the Bradfield water system, or an analogous alternative. This would ameliorate the use of pipes, tunnels, pumps and dams, bringing the monsoonal rains from northern Queensland and the east coast over the Great Dividing Range into the tributaries of the Murray-Darling Basin.

For the past few weeks we have witnessed areas along the eastern seaboard receiving between 100mm and 300mm of rain a day. Apart from the flooding and damage to properties, that water then makes its way out to sea.

The viability of the Bradfield Scheme as an irrigation plan has been rejected many times over the past 80 years by scientific, engineering, political and economic experts.

However, as Mr Knispel clearly spells out, water availability is a gargantuan problem for the future sustainability of irrigators, farmers, towns and livelihoods.

Approximately 2.6 million people live adjacent to the Murray-Darling Basin, along with \$24 billion in agriculture production and \$8 billion in tourism dollars that individuals and the country need to sub-

With current day advanced technology and as an alternate option is it time to re-visit the vision Dr Bradfield so eagerly sought eight decades ago?

And while we're at it, politicians and/or the Foreign Investment Review Board need to return the foreign ownership of our water back to the people that call Australia home.

IAN KENT Renmark

Looking back...

10 years ago April 1, 2011



Plan to ignore Riverland's irrigation efficiency?



COMMON-SENSE PLEASE: A local mayor has pleaded for common-sense from residents and potential tourists after a Riverland man contracted a rare and potentially debilitating mosquitoborn disease. The 47-year-old man was this week admitted to hospital with the first confirmed case of Murray Valley encephalitis (MVE) in South Australia

20 years ago March 30, 2001





Lucky fire escape

Monday.

LUCKY FIRE ESCAPE: A 31-yearold Renmark man is in the Royal Adelaide Hospital burns unit after narrowly escaping a fire that caused \$80,000 worth of damage. The fire occurred in a shed on the man's

TEXT LINE

I agree with the points made about the ABC in the letter to the Murray Pioneer ('Sell the ABC', 17/3/21). As well as the many ads for itself, the ABC continually repeats programs. As a taxpayer, I strongly resent having to pay for this. The left-wing bias by a public institution is unconscionable.

ROBIN BAWDEN Barmera

We would like to acknowledge the kindness of the Waikerie Holiday Park management. We were booked in for four days, but one hour into our stay, I became ill and was taken by ambulance the next day. Imagine our surprise when

we received a telephone call this week requesting refund details for a portion of our charge. They needn't had done that - it was very generous. I just really feel it is worthy of noting. Apart from that, we will absolute being staying there again and we look forward

JOHN and ELIZABETH Meadows SA

It seems like every town apart of Renmark is holding events and putting things on for locals to look forward to. You can only admire the new fountain area for so long. We need some community events not only to attract visitors but to

entertain locals as well.

YARNY Renmark

Accolades to the staff of the Barmera Medical Centre for the smooth and efficient organisation of the COVID-19 vaccination on Tuesday. Well done.

BJ Barmera

I wish to congratulate the doctors and nurses at the Berri Medical Clinic on the great organisation for the COVID-19 vaccination last Saturday. Well done.

HEATHER Berri

Regarding the Federal Government's

policy of keeping a pool of unemployed, unsecured workers and in reply to the text from 'Ron B', of Sunlands, here are the references: 1. Economics Professor Ross Garnaut says Australia voluntarily keeps hundreds of thousands unemployed. 2. Professor Bill Mitchell says full employment has been abandoned. He called it the triumph of ideology over evidence. 3. Check the Federal Government's economic rationalism policies. Years of wage stagnation, growing wage theft and exploitation.

Berri

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'Kids' lives at risk' as council airs new GHS road concerns

A RIVERLAND council is concerned about potential traffic problems near a \$17.2 million school development – after spending almost two years lobbying the State Government to address the soon to be hotspot.

Berri Barmera Council has enlisted Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone to raise its concerns regarding two intersections that will see a significant traffic increase once the Government-run Berri Regional Secondary College opens next year.

During a deputation by Mr Whetstone at last week's ordinary council meeting, CEO Karyn Burton said the Kay Avenue/Fenwick Road and Fenwick Road/Burgess Drive intersections were "major concerns" for council.

"There are two intersections there that traffic will have to navigate and have difficulties with and there will be buses, parents and students all using it," she said.

"If it was anybody else doing this development, they would need to address these issues."

At the meeting, council's infrastructure services manager Dave Otto de Grancy said council's concerns had been ignored from the start of the development process.

"We couldn't make it any clearer from the very first meeting we



had about these concerns, and to this point nothing has been considered," he said.

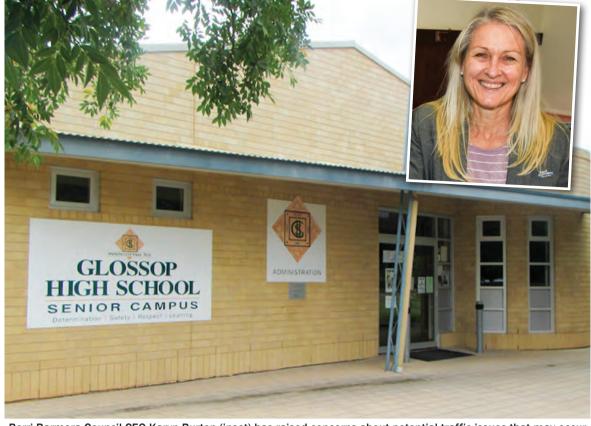
"We're talking about kids' lives at risk."

Ms Burton told the Murray Pioneer council had raised these concerns with both the Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) and the Department for Education in 2019 before works had begun.

"At that point we raised concerns about the lack of a traffic study, stormwater problems, car parking, bus turnarounds, joint-use library and the assumption that Glassey Park will be utilised as the school's open space," she said.

"We've gone through various avenues to try to get heard because we didn't seem to be getting any traction about the interface issues of the property.

"Eventually when the development application went to the State Commission Assessment Panel, they put a couple of conditions on the development, whereby they had to do the stormwater and fix the bend between Stadium (Road) and Burgess Road, which they are



Berri Barmera Council CEO Karyn Burton (inset) has raised concerns about potential traffic issues that may occur when the Glossop High School senior campus becomes the Berri Regional Secondary College next year. PHOTO:

supplied

about to embark on.

"They totally ignored the two intersections prior which are going to be just as much of a problem.

"We don't believe it should be council ratepayers paying for those alterations because it is a State Government development."

Mr Whetstone told the council he was working to have its concerns addressed.

"After meeting with the CEO and Mayor (Peter Hunt) I took all of the concern on board," he said.

"I set up a meeting with

(Education) Minister (John) Gardner and it was good.

"Before I did that I met with (school principal) Emily Griggs and I had a very long discussion with her and we talked about all the things she had concerns with."

Ms Burton said she hoped the issues would be acted upon quickly.

"Tim Whetstone promised he was following it up for us," she said.

"We can only take him on his word, and hopefully we can get

some recourse on that soon."

In a statement, a Department for Education spokesperson said the department and DIT were "in discussion with the Berri Barmera Council about the Glossop High School project and traffic management".

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"These discussions include the upgrade of an intersection at Stadium Drive and Burgess Drive, to be funded by the State Government in accordance with the development approval," they said.

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Basham's zero tolerance Easter message

LOCALS and Easter visitors to the region have been advised a zero tolerance approach will apply to anyone found bringing potential fruit fly host material into the Riverland this weekend.

Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development David Basham said any fruit brought into the Riverland could negatively impact the whole community.

"We are at a critical stage of eradicating Queensland fruit fly in South Australia and we need the public to leave all fresh produce at home when travelling to the Riverland and entering the state," Mr Basham said.

"People traditionally flock to our regions over the Easter long weekend and we welcome that influx of visitors but we remind everyone to do the right thing and not put our horticultural industry at risk.

"These fruit fly outbreaks are costing our growers, communities and taxpayers, at a

time when they can least afford it.

"There is zero tolerance on bringing fruit fly host material into the Yamba Quarantine Station and at random roadblocks."

Mr Basham said five Family and Business Support (FaBs) mentors would have their roles extended to assist Riverland growers impacted by the outbreaks.

"The free FaBs program has a track record of helping South Australian primary producers struggling with the impact of adverse events," he said.

"FaB mentors work closely with other service providers such as Rural Financial Counselling and local health networks, and can connect people to those services as needed."

Further information on Riverland fruit fly outbreaks can be found by calling 1300 666 010, or by visiting the website (www.fruitfly.sa.gov.au).



Easter in the Riverland: What a difference one year makes

Camp here this year

JANE KUERSCHNER

THE Riverland is bracing for an influx of visitors ahead of the Easter long weekend, with most camping spots already booked out.

In a polar opposite to last year's Easter long weekend when businesses were forced to shut and travel was discouraged due to COVID, accommodation is nearing capacity and the region is eager to welcome visitors.

Earlier in the week campsites were still available in several Riverland national parks including, Danggali Conservation Park and Wilderness Protection area, Karte Conservation Park and Ngarkat Conservation Park

However, remaining spots are tipped to be quickly snapped up.

Minister for Environment and Water David Speirs said it is a welcome change to be encouraging people to get out and about this Easter.

"A year ago we were asking South Australians to stay at home and not head to regional South Australia over Easter," he

"Thanks to the co-operation and hard work of everyone over the past 12 months we are now in a position where South Australia is one of the safest and strongest places to be in the world.

"Easter is a perfect time to get away with the family, and to have many of our national parks right across the state fully booked out already is a great sign.

"This will provide a significant economic



Lucy Waye, 5, Harper, 1, and Layla Shawyer, 4 are excited for the return of the Berri Traders Easter Carnival this Saturday. The Berri Easter Carnival is just one of many Easter events happening in the Riverland this weekend. PHOTO: Josh Brine

boost to our regions at a time when it is needed most as we continue to recover from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"We know how much South Australians value the natural environment which is why the Marshall Liberal Government is investing a record \$130 million in our national parks to improve conservation and increase visitor numbers."

Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone echoed Mr Speirs' comments, saying it is a relief to be welcoming visitors this year.

"Thankfully, we are seeing a very differ-

ent story to this time last year when we were asking our community to stay home and visitors to delay their trip to the Riverland," he said.

"Twelve months on I couldn't be happier to watch the Riverland tourism sector continue to grow and thrive.

"Camping in the Riverland at Easter is a long-held tradition for many families and a busy trade over the long weekend will give our region a welcome economic boost.

"I would remind anyone who is camping in our region to leave your campsites

Plenty to do this weekend

THERE will be no shortage of things to see and do this weekend, with an abundance of Easter-related events happening over the four days.

Barmera, Monash and Glossop Centenary celebrations are also kicking off in a big way this weekend. All of the Easter activities are outlined in a free, 12-page Riverland Easter lift-out in today's paper. While, also in today's edition, is a 32-page Barmera, Monash and Glossop Centenary booklet, which celebrates the towns' 100 years, and includes dozens of events happening

as you find them, take your rubbish home with you and leave the natural environment untouched.

this year.

"Our region has some of the best and most unique camping locations in Australia and it's exciting to be able to once again welcome people to experience it for themselves.

"It's because of the co-operation we saw from our community last year, adhering to the government guidelines, that we find ourselves in this enviable position to much of the world.

"Don't forget to leave your fruit and veg at home to play your role in helping our farmers eradicate fruit fly."



Basketball reunion holds court

By JOSH BRINE josh.brine@murraypione

HUNDREDS of current and former Loxton basketballers relived the history of the region's oldest club at the Loxton Amateur Basketball Association 70th anniversary celebration on Saturday night.

About 250 people attended the event – held at The Precinct in Loxton – that show-cased old photos and memorabilia, plus the screening of a documentary about the history of Loxton basketball.

Club committee member and event organiser Jill Lange described the event as "sensational".

"I think everyone really enjoyed it and got something out of it, especially among the younger kids that were there," she said.

"They were quite intrigued by how the Loxton Basketball Club started, and some of the adults were too.

"The whole committee who worked hard for this event, which was 18 months in the making, felt really happy with the way the night went too."

The documentary, produced by local man John DeCaux from Six Foot Four Productions, covered the entire history of the Loxton Amateur Basketball Association from its founding in 1949 to the present day.

"Everyone there was in awe of it and said it was fantastic and added to the whole night," Mrs Lange said. "It was great for people to sit there and reminisce about the old days, and people thoroughly enjoyed it."

Mrs Lange said several former residents returned to Loxton for the celebrations.

"Some of the old teams actually organised reunions on the Saturday or Sunday for lunch or breakfast," she said.

"It was good to see them get together on



Maureen and Craig Bartsch cut the cake at the Loxton Amateur Basketball Association 70th anniversary celebration on Saturday night.

PHOTOS: Emerson Fielke

Saturday night chinwag and have smiles on their faces, and have a few laughs as well."

Mrs Lange said a Loxton 70th Anniversary History website would go online in the

coming weeks.

"A lot of the photos and the documentary will be available on the website, so people can view all the hard work we have done if they weren't there on the night," she said. For more information, visit the LABA 70th Anniversary Celebration Facebook page.

PAGE 14 Trevor Norton's column





The event included memorabilia from all of the former clubs that played in the old association, before the formation of the Riverland intertown competition.



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About 250 people attended the celebration, which also included the premiere screening of a documentary on the history of Loxton basketball.

Some of the old teams actually organised reunions on the Saturday or Sunday...





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Continue to enjoy SA fruit and vegetables but follow the restrictions



Council to seek Alfresco's feedback at Easter carnival

JOSH BRINE

A LOCAL council will conduct public consultation at an upcoming Easter event to decide what to do with a prominent local building.

Berri Barmera Council will hold a stall at the Berri Traders Easter Carnival this Saturday, seeking feedback from the community on the future use of the Alfresco building on Vaughan Terrace.

The building has served as a meeting place, produce market and café, and has served as a popup venue for community events since the previous tenants vacated the premises.

Suggestions previously put forth by elected members include returning it to a café, starting a local produce market or community hub, or demolishing the site and creating a landscaped space.

The public consultation comes as council prepares a growth strategy to guide the future development of the town.

To participate in the public consultation, visit the Berri Barmera Council website (www. berribarmera.sa.gov.au) and complete the online survey or email feedback to talexander@bbc.sa.gov.au.

Consultation closes April 16.



STEPHANIE THOMPSON

THE fit-out of the highly-anticipated mezzanine in The Precinct Loxton is nearing completion.

District Council of Loxton Waikerie elected members toured the building site during this month's meeting to check the progress of the project.

Speaking to the group, council's project manager Daniel Brown said tradesmen were busy completing the project.

"A significant amount of work has happened in the last fortnight or so," he said. "We are still aiming for the end of April to have



The mezzanine area overlooks the Loxton Oval.

everything up and running."

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The area, which overlooks the Loxton Oval, includes a commercial kitchen, cool room, freezer and dry store, bar, function area and store room.

Fit-out of the mezzanine level at The Precinct Loxton is nearing completion, with the area to include kitchen and

bar facilities. PHOTOS: Stephanie Thompson

In a report to councillors, it

stated the \$1.5 million project had been delayed by supply issues.

The Murray Pioneer understands that council is working through management models for the The Precinct Loxton, including the mezzanine.

Driver arrested over fatal crash

THE driver of a car that rolled on a Riverland property earlier this month has been charged with causing the death of a passenger.

Police and emergency services were called to a private property on Wonga Road – at Lindley, northwest of Morgan – around 6pm on Saturday, March 6, after reports a ute had crashed and rolled.

A 26-year-old man from Campbelltown, who was a passenger in the vehicle, died at the scene.

The driver, a 29-year-old Rostrevor man, and two other

Tanunda man and a 29-year-old Klemzig man, were all flown to Adelaide with non-life threatening injuries.

Following investigations by Major Crash officers, the driver

passengers, a 34-year-old

Major Crash officers, the driver was arrested on Friday, March 26, and charged with causing death by dangerous driving, and two counts of causing serious injury by dangerous driving.

It is understood the man was bailed and will appear in the Berri Magistrates Court on May 31.



Council commits \$160k to DR

JANE KUERSCHNER and HUGH SCHUITEMAKER

A LOCAL council has committed \$160,000 over the next three years to the region's peak tourism body, but has requested consistent updates and set targets be met.

Renmark Paringa Council passed a motion at its monthly general meeting last week to support Destination Riverland's (DR) funding request, which will see \$60,000 in 2021/22, \$53,000 in 2023/24 and \$47,000 in 2023/24 committed to DR's operational costs.

DR general manager Ben Patten spoke to elected members before the funding request was discussed to present the organisation's business case.

DR will also seek \$144,500 from the District Council of Loxton Waikerie, \$160,000 from Berri Barmera Council and \$49,000 from Mid Murray Council over the next three years.

The remainder of its funding will be made of \$198,000 from the South Australian Tourism Commission, \$103,000 from industry partners, \$30,000 from Regional Development Australia and \$15,000 from Riverland Wine.

Renmark Paringa Council passed the funding request under the proviso that DR would "report annually to Renmark Paringa Council on agreed targets, furthermore a six-monthly written report be provided to council".

During discussions at the council meeting, elected members outlined the desire for more feedback and reporting from DR.

Council also requested "at the conclusion of the three-year funding agreement that a review be presented to council on the comparison between council's funding and Riverland tourism industry funding".

Renmark Paringa Council Mayor Neil Martinson said the plans outlined by DR would help grow the region's tourism

"Destination Riverland has recently developed the Riverland Tourism Plan 2030, reviewed the way that it operates, attracted a new general manager and refreshed its focus on increasing the value of the tourism economy across the whole Riverland," he said.

"Over the next few years, Destination Riverland will concentrate on developing a whole-of-Riverland brand, rebuilding the tourism economy post-COVID 19, marketing to specific visitor demographics and deeply engaging with the local tourism

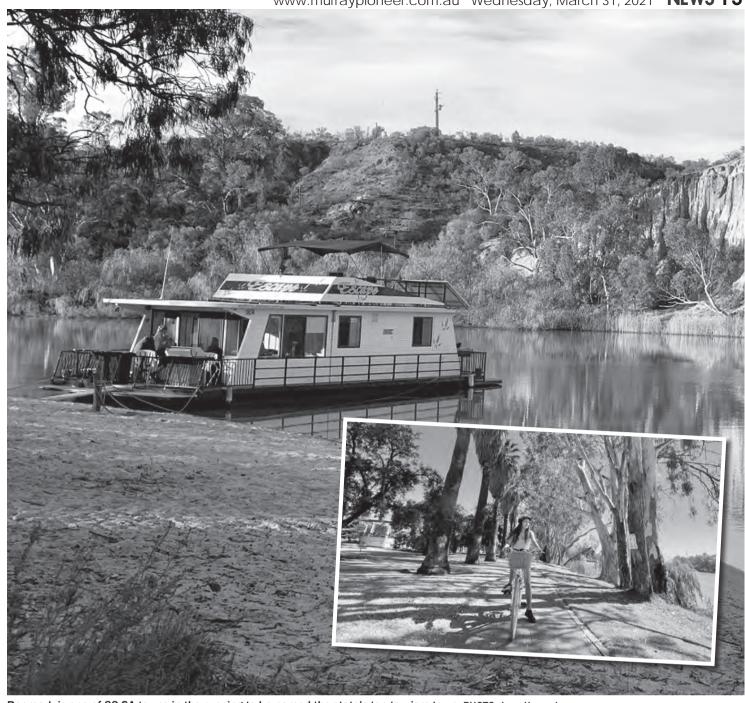
"Successfully achieving these things will result in growth of the tourism economy for the benefit of local employment, investment, infrastructure and exports.

"Council looks forward to continuing its work with Destination Riverland and receiving updates along the way on progress towards its ambitious targets."

The DR business case outlines plans to rely less on local government funding and more from industry partner membership in the future.

Destination Riverland's priorities:

- Marketing and visitor servicing
- ☐ Experience supply and development
- Collaboration
- Industry capability
- ☐ Leisure and business events
- Promote the value of tourism



Renmark is one of 32 SA towns in the running to be named the state's top tourism town. PHOTO: Jane Kuerschner

Is Renmark South Australia's top town for tourism?

RENMARK is in the running to be named South Australia's Top Tourism Town as part of a new national Top Tourism Town

South Australia's peak tourism body, the Tourism Industry Council South Australia (TiCSA), is on the hunt to find South Australia's top tourism town, as voted by the

The award program is designed to recognise both a well-established and small tourism town in South Australia, as determined by a panel of industry judges.

Finalists in the Top Tourism Town program form the shortlist for the consumer voting component.

Renmark is part of a finalist list made up of 32 towns across SA.

TiCSA CEO Shaun de Bruyn said the awards present a chance for the public to have their say on South Australia's top town.

"Over the past 12 months, we have seen South Australians get out and explore our regions in record numbers," he said.

"The Top Tourism Town program is about celebrating those towns in South Australia that deliver outstanding visitor experiences and work collectively to drive visitation growth for their destination."

Voters will have the opportunity to win a family weekend getaway at one of 12 SA council-owned caravan parks in a cabin, valued at \$500 thanks to the Local Government Association of South Australia.

LGA president Angela Evans said SA councils invest millions of dollars every year providing tourism facilities and services.

"From upgrading main streets, developing local trails, and maintaining campgrounds and jetties to running Visitor Information Centres, councils are committed to making sure visitors have the best possible experience," she said.

Voting closes on Friday, April 23.

All program winners will be announced on Thursday, May 20.

To place your vote, visit www.ticsa.com. au/industry-programs/sa-top-tourism-town.

Riverland tourism set an ambitious \$250 million goal

JOSH BRINE

AN ambitious strategy to add more than \$60 million to the Riverland visitor economy by 2025 was unveiled by the South Australian Tourism Commission (SATC) recently.

The South Australian Regional Visitor Strategy 2025 (RVS), released by the SATC earlier this month, outlines priority areas and growth targets for the state's 11 tourism regions as they deal with the impacts of COVID-19.

RVS steering committee chair Helen Edwards said the Riverland faced the challenge of both growing visitor numbers and increasing the average length of stay.

"Often, we go to those places that are well known in regions, and I don't think that's any different in the region," she said.

"By developing new experiences, particularly family-friendly, soft adventure, water-based and nature experiences, it will just fit perfectly with people wanting to get back in touch with nature."

Ms Edwards, who grew up in Berri, said the Murray River was a "valuable asset" to the region.

"While people do use it for adventure and water sports, there is so much about the river that is peaceful and quiet," she said.

"Experiences around that, and the region's growing reputation for food and beverages and plans to upgrade accommodation and river infrastructure, will draw people to the Riverland in greater numbers, but also space them out across the region.

"I have great memories of camping at Katarapko Creek and learning to swim in the Murray.

"I think it just makes people remember the great things in life, and that's wonderful on a holiday.

Destination Riverland general manager Ben Patten said the target of growing the visitor spend from \$183 million to \$247 million by 2025 was "challenging but realistic".

"The decline that we've seen in our visitor economy is not as severe as other regions in SA, so we are still coming from a good base," he said.

"The key to it is alignment between the RVS and our own Riverland Tourism Plan (RTP).

"That \$247 million by 2025 is actually in line with the \$317 million target by 2030 that our plan refers to."

Mr Patten said the RVS would work "hand in hand" with the

"If you were to lay both documents side by side the synergy is very clear and that was done on purpose," he said.

"We were fortunate because we did most of that work last year... and then in the latter parts of last year SATC came to the region and through that. because we had most of the contents for the RTP 2030, most of that fed back into the Regional Visitor Strategy and vice versa.

"We as a region are just going through a process to realign what the peak tourism body does and how it is supported by local government, State Government and RDA, and that process is under way right now.'



How basketball found Loxton (or vice versa)

LAST Saturday night the Loxton Amateur Basketball Association (LABA) celebrated its 70th anniversary.

The celebration was postponed from last year due to COVID-19 restrictions but was well worth the wait and well-constructed by a passionate committee.

Basketball came to Loxton much earlier than most of Australia, in 1949 in fact.

A single photograph in a local jeweller's copy of an American sports magazine inspired a group to convert the town's Show Society hall into an indoor court for play, under dim lights on winter nights.

However, there is much more to this story than erecting some hoops, picking two teams to play and – once started – acquiring a rule book. The sport has been indelibly woven into Loxton's social fabric.

This chapter has been wonderfully recorded in a documentary premiered on the night and is a testament to marrying modern technology with the preservation of history.

During the course of Saturday evening's proceedings many happy memories returned, personally, of an 11-year-old boy introduced to the sport by a young school teacher boarding next door.

This was late 1971 and by now basketball in Loxton was a summer sport played under lights at outdoor courts constructed by volunteers on community land, near the Boy Scouts hall.

Television was black and white with only one channel (the national broadcaster). We had no need for remote controls, which didn't exist anyway, but cards and board games were other options.

These were the halcyon days of basketball: a competition with six local clubs, each fielding men's and women's teams in three senior grades and several junior divisions.

Training was on Monday night, before a full round of competition over Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights and intertown contests on Friday nights.

Basketball was every night of the week and everyone seemed to be there.

This continued onto the next phase of its journey, inside the then-new Loxton Recreation and Show Society Stadium and is now transitioning again in The Precinct. The competition and format have evolved in step with the community and the sport endures.

Some returned on Saturday night to celebrate the anniversary but most turned out to share memories with friends and to relive a significant portion of their youth in Loxton.

There is no doubt basketball would have found Loxton – or vice-versa – but the origin and the journey say more about the town than anything involving just a ball and a basket.

As mentioned above, the story so far has been brilliantly presented by one of our own, John DeCaux of Six Foot Four Productions. Check out the LABA socials for past pics and a trailer. The full cut is - as they say in the movie world – coming soon.

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.







in federal parliament. The Renmark-based SA Liberal Senator said this week she has "never been a strong supporter of quotas", which are being demanded by some sections of the media and a long list of politicians, following sexual harassment issues currently dogging the national political stage. On Monday night was given the newly created and topical Women's Safety portfolio, after

sion" and was something volunteers felt

Prime Minister Scott Morrison's

Cabinet reshuffle. Ms Ruston's view on quotas potentially puts her at odds with Mr Morrison, who softened his antiquotas stance last week amid ques-

tioning over several incidents involving Coalition members.

"I've never been a strong supporter of quotas," Ms Ruston (pictured) told ABC Breakfast radio host Fran Kelly.

"But I'm more than happy to have a discussion about any mechanism by which we can get more women into the parliament.

"But, this is a final point Fran, in South Australia we have preselected for the next two elections, both the state election and the federal election next year, and 80 per cent of our new candidates are women.

"You can do it without quotas and I would really encourage the other states to look at the model South Australia has put in."

Keisha say that she would help us as part of her fundraising is fantastic," Ms Traeger To order cookies through Ms Barber's

fundraiser, search for 'Keisha's Big Chop' on Facebook, and for more information about the wig library, call Ellen Traeger on 0437 819 618.

talking the other day that people don't know

community in a lot of different ways, and

it's amazing we are able to have this service.

"She provides a lot of support for our

"It's amazing that this little room can do

Ms Semmens said the library enjoyed

"It's one of those things you don't know

Local woman Keisha Barber is currently

selling cookies to raise funds for the wig

library as she prepares to cut her hair to

donate to Hair with a Heart - Variety's

Children's Charity's hair donation program.

support each other so well, and having

"Community areas come together and

strong support from the community, with

several groups and individuals offering to

about until you need it, so it's important to

get that message out there," she said.

her role or that the wig library is here.

so much good for people."

help raise funds.



Caroline Bristow Wig Library committee member Ellen Traeger shows off one of the library's 150 wigs. PHOTO: Peta-Marie Philippou

Six years of changing lives, one wig at a time

JOSH BRINE

A RIVERLAND community initiative helping give local women self-confidence during the most difficult time of their lives celebrated its sixth anniversary this month.

The Caroline Bristow Wig Library at the Barmera Hospital has provided wigs to women suffering from hair loss, particularly those receiving chemotherapy, since it opened in 2015.

Committee member Ellen Traeger said the initiative had grown from a couple of wigs on a table to a library of over 150 wigs of all colours and styles.

'Wigs aren't just for dress-ups - they can be life changing," she said.

Local McGrath Breast Care nurse Rebecca Semmens said the wigs helped women maintain their confidence while going through treatment.

"The biggest part of a lot of ladies' identity is their hair," she said.

chemo it's a huge thing, so when they come in here and get a wig, the smile on their face when they leave is great."

'When they find out they're going to get

Ms Traeger said the library was a "pas-

ANNE Ruston - freshly

promoted in the Morrison

Government – is against quotas

"It can be for all ages for whatever reason, because there are plenty of reasons why people may lose their hair," she said.

'Our youngest client is 15, and she didn't have cancer as such but was receiving chemotherapy for another issue, and it was so good to see her walk out of here with a smile on her face because we found something that suited her and she could go back to school and not worry.

"When the young girl came in she was with her mum and sister.

"We have lots of laughs in here but at the end with this one we all had to have a hug and a few tears because she loved the wig."

The library is named for former police officer Caroline Bristow, who died from a rare form of cancer just a few months before the library opened.

"I happened to be walking along the river front and saw Carol, and that's when I found out that she was going through her journey, and she told me straight away that she wanted to do something," Ms Traeger said.

"Her family have all been very support-

"This was the ideal place for it because Rebecca is based here, and we were only

Newly promoted Ruston says 'no' to political quotas

Under further question-

ing from pro-quotas Ms Kelly, Ms Ruston said any decision on candidates would be left to Liberal Party branches.

"(The Prime Minister) is happy to lead the discussion, but it will be up to the branches," Mr Ruston said.

"It'll be up to the members of the party to make decisions about how they... elect their next members of parliament."

Ms Ruston already held the Social Services portfolio.

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Popular local bakery reopens in new location

TIM and Belinda Morrison have owned **Bakers Delight** Renmark for 10 years and have been providing the community with freshly baked bread and delicious treats ever since.

Belinda worked in the bakery for the previous owners for four vears as a sales assistant, with Tim there as a baker for two years, before the duo took over the bakery themselves.

Born and raised in Renmark and nearby Moorook respectively, Tim and Belinda's connection to the community runs deep.

As part of the 10th birthday celebrations of their business, Tim and Belinda decided to relocate into a brand-new site within Renmark Square Shopping Centre.

After a year of planning and a lot of hard work, the fresh-look bakery finally opened its doors on Saturday, March 20, much to the delight of their loyal customers.

The new bakery has

opened just in time for Easter, one of the bakery's busiest times of the year.

"The past few months have been a whirlwind for the whole team and with just a few days until Easter, there are no signs of us slowing down," said Belinda.

Although it has been a busy time, it's nothing Tim and Belinda can't handle as they are used to juggling a business and their three sons all aged 10 and under.

Despite the hard work, the couple are very proud to be running a business within the tight-knit commu-

"We love this community and are grateful to be able to not only run our business but also to give back to those who support our business," Tim said.

"As a local bakery we are in a unique position to get to know many locals and to work with many local clubs and schools, and we hope they are just as excited about the fresh new store as we are.'



Bakers Delight Renmark is now located in Renmark Square, with owners Tim and Belinda excited for the new step for their business. Pictured are Janine, Tim and Will, 2, Liam 10, Belinda and Brodie, 2, Kate and Jane.



Hospital guild 'desperate' for new members

AS its centenary approaches and members begin the daunting preparations, a Waikerie Hospital volunteer group is seeking new members to bring fresh fundraising ideas and support.

The Waikerie Hospital Guild has been operating for 99 years and has raised over \$200,000 in that time, however secretary Cheryl Mortimer says the group is "desperate" for younger memmembers is over 75.

"The Hospital Guild raises money to supply funding for the hospital and Pioneer Haven to provide care and comfort for patients and residents," she said.

"Funds are raised through card luncheons, selling raffle tickets and the annual fete.

"Even if you cannot attend all the meetings – which are held on

bers as the average age of present the first Friday of every month – we would love to have your support, to bring new ideas and some rejuvenation to the guild, so we can celebrate the guild's 100th birthday next year.

The Waikerie Hospital is the only hospital in the Riverland which has a functioning guild to help with fundraising.

"We are looking forward to welcoming any new members who are willing to join the Hospital Guild."

The next meeting will be Friday, April 9, at the Waikerie Hospital meeting room from 2pm.

For more information about joining the Waikerie Hospital Guild or attending the meetings, contact Helen Cook (8541 9292), Norma Modistach (0434 546 283) or Cheryl Mortimer (0413 355 604).

2021 Waikerie Hospital **Guild board:**

President: Helen Cook Vice president: Norma Modistach Secretary: Cheryl Mortimer Treasurer: Cheryl Mortimer Committee: Margaret Dohse, Beryl Haynes, Barb Maywald, Carole Datson, Kathy Kreig, Dulcie Dixon.

Waikerie market revamp in time for 2021 rockers

ERIN WILLIAMS

THE popular monthly Waikerie markets are in for a new look, new location, and new name, following a change in organising groups recently - and will debut at the award-winning Riverland Rock 'n' Roll Festival weekend.

The markets have been organised by the Riverland West Chamber of Commerce (RWCC), but ownership has been transferred into the eager hands of the Rotary Club of Waikerie, which has rebranded the event, now to be known as the Waikerie Rotary Riverfront Markets.

Waikerie Rotary president Maureen Phillips said RWCC approached Rotary to taken over the event and several Rotarians were "very" keen.

"We're the first Rotary Club in the region to organise a market event, and we're hoping to pull in stall vendors and shoppers from the wider region - Mildura and the Barossa Valley," she said.

"The Rotary members who put up their hands to help with the organisation are looking into new ways to re-energise the event and draw in more people.

"Once the river-front development is completed, we'll be holding the markets down there, but for now, they'll be held at the Waikerie Football Oval, as suggested by the Loxton Waikerie Council.'

RWCC chair Kym Webber was a member of the chamber at the market's inception, and



said the transfer would allow the chamber to focus on its business membership.

"The RWC established the monthly market around 2006, and now is the time for a change in direction to allow the community service club of Rotary to grow the market

even bigger," he said.
"The RWCC wish the Rotary Club of Waikerie all the best with the new venture, and I believe the Waikerie Rotary Riverfront Market has a great future."

Mrs Phillips said the date of the markets

will stay the same to maintain continuity, and she is hoping to get other community groups involved with food and drink sales.

"It's much easier to keep the date – last Sunday of the month – than change it, as that's what people are used to," she said.

"We are excited that the market can be a part of the community on a more regular basis, and also offer other community groups the opportunity to fundraise.

"Our first market will be on Saturday, May 1 − the weekend of the Riverland Rock 'n' Roll Festival, which is a bit daunting as it's one of the biggest events on Waikerie's calendar, but I think we're up to the chal-

"It's also very close to the date of Australia Rotary's 100th anniversary, so we may plan something to mark that anniversary on the day as well.

"All in all, we're very excited to have taken on this event, and thank the RWCC for the offer and all the work they have put towards the markets over the years."





















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The online internet safety conversation worth having

COURTNEY BURKE

THE Australian Digital Health Agency has encouraged Riverlanders to take online safety seriously for Safer Internet Day last month.

Berri Barmera Library service manager Peter Ison who runs workshops around internet safety, said it was "all too common" that the elderly are targeted with online scams.

"I've got older parents in their late 80s and they basically think that every phone call about their internet service or telling them that they owe money to the Australian Tax Office is true," he said.

"I think there are a lot of people out there who are trying to take advantage and technology makes it easy to do that on a mass scale.'

Mr Ison said with everyday tasks such as paying bills or staying in touch with family and friends being done mostly online now, it was important to understand how to stay safe.

"Make sure you're wary of identity theft and make sure you shred your bills before you put them in the bin," he said.

"Don't give out any personal information

when you're asked for it on the phone and don't give out passwords or bank details."

Australia Health Agency chief information security officer Anthony Kitzelmann said individuals should be responsible for their internet safety.

"Just as you keep your physical assets like your home, car and wallet secure, the same diligence is required for your online assets and identity," he

"It's something we all need to work at as we go about our daily lives.'

The Digital Health Agency released six important tips to help assess cyber safety

TOP 6 TIPS:

- Consider completing an online security awareness E-course through the Australia Digital Health Agency.
- Keep your software up to date.
- Use strong passwords and implement multi-factor authentication where possible.
- Back up your data regularly.
- Do not respond to unsolicited phishing emails, texts and calls.
- If you fall victim to ransomware, avoid paying the ransom.

Local supermarket vandalised

STEPHANIE THOMPSON

THE Loxton Woolworths walkway was targeted by vandals on the weekend, with a number of plants destroyed.

Works to the area were completed late last year and Loxton Police Sergeant Mark Howie said the incident was being investigated.

"We are checking CCTV in the area to see what we can find out," he said.

"It seems it has happened overnight on Saturday and if anyone knows anything or saw anybody lurking in that area overnight Saturday, we would be appreciative of any information."

call the Loxton station on 8584





Anyone with information can Standard shrubs in Loxton's Woolworths walkway were destroyed by vandals on the weekend. Police are appealing for anyone with information to come forward. PHOTOS: Stephanie **Thompson**

SAPOL search for stolen motorbikes continues

RIVERLANDERS have been asked to provide information that could help SAPOL investigations into two motorbikes stolen from a local town recently.

A shed on Schroeder Road, in Cambrai, was broken into sometime between Saturday, December 12, and Sunday, March 21, with an air compressor kit, an off road blue Kazuma 150GYSS motorcycle, and an unregistered yellow Shineray XY250ST-10 quad bike stolen.

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



Police are currently seeking information that could help locate two motorbikes stolen from a Cambrai shed, PHOTO: supplied

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The new Mildura radar, located at Cullulleraine, was launched earlier this month by the Bureau of Meteorology. PHOTOS: supplied

New radar up and running

RIVERLAND primary producers are now able to access real-time rainfall and climate data through a recently completed new weather radar.

The Bureau of Meteorology earlier this month launched the new Mildura radar located at Cullulleraine, 95km east of Renmark.

Barker MP Tony Pasin said the new radar would provide key information regarding extreme weather events for Riverland primary producers.

"This is one of the best tools available for observing real-time rainfall, storms, and even debris in the atmosphere, across large areas," Mr Pasin said.

"Images from the radar will appear on the BOM website and BOM Weather app... including areas to the north and south of the Murray that have previously not had coverage

"I know real-time weather data in this region will be very welcome for farmers looking to make informed decisions for maximum productivity.

"The information will also help emergency services keep the community safe."

Mallee MP Dr Anne Webster said dualpolarisation technology utilised in the new radar would improve its reliability and lifespan.

"I am committed to giving our farming community the best chance to be successful." Dr Webster said.

"One of the keys to achieving that is ensuring our farmers and local industries have the right information to make informed decisions"

"Improved technology is key to growing



A map of the new radar's improved coverage.

the agriculture sector (and) this new radar represents a significant step in that direction with improved technology giving our farmers more tools."

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Waikerie Lutheran Primary School senior students displaying their Harmony Day artwork on

Waikerie Lutheran Primary School senior students displaying their Harmony Day artwork on McCoy Street, Waikerie. PHOTO: supplied

Colour splashes at WLPS

ERIN WILLIAMS

SOME Riverland West students got colourful recently while learning about and celebrating diversity.

Waikerie Lutheran Primary School (WLPS) senior students commemorated Harmony Week by creating two artworks currently on display at the top of McCoy Street, Waikerie.

WLPS principal Adam Borgas said the students made the artwork with the essence of Harmony Week in mind as well as the philosophy of International Baccalaureate.

"The artworks created by the students represent the diverse cultures found within the Waikerie community through the use of national flags," he said.

"As an International Baccalaureate World School, WLPS aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect.

"The students would like to thank Darren and Carolyn Kleeman – the owners of the shop front along the main street – for allowing them to display their artwork for the community to see."

Meanwhile, WLPS also celebrated the Indian Holi Festival, known as the Festival of Colours, with a "colour run".

Mr Borgas said the students enjoyed celebrating other cultural traditions.

"One student remarked that while Holi celebrated the arrival of spring and the end of winter, it's also a festive day to meet others, forget and forgive, and falls very close to Easter," he said.

"We think this is a great reason for WLPS students and families to celebrate Holi as, at Easter, God's love was demonstrated in Jesus dying on the cross to save us from our sin."

The students also participated in creating designs called 'rangoli', which symbolise the vibrancy of new life that spring brings.

"I loved making the designs on the D'Vine Hall floor with my friends," senior student Sam said.

"It is pretty interesting that the Sikh people celebrate this festival, and it is a lunar festival like Easter and so close to Easter – they celebrate the same sort of things."



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Riverbend gets the grey nomad nod

A LOCAL caravan park has taken out a gold award for the 'best large park' at the recent Grey Nomad Awards.

Renmark's Riverbend Caravan Park captured the honour in its first time entering the awards.

Park managers, Brett and Catherine Hein, said they were grateful for the loyalty of their grey nomad guests.

"Thank you to all of our wonderful grey nomad visitors for your support over many years – 2020 was a struggle but we've all shown strength through adversity by supporting each other," the pair said.

"We're excited for the future of Riverbend Caravan Park and the upgrades to our park designed to improve your experience."

Edwards Group CEO Stephen Edwards said with caravans and RVs getting larger and the demand for pet-friendly parks increasing, the facilities were vital to providing a positive experience for grey nomads travelling around Australia.

"We are honoured to receive this award and it is great for our team to be recognised for the work they put in to make Riverbend the best large park for grey nomads," he said.

"The continued support that we receive from guests provides great economic benefits to the local region and we are planning to invest heavily in our Park to encourage more guests to visit Renmark.

"Over the next 12 months, Riverbend Caravan Park will be developing a further 31 large powered sites, as well as, building a new camp kitchen large enough to cater for groups such as caravan clubs."



The Renmark Riverbend Caravan Park was recently awarded 'best large park' at the Grey Nomad Awards. Pictured is park manager Brett Hein.

PHOTO: Alice Kuerschner

A little-proud of Paringa quarantine plan

A PLAN to temporarily quarantine international harvest workers in a Riverland town has been commended by the Federal Government.

The State Government announced earlier this month the Paringa Resort would be converted into a quarantine facility for Pacific Islander backpacker workers.

Minister for Agriculture David Littleproud said new approaches were necessary to resolve a labour shortage caused by COVID-19 travel restrictions.

"The facility at Paringa will cater specifically for workers arriving under the Commonwealth Seasonal Worker Programme and Pacific Labour Scheme, with new arrivals expected every 14 days over the next three months," Mr Littleproud said.

"This (came) just days after they agreed to opt in on our National Cabinet-endorsed plan for an in-country quarantine pilot for Pacific workers

"This pilot will allow nations such as Vanuatu and Fiji, who already run quarantine programs, to pre-screen participants in the Seasonal Worker Programme and Pacific Labour Scheme."

Mr Littleproud said the South Australian government's plan could be replicated in other states seeking harvest workers.

"South Australian citrus is worth hundreds of millions to the state's economy, but labour is scarce due to COVID-19 travel restrictions on international movement," he said.

"Our farmers and regions have been long calling for a common sense and practical solutions to securing workforce supply, but this will require all states and territories coming on board.

"It shows that the states finger pointing is just a front for their failure to act."



The Paringa Resort will house quarantining overseas workers. INSET: Minister for Agriculture David Littleproud.





SCHOOLYARD SOCIALS



Loxton SES volunteer **Beatrice** (far left) and dog, Cassia, with Loxton North School students.



Loxton North School celebrated its annual Harvest Festival and Great Stomp last week. Pictured are pre-schoolers stomping on grapes. PHOTOS: Peta-Marie Philippou



Nigel, year 3, Brock, year 4, and Matthew, year 7.



Phoebe and Charlie, both year 7.



LEFT: Mikayla, year 5, and Jaxon, reception.



Chase, year 5, and Layne, year 6.



Ivy, year 3, and Zeva, year 6.



Frank and Jedd, both year 3.



painting at the Harvest Festival.

Face





Loxton Primary School participated in Ride to School Day last week. The group rode from the Loxton Scout Hall to school. INSET: Police cars escorted Loxton Primary School students on their ride to school on Friday. PHOTOS: Peta-Marie Philippou



Emilee, year 2, Nickelle, reception, Harrison, year 2, Kym, year 4, and Aiden, year 2.



Loxton Primary School students arriving to school on their bikes.



Loxton North Primary School's Nate, year 5, Lilli, year 2, Jacqueline, year 3, and Izzy, year 4.



Libby, year 3.



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Olivia, year 6, and Hine, year 7.

Waikerie High School Formal

WHS year 12s celebrate in style

ERIN WILLIAMS

WAIKERIE High School held its year 12 formal recently, with a show of classic and vintage cars sparkling on the Waikerie Football Oval as attendees celebrated their final year of school.

Students and their partners arrived to the formal in fashion, pulling up in vintage and classic successful" formal. cars on the sunny evening.

Held at the Waikerie Football Club rooms on Saturday, March 20, the event was catered by the club, while the year 12 student formal committee decorated the rooms.

WHS principal Craig Griffiths described the event as another "very

"All the students and their partners had a fantastic night to celebrate their final year of school before they really have to knuckle down and study," he said.

"As usual, the Waikerie Football Club committee was very generous letting us use their club rooms for the event, and we give Sue Miller and her team a huge thanks for the excellent food they prepared.

"I'm very proud of the year 12 students who are graduating this year; they performed excellently at the Interschool Sports Day the following Tuesday and are all taking their final year of study very

seriously as they look towards their future careers."

Elisa Schiller and Lachy Nitschke were crowned Formal King and Queen, while Jack McWaters and Vaine Guy were named Cutest Couple, and Vaine Guy took a second title in Best Dressed along with Harry McLean.



'Queen' Elisa Schiller and 'King' Lachy **Nitschke**



'Best dressed' Harry McLean and Vaine



Keria and Jackson



Mitch Hahn and Elisa Schiller



Declan Johnson and Emily Taylor



Jakob Mackereth and Bailee Pretty-



Jack McWaters and Vaine Guy



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Waikerie High School Formal



Cutest couple Jack McWaters and Vaine Guy



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Amity Hicks and Lucas Hocking



Ben Daley and Jade McNeil



Erin Sweet-Hite and Deegan Waye



Lachy Nitschke and Tahlia Wendt



Ben Briscoe and Bella Scott

OUT & ABOUT



HAVE SOME SOCIAL PICTURES TO SHARE?

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

At the book launch of Full Circle Memoir 01 Howard Hendrick earlier this month were Loxton locals Abbey and Mandy

James





Rollins, 15. of Loxton, attended the book launch of Full Circle - A Memoir of Howard Hendrick at the Loxton RSL.

Angela

Keeley

and



Renmark's Terry Marter played The Last Post on a bugle at the ANZAC Accolades, held at the Renmark Hotel last weekend, PHOTO: Josh Brine

Riverland concert included in Adam Harvey's Songs from Highway One itinerary

CHANCE contact with Adam Harvey when putting the finishing touches to my column led me to getting an update on his April 24 venue, formerly advertised as Broken Hill.

Instead, Adam's Songs From Highway One Tour will now be performed at the Loxton Club, with doors open at 6pm for meals, and the concert starting at 8pm.

I would suggest that you phone the Loxton Club now on 8584 7353 and book in for this one.

Other SA venues are The Pretoria Hotel & Cellars, Mannum on April 30, and Norwood Hotel on May 1

His support act, Raechel Whitchurch, was born and raised on country music, started playing piano at the age of five, before moving on to mandolin when eight.

A part of the very musical The Lees, a family band from Broken Hill, her parents encouraged their offspring to chase after their own musical dreams, with Raechel learning guitar at 12 year old, in turn leading to her creating songs.

The Lee family were big fans of the

Chambers family's **Dead Ringer Band**, and you can pick up on those influences in Raechel's performance.

In 2016 she released her debut EP, Outlaw, and by 2019 had written enough

ROBYN MCINTOSH



MY KIND OF COUNTRY

songs to record her debut album, Finally Clear, with 13 tracks all up. Now she's out promoting it on this tour.

Another venue, and date, is the Coomealla Club on April 23, which I will be attending due to the Aussie Sidecar Championships being on that weekend. You can book for the Coomealla show on 03 5027 4505 or go online (coomeallaclub.com.au/bookshows-events).

With the (official) Tamworth Country Music Festival celebrating 50 years next January a new dedicated podcast was launched, last month, for the lead-up to the 2022 event.

The content will focus on the history, attributes and activities of Australia's Country Music Capital, as we also head toward the 50th Golden Guitar Awards.

Titled "Tamworth Country Music 50 50" ("50 special episodes over 50 weeks leading up to the 50th"), the podcast will also feature as a dedicated program on specialist Australian country music internet radio station Capital Country

Radio. It will be made available to other stations that might like to broadcast the

As the program will focus on one aspect of the annual festival each week, it will be covering the many attractions and activities that have taken place over the years

It'll also include news and information about plans for the 50th festival and Golden Guitar Awards

Max Ellis, country music historian and one of the founding fathers of both the festival and the campaign to establish Tamworth as Australia's Country Music Capital, will feature in most episodes of the series.

Producer of the program is **Bob** Kirchner, who has also had a lengthy involvement with the festival, and is the publisher of the Country Music Bulletin.

The first two episodes were combined as they necessarily covered how the festival began and how Tamworth became the nation's country music capital. It runs for a little under half an hour. Subsequent programs will aim to have a duration of around 15 minutes.

Episodes 1 and 2 combined were uploaded to podcast platform anchor. fm – which is the same day the program went to air for the first time on Capital Country Radio at 5pm, with repeats

at 6am every Monday and 12 noon Wednesdays.

It is expected to be accessible as a podcast all the time. The weblink is www.capitalcountryradio.com.

At this stage there is no way I can attend the 50th anniversary, but I will try and organise a selection of photos of my past Tamworth festival for my Christmas

I have to apologise for spelling one of my favourite country band's name wrong last column. It's the Steve Bartel Band, yes with only one '1'.

Last week I contacted Dave Verrall to see how he is fairing after his stem cell transplant.

Luckily he was able to have his own bone marrow used for this procedure, thus eliminating some of the risks.

Dave said he has handled the treatment quite well, and expects to have extended time with family and friends.

As some of us know, when going through health issues, setting goals is a great initiative and one of Dave's goals is his 70th birthday at the end of May. So, he is giving his hands and voice a bit of a workout in readiness to play the guitar and sing at least a couple of songs with his band at the joint celebration.

Queensland-based country music personality Terry Gordon has had a long hospital stay while going through some big health issues, but is now slowly improving. With a long way still to go, he is hoping to be able to return home to wife Nan and daughter Perth, which should accelerate his recovery.

If you haven't bought a copy of Terry's biography, Highway Of My Life, released in 2019, email terrygordonshow@hotmail.com or call Anna on 0409 514 933.

News of the flooding at Wendy Gordon's Ulmarra property near Grafton, the venue for the Clarence Valley Country Muster with this year's dates being October 25 to 31, probably has Terry a bit worried.

Our thoughts are with all country music friends, in the eastern states especially, and I feel for all who are once again having events cancelled or short-

There are rumours that there will be entertainment in various Riverland venues from June 11 to 14, so we will see what transpires.

ened due to the current flooding, and

road closures.

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. COVID guidelines in place. Extra tour inquiries, Charmaine 0438 844 717 or Mike 0427 820 815.

WEEKLY

U3A Riverland have vacancies in the following activities held in the U3A clubrooms on Strawbridge St, Berri. Indonesian Mondays - 1-2.30 pm, card making with a difference - third Wednesday of the month, German - Thursdays 1.30-3pm.

Chainsaw and garden tool maintenance contact Brent 8586 5253.

THURSDAY, APRIL 1

Loxton Charity For All Easter Bingo this week. Chocolates

and more chocolates to be won in the Easter raffle. Delicious supper available and more chocolates to be won while playing bingo. Everyone welcome, bring a friend, and join in

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Rotary Breakfast, 7am to 9am. Market stalls, live entertainment, fashion parade, face painting, Kiwi the Clown and Easter Bunny. Easter Parade starting at 11am with a variety of floats.

SATURDAY, APRIL 3

10am - 4pm Alive Day at the Loxton Historical Village. Easter egg hunt. food and craft stalls, shearing, whip cracking, blacksmithing, rope making and printing demonstrations, kids art and craft activities. Stationary engines, tractor parade and much more. Come for lunch and stay for the day.

SATURDAY, APRIL 3

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SATURDAY, APRIL 3

Loxton Chamber of Commerce Easter Picnic. 10am at Rotunda Lawns, East Terrace. Free hot cross buns, easter eggs, kids activities and visit from Easter bunny.

SUNDAY, APRIL 4

Waikerie Pioneer Museum open day. 10am to 4pm. Free entry, free guided tours available. Refreshments available at small extra cost (subject COVID restrictions). For more info, call Mike Perry 8541 2260.

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FRIDAY, APRIL 9

Waikerie Hospital Guild meeting. 2pm. Waikerie Hospital meeting room.

SUNDAY, APRIL 11

Chaffey Rose Club April event will be the Barossa Rose and Flower Show. Car pool. RSVP and inquiries to Dale on 0420 353 948 by March 26.

FRIDAY, APRIL 16

Card Luncheon 11am, Waikerie Hospital day care centre. Groups of four. Two-course lunch.

Barmera café owners say goodbye

JOSH BRINE

A COBDOGLA couple will hand over the keys to a prominent Barmera business tomorrow, after more than six years of promoting and selling local food products.

Flavours of the Riverland and Backyard Bread owners Colleen and Peter Johnson, who have their final day of trading today, said they will miss the people who have visited the café since it opened in March 2015.

"We've got a good group of friends that we've made since we've been here," Mr Johnson said.

"We'll miss the people, but we won't miss waking up early and coming in to do all the work before we open.

"These last couple of years have been hard, because we are not as young as we used to be, and it will give us a bit more time to spend with our son Bill.

"We're building a new house and we've sold our house at Cobby, and all of this has only happened in the last three months.

"I don't know when we'll have a spell, but it will be nice not having set hours that we have to be here."

Mrs Johnson said she would miss interacting and chatting with locals as they visited the café.

"It's a community place, so everyone chats to everyone, and that's probably what we're going to miss more than anything," she said.

"There's a lot of people who we have met who have become good friends and we'll continue to catch up with."

Mr Johnson said the café's new owner would continue using local products, but would look to extend trading hours and serve breakfasts.

"We've had a lot of support from the locals, and I hope they support the new owners equally," he said.

The Anzac Day and Remembrance Day poppy displays will also continue under the new owners.



Colleen, Peter and Billy Johnson will hand over their family business, Flavours of the Riverland, tomorrow after more than six years owning the café. PHOTO: Peta-Marie Philippou

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Local students encouraged to learn war history

COURTNEY BURKE

LOCAL students have been asked to reflect on what commemoration looks like in their community as nominations for the Anzac Day School Awards open.

Loxton RSL's state regional co-ordinator Ray Hartigan said that commemoration was more than just Anzac Day and Remembrance Day.

"(Commemoration is about) the community connection that is respecting veterans, knowing something about it and actively seeking information about our history," he said.

Mr Hartigan said it is still important to teach young people about Australia's war history so it "never happens again".

"We don't celebrate Anzac Day, we don't celebrate Remembrance Day, we commemorate them and there's a big, big difference," he said.

"It's not about glorification, it's about cause and effect."

Minister for Veterans' Affairs Darren Chester said the awards looked to honour the service and sacrifice of Australians across a range of conflicts and peacekeeping operations and encouraged students to find out more about our military history.

"The awards encourage the next generation of Australians to study and gain a deeper understanding of Australia's wartime history – from the First World War to modern day conflicts and peacekeeping operations," he said.

The national winner's school will receive \$5000, a trophy and a certificate.

Each state and territory winner's school will receive \$3000 and a certificate.
Winners in the special categories will

receive \$2000 and a certificate.
Entries for the awards are now open

and will close on Wednesday, June 30, 2021.

Diggers remembered at Anzac Accolades

DOZENS of Riverlanders attended the free Anzac Accolades event last Sunday to commemorate the sacrifices of soldiers past and present.

The event, held at the Renmark Hotel, included performances by the Barmera Men's Choir, Sing Australia Riverland and the Riverland Filipino Choir, with bugler Terry Marter performing the Last Post.

Organiser Alan Smith said he was happy with the turnout for the event.

"We couldn't have it last year because of COVID, but now we've been able to run it again and we'll be in Berri in November for the Remembrance Accolades," he said.

"It's good that people are happy that Anzac Accolades are back on again."

Mr Smith said the event was particu-



larly special due to the cancellation of last year's Accolades.

"We couldn't have as many people as the room has got space for but we have to follow the rules," he said.

"We were very pleased as always with the performers..."

The event raised money for the Kangaroo Island Mayoral Relief and Recovery Bushfire Fund.

"We always get a few hundred dollars," Mr Smith said. "People are very kind.



Riverland Filipino Choir singing There's Something About a Soldier at the Anzac **Accolades** event at the Renmark Hotel on Sunday. The choir also performed a song in Filipino. PHOTO: Josh Brine





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Waikerie Easter Horse Show set to attract record entries

ERIN WILLIAMS

WAIKERIE'S longstanding and popular Easter Horse Show is making a return over the Easter weekend, and is expected to draw a record number of competitors.

Held at the Waikerie Horse and Pony Club from Friday, April 2, to Sunday, April 4, the three-day event includes show jumping, fashions on the field, a full canteen and live music on Saturday night, and an Easter egg hunt on Sunday.

Waikerie Horse and Pony Club spokesperson Emma Marks said members are "very excited" to get return to competition Easter after last year's cancellation.

"We've already got over 130 entries, which is a huge number for us," she said.

"Riders come from all over South Australia and even interstate to compete across the weekend, plus to catch up with people they only see at these shows and check out the surrounding towns and regions - it's going to be a huge weekend.

"We also really encourage spectators to come along. Entry is free, and we have a full canteen available.

"Saturday night is our biggest night; we'll have an open four-bar under the lights and live music going, so come and join us.

"An Easter egg hunt will be held on Sunday morning for the kids.

"A huge thank you to all our sponsors for sticking with us – last year was rough, and we couldn't hold the Easter Show without their support."

For the full program, visit www.sa.equestrian. org.au/sites/default/ files/WAIKERIE%20 EASTER%20SHOW%20 2021.pdf.

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- Friday, April 2: From
- Saturday, April 3: From 8am
- Sunday, April 4: From



Barmera's lakefront makes a perfect setting for an Easter dawn service. This year's service will be held on Easter Sunday, from 6.30am. PHOTO: supplied

Lakeside Easter service returns

THE increasingly popular Easter dawn service at Lake Bonney will return this year after a one-year hiatus due to COVID-19.

The Barmera event has attracted over 100 people in recent years, before the 2020 version was held online.

This year's service will be held on Easter Sunday, April 4, from 6.30am at the amphitheatre on the Lake Bonney foreshore.

"The service is a wonderful way to celebrate the good news of the Easter story," said Barmera Uniting Church's David Badger.

"With the lake as a backdrop and the occasional pelican swimming past, the stillness of sunrise makes it a memorable occasion.

"This is the 10th year that the service has been at the lakefront amphitheatre. Previously it was held on the grass closer to the yacht club.

"People come from all over the Riverland as well as visitors staying at the caravan parks."

The service is organised by the churches of Berri and Barmera.

The Barmera Men's Choir will be singing, with Jill Harris at the keyboard.

The Reverend Sandy Webb, the Uniting Church minister at Berri and Barmera, will leading the service, which will be one of her last public events before her retirement in May.

A COVID-safe breakfast will be freely available following the service. Those who plan to attend should bring a chair or blanket to sit on.



- Which country first had the tradition of eating hot cross buns at Easter?
- What was the name of the hill where they crucified Jesus?

The idea of the Easter bunny was originated in the 1700s in what country?

- What animal did Jesus ride on when he entered Jerusalem the week before his death?
- In Switzerland what animal also brings Easter
- Lent is the fasting period leading up to Easter, how long does it go for?
- dinner on Good Friday?
- What dish do Christians frequently serve for

- Easter eggs are given on which day?
- Easter celebrations span the globe. Which European country sports an annual egg fight?
- 10. Which colour did orthodox Christians traditionally dye their eggs?
- 11. Which flower is associated with Easter?
- 12. Easter became a celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. On which day did he rise?
- 13. On Easter, what do you have to do if you want good luck in the coming year?
- 14. What food is often served on Shrove Tuesday?
- 15. There are many superstitions associated with Easter. If you do not want bad luck, what chore should you not do on Good Friday?

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16. When it comes to eating chocolate bunnies which part is preferred to be eaten first?

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- 17. To raise money and increase awareness of conservation efforts in Australia what native Australian marsupial was formed in chocolate as an alternative to Easter bunnies?
- 18. Easter always occurs during what two months?
- How does one greet another person using the Paschal greeting?
- 20. What famous play celebrating the Easter story is performed once every ten years?

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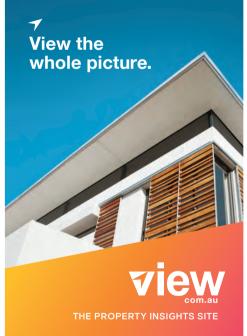


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225,000	519.63	547.86	576.90	606.73	637.34	668.69	700.77
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April 2021 Horoscopes: week 1

ARIES (March 21st - April 20th)

A meeting later in the month will help to give your social life a major boost. You will shortly be meeting some people who are quite different from your other friends. Romance. A long-time admirer will be making a move later in the week. They want to see more of you, and may be a little pushy at

TAURUS (April 21st - May 21st)

Don't put your hopes into a project which may not come off. Spread your risks by keeping yourself open to other options. Romance. Your partner may be a little jealous of the time you have been spending with another person. You will have to do something concrete to put their mind at rest.

GEMINI (May 22nd - June 21st)

A difficult situation at work could cause stress for a while. Don't let your relationship with your boss become too heated. Romance. If you have been unkind to your partner recently, now would be a good time to ask for forgiveness. If you do nothing there could be some resentment later.

CANCER (June 22nd - July 23rd)

Time spent with friends will help you to relax. You need to take better care of yourself: you have been doing too much recently and need to take a break. Romance. You don't appreciate criticism from your partner, even if you know that it is well meant. However this is not the best time to resolve

LEO (July 24th - August 23rd)

Don't be suspicious of other people's motives. A recent misunderstanding may cause you to look for problems which don't exist. Romance. A friend who contacted you recently is still waiting for a reply. Don't let this person down, however busy you are: they are anxious to know how you are getting on.

VIRGO (August 24th - September 23rd)

A positive aspect to Neptune will help to give your powers of intuition a boost. You will be very sensitive to the feelings of the people around you. Romance. You may feel "hemmed in" emotionally at the moment. You need to spend more time outside the house developing other interests.

LIBRA (September 24th - October 23rd)

You have been working hard recently. Don't feel guilty about taking some time off to do things which interest you. **Romance**. You may find it hard to understand a recent decision by your partner. When you know all the details it will make sense: in the meantime, you will just have to trust that they are doing the right thing.

SCORPIO (October 24th - November 22nd)

A get-together will help you to expand your circle of friends. Don't be too shy about making contact with new people. Romance. A decision which has been hanging over you for some time will have to be made soon. If you want to make contact with this person, now is the time to start.

SAGITTARIUS (November 23rd - December 21st)

A meeting on the way to work will help to put you in touch with a friend who has been trying to find you. Make sure that you get together with this person as soon as possible. Romance. A wild romantic adventure is on the horizon. Be careful that your natural shyness doesn't hold you back.

CAPRICORN (December 22nd - January 20th)

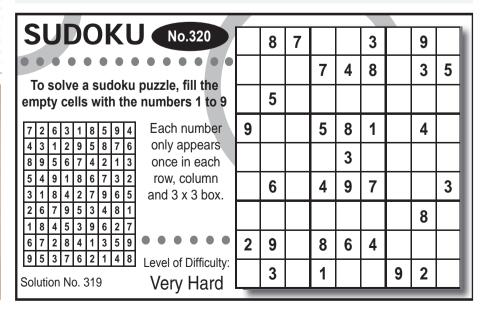
A positive aspect to Neptune will help to give your powers of intuition a boost. Don't be afraid to act on a gut feeling you have - this could be nearer to the truth than you imagine. Romance. At times this week your partner may seem to be a little over demanding. Be firm if you feel that your own needs are not being taken seriously enough.

AQUARIUS (January 21st - February 19th)

Family life may have to take precedence over work this month. You will have a number of minor crises to deal with, and may need to take time off. Romance. Your partner may need to spend more time by themselves. Don't be too possessive, and don't worry if they don't want to see you every minute of the day.

PISCES (February 20th - March 20th)

Don't get bogged down in a dispute between two friends. Whatever happens one of them will end up hating you, and nothing you do is likely to bring them together. Romance. A powerful aspect to Venus will help your relationship to improve this week. This would be a good time to think about your long-term plans.





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A new \$230,000 shed will be completed in time to be used for next month's Karoonda Farm Fair. PHOTO: supplied

All systems go for farm fair and show

DEIRDRE GRAHAM

ORGANISERS of this year's Karoonda Farm Fair and Show are hoping to tap into the post-2020 enthusiasm for outdoor events, and welcome bumper crowds to the two-day event next month.

The Farm Fair and Show will be held on April 9 and 10, with a new purpose-built \$230,000 shed set to be finished in plenty of

The shed's concrete was poured last week, and with electrical work almost finished, only the minor touches, such as the surrounds, are yet to be done.

Farm Fair and Show manager Ray Bald said organisers were looking forward to welcoming crowds of people, after the show was cancelled last year due to COVID-19.

We believe, and it has been the same for other shows, there will be a lot more people attending (than previous years)," Mr Bald

"I think people are wanting to get out and see things, just get out basically, instead of being cooped up in their city or town.

"The attendances at other events have been exceptional and we are hoping that that will rub off on us."

Mr Bald said the event provided lots to see for new and seasoned visitors.

"I think if you have never been before you will get a pleasant surprise to see what is there and what exhibitors are there," he said.

"We have included a show part to it, but it is all very much about promotion of agriculture, and that to me is what people see and are blown away with - just the diversity of the exhibitors.'

Mr Bald said the event had something for everyone.

"There's the kids' pavilion, and (they) have been doing an excellent job there to get things a little bit different each year," Mr Bald said.

"There's other entertainment throughout the day too. If you don't want to continue walking through exhibits you can sit down and listen to music, or watch a fashion parade or attend a gardening talk - which is always popular.

'The real new attraction is a reptile display that is coming down from Queensland.

"Friday night will be excellent, as we will be watching the shearing on the big screen - so if people want to stay for the evening that's good fun until 10pm.'



The SPAA SA Precision Ag Expo took place at the Loxton Hotel last week. PHOTOS: Peta-Marie Philippou

Expo: farmers teaching farmers 'broad spectrum of information'

PETA-MARIE PHILIPPOU

AN annual expo delivering the latest in precision agriculture for farmers and researchers in cropping, livestock and horticulture took place in Loxton last week.

Society of Precision Agriculture Australia's (SPAA) SA Precision Ag Expo was held at the Loxton Hotel last Thursday for the first time in eight years.

The expo, which was wellattended by more than 50 people, began with a morning program for high school agriculture students and followed by talks from six featured speakers: Wade Nickolls, Damon Grace, Greg Hall, Joe Koch, Hugh Ong and Sam Trengove.

Loxton grower Robin Schaefer, who was MC on the day, said the featured speakers delivered a "broad spectrum" of information.

"Farmers appreciate hear-



Pictured at the SPAA SA Precision Ag Expo are (from left) local grower Robin Schaefer, SPAA executive officer Nicole Dimos, Chaffey MP Tim Whetstone and SPAA's Mark Branson.

ing other farmers talk and will always pick up a tip here or there," he said.

"Each of the speakers gave great talks and it was interesting to learn how they each do things, and how what they do is – or can be – related to our own operations.

"It was also good to hear an update from a John Deere sponsor about where they're at with their connected farm operation centre and how they're pushing that forward."

SPAA executive officer Nicole Dimos, who is based in Mildura, said she was pleased with the strong attendance.

"Because of COVID restrictions we were limited with how many people could come, but we surprisingly reached our target and there were only about four seats left," she said.

"It was great seeing people from different locations who are in different industries at different levels.

'Having the school kids from Glossop and Renmark High School come in the morning too was extra special because the room was filled with more people and they took away great tips and knowledge for the future."

Ms Dimos said one key highlight from the expo was learning about measuring.

"People are going to appreciate the importance of measuring and how every part of your farm can be managed differently," she

"Don't treat your whole farm as one unit. You're going to have some parts of your farm that aren't performing as well as others and that's okay, you just need to maximise those areas and put your inputs where you're going to get the best bang for buck.



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On-Murray
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Primary School
visitors during
the Riverlinx
Camp. PHOTO:
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Kingston-

Camping kids take to the river

LOCAL primary school students got up close and personal with nature recently during a two-day camping trip to Kingston-On-Murray.

Waikerie Primary School (WPS) visited Kingston-On-Murray Primary School (KOMPS) recently for the annual Riverlinx Camp – the first since last year's event was cancelled.

KOMPS teacher and camp spokesperson Kerry Albrecht-Szabo said the 47 WPS students were "captivated" by the many presentations held.

"We had such a rich learning day, hosting Waikerie Primary School at (the) Riverlinx Camp, with a wonderful effort by (teacher) Phillip Lawson and his Bilby students after not having any camps in 2020 due to COVID, and six new students who have never been involved in pre-

senting before," she said.

"All of the staff played vital parts in the smooth running of the day and we are so fortunate to work in such a vibrant and organised team.

"The WPS students

"We had such a rich arning day, hosting aikerie Primary School (the) Riverlinx Camp, th a wonderful effort by were captivated by the bird workshop and our visitor, 'Jeremy the magpie', kept busy swatting mosquitoes in our Mozzies Workshop.

"(Students) were fascinated about the trail of one single drop (of water) down the River Murray in our Danny the Drip Workshop, and were brave and gallant in the fight against feral fish in our River Fish Workshop.

"Throughout the day, each group had a tranquil cruise on Loch Luna Cruises to see if they could see more bird species that the other groups."





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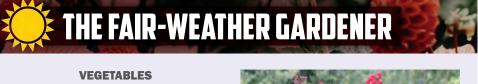






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Autumn is a great time to get the vegetable garden going.

Some vegetables are best planted during this March to May period.

In alphabetical order they include: artichoke, beetroot, broad beans, broccoli, cabbages, carrots, Chinese greens, shallots, leeks, lettuce, onions, parsnips, peas, radish, rocket, silver beet and spinach.

I wrote recently about planting garlic, and noticed that it is now available at your local garden centre. They are advertising one that's suitable for SA, so get planting and reap the rewards.

Autumn is also a lovely time to walk around your garden looking for and preparing spots for planting spring bulbs.

Don't leave you purchasing too late, especially if you are after a particular variety, as they run out quickly.

It is also a great time to look at autumn foliage in your area.

If you are intending to plant a tree or shrub for its foliage, buy now. That way you will see the colours it will produce. It can be disappointing to buy one, only to find it does not produce the colour the tag suggests.

If you have a small garden, don't despair, as quite a few small trees display beautiful foliage.

A few for our area are:

Eastern redbud or forest pansy (cercis canadensis).

This is an elegant tree with purplish leaves all year that turn a brilliant yellow/orange in autumn.

It has an open habit, growing approximately 5m x 5m. It requires some TLC and protection when first planted.

Crepe myrtle (lagerstroemia indica) 'Sioux'

This is a great year-round tree, with pretty flowers and attractive bark. In autumn, this small tree displays foliage in shades of yellow, red and orange.

It tolerates our dry conditions and has a growth habit of approximately 4m tall by 3m wide.

There are many varieties of crepe myrtles on the market, so look out for the one that suits you. Some now come with almost black foliage, followed by vibrant flowers. Hence their name 'diamonds in the dark'.

Persimmon (diospyros kaki)

This is a beautiful feature tree that is also fruit bearing. Its botanic name means "food of the gods".

The leaves turn brilliant red to orange, then drop to reveal the bright orange fruit on bare bare branches. The best of all seasons.

WINTER

Winter, with all the coughs and cold associated with it, will soon be upon us.

We can look to your herb garden for some relief to these troubles.

The old-fashioned steam inhalation method to relieve these symptoms can be assisted by the addition of your herbs.

All you need is a heat-proof bowl, into which you add a heaped tablespoon of fresh



or dried herbs

Pour over boiling water and stir gently. Lean over the bowl with your face above the steam, taking care not to be too close. Drape a towel over your head to capture the steam.

Breathe deeply for up to five mins.

Some combinations are:

☐ Thyme or fresh lemon, which have antibacterial properties and can clear the sinus passages.

☐ Peppermint or rosemary, for stimulating, energising and decongesting. Sage, for clearing the bronchial tubes.

Flanders poppy (papaver rhoeas)

April is the best time to plant this iconic flower.

Sow them straight into a sunny garden bed that has had organic matter dug into it.

Level the soil and sow the seeds covered with a thin layer of seed raising mix. Firm down and water with a fine spray. Watch out for snails when seedlings appear.

Later, to extend their flowering period, liquid feed them and remove any spent flowers.

In Australia, the single flower is worn on Remembrance Day (November 11) and used in wreaths on Anzac Day (April 25).



"You only live once, but if you do it right, once is enough."

- Mae West





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'EGG-CELLENT' EASTER:

This Saturday - Easter Saturday the annual free 5RM Berri Rotary Breakfast is on from 7am to 9am at Vaughan Terrace. Market stalls, live entertainment from local artists, a fashion parade, face painting and much more will follow. Then at 11am, the Easter parade will begin and the Easter Bunny will make a special appearance. Sounds like an 'egg-cellent' day. I sure don't want to miss out.



DIGGING THE SAND SCULPTURE:

How cool is it that a giant sand sculpture will be at Lake Bonney this Saturday? I have never seen a sand sculpture before and I've been told the region hasn't hosted an event like this before either so it'll be something fun for everyone to experience. Head down to the lake from 10am to 4pm on Saturday to see it being constructed by an Adelaide artist or go over that night or the next day to see the end result. I'm sure it won't disappoint.

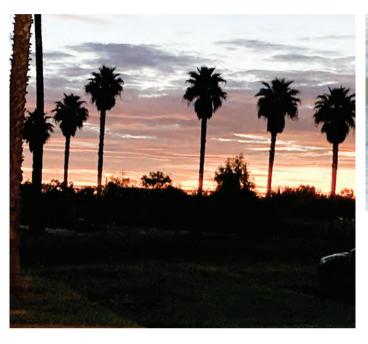
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Peta's pic of the week





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LEFT: Renmark Paringa Council Mayor Neil Martinson captured this great photo during sunset at Palm Court recently.

TOP: Berri's Peter Cumic took this interesting photo of a seagull in the river floating on something odd. Peter asks the Riverland if anyone knows what the other object is in the photo?

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





- Name the film which boasts the famous line: "You can't handle the truth!"
- Which Blackadder character always had a 'cunning plan'?
- ••••• What does HP stand for in HP sauce?
- What is a group of giraffes known as?
- On which street did the Great Fire of London start?
- Joe Biden's two dogs will be moving in with him into the White House. Can you name one of them?
- 'Frankly my dear, I don't give a damn' is an iconic line from which classic film?

- What was the name of The Beatles' first album?
- Which country is the natural habitat and home of lemurs?
- 10. What is Postman Pat's surname?
- 11. In what London street did Sherlock Holmes live?
- 12. Which was the only football team to sack Sir Alex
- 13. In Allo Allo, who owns a small café in France during World War II?
- 14. In which city would you find The Van Gogh Museum?

- 15. American singer Stefani Joanne Angelina Germanotta is best known by which stage name?
- 16. Which sport is the haka associated with?
- 17. On which river did a pilot by the name of Sully make an emergency landing in 2009?
- 18. What was the title of George Michael's first solo single?
- 19. Chris Martin is lead singer of which famous British rock band?
- 20. What is Prince William's second name?

Answers on page 42

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BONUS

Which country has been the most successful in both the men's and women's World Curling Championships? Answer in next week's Quiz.

The Murray Pioneer's BRENDAN LINES recently travelled with SKI FOR LIFE team members during their River Murray trip

Life conversations

BRENDAN LINES

HOW often do you give yourself the time and place to reflect on what matters and have the courage to talk about what's on your mind for the good of your own wellbeing – or someone else's?

The important thing is to make the time and create a place, and that's precisely the underlying purpose of Ski for Life's remembrance ceremony.

Standing on the banks of the river near Cadell, for a moment I basked in the morning sun, looking across a perfect reflection of the scenery on the river's glassy surface, while a poem was being read aloud.

It was a moment of solitude, except I was sharing the same moment with 290 other people at Ski for Life 2021.

It was a shared moment, though all had experienced their own grief in the wake of the loss of a loved one.

As I stood back, members of the boat crews came forward and laid wreaths by the water's edge with special messages to lost loved ones.

After we paused for a minute's silence, the silent hush was broken by the noise of conversation between friends, acquaintances and perfect strangers.

We had all found that place away from our day-to-day, where we had the courage to normalise the conversation of suicide and its prevention.

Until now, I'd never really spoken outside of my family about the loss of my cousin around six years ago.

He was a skier and loved joining my family on trips to Molo Flat just a few minutes upstream from Cadell
— many years later he would take
his family skiing at the same places.

When I did speak about his loss, I would leave out the tough bits and put up a 'wall' around how I really felt.

The more people I met throughout just one day of waterskiing, the more that 'wall' washed away piece by piece into the wakes.

I remember one of the first conversations I had after the ceremony, with Cadell shop-owners Gordy and Lin, after they were presented with a plaque marking a tree of remembrance dedicated to Ski for Life.

They told me though the pain from their loss never goes away, Ski for Life coming to their community helps channel that pain into something positive.

For them and many others, Ski for Life is a tangible cause people can rally behind, and year after year, the conversation grows a little more. ONE by one, the boats took off from Cadell and that's where the mood of the day changed from sombre to an air of positivity that became infectious.

It didn't matter if you were a seasoned slalom skier or have legs like a baby giraffe on two skis.

Everyone was there to make sure all pulled through the day as a team and had fun doing it.

As we made our way into Caudo Winery, I was whisked off the boat to meet a burly bloke called Bob Rowe, who he said was "running a bit late," having stopped in at the Cadell "emergency room."

Turns out he was a pilot, and that



Ski for Life's 290 participants finished the 456km relay at Renmark on Sunday, February 7. PH0T0: Grant Schwartzkopff

emergency room was the redback-inhabited shearers' out-house by the landing 'paddock' where his plane was waiting.

We jumped in Bob's Cessna and within minutes he had us wheels-up and heading out towards Waikerie.

Somehow Bob's Aussie wit and liking of a good yarn was just the thing to calm the nerves before my first light aircraft trip. In all honesty I knew I was in the best hands.

Bob has been with Ski for Life since meeting its founders Tim and Sue Watt nine years ago, when the first event took place.

Bob gives around 35 hours of flying time watching over the fleet of boats from the sky, keeping everyone on track with military precision and safety updates.

You can tell within minutes of meeting Bob his love for flying is equally matched by his generosity and commitment to Ski for Life's cause.

SAFELY back on the ground, I jumped back in the boat at Waikerie and headed off for the day's last leg to Cobdogla.

At every campsite, landing and lock that we stopped, the Ski for Life fleet was met by local support-

Whether it be with all and sundry donations of food and supplies or just a friendly wave, you can see and feel Ski for Life brings out a real sense of community all along its journey from Murray Bridge to Renmark.

When we pulled up at Cobdogla, I took the time to sit down and chat with StandBy After Suicide Support service's Tracey Wanganeen, who had been on hand all day.

I told her about my cousin, and just being able have that conversation with Tracey helped verbalise a lot of confusion and dealing with the situation.

Furthermore, it gave me clarity

to put aside the doubt you feel in addressing and talking about the pain of loss or understanding the pain of others.

Talking to Tracey helped me know I am doing the right thing for me and to make his memory a positive conversation.

Having recently moved into the Riverland, I realise living in isolated communities means opportunities to have conversations about your own or someone else's wellbeing can be difficult.

Ski for Life enables those conversations to go in a positive direction, from its willingness to provide funding in local communities supporting suicide prevention and awareness programs.

For more information visit: https://www.skiforlife.com.au

If you are experiencing a personal crisis in country South Australia contact StandBy on: 0437 752 458.



Boat crews laid wreaths at the Ski for Life remembrance ceremony. PHOTO: Brendan Lines



Cadell shop-owners Gordy Gourlay (left) and Lin Petros were presented with a plaque marking the tree dedicated to Ski for Life. PHOTO: Brendan Lines



Tracey Wanganeen, of StandBy Support After Suicide, reading a poem at the Ski for Life remembrance ceremony. PHOTO: Brendan Lines



Pilot Bob Rowe (left), with Brendan Lines, has been Ski for Life's eye in the sky for nine years, donating many hours of flying time.

Riverland churches ready for a different Easter

CHURCHES across the Riverland are gearing up for the most important celebration of the church year, with services marking the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The celebration last year came to an abrupt end with churches being forced to close just two weeks before Easter.

However this year, churches will be open and with a further easing of State Government restrictions announced last week, they have further capability to cater for the larger-than-usual numbers at Easter.

From today, churches will be able to accommodate three people per four square metres, compared to one person per two square metres, a restriction that had been in place since September last year.

However, if churches reach 100 per cent capacity, masks will be required, said priest-in-charge of the Anglican Church of the



The Renmark Anglican Church is preparing for its Easter celebrations this weekend.

Riverland, Father Paul Devenport.

Fr Devenport said even though he would be "delighted" to see churches in the Riverland at 100 per cent capacity, that was "highly unlikelv".

He said the relaxation of restrictions was welcome, given the numbers who participate in the services over the three days of the Easter celebration.

"It starts on the Thursday night with the re-enactment of the Lord's Supper, then on to Good Friday with a liturgy which marks the passion of Jesus Christ of dying on a cross and then the celebration of Jesus Christ rising three days later on Easter Sunday," Fr Devenport

Fr Devenport said Easter was the most important part of the church

"We remember God's love for us through sending his Son into the world, in Jesus ultimately being crucified but then the triumph over death with resurrection," he said.

"I hope many people this year take advantage of the opportunity with the further easing of restrictions and with the churches open for Easter this year to immerse themselves in the Easter celebrations, in making full use of the four-day Easter break.

"Besides the services in churches across the Riverland, the churches in Renmark and Paringa will come togeth-



Paul Devenport

er on Good Friday in the Jarrett Memorial Gardens at 1.30pm for a Way of the Cross service.

Fr Devenport said the Way of the Cross was about following Jesus Christ as he made his way to the site where he was crucified and to be with me him spiritually.

"In addition, there will be two sunrise services at 6.30am on Easter Sunday," he said.

"One (is) a ecumenical church gathering by the shores of Lake Bonney at Barmera and the other (is) outside St Augustine's Anglican Church at Renmark, overlooking the River Murray."

THROUGHOUT the years – as the weeks come and go - we hear of the loss of many great citizens and recently it was Vilmos Milisits, warmly and affectionately known as "Vili". He came to Australia after fleeing Hungary in 1956 and found a job in a chip shop at the age of 12. He went on to be known worldwide as the 'king of the pies. His dedication, generosity and support to so many countries have endeared him to so many. It was quite a few years ago I was invited to a 'women in SA' day at Parliament House. I was most privileged to be seated at the same table as the guest speaker, who was Rosemary Milisits, Vili's beautiful wife. She shared the same compassion and care for others as her husband. That day will always stay with me as another of those special memories we all have.

This coming event could be of help to keep those memories together for us. Dementia Australia Brain Hub is reaching out to SA regions and coming to Waikerie on Thursday, May 20, 10.30am until 12.30pm and that same night at Loxton from 6.30pm until 8.30pm. Bookings and further details are available from Jill Bond. Contact Jill by mobile at 0472 804 145 or email jillbond@dementia.org.au. If you have any concerns there is a National Dementia Helpline on 1800 100 500.

Some great news for our local schools: Waikerie Primary School and Ramco Primary School. Both have been taking part in a project connected to an Adelaide University citizen science project called Insect Investigators, involving students trapping a range of insects. The uni's Dr Erinn Fagan Jeffries said she was "delighted with its success". Who knows, we may have future scientists in our schools now?

Easter weekend in our Riverland regions is always a very busy time, as it brings the visitors to our caravan parks and campers to the river. Whatever your plans, take care and be safe,

If you're thinking of going solar, stick it where the sun shines!



especially on the roads, and near the river.

At Waikerie, excitement is building as community projects begin and others are completed. The amazing works at the Waikerie Bowling Club are getting lots of attention and this will be a most impressive and imposing feature within our community when completed. Congratulations and well done to the Waikerie Bowling Club members for taking the initiative. In addition, as the streetscape in Peake Terrace is getting closer to being completed there is an air of excitement within our community. The facilities at the river front will certainly be well accepted by locals and visitors during the Easter weekend and beyond, particularly water skiing and boating enthusiasts.

The Waikerie Rain Moth Gallery is convening a special day on Saturday. Come and see the current exhibition before it closes and you will be pleasantly surprised at the impressive collection of artwork that is available in the gift shop.

Have you been to Gluepot Reserve recently? If not, then you may want to relax and enjoy a day out at the reserve watching and listening to the many beautiful birds from one of the many bird hides out there. The volunteer rangers are always ready to have a chat and tell you the history of this magnificent natural reserve on our doorstep. It may be an idea to ring the reserve before you go, in case they have had rain and

the road may be a little difficult. Phone 8892

The Riverland Crows Supporters Group welcomes Crows supporters, including new and former group members, to the Waikerie Hotel to watch the round four AFL game between Adelaide and North Melbourne on the big screen on Sunday, 11. The game starts at 1.10pm. People may wish to come early and have lunch at the hotel. But don't worry if you are unable to do so, as we will be sharing savoury platters with you at half-time. To assist with catering please call me on 0408 609 304 or email by Saturday,

With school holidays not far away, this may be

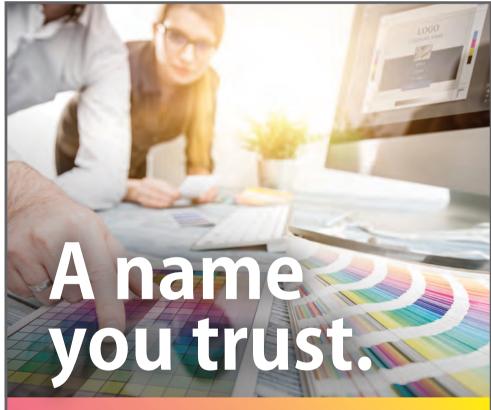
of interest to parents: Riverland Youth Theatre will present a circus workshop for school students at the Waikerie Lutheran School D'Vine Hall from Tuesday, April 13 until Thursday, April 15. A performance will be the highlight of the closing day at 5.30 pm. Bookings for the workshop at www. ryt.org.au. Participants will focus on a variety of fundamentals and various circus disciplines.

Don't forget daylight saving finishes this Saturday. Turn the clock back one hour for sleep

Thought for the week:

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- Axiom





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Fresh calls for new body to oversee water markets...

ACCC report 'about fairness and integrity'

A NEW independent "water markets agency" should be established to oversee trading and ensure water markets in the Murray-Darling Basin operate fairly and with integrity, the ACCC says.

The creation of the new agency is among 29 recommendations in the final report of the ACCC's Murray-Darling Basin water markets inquiry, released on Friday.

The recommendations are grouped across four themes:

- ☐ Governance of the Basin water markets
- ☐ Market integrity and conduct
- ☐ Trade processing and water market information

☐ Market architecture.

"The Basin's water markets are critical not only to the farmers and businesses that use them, but also to the wider Australian economy and the consumers who rely on the Basin's agricultural produce," said ACCC deputy chair Mick Keogh.

"The Murray-Darling Basin's systems and governance have been designed for water management with a focus on important objectives such as protecting the environment and efficiently delivering water through rivers and irrigation infrastructure.

"However, until now, there has been a lack of attention to ensuring water trading markets are working fairly and efficiently. With an annual average value of more than \$1.8 billion per year, water markets in the Murray Darling Basin are now of a scale that warrants serious and focused attention.

"What started as an informal system for transferring water rights between neighbours has grown into a complex set of markets, but unfortunately the normal regulatory framework that would be expected for a market of this scale has not been developed. A new independent water markets agency, backed by appropriate legislatraders and the economy to deliver the benefits of water trade.

Mr Keogh also said many water users currently question the fairness of water markets.

"Inevitably this lack of trust will inhibit efficient investment in agricultural production in the Basin, to the detriment of all Australians," he said.

"The ACCC's recommendations will help to build trust and market efficiency by strengthening market integrity, improving transparency and information, improving trade services and better aligning market rules and arrangements with the physical characteristics of the river system."

The report recommends new Basin-wide laws to be enforced by the proposed water markets agency that would deal with harmful market conduct and practices, including bans on market manipulation, stronger insider trading rules, and a mandatory code of conduct to apply to water market intermediaries such as brokers.

A new requirement would see all market participants providing a single identifier on trade forms, to allow the new regulator to trace and follow transactions and enforce rules against misbehaviour.

In compiling the final report the ACCC:

□ held 10 public forums throughout the Basin;

☐ received more than 130 submissions in response to its issues paper and over 90 in response to the interim report:

☐ held more than 100 meetings with interested parties;

obtained information from various large water users, investors, market intermediaries, irrigation infrastructure operators and government entities; and

□ analysed wide-ranging water market data from 2012

Meanwhile the ACCC will conduct public forums at five locations across the

tion, should prioritise making Basin including Renmark and markets work for water users, Mildura, next month. Storage levels DARTMOUTH LAKE VICTORIA DAM **Current storage: 30% Current storage: 63%** This time last month: 39% This time last month: 63% This time in 2019: 39% This time in 2019: 46% **MENINDEE LAKES HUME DAM Current storage: 17% Current storage: 48%** This time last month: 18% This time last month: 55% This time in 2019: 16% This time in 2019: 0% Flows into SA **CURRENT FLOWS** 6800ml per day THIS TIME **LAST MONTH** 8600ml per day THIS TIME IN 2019 5800ml per day

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Maundy Thursday April I

Berri 7.30pm Pastor S Trautwein

Good Friday April 2

Barmera 9am Pastor S Trautwein

Easter Sunday April 4

Berri 9am Combined Pastor S Trautwein

All Welcome Phone 8582 1853

LOXTON

Maundy Thursday April I

Outlying Concordia Service da Costa at Concordia 7pm HC

Good Friday April 2

St Peter's 9.30am Concordia 10am da Costa Myrla 8.30am Georg at Myrla 10.30am Meribah Georg Bookpurnong 8.30am

Easter Sunday April 4

da Costa

Wed, Apr 7

10.30am HC

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Maundy Thursday April I Combined Service

Renmark 7.30pm HC

Good Friday

Combined Service Renmark 9am

Easter Sunday April 4

Renmark 9am HC Paringa 10.30am HC

All Welcome Pastor Roland Adams Phone 0460 300 492

WAIKERIE

Maundy Thursday April I Waikerie 7pm

Good Friday

April 2 Lowbank 8.45am Ramco 8.45am Waikerie 10am Pastor Pfitzner

Easter Sunday April 4

Ramco 6.20am Waikerie 10am Pastor Julian Bayha

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Catholic Church **Mass Times**

Our Lady of the River Catholic Parish

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Holy Thursday April I Berri 7pm

Loxton 7pm **Good Friday**

April 2 Renmark 3pm Barmera 3pm

Waikerie 5pm Holy Saturday (Vigil) April 3

Loxton 7pm **Easter Sunday**

April 4 Morgan 9am Berri 9am

Waikerie I I am Renmark I I am Barmera 6pm



Anglican Church

Maundy Thursday

5pm - Waikerie St James HC 5.30pm - Berri St Alban's HC

7.30pm - Loxton The Resurrection HC 7.30pm - Renmark St Augustine's HC

Good Friday April 2

8am - Berri

St Alban's 8.30am - Barmera St Edmunds

10am - Loxton The Resurrection 10.30am - Waikerie St James

Holy Saturday April 3

7pm - Monash St Oswald's HC

Easter Sunday April 4

6.30am - Renmark Sunrise Service, rett Memorial **Gardens**

9am - Loxton The Resurrection HC 9am - Barmera St Edmunds HC

9.30am - Morgan St Peter's I I am - Waikerie

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DEATHS

ANDERSON, Gillen Christopher John.

> 21/9/1982 -16/3/2021

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Grandson to John and Diane, Graham and Jo (both deceased).

Devoted partner to Megan.

Adored father to Lara, Jayden and Tyla.

Friend to Ricky.

is overwhelming, now at peace forever.

place in Heaven. where only angels fly.

Till we meet again, I will always love you,

ANDERSON,

Aged 38 years.

Passed away unexpectedly March 16, 2021.

nephew of Kathy and Garry Heywood and cousin of Jeff,

> Fly high Chris, Fly free.

Nan and Pop.

Passed away peacefully, with his wife by his side at the Riverland General Hospital on Monday, March 22, 2021.

> Aged 86 years. Beloved husband of Lila.

of Matthew.

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to Matt.

My grief for you

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RIP.

Christopher John.

Much-loved Kim, Jess and Daniel.

Rest safely with

BLADES, Peter.

Loving father



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DEATHS

FITZPATRICK, Thelma (nee Drew)

> 10/8/1946 -22/3/2021

74 years young. Dearly loved and

adored wife of Tony. Treasured mother of Vicki and Michael

(deceased). Adored and loved mother-in-law of David and Anna.

Devoted nan of Alexis, Danielle and Caleb, Mikayla, Nicholas and Kerri.

> Proud grand-nan of Mackenzie.

Loved by siblings Margaret, Elizabeth, John, and their families.

Our sincere thanks to the nurses, carers and staff at St Louis Aged Care, Parkside for the compassionate care and love given to Thelma.

Your smile lit up our world. Your love, happiness and kindness will stay with us forever.



FRANCIS, Beverley Margaret.

> Passed away peacefully at the Riverland General Hospital on Wednesday, March 24, 2021.

Aged 79 years.

Much-loved wife of Neil.

Loving mother of Brian (deceased) and Tania. Tony and Teresa, Matthew and Gaye.

Loved grandma of Daniel and Joshua. Loving sister to Grant.

You brought joy to all who knew you.

DEATHS

GAY, Richard 'Dick'. Passed away unexpectedly.

> Aged 67 years. Loving father of Steven,

Matt and Brad. Loving father-in-law to Colleen and Cathy.

Loving papa of Jakob and Caleb.

"Up there playing with his Valiants. Taken too soon,

Privately cremated.

rest in peace.

LESKE, Mona Jean.

Passed away peacefully at St. Catherine's Nursing Home, Berri on Saturday, March 27, 2021.

Aged 93 years.

Loved wife of Keith (deceased).

Loving mother of Robert and Glenys, Denise and Bill.

Loved grandma of Nicole, Brenton, Louise, Paul.

Loved great-grandma of Mikayla, Oliver, Noah, Mackenzie.

At peace in God's loving care.

RASHEED, Ayda.

Passed away peacefully surrounded by family at the Riverland General Hospital on Friday, March 26, 2021.

Aged 93 years. Loved wife of

Salim (deceased).

Loving mother of Assam 'Zoom' and Rima, Leila and Ryszard.

Loved sittoo of Saleem and Emma, Omar. Alisar and Kym, Sana and Nidal, Shadi.

And sit-sittoo of Mirna, Hadi, Haytham and Aysha.

Forever in our hearts.



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DEATHS

SCHILLER, Glen WEST, Patricia June. David.

30/12/1954 -23/3/2021

Aged 66 years. Son of Mavis and

Harold (deceased) Brother of Ray, Phyll (deceased),

Trevor and Dean. Brother-in-law of Irene, Liz and Jenny.

> Uncle of Greg and Rebecca. Rest easy.

Glen was buried in the Murbko Cemetery on Tuesday, March 30, 2021.

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TROY, Adele Coral.

It is with a heavy heart that we announce that Mum went to her Heavenly Father's home on Saturday, March 6, 2021.

Aged 73 years.

Beloved wife of William 'Bill'

Much-loved mother to Sally and Clinton.

Loving grandma to Billie, Gypsy,

Reunited with Dad.

Adele was buried privately at the Renmark Cemetery on Monday, March 29, 2021 by Pastor Roland Adams.

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DEATHS

Passed away on March 30, 2021 at Riverview Lutheran Rest Home, Loxton, with family by her side.

Loved daughter of Joyce and Mick (both deceased).

Loved sister of Kath (deceased), Gaye, James and Jo and special friend to Pat.

In God's loving care. No longer suffering.

Funeral details to be advised on Facebook and on our website.



FAMILY FUNERALS Warren Altschwager

(nee Drew).

The family and friends

of the late Mrs Thelma

Fitzpatrick are invited

to attend a Celebration

of her Life which will

be conducted at

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Cemetery, Folland Chapel, Browning

Street, Clearview, on

Thursday, April 8, 2021

Following the service,

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cemetery.



(deceased).

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forever in our hearts.

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FRANCIS.

The relatives and friends of the late Beverley Francis are respectfully invited to attend her funeral service to be conducted at the Berri Uniting Church on Tuesday, April 6, 2021 at 1.30pm.

In lieu of flowers if desired, a donation to Breast Cancer SA in Beverley's memory would be appreciated. Donations may be made at the service.

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



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The relatives and

LESKE.

friends of the late Mona Leske are respectfully invited to attend her funeral service to be conducted at the Zion Lutheran Church, Vaughan Terrace, Berri on Wednesday, April 7, 2021 at 11am.

In lieu of flowers if desired, a donation to Calvary St. Catherine's Berri in Mona's memory would be appreciated. Donations may be made at the service.

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

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31, 2021 at 11am. In lieu of flowers if desired, a donation to Beit El Yateem Abey

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The relatives and

friends of Ayda Rasheed

are respectfully invited

to attend her funeral

service to be conducted

at the Riverland

Funeral Chapel, Berri

on Wednesday, March

(Druze Orphanage) in Ayda's memory would be appreciated. Donations may be made at the service.

At the conclusion of the service the cortege will proceed to the Berri Druze Cemetery for the committal.

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IN MEMORIAM

BAKER, Valmae Dawn. March 27, 2016.

> Those we love don't go away, They walk beside us every day.

Unseen, unheard, but always near, Still loved, still missed, but very dear.

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Your loving husband Kevin, Darvl and Veronica. Di and Marc, and families.

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WAIKERIE - 49 Peake April 3, 9am - 2pm.

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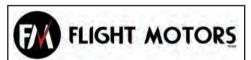
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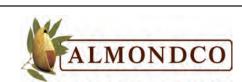
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BONUS QUESTION ANSWER (from last week): Topophobia is more commonly known as stage fright in the theatre.



1.England 2.Golgotha/Calvary 3.Germany 4.A donkey 5.Cuckoo 6.40 days 7.Fish 8. Easter Sunday 9. Bulgaria 10. Red 11. Lily 12. The third day (Easter Sunday) 13. You have to wear a new piece of clothing 14. Pancakes 15. Wash clothes 16. The ears 17. The bilby 18. March & April 19. "Christ is Risen" 20. The Oberammergau Passion Play





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101ST **ANNIVERSARY** DINNER

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ANZAC DINNER

Saturday, April 17, 2021 6pm in the Loxton RSL Hall **Tobruk Terrace, Loxton, SA 5333**

> A 3 course meal for \$50 per head.

Gentlemen: Jacket & Tie | Ladies: After 5 Decorations (Minatures) to be worn.

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LOXTON RSL **ANZAC DAY DAWN SERVICE**

The Loxton RSL Sub-Branch will conduct the annual ANZAC Day Dawn Service from

6.15am on Sunday, 25 April, 2021 at the Cross of Sacrifice opposite the roundabout between Kokoda and Tobruk Terraces.

> Afterwards, a Gunfire Breakfast at the RSL Hall.

Parties intending to lay a wreath are asked to advise the Secretary on 0414 382 806 before Thursday 22 April 2021.

This will be a COVID-Safe event, limited to 1000 attendees. Attendees will be required to observe current restrictions advised by SA Health and comply with the Loxton RSL COVID-Safe Plan for this event.



Community **Development Grants NOW OPEN**

Information kits are available at either the Berri or Barmera Council offices or via our website at www.berribarmera.sa.gov.au/grants.

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APPLICATIONS CLOSE 28 April 2021

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ANZAC DAY

Those people who have a desire to ay a floral tribute at a memorial encouraged to do so at one of the following locations throughout the day.

Memorials at Berri:

Malayan and Indonesian Plaques are at Riverview Drive Berri opposite the Caravan Park

WW1 and WW2 Wade St Berri Post WW2memorial Vaughn Tce Berri

Memorials at Barmera:

Garden of Memory Cemetery McKenzie **Rd** Barmera

ANZAC Cross at the lake front Barmera Light Horse Trough Barwell Ave Barmera Barmera RSL Club gardens Nookamka Tce Barmera

Renmark Paringa Council

Public Consultation

Draft Strategic Plans

Renmark Paringa Council is currently seeking feedback on its Draft Long Term Strategic Directions, Community Plan 2021- 2030 and Corporate Plan 2021-2024 documents that outlines what and how Council will deliver community outcomes over the coming years.

Feedback on the draft plans will be reviewed and presented to Council to assist in determining priorities for our future. A copy of the document can be obtained by visiting Council's website https:// www.renmarkparinga.sa.gov.au/council/ consultation or by visiting the Council office at 61 Eighteenth Street Renmark.

Written submissions are invited from the public and should be directed to Renmark Paringa Council, PO Box 730 Renmark SA 5341 or emailed to council@renmarkparinga.sa.gov.au or via Councils website by close of business Monday 12 April 2021.

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Berri Barmera COUNCIL



SALE VIA TENDER OF **SURPLUS PLANT**

Notice is hereby given under section 49 of the Local Government Act 1999; The Berri Barmera Council will be selling the following plant due to being surplus to requirements:

Ferris IS 5100Z (lawn mower)

Tenders close at 4.00 pm on Wednesday 14 April 2021.

Neither the lowest tender nor any tender is guaranteed to be successful.

Envelopes are to be marked as follows:

Tender Surplus Plant The Berri Barmera Council PO Box 229 Berri SA 5343

For further information please contact Dave de Grancy, Manager of Infrastructure Services, at the Berri Barmera Council Office

KARYN BURTON

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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Renmark Paringa Council

Community Grants Program and Event Sponsorship Program

The Community Grants Program and Event Sponsorship Program for 2021/22 is now open.

Application forms and grant guidelines are available to download from Council's website: www.renmarkparinga.sa.gov.au/community/grants

To find out more about the Community Grants Program, please contact Emma Warner by phoning 8580 3000 or email grants@renmarkparinga.sa.gov.au

To find our more about the Event Sponsorship Program, please contact Sue Whitbourne by phoning 8580 3060 or email swhitbourne@renmarkparinga.sa.gov.au

Applications for both funding programs will close at 5pm Monday 3 May 2021.

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Berri Barmera COUNCIL



Road Closure Order Murray Man Triathlon

The Berri Barmera Council exercise power delegated to it by the Minister for Transport under Section 11 of the Road Traffic Act and through the Instrument of General Approval, part 1, Clause F: Delegation of Power to Close Roads and Grant Exemptions for Road Events

- (a) Declare the Murray Man Triathlon to be held Dean Drive, Barmera, as an event to which Section 33 of the Road Traffic Act
- (b) Hereby make an order –
- (1) To close the Road specified in the Schedule (below) to vehicles as provided in Section 33 (1) (a) of the Road Traffic Act.

THE SCHEDULE

Location	From	То
Come n Try Lakeside Drive from the Yacht Club including Dean Drive and Queen Elizabeth Drive to Foot Avenue, Barmera	10.00am Saturday 10 April 2021	3.00pm Saturday 10 April 2021
Murray Man – Bike Course Lakeside Drive from the Yacht Club including Dean Drive and Queen Elizabeth Drive to Morgan Road, Barmera	6.00am Sunday 11 April 2021	3.00pm Sunday 11 April 2021
Murray Man – Run Course Partial Road Closure - Dean Drive including Queen Elizabeth Drive, to Bluebird Café Barmera with speed restrictions applying	8.00am Sunday 11 April 2021	3.00pm Sunday 11 April 2021

2) Exempt persons in these areas when they are closed to vehicular traffic from Road Rules 230 (crossing a road) and 238 (pedestrians travelling along the road).

For further information please contact the office on 8582 1922 or bbc@bbc.sa.gov.au

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Berri Barmera COUNCIL **Public Consultation**

Former Alfresco's Building

We invite interested residents to an online survey regarding the future of the former Alfresco's building.

In addition to the online survey, Public Consultation will be sought at the Berri Easter Market and Parade on Saturday 4 April 2021 from 9.00am near the Alfresco building.

more information please www.berribarmera.sa.gov.au or come into our office in Berri

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2021 Hard Waste Voucher Available for collection from the Loxton or Waikerie Council Office from 1 April 2021

Council will provide a hard waste voucher again this year to assist residents in disposing of unwanted household items/waste. Council will provide residential customers with a \$40 Waste Transfer Station voucher however anything above this amount will be at the cost of the resident (as per Council's fees and charges). One voucher only per residential property can be claimed.

Residents are asked to please ensure that their waste is sorted to assist Council with our recycling and reuse practices. Mattresses, ensemble bases, gas bottles and tyres will incur an individual charge per item as per Council's fees and charges. Poly pipe, pine post, chemicals and asbestos will not be accepted

Vouchers can be collected from the Loxton or Waikerie Council Office from 1 April 2021 and will be valid until 31 May 2021 (please note vouchers will only be available for collection from 1 April 2021). A current driver's licence as proof of residency must be presented at the time of collecting the voucher. Please note vouchers can be collected on behalf of family members/friends if they are unable to collect the voucher, however a copy of their driver's licence will be required.

To view the Waste Transfer Station fees and charges, please visit the link below: https://www.loxtonwaikerie.sa.gov.au/councilservices/fees-and-charges

For more information please contact Jenna Barry, Works Project Officer, on 8584 8000.

COUNCIL



Road closure order 5RM Easter Breakfast and Berri Traders Easter Carnival

The Berri Barmera Council exercise power delegated to it by the Minister for Transport under Section 11 of the Road Traffic Act and through the Instrument of General Approval, part 1, Clause F: Delegation of Power to Close Roads and Grant Exemptions for Road Events

- (a) Declare the 5RM Easter Breakfast and Berri Traders Easter Carnival to be held on Vaughan Terrace and Riverview Drive, Berri as an event to which Section 33 of the Road Traffic Act applies.
- (b) Hereby make an order -
- (1) To close the Road specified in the Schedule (below) to traffic including bicycles and scooters excluding motorised wheelchairs as provided in Section 33 (1) (a) of the Road Traffic Act

THE SCHEDULE

Location	From	То
Riverview Drive from the Corner of Crawford Terrace and Riverview Drive to Ahern Street.	6.00am Saturday 3 April 2021	12.30pm Saturday 3 April 2021
Both sides of Vaughan Terrace from the roundabout to Riverview Drive.		
Restricted access in Denny Street, Berri		

1) Exempt persons in these areas when they are closed to vehicular traffic from Road Rules 230 (crossing a road) and 238 (pedestrians travelling along the road).

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Renmark Paringa Council

Notice of Road Closure

Section 33 Road Traffic Act 1961

I, Tony Siviour, Chief Executive Officer, for, and on behalf of the Renmark Paringa Council, exercise the authority delegated by the Minister of Transport under Section 11 Road Traffic Act, and make the following order under Section 33 of the Act.

I declare that the 'Renmark North Primary Wheels Day' is an event to which this section applies and that the following road be closed to vehicle traffic on Wednesday 7 April 2021 between 12.20pm to 2.00pm.

Within the Renmark Paringa Council:

Warrego Street between Ral Ral Avenue and Eighth Street

I direct that persons taking part in the 'Renmark North Primary Wheels Day' on the above roads be exempted from all Australian Road Rules relating to pedestrian behaviour, wearing of seatbelts and the carriage of persons in or on vehicles.

Tony Siviour Chief Executive Officer P (08) 8580 3000

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President Sheree Chappel, would like to call the

2021 PLANNING MEETING

for the future of the Rose Festival to be held on Thursday 8 April from 10am to 12 noon at Rustons Restaurant.

It will be a facilitated workshop where all attendees are invited to have their say on the future of the Festival as an expanded regional event.

A light luncheon will be provided.

Please respond to renmarkroses@gmail.com by COB Wednesday 7 April.

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Applications will be assessed by an in-house committee, with successful applicants

Application details can be obtained from Monica Jones by either calling (03) 5026 0111 or email: mjones@selectharvests.com.au

Applications close Friday 23rd April 2021

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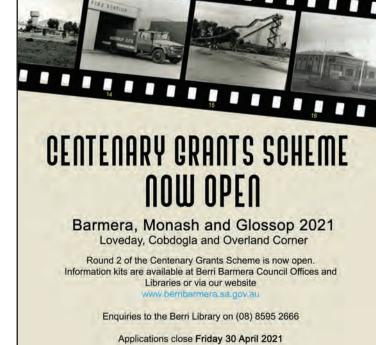


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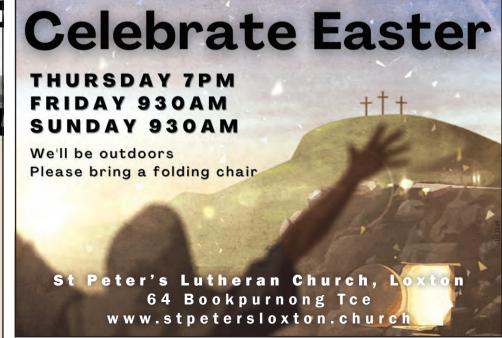


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Berri Barmera





Suzanne Coombs, of Loxton Bowling Club, won the Riverland bowls' champion of champions women's singles title.



Kym Schulz, of Renmark Bowling Club, won the Riverland bowls' champion of champions men's singles title.



The Lawns men's fours champions (from left) Steve Symonds, Mal Inglis, Neville Kelly, Steve Ivanovic. PHOTOS: supplied



The Lawns women's fours champions (from left)
Ruth Patton, Jenny Knight, Mel Morrow and Naomi

Bowls 2020/21 champions crowned

RENMARK'S Kym Schulz and Loxton's Suzanne Coombs have been crowned Bowls Riverland singles champion of champions for

Renmark's Kym Schulz won

the men's singles event by beating Moorook's Anthony Wachtel 21-17.

Coombs won the women's singles by five shots over Waikerie's Judy Strauss.

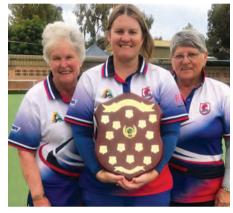
Waikerie's Jenny Morley and Sue Moritz won the women's pairs event, the Waikerie Bowling Club's first duo to lift the pair's shield.

Berri's triples team of Kerry Treloar (skipper), Emma Treloar and Ros Crmlec beat a Barmera team by five shots in the final.

Wednesday 2020/21 pennant winners, The Lawns, continued its history-making run, winning the club's first women's fours event

under its new title. The club won the event as Renmark RSL in 2000/01.

The Lawns' men's team won its fours match-up against Waikerie by nine shots.



Berri women's triples champions (from left) Ros Crmlec, Emma Treloar and Kerry Treloar.



Waikerie's champion of champions winning pairs team Sue Moritz and Jenny Morley.



Renmark's men's pairs champions Bill Dobson and Christos Karantonis.

Super league champs reunited in state squad

RIVERLAND junior bowlers have been included in the South Australian under 18 boys and girls squads for 2021/22.

The squad will include three Riverland members who will be vying for selection in potential series against Victoria and the national championships.

SA super league

title-winners and Mallee Pirates teammates Cameron Hill and Cody Letton have been selected in the boys gold and silver squads respectively.

For Letton, his selection comes amid a potential recruitment deal with the Marion Bowling Club to join its super league team.

Loxton RSL's Kyra Williams has been selected in the SA girls squad, headlined by Jackaroos squad member and reigning state women's singles champion Kate Argent-Bowden.

Argent-Bowden will compete at the prestige medley event to be held in the Riverland next month.

Riverland bowls president Des Button said state selections help promote junior bowls in the region.

"It's great for Riverland bowls and especially our juniors," he said.

"It just shows that if they are committed to the game at whatever level they can achieve state selection.

"Those that have taken up the offer have done very well."



Riverland bowlers Cameron Hill and Cody Letton have been selected in the under 18 boys state squad. PHOTO: Bowls SA

Superdogs kick off 2021 campaign

THE Riverland Superdogs over 35s Aussie rules team kicked off their 2021 campaign at Argana Oval, Gawler on Sunday, going down to the home side by 17 points.

Superdogs' Lance Gum was leading up the ground and marking the ball well, but the 'Dogs were unable to finish off his good work.

By half time Gawler led 5-3 to 0-6, but after the long break the Superdogs came to life and kicked the first goal of the quarter. Midfielders Greg McDonald and Greg Schloithe played well, as did another first starter, Sam Ghamrawim, and Mick Sparrow.

At three-quarter time Riverland trailed 3-8 to 7-6, but the visitors managed to outscore the home side in the final term.

Gawler ran out winners 10-8 to Riverland's 7-9.

Veteran Rob Romeo who was injured mid game but stayed on the ground and used his experience to be a valuable contributor, along with coach Darren Tieste, and defender Joe Butson. McDonald, Romeo and Sparrow each kicked two goals, while Rob Johnstone kicked one.



Stevens wins cycling club's Waikerie road race

LEE Stevens won the Riverland Cycling Club's Waikerie Handicap road race held on March 21.

Stevens and second-placed

Eloise Vaughn started 25 minutes behind the main group.

The pair hunted and passed the peloton with just five kilometres to go. Waikerie handicap road race: L. Stevens (+25), E. Vaughn (+25), M. Gray (+17), P. Weston (Limit), A. Ylia (Limit), C. Ward (+17), S. Pick (+13), C. Bambrick (+29), T. Stevens (+13), D. Leibich (+17).

Schubert bags SAPSASA triple

RIVERLAND swimmers competed against teams comprised of SA's top country primary schools at the SAPSASA country swimming championships held at the SA Aquatic and Leisure Centre on March 26.

Berri's Max Schubert won three medals representing the in division ones boys 11-year-old age group.

Schubert won three gold medals, in the 50-metre freestyle, backstroke and butterfly events.

Renmark's Sarah White bagged a full set of gold, silver and bronze medals competing in the 10-year-old age group.

White won gold in the butterfly, silver in the breaststroke and bronze in the freestyle 50-metre events.

Hugh Riedel, of Renmark, won two silver medals competing in the 12-year-old age group, winning the 50-metre freestyle and backstroke events.

The Riverland placed second in the girls 10-year-old 200m freestyle relay. The boys relay team took home bronze in the 12-year-old 200-metre freestyle event.

Meanwhile the girls relay team won bronze in the 200-metre freestyle event.



Waikerie Bowling Club dome tipped to be completed mid-April

WAIKERIE bowlers are watching the fruits of their labours ripen, as construction begins on the massive dome covering their greens, after more than two years of planning.

In December 2019, the District Council of Loxton Waikerie (DCLW) voted in favour of providing the Waikerie Bowling Club with \$250,000 of in-kind funding, and a \$250,000 loan if its application was successful.

The Waikerie Bowling Club (WBC) subsequently received \$608,000 from the Federal Government's Building Better Regions grants program in mid-2020, and the club has contributed \$170,000 to the project.

Club president Roger Davies said bowling members and Waikerie residents alike have been "very excited" watching construction begin on the dome cover over the past week.

"A lot of people have been coming to the club, or driving past the street, just to watch construction of the very large domecover frame," he said.

"I've heard a lot of enthusiasm and congratulations from locals on the project's start, and we're



very excited that it's happening.

"The construction crew told me it should be fully completed mid-April, and (the club) is replacing one of the greens in mid-May, so we're planning to have the official opening around June."

The dome cover will be the first in SA for country bowls clubs, and Mr Davies said he expects it to draw outside players to local tournaments.

"It's going to bring a lot more attention and an increase in tourism to Waikerie, which can only be a good thing," he said.

"It's been a lot of work for (club members) over the past two years, but we're now seeing the fruits of our labour and we're very satisfied.

"Thank you to (Barker MP Tony) Pasin for his effort in getting this project funding across the line, and to (DCLW Mayor Leon) Stasinowsky and CEO David Beaton and the councillors for their efforts and support, and in particular councillor Peter Walker for initially speaking to me about seeking government funding for this huge project.

"And thank you to all our members here at the bowling club for their passion and support, in particular the club grants committee: Drew Schapel, Brian Rogers, Barry Harden and Bob Nicholls.

"There's a lot more work to do, but we're very fortunate to have great volunteers and enthusiastic members."

It's going to bring a lot more attention and an increase in tourism to Waikerie, which can only be a good thing...

- Roger Davies Waikerie Bowling Club president



Dome cover construction at the Waikerie Bowling Club is expected to be fully completed by mid-April.

Berri ends A grade premiership drought

BERRI ended an 11-year premiership drought by beating Loxton by 21 runs in Riverland cricket's A grade grand final on

The minor premiers and home side were pushed by the roughies, forced to defend 115 after being bowled out in the 39th over.

At 5/74 in reply, the underdogs looked a better-than-even chance of snatching an unlikely premiership.

However, the dismissal of topscorer Brad Hoffmann for 43 bowled by Riley Herbert - sparked a late-order collapse that saw Berri capture the final five wickets for just 20 runs and claim a welldeserved premiership.

Earlier in the day, Berri won the toss and elected to bat, but was made to work hard for its competitive, but gettable score.

Brad Rosenzweig was the mainstay of Berri's innings. Coming in at first-drop, class-act Rosenzweig compiled a relatively brisk 48 from 70 balls, figuring in several valuable partnerships.

Only three batsmen reached double figures and Rosenzweig's dominance was highlighted by the fact teammate Josh Fielke contributed just three to the biggest partnership of the innings, 21.

Wes Frankel was a valuable contributor for Berri, batting patiently and sensibly for his 11 off 46 balls.

From 3/73, Berri had a collapse of its own, being bowled out for 115.

Luke Zdanowicz was the best of Loxton's bowlers with figures of 3/24. Llayton Biele took 2/17 from his four overs, including the prize wicket of Rosenzweig, while Hoffmann also chipped in with two

Loxton's innings was somewhat more brisk than Berri's knock, but from a potentially match-winning position, its middle and lower order were no match for Berri's consistent bowling attack.

Hoffmann hit four boundaries and a six during his knock, while



cricket A grade premiers Berri, (back, from left): Wes Frankel, Josh Williss, Chris Smith and Wayne Scadden. Middle: Riley Herbert, Martin Barber, Josh Fielke and Luke Cotter. **Front: James** Preece, Bradley Oakley, Brad Rosenzweig and Richie Kubsch. **PHOTOS: Grant** Schwartzkopff

opener Tyler Hobby was similarly belligerent until being dismissed by Berri opening bowler Cotter for 15.

When man of the match Rosenzweig dismissed Vikasray Patel for a duck and left Loxton 9/78, the match looked all over.

However, fresh from winning the preliminary final for his team seven days earlier, Loxton tailender Travis O'Shaughnessy looked determined to repeat his heroics, helping edge his side to within striking distance.

Fittingly, Rosenzweig captured the final wicket of the 2020/21 season, having the determined O'Shaughnessy caught by Brad Oakley for 16 to seal the title for

Meanwhile in the B grade grand final Monash rolled Wunkar by 51 runs to claim the premiership.

Monash's win was highlighted

by Peter Elliot's devastating figures of 5/13 off just six overs.

Earlier, Monash's opening batsmen Morgan Smith (34) laid the foundation of Monash's innings of 8/114, backed up by number four Kyle Gillespie's 29.

Monash was 2/59 at drinks, before Gillespie's wicket fell on 6/90 trying to increase the run rate.

In reply, Wunkar was dismissed for by just 63 in the 22nd over. Elliot received great support at the bowling crease from Gillespie (3/18), Brodie Fridd (1/12) and Jarryd Roberts (1/19).

For Monash the win was a double celebration, marking Peter Roberts' 400th game for the

In the under 15s an undefeated half-century to Sam Andrenacci guided Berri to its five-wicket win over Waikerie Ramco.

Andrenacci's unbeaten 51 came in reply to Waikerie Ramco's 121, which featured an unbeaten 76 to Flynn Andrew.

Andrew's unbeaten score was Waikerie Ramco's only resistance as its remaining batting order succumbed for single digit runs each.

Mitchell Cawse's figures of 6/21 did the damage to Waikerie Ramco's innings, positioning Berri to claim victory.

Berri's number four batsman Paul Dale (20) complemented Andrenacci's half-century.

GRAND FINAL RESULTS: A GRADE

Berri 115 d Loxton 94.

Berri 115 (M. Barber 17, R. Herbert 5, B. Rosenzweig 48, J. Fielke 3, W.J. Frankel 11, W. Scadden 8, J. Williss 0, J. Preece 7, B.J. Oakley 8, R. Kubsch 5, L.A. Cotter 0 not out, L. Zdanowicz 3/24, B. Hoffmann 2/14, L. Biele 2/17) d Loxton 94 (T. Hobby 15, T. Tol O, L. Zdanowicz 8, B. Hoffmann 43, J. Durdin 2, L. Biele 2, B.J. Lynch 5, J. Bergamin O, V. Patel O, T. O'Shaughnessy 16, D. Zdanowicz 2 not out, B. Rosenzweig 3/17, R. Herbert 2/19, R. Kubsch 1/8).

B GRADE

Monash 8/114 d Wunkar 121.

Monash 8/114 (M. Smith 34, L. Cov 6, J.D. Kleinig 6, K.R. Gillespie 29, J. Roberts 2, B. Fridd 2, P. Elliot 5, P.J. Roberts 15, R. Williams 3 not out, T. Charity 1 not out, no bowling details received) d Wunkar 63 (No batting details received, P. Elliot 5/13, K.R. Gillespie 3/18).

UNDER 15

Berri 5/122 d Waikerie Ramco 121 Berri 5/122 (S. Andrenacci 51 retired not out, P. Efthimiou O, G. Singh O, P. Dale 20, M. Cawse 0, P. Clayton-Day 15, Y. Exarheas 4, T. Waanders 1/7, M.A. Carter 1/7, R. Waanders 1/21) d Waikerie Ramco 121 (J. Thiel 1, M.A. Carter 2, H. Fridd O, T. Waanders 5, F. Andrew 76 not out, I. Leske O, H. Nitchske O, R. Waanders 2, A. Blyth 9, C. Werner 0, H. Thomas O, M. Cawse 6/21, G. Singh 1/5, S. Andrenacci 1/22).

Riverland cricket B grade premiers Monash (standing from left): Peter Elliot, Logan Coy, Morgan Smith, Tony Charity, Peter Roberts, Josh Kleinig, **Bradley** Humby, Ryan Williams, **Archie** Peltz, Jarryd Roberts and Harman Singh Kneeling: Kyle Gillespie and Brodie Fridd. PHOTO: supplied



Berri batsman Sam Andrenacci salutes on reaching his halfcentury as he walks off Berri Oval during Saturday's under 15 grand final.





Ben Hoffmann top scored for Loxton in its A grade grand final loss to Berri on Saturday.



Brad Rosenzweig starred with 48 runs and figures of 3/17 in Berri's Riverland A grade cricket grand final win on Saturday.



Riverland cricket under 15 premiers Berri (back, from left): Hayden Cawse (coach), Yianni Exarheas, Paul Dale, Aaron Noble, Slater Marsden and Lino Andrenacci. Front: Archie Kent, Paul Efthimiou, Cameron Hill, Mitch Cawse, Parker Clayton-Day, Sam Andrenacci, Gurshaan Singh, Peter Efthimiou and Jack Hunter.

The Murray Pioneer has recently profiled the stars of Riverland cricket and today its...

Evan's star on the rise

BRENDAN LINES

FROM playing cricket on the sidelines of Monash oval with his mum, to batting alongside Australian Test vice-captain Travis Head, Evan Gregoric is a Riverland cricket star on the rise.

Evan's first grade cricket debut with Tea Tree Gully in February makes him the first Riverland product to play at the top level in near 20 years.

On his grade cricket debut, Evan said spending time at the crease with Head was invaluable experi-

"I wasn't expecting it coming into the year," he said

"It was a childhood dream along with playing for the Redbacks or Australia.

"It was a great experience that gave me a lot of knowledge, he made it look effortless out there."

With a half-century and taking 3/20 against Adelaide University in January, Evan's form was on song for a first-grade debut.

The opportunity to step up came against quality opposition in East Torrens, which included Adelaide Strikers' and Redbacks' batsman Jake Lehmann.

In the first innings of the game, Evan claimed the breakthrough wicket of Lehmann on 144, finishing with bowling figures of 1/29.

Gregoric later partnered Travis Head at the crease, playing a supporting role in Head's unbeaten 108 not out, helping take a twowicket win.

Evan backed up his debut performance taking figures of 1/9 against Port Adelaide the following week, claiming the wicket of another Redback, Tom Cooper.

Riverland Test cricket player and former state selector Rick Darling told the Murray Pioneer club cricket is "the only pathway" available for Riverland players to progress.

It's a path not many Riverlanders have taken in recent years, but Evan has managed to put his best foot forward – while playing a pretty straight bat.

Evan's father David, a former star Monash cricket player, said his son had a natural ability from a

"He played with a very straight bat when he was all of four years old," Mr Gregoric said.

"We'd coach him, straight bat, straight bat. Over and over again."

often play on the sidelines during games at Monash.

Mr Gregoric said Evan would

"I used to play a lot of cricket and he used to come and watch,"

"Mum and Evan would play on the sideline of the oval pretty well

"He gave my wife a good workout. She was probably his main coach when he was a kid. You couldn't get a cricket bat out of his

Rising through the Riverland



Monash's Evan Gregoric is the first Riverland club cricket player to play first grade in nearly 20 years. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

grades, Evan's ability enabled him to play among older age groups.

'He first played at Monash when he was seven years old playing under 14s, then he went on to play under 16 at 10 years old," Mr Gregoric said.

Then when Monash (juniors) folded he went and played for Berri in under 16s.'

It was while playing for Berri, Evan caught the eye of the Tea Tree Gully Cricket Club.

"When Evan was about 12 he

got poached...," Mr Gregoric said.

"He played in the Ray Sutton Shield as a 12-year-old and then went on to play through the ranks at Tea Tree Gully."

Evan's rise through the grades has been helped by his ability as an all-rounder.

Tea Tree Gully president Ian Graham said the presence of Head is of great influence among the club's developing players.

"He (Head) doesn't come in with any airs and graces, he's one of the lads," he said.

"With four of the boys including Evan being able to go out and bat with him, you couldn't ask for anything better really, especially when Travis is scoring a ton.

"But, to see these young lads coming down and playing at this level is fantastic."

Evan has been picked to train in the state under 19 squad, from which a team will be selected to travel Victoria.

Rosenzweig takes top cricket award

BERRI all-rounder Brad Rosenzweig was named Riverland Cricketer of the Year at the Riverland Turf Cricket Association's presentation night on March 22.

Across the 2020/21 season minor round, Rosenzweig notched 423 runs, including 103 against Waikerie Ramco in round 12.

With the ball, Rosenzweig tallied 14 wickets with best figures of 4/9 against Loxton.

Rosenzweig was instrumental in Berri's Murray-Mallee super league grand final win, scoring a half-century and taking 2/29.

The awards night yielded a double for Berri Cricket Club, with Riley Herbert named Young Cricketer of the Year.

Herbert featured in Berri's opening batting partnership, scor-

ing 211 runs for the season. Loxton's Daniel Zdanowicz was named Junior Cricketer of the Tear.

Meanwhile teams of the year was named for all grades.

TEAMS OF THE YEAR

A grade

L. Jackson (Ren Nth), R. Herbert (Berri), B. Hoffman (Loxton) captain, T. Williamson (Ren Nth), B. Rosenzweig (Berri), L. Zdanowicz (Loxton), D. Harding (Renmark Nth), W. Scadden (Berri), A. Werner (Waikerie Ramco), Z. Gallo (Ren Nth), R. Kubsch (Berri).

B grade

L. Pontt (Wunkar) captain, D. Ireland (Browns Well), J. Patterson (Browns Well), A. Bevan (Waikerie G), K. Gillespie (Monash), K. Matthews (Waikerie G), T. Eagle (Wunkar), K. Smith (Wunkar), B. Hampel (Browns Well), H. Campbell (Wunkar), C. Gale (Waikerie G).

Junior

Mitchell Cawse (Berri), Sam Andrenacci (Berri), Paul Dale (Berri), Peter Efthimou (Berri). Thomas Waanders (Waikerie). Stephen Files (RenNorth), Daniel Zdanowicz (Loxton), Ryder Montgomery (Loxton), F. Andrew (Waikerie), Kaiden Evans (Loxton), Gurshaan Singh (Berri).

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LEFT: Berri star Brad Rosenzweig was named Riverland Cricketer of the Year for 2020/21. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff



ABOVE: Loxton Cricket Club's Daniel Zdanowicz was named Riverland Junior Cricketer of the Year. PHOTO: supplied

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Hill's third straight title

STAR Riverland rower straight President's Cup interstate men's Barrington, Tasmania last weekend.

Hill won the 2018 and 2019 titles, before last year's championships were cancelled due to COVID-

Cameron Girdlestone, of

NSW, led for the first part Alex Hill won his third of the race but was overtaken before the halfway mark by Hill, who then singles scull title in Lake held on to a two-second lead until a late final burst by Girdlestone closed the gap to just 0.73 of a second at the finish.

> Hill, 28, is considered one of Australia's best gold medal rowing prospects at this year's Olympic Games.



powers to victory in Tasmania on the weekend. PHOTO: Ann Koch





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Angels pull off a miracle premiership

RENMARK pulled off the upset win of the season to claim Riverland softball's 2020/21 premiership after beating Loxton by three runs in Saturday's grand final at Glassey

The Angels came from third place to knock off the minor premiers in a nail-biter which was tied at seven-all at the end of the regulation seven innings for the match.

A double-base hit by Hayley Watkins brought home Breanna Wade to get Renmark ahead at the top of the eighth.

Loxton hit back with two outs to rein in Renmark's batters, leaving Watkins stranded

A safe hit to left field by Renmark's Vikkie Taylor got Watkins home as Renmark's batter kept applying scoreboard pressure.

With Taylor on second, Leanne Le stepped up to the plate for another base hit.

Association best and fairest, Amy Selfe hit a double-bagger bringing Taylor and Le home adding to Renmark's final tally.

Loxton was unable overcome the four-run deficit as it stepped up to bat in the eighth.

In reply, Loxton only added a single run in its innings after a single hit to Kathy Johnson brought home Rachel Wagner.

A fly-ball hit by Ali Stokes caught by shortstop Nicole Mentha sealed the win for the Angels.

Renmark took its time to assert itself on the contest, as six batters came and went before posting a single run in the first innings.

Loxton was also sluggish, unable to trouble the scorers across the first and second

The breakout innings came in the third as Renmark converted three home runs off three safe hits, while Loxton posted just a single

Loxton's efforts in the fifth innings reduced the deficit to just a single run at the bottom of the innings, the score line was 5-4.

In the sixth, Renmark kept the lead in check as both teams added just one run to their tallies

Loxton's fightback continued in the seventh, scoring three runs in an attempt to make a late charge in the regulation final innings.

Renmark put paid to Loxton's tilt at the win, when a single hit to Nicole Mentha brought home teammates Leanne Le and Amy Selfe to level the scores, setting up the exciting final showdown.

Meanwhile in the C grade grand final Loxton Green won by the barest of margins over Cobdogla, 15-16.

Loxton Green stared down a five-run deficit batting last in the final innings, with a series of safe hits loading up three of Loxton's bases.

Loxton capitalised on a safe hit, a dropped catch at left field, and a fielding error by Cobdogla to bring home four runners to close the scoreline down to 14-15.

Cobdogla cracked under pressure after a wild throw from third base resulted in another overthrow, costing it dearly as Loxton brought home two base runners.

Kellie Holland ran home the second of the winning runs to seal the win.

SENIOR GRAND FINAL

Renmark 11 d Loxton 8.

Best: Renmark - B. Wade, N. Mentha, B. Smith. Loxton - E. Nykiel, K. Johnson, A. Stokes.

Loxton Green 16 d Cobdogla 15.

Best: Loxton Green - B. Paull, A. White, J. Hucks. Cobdogla - G. Dyer, M. Haaja, H. Kassulke.



Renmark Angels players celebrate immediately after their Riverland A grade softball win over Loxton at Glassey Park last Saturday. PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff



Loxton batter Noah Paull jumps to avoid an errant pitch.



Renmark's Breanna Wade during her best-on-ground performance in Saturday's A grade grand final.



Renmark's Amy Selfe was named Riverland sofball A grade best and fairest player for 2020/21. PHOTO: supplied

Selfe named softball's best

RENMARK'S Amy Selfe was named Riverland softball's A grade best and fairest for 2020/21 at the association's presentation evening on March

Selfe won the association's top award over runner-up Emma Nykiel, of Loxton.

The Renmark star capped off the year by playing in its senior premiership team.

Leanne Johnson won the C grade best and fairest from runner-up Ebonee Pech, of Cobdogla.

Meanwhile the Riverland Softball association named its senior All-stars team for 2020/21.

ALL-STARS TEAM

A. Selfe, E. Nykiel, C. Venning, D. Passmore, K. Johnson, H. Johns, L. Le, N. Mentha, J. Gregory, M. Abdulla, D. Venning, K. Loxton, T. Johnson.

AWARD WINNERS

Seniors: Best and fairest A. Selfe, runner-up E. Nykiel. C grade: Best and fairest L. Johnson, runner-up E. Pech. Fastest base runner (female): M.

Abdulla. Fastest base runner (male): J. Botten. Fastest club team: Berri. Rising star: M. Morris. Rookie awards: M. Abdulla and D. Venning



Loxton Green's Alicia White was best on ground in the C grade grand final.



Chelsea Richards, Benita Paull, Kellie Holland, Alicia White, Abby Crouch, and Rachael Wagner (team assistant). Front: Jo Hansen, Madeline Pumpa, Kimberlee Murdoch, Jess Hucks, Emma Hogg and Sarah Peltz.

RIVERLAND GOLF RESULTS

Loxton travels for Tri Club Challenge

LOXTON Golf Club recently competed in the Tri Club Challenge against Blackwood and Millicent held at the Blackwood Golf

The scores of each club went towards the Tri Club shield, which was taken out by

Blackwood this year.

Loxton's best players were Janice Sawade (37 points) and Alan Ling (34 points).

BARMERA

Stableford, Wednesday, March 24: B. Finn 38pts, C. Gladwin 37, B. Daniel (Grange Golf Club) 36, I. Girdler 35, N. Hamood 35, R. Chabrel 35, J. Parker (from Berri GC) 35, S. Brown 34.

Stableford, Saturday, March 27: T. Jackson 42pts, M. Jericho 39, D. Hodgson 38, N. Hamood 38, R. Wurth 37, M. Cenko 37, N. McPherson 36, R. Formiatti 36,

T. Hansen 36, P. Keane 36, S. Weir 35, G. Denton 35. BERRI

Stableford, Wednesday, March 24: I. McHugh 36pts, J. Skinner 34 (cb), L. Smith 34, S. Wade 34, J. Adams 33 (cb), M. Wilksch 33, R. Keightley 33, L. Mudge 33, Stableford, Saturday, March 27: S. Renfrey 40pts, S. Smith 38, P. Jury 37, J. Angove 36 (cb), C. Berry 36, S. Edwards 35, J. Parker 34 (cb), R. Keightley 34, S. Wade 33 (cb), M. Howie 33.

Stableford, Sunday, March 28: L. Smith 39pts, T. McHugh 36, M. Boon 34, S. Smith 33, S. Renfrey 32 (cb), G. Leyson 32, I. Bradshaw 32.

LOXTON

Stableford, Wednesday, March 24: A grade: winner - D. Unferdorben 41pts, runner-up A. Hume 37pts. B Grade: winner J. Henwood 38pts, runner-up W. Wilson 35pts. Women: winner M. Tyler, runner-up S. Grien

Stableford, Saturday, March 27: A grade: winner Craig Wooldridge 40pts, runner-up Phillip Morris 38pts, B grade winner Chris Bonney 37pts, runner-up Josh Sandland 36pts. Women's winner Sabine Grein 34pts, runner-up Jenny Ling 34pts.

Tri club challenge: Blackwood 364 pts, Millicent 346, and Loxton 313.

New president's plan for footy's return...

The Wright stuff

BRENDAN LINES

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"My biggest concern is sustainability... not so much in the RFL, but the Independents. With years of forfeits, clubs folding, clubs returning and now another club (Lyrup) that's folded this year, numbers are declining."

After the dissolution of the Lyrup Football Club and the Mid-West Football League, on the Eyre Peninsula, Mr Wright said Independent clubs "need to be on the front foot" to safeguard their existence. He said that could mean exploring mergers.

"I think Independent clubs, if they want to stay viable and keep their communities going, need to talk about merging," Mr Wright

"They don't want to be speaking in 10 years. They want to be thinking the next two years".

As for sustainability of juniors, Mr Wright wants clubs to think more holistically about player

"We produced a very extensive document to the clubs last year to change the age groups to 14s and 17s (from 18s, 16s and 14s)," Mr Wright said.

"We will be monitoring those junior numbers again for what kids play up a grade. Some kids are playing two or three games a day, so that's unacceptable.

"We want to start thinking as a league as a whole about what's going to be the best model moving forward from 2021 and post-

"It's a (RFL) vision to have appropriate age groups, so that we can sustain the senior football grades.'

Mr Wright said the RFL's approach is to ensure the right 'structure" is in place to meet the challenges of sustainability.

"We don't need to change too much, it's just getting the structure



New RFL president Mark Wright will make the sustainability of RFL and Independent competitions the focus of his new role. PHOTO: Stephanie Thompson

right for football," Mr Wright said. "We've reintroduced interleague

matches this year...that promotes our Riverland footy.'

While focused creating playing opportunities, Mr Wright is looking at recent funding approvals for local clubs as a possible boon for Riverland football.

"A lot of the ovals now are getting upgrades," he said.

"I think everyone is moving forward really well with their clubs and ovals, getting them up to a really good standard.

"That might attract players from

Adelaide who move up for work and school.

"But moving forward everyone is very much looking forward to getting back on the park.

"Getting people to games, getting the social aspect of getting out

Westies welcome new Riverland Bloods

BRENDAN LINES

A CONTINGENT of 11 Riverland players has been included in West Adelaide Football Club's (WAFC) under 18 squad for 2021.

The players were presented their guernseys at the club's season launch ahead of its round-one clash with Glenelg this Friday.

West Adelaide's talent and development manager Paul Streatfield said the continuation of RFL junior football in 2020 has kept Riverland players in good form.

"We've got a group that hasn't played a lot of football over the last 12 months with some competitions not running," he said.

"Our Riverland players were very lucky their competition did go ahead last year.

"So, those players are looking forward to a season ahead at SANFL level.'

Streatfield said the latest crop of Riverland products "is one of the biggest years I've seen".

"Normally it sits somewhere between five and eight each year and to have 11 in the group is pretty good."



West Adelaide Football Club under 18 squad's Riverland members for 2021 (from left): Will Hawke (Waikerie), Mitchell Hahn (Waikerie), Kade Harkins (Berri), Jordan White (Renmark), Jesse Thackeray (Loxton), Dylan White (Renmark), Connor Blackwell (Renmark), Darcy Minchella (Berri), Jameson Whitbourne, Jack Sullivan (Barmera) and Oscar Kregar (Berri).

The club has taken a two-fold approach in helping its country players develop within its ranks.

"We've made a bit of a change to our program from over the preseason to focus on a lot more of the fundamentals (skills) of the game... so that's from a football side of things," Streatfield said.

"But it's just as important to develop these young men off the field as well.

"We're giving them some education in different areas of life through the SANFL and the club so that they're in the best position to attack the next couple of years."

Closing the gap between city and county areas is an area of focus, Streatfield says.

"We've had a couple of Riverland players that have moved to Adelaide this year," he

"Helping them out with accommodations and schools... has been a good project to be involved in.

'We are also wary not everyone's going to be able to do that. And we need to make the program as approachable as possible for people still based in the Riverland."

Streatfield said players who remain in the Riverland will have an opportunity to still train with the club.

"We have a second training session each week run by Tim Jackson which is being held in Lyrup," he said.

"It's been a great way to keep country players involved... so they're not behind the guys in the city who are training two or three times a week."

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10 and under Green and Orange Ball winners and runners-up at Loxton Tennis Club's junior development series event held on Sunday. BACK: Ashton Kruger (left), Thomas Bradtke, Kobe Sweet and Cooper Kruger. FRONT: Indy Venning, Sarah Kroehn Sirat Ghangas and Judson Kruger. PHOTOS: supplied



12 and under to 18 and under winners and runners-up. BACK: Levi Jachmann (left), Lucas Cockshell, Brodie Milich, Tane Jachmann, Carl Vowles and Cody Cornelius. FRONT: Abbey Hughes, Sarah Cameron, Cooper Kruger, Angelos Myer, Tiarna Flight, Tess Hansen, Ashton Kruger and Rhys Loxton.

Loxton hosts next wave of tennis young guns

LOXTON Tennis Club hosted a Tennis SA junior development series event on Sunday.

The open event formed part of the national event calendar and attracted 46 players from across the state, including Riverland-based clubs.

Competitors played singles and doubles matches in a round-robin format across five age divisions.

The junior development series encourages juniors to experience playing in a tournament event by competing in multiple events.

Loxton Tennis Club junior development coach Nadia Kruger said the tournament "enabled a lot of tennis to be played".

"Some players played up to seven singles sets and a maximum of four doubles sets," she said.

"Players' resilience, sportsmanship and ability to back up those games really shone through."

RESULTS

Singles

10/u orange girls winner I. Venning, runner-up S. Ghangas. 10/u orange boys winner: K. Sweet, runner-up: T. Bradtke.

10/u green boys winner: C. Kruger

runner-up: A. Kruger.

12/u green girls winner: A. Hughes, runner-up: S. Cameron.

12/u green boys winner: C. Kruger, runner-up: A. Kruger. 12/u boys winner: A. Myer, runner-up: R.

14/u green girls winner: S. Gardener, runner-up: R. Godara.

14/u boys winner: A. Myer, runner-up: R.

16/u boys winner: C. Vowles, runner-up:

18/u boys winner: B. Milich, runner-up: T. lachmann.

Doubles winners

10/u Orange girls: I. Venning/S. Koehn. 10/u Orange boys: K. Sweet/T. Bradtke. 12/u green girls winners: A. Hughes/S. Cameron.

12/u green girls boys: C. Kruger/A. Kruger.

14/u girls: T. Hansen/T. Flight.

14/u boys; A. Myer/R. Loxton. 18/u boys: L. Jachmann /L. Cockshell.

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Angels' miracle win



Renmark Angels after their outstanding Riverland A grade softball grand final win over Loxton on Saturday, (back, from left): Alan Selfe (coach), Laura Hoffmann, Breanna Wade, Vikkie Taylor, Candise Raison, Denise Moldovan, Kylie Radloff and Jay Botten. Front: Amy Selfe, Leanne Le, Nicole Mentha, Breanna Smith and Hayley Watkins. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff



New RFL president Mark Wright.

New RFL chief unveils vision

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Welcome to Easter in the Riverland

HAPPY Easter to all our readers, Riverlanders and visitors to our wonderful region over the long weekend.

And what a long weekend we are in for.

After a very quiet Easter last year due to COVID, locals are looking to make up for lost time with a long list of things to see and do.

It's not difficult to find a free feed over the Easter weekend with Berri offering a free Easter breakfast and Loxton supplying free hot cross buns on Saturday.

Berri will also play host to an Easter carnival, with the Berri Traders taking the reins of the popular event and are looking to make it bigger and better than ever before.

The Loxton Chamber of Commerce will host its free Easter picnic with kids' craft activities, face painting and an Easter Egg hunt 'with a difference'.

Over in Barmera, the town is kicking off its centenary celebrations in a big way with a Lake Bonney Sand Sculpture Spectacular, which will see five tonnes of sand sculptured into a masterpiece. And on Sunday the Barmera Twilight Markets will draw a strong crowd, with over 75 stalls registered.

Waikerie will also be buzzing, with the Waikerie Easter Show drawing plenty of visitors to the area and Waikerie Pioneer Museum holding an open day on Saturday.

The town of Renmark will also be worth a visit with plenty of venues holding events, and retailers looking to capitalise on long weekend trade with special Easter sales.

The long weekend really is the perfect time to get out and about, explore the region, shop local and make the most of the many wonderful events happening.

We wish everyone a happy and safe Easter.

- The Murray Pioneer team



Special visit for Loxton campers

STEPHANIE THOMPSON

CAMPERS near Loxton might be in for a treat this weekend, with Easter Bunny set to visit some riverfront sites.

Easter Bunny will travel with Loxton State Emergency Service (SES) volunteers on Easter Saturday to deliver eggs to little campers.

Loxton SES acting unit manager John Kindness said the volunteers were proud to escort Easter Bunny on his travels.

"It's a fun day," he said.

"We got phone calls asking what time we'll be down at the river.

"The kids just love it and really look forward to it."

Mr Kindness said the annual tradition will be slightly tweaked to ensure COVID restrictions are in place.



The Easter Bunny will be escorted by Loxton SES members to visit campers on Easter Saturday. Pictured with Easter Bunny are Loxton SES volunteer Beatrice Walladge and acting unit manager John Kindness. PHOTO: Stephanie Thompson

Spend the day in Loxton

STEPHANIE THOMPSON

LOXTON will be the place to be on Easter Saturday, with a whole day of activities planned.

Following on from the Easter Picnic in the main street, an Alive Day will be held at the Loxton Historical Village, featuring a range of demonstrations, operating exhibits, market and food stalls and children's activities.

Loxton Historical Village co-ordinator Julie Noble said while gates open at 10am, demonstrations will start at 11am.

"We thought it gives people a chance to go to the Easter Picnic in the main street and then come here for some fun and lunch for the rest of the day," she said.

"We are encouraging people to make a day of it in Loxton.

"We are going to have shearing and whipcracking demonstrations and our bakery will be open with the wood-fired oven, so people can buy loaves of fresh bread."

Mrs Noble said the Loxton Hospital Complex will have hot doughnuts for sale, while the local CWA branch and Wunkar Football Club will also be selling food items.

"It gives a variety of food products," she said.

"We have the Loxton Garden Club running a 'paint a pot' activity for children, which is \$5 per child, and other painting and craft activities."

Other yesteryear demonstrations include the blacksmith and printing facilities.

"There will be some rope-making demonstrations as well," Mrs Noble said.

"We have a lot of craft stalls, along with a potter who is doing some demonstrations."

The Alive Day will be held on Easter Saturday from 10am to 4pm. Adults are \$12 and children \$6, with discounts for concession and families, while Loxton Historical Village members are free.







FAST Fine Riverland 2021







Easter's a picnic in Loxton

STEPHANIE THOMPSON

THE smell of hot cross buns will be wafting through East Terrace this Saturday morning, with locals and visitors encouraged to join in with the picnic fun.

The Loxton Chamber of Commerce will host the Easter Picnic event from 10am this Saturday.

Loxton Chamber of Commerce business and events manager Sonya Altschwager said she is anticipating a bumper crowd.

"We are expecting a lot more people in the region because regional tourism is on the up and up at the moment," she said.

"We love putting on our Easter picnic and inviting tourists and visitors to come along, so that they can experience our wonderful community and our community culture."

The free picnic will be held on the lawns near the rotunda, with hot cross buns, tea, coffee and fruit juice available.

"Our shops will be open until 12.30pm, so it's a great opportunity to come into town," Ms Altschwager said.

"I believe the Loxton Christmas Lights Committee is going to be having a fundraising sausage sizzle at the same time at the rotunda.

"We are super excited as it's probably the Loxton Chamber of Commerce's first event since Light Up 2019.'

In addition, children will be able to enjoy a craft activity from 10am to 11.30am, along with face painting and balloon animals.

"We are expecting a big crowd because people are starved for community activities and get togethers," Ms Altschwager added.

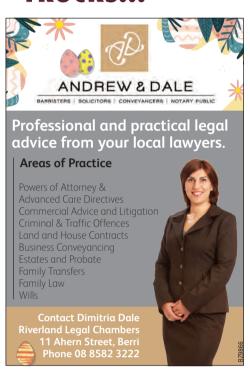


An Easter picnic will be held in Loxton on Easter Saturday morning, featuring free hot cross buns, PHOTO: supplied

















River Jacks Café

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Berri egg-cited for Easter Carnival return



JOSH BRINE

EASTER cheer will be back in Berri's main street this year, as one of the region's most popular events returns after a oneyear hiatus.

The Berri Traders Easter Carnival is set to return to Vaughan Terrace this Saturday, April 3 from 7am to 12 noon, with organisers hoping locals return in force to support the local event.

Carnival organiser and Berri Traders member Elyssa Thurmer said the event would feature a free breakfast hosted by the Rotary Club of Berri and 5RM, musical performances, market stalls, and the return of the traditional Easter parade.

The parade, which has been absent from the event for a decade, will feature a number of vintage cars, and about 15 to

"We needed something in Berri after the year that we've had that will bring a bit of positivity to the town and to the region," Ms Thurmer said.

"I've been working with Rhonda Centofanti, and she really wanted to bring the parade back because of the Monash. Glossop and Barmera centenaries this

"The last time there was an Easter parade was in 2011, so Rhonda pushed for it to come back this year to coincide with and celebrate those centenaries."

Ms Thurmer said the carnival, and the market in particular, would be a great way for families to spend time over the Easter

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long weekend.

"We've got a number of stalls for the carnival including ice cream, coffee, and food trucks," she said.

'There are numerous other stalls selling everything from candles to cakes for people to wander through and look at on the morning.

"Berri Barmera Council, along with Berri Traders, have been very supportive of the carnival and will also have a few stalls on the morning, including a consultation stall near the Alfresco's building to see what people want to happen with that building.

'The visitor information centre will also be showcasing some local produce at a stall of its own."

One of the major events of the carnival will be a fashion parade, featuring a variety of locals of all ages.

"Some will be wearing their own clothing and then donating to the Salvation Army, and some have gone to the Salvation Army for the outfit they will showcase at the show before donating them back," Ms Thurmer said.

"One of the stalls, Cottage Road, will be showing off the dresses they have for sale as well.

"That will be held out of the Alfresco's building with a little runway and seats for people to sit around and watch."

Ms Thurmer said the event was strongly supported by the council and businesses from around the town.

Riverland Memorials, Honey Honey Salon, Riverland Health Foods, Berri Newsagency, EKM

Accounting, Focus on Fashion, Berri Patisserie, Andrew and Dale, Guys & Girls Surf n Street

"We had about 20 businesses within Berri who have come aboard as sponsors, which is great, and they weren't just businesses in the town either," she said.

'Hopefully we can grow and get more on-board next year.

"I want to thank the Berri Barmera Council for its support and all the traders and businesses who have sponsored the carnival."



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Pumpkin comp to run virtually

ERIN WILLIAMS

A POPULAR pumpkin competition is still on the calendar, as organisers reach out to the wider community and gauge interest in virtual entries, to win cash prizes.

Cadell and Community Tourist Association (CCTA) chair Jason Lukacs said the committee decided it was important to continue the Murray River Giant Pumpkin Competition this Easter, based along the same virtual guidelines as the 2020 event.

"Last year, all the COVID-19 shutdowns happened right in the lead-up to the pumpkin competition, which made for a lot of very last-minute chang-

es," he said. "This year, to keep things simple, we're doing the same thing and holding a virtual competition - that way, pumpkin growers from interstate can enter as well, and we're hoping to get some more interest from upriver growers too.

"MGA Insurance Group has again sponsored the event and is helping to extend the competition interstate via their contacts. MGA is putting up the prizemoney and hopes to give away the major prize of the trip overseas again someday."

Mr Lukacs said the winners may not be the biggest or heaviest, but may be the most creative picture.

"By running the competition virtually, interstate pumpkin growers can still enter while following all COVID-19 and fruit fly restrictions," he said.

"The CCTA will continue to include a virtual aspect to the competition into the future.

"We're encouraging people to get creative with their entries - maybe dress the pumpkin up a bit or have it in a funny position, but absolutely no digital altering will be allowed.

"Last year, we held a live video presentation to announce the winners and sent the prizes out via mail, which was quite successful.

"With no access to winners" seeds last year, it was very difficult to supply free seed this year, but we hope to access some for next year's competi-

"We're out for any expressions of interest from people across the Riverland and beyond."

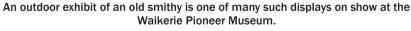
Entry is free, and the photo must contain the entrant's name and something clearly identifying the day it was taken, such as the front page of a newspaper.

For more information, visit the Murray River Giant **Pumpkin Competition** Facebook page, or call Jason Lukacs on 0407 515 245.



Karen Naicker of Wongulla, SA, won the 2020 Virtual Murray River Giant Pumpkin Competition with a pumpkin estimated to weigh 190kg. PHOTO: supplied







A 1900s carriage will be on display at the Waikerie Pioneer Museum open day on Easter Saturday. **PHOTOS: Erin Williams**

8am - 7pm 9.30am - 7pm 8.30am - 3pm CLOSED 10am - 7pm 8471 7580 9 McCoy Street, Waikerie

History on show Easter Saturday

ERIN WILLIAMS

WAIKERIE'S rich history will be on full show at the Pioneer Museum's series of buildings, outdoor displays, walking trail and numerous historic artefacts on the Easter weekend.

The Waikerie Pioneer Museum is holding an open day on Saturday, April 3, from 10am to 4pm, with guided tours being held across the day showcasing the history of Waikerie and surrounding districts.

Comprised of four main buildings and numerous outdoor exhibits, the Pioneer Museum is located at the Doris Odgers Park on Virgo Road, and museum committee chairman Mike Perry said hundreds of objects have been donated to the museum over the years.

"We have everything on show from domestic household items, to horticultural and farm equipment, and an old carriage that is currently on loan to us from the Morgan Museum," he said.

"Many outdoor exhibits display homely scenes as they were lived 100 years ago, and the park itself has a short, winding walk that leads to a lookout over Ramco and the River Murray."

The Pioneer Museum has been closed over the past 12 months, and Mr Perry said the committee was "eager" to reopen the doors to the public.

"Generally, we only open for bookings, but the Easter weekend is always a busy one for locals and visitors, so it's a great opportunity to have people coming through the gates all day," he said.

"I'm always hearing people commenting that they expected to spend maybe half an hour looking through the museum, and end up taking a jaunt down memory lane that they're here for two hours or more - there's something at the museum for everyone."

Refreshments will be available during the open day at a small extra cost, and subject to COVID-19 restrictions.

The Waikerie Pioneer Museum is located at 297 Virgo Road. For more information or to book in a group, contact museum committee chairman Mike Perry on 8541 2260.







Big numbers at **Waikerie Easter Show**

ERIN WILLIAMS

WAIKERIE'S long-standing and popular Easter Horse Show is making a return over the Easter weekend, and is expected to draw a record number of competi-

Held at the Waikerie Horse and Pony Club from Friday, April 2, to Sunday, April 4, the three-day event includes showjumping, fashions on the field, a full canteen and live music on Saturday night, and an Easter egg hunt on Sunday.

First shows commence

Friday, April 2: From 10am Saturday, April 3: From 8am Sunday, April 4: From 8am

Waikerie Horse and Pony Club spokesperson Emma Marks said the members are "very excited" to get back out on the field for Easter after last year's cancellation.

"We've already got over 130 entries,

which is a huge number for us," she said.

"Riders come from all over South Australia and even interstate to compete across the

weekend, plus to catch up with people they only see at these shows and check out the surrounding towns and regions - it's going to be a huge weekend.

"We also really encourage spectators to come along. Entry is free, and we have a full canteen available.

"Saturday night is our biggest night: we'll have an open four-bar under the lights and live music going, so come and

"An Easter egg hunt will be held on Sunday morning for the kids.

"A huge thank you to all our sponsors for sticking with us - last year was rough, and we couldn't hold the Easter Show without their support."

For the full program, visit https://bit. ly/2NORxCQ



Laid-back Lyrup awaits

THE Easter long weekend is the perfect time to explore some of our tucked away. but picturesque towns.

The town of Lyrup is a humble spot right on the river's edge, and is well worth

While you're in Lyrup make sure you head to the Lyrup Club for a well-earned feed and some good old-fashioned country hospitality.

Known for its mouth-watering dishes, the Lyrup Club is also home to the town's bowling greens and is a popular watering hole for Lyrup locals.

Live entertainment will be on show at

the Lyrup Club, with local trio Dever City playing this Saturday night from 7pm to 10.30pm and Sunday from 12noon to 2.30pm.

For the ultimate river views take a ride on the Lyrup ferry, spend some time on the picturesque river front or set up camp in the many available spots in Lyrup Flats.

SS Ellen Park is the perfect spot to park the caravan for a few nights and have as a base to explore Lyrup and its surrounds.

And for families, make sure to check out the fully fenced and shady playground.

Cadell gears up for a festive Easter

ERIN WILLIAMS

CADELL is preparing for an Easter to remember as it sets up for its popular Easter Family Fun Day, with competitions to enter, prizes to win, wine tasting and a twilight tea.

While the event was one of the victims of April's 2020 COVID-19 lockdown, Cadell Club Easter Family Fun Day spokesperson Julie Dawson Daniels said the 2019 event saw hundreds of visitors.

'Due to COVID restrictions, Easter 2020 could not be celebrated with a community event," she said.

"However, we're making up for that this Easter, with live music, a wide variety of stalls, wine tasting, a lucky wheel and raffle, decorated Easter bonnet and hat competition, a huge Easter egg hunt for the kids, and much more.

"Our very popular cake bake-off will be

titions, and we're excited to see the variety of cakes, biscuits and slices joined by the finest beers and ciders. It's free entry and open to juniors and adults.

"Games will also be run throughout the day: forget egg and spoon races, try beach spades and ping-pong balls, toy bunny throwing into buckets for the little ones, and barrel rolling for the more adventurous.

"The games are fun and popular and provide laughter for contestants and spectators alike.

"The Cadell Club committee, staff, sponsors and volunteers are looking forward to welcoming you."

The event will be held at the Cadell Club and surrounding grounds on Sunday, April 4, from noon to 9pm.

For more information on the courtesy bus, call the Cadell Club on 8540 3286. joined by preserves and brew-off compe- or message its Facebook page.

Lunch noon to 2pm

Stalls noon to 4pm Cake bake-off, preserves and brew-off

competition, Easter bonnet and junior colouring competition judging 3pm

Twilight Tea 5.30pm to 8pm

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Dinner 6 - 8

Saturday Night -Live Entertainment by local Trio Dever City 7 - 10:30pm

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Digging the sand sculpture

PETA-MARIE PHILIPPOU

FIVE tonnes of sand will be sculptured into "something amazing" on Barmera's Lake Bonney this Easter Saturday to celebrate the town's centenary.

The Barmera Centenary
Committee will host the Lake
Bonney Sand Sculpture Spectacular
– a discontinued annual event from
the 1930s.

Committee member Sue Webber said she looks forward to locals and visitors experiencing "something different".

"A sand sculpture event hasn't been held in the Riverland before – not since the '30s – so it's very exciting," she said.

"Back in the '30s there wasn't just one grand sculpture built, it was actually a sandcastle competi-

"After finding some old photos, we (the centenary committee) came up with the idea to have one giant sand sculpture built and then have kids and families give it a go.

"A Melbourne-based company, Sandstorm Events, have an artist in Adelaide who will be coming down to create the sculpture and teach the workshops the following day. "We've already had a lot of interest, which is fantastic, and we just cannot wait for people to come down and enjoy the day."

Ms Webber said the sand sculpture would take the artist a day to complete.

"The artist will start the sculpture at 10am and would roughly finish around 4pm, or maybe even later," she said.

"It will be constructed on the volleyball court on the lake front opposite the café and people can come down during the day to see how it'll be constructed.

"The sculpture will remain standing overnight and the workshop will then be held by the sculpture the next day."

Ms Webber said bookings are essential for the workshops.

"There will be three workshops on the Sunday – 10am, 11am and 1pm – and they'll each go for 45 minutes," she said.

"If the workshops get booked out fast, there might also be a 2pm session.

"If the workshops aren't full, we will not be turning people away, but we'd love everyone to book.

"Kids and families are also encouraged to bring along a hat,

drink bottle and wear sunscreen as they'll be out in the sun for a while."

Ms Webber said she looks forward to seeing the finishing prod-

"From my understanding, the artist will build a wooden frame as the base and then begin with the sand," she said.

"Five tonnes is a lot of sand to work with so I imagine the sculpture would be at least a couple metres high."

Ms Webber said there was "more to enjoy" this weekend in Barmera.

"The Barmera Twilight Markets will take place on the main street from 2pm on Sunday so after the workshops people can stick around and have a look," she said.

"There is also a photo display of previous sandcastle competitions from the '30s in the Lake's Café, which is opposite where the sculpture will be.

"It'll be a weekend full of fun and we're all very excited."

Ms Webber thanked the Berri Barmera Council and Barmera Central for supporting the event.

For more information or to book a workshop, contact the Barmera Public Library on 8588 2872.



PETA-MARIE PHILIPPOU

MORE than 75 market stalls are set to delight locals and visitors this weekend at Barmera's Twilight Markets.

The Twilight Markets will take place this Sunday on Barwell Avenue from 2pm to 6pm, followed by a free movie night on the football oval from 7pm.

Barmera markets co-ordinator Kelsey Hogan said this Sunday's event would be the "perfect way" to end Easter Sunday.

"This weekend's market will be much bigger than usual and I'm really excited for it," she said.

"We will have our regular stallholders but we also have many new ones.

"There will be food stalls, arts and crafts, jewellery, clothing, plants, metalwork, candles, face painting, mini-golf, and of course the Lions Club will sell their famous doughnuts.

"The band Meta4 will also be playing on the Bonney Theatre's balcony and at 3pm Helen Barney will bury a time capsule, which will be retrieved in 100 years.

"COVID marshals will be roaming the streets, COVID protocols will be in place and sanitiser will be around the street too."

Ms Hogan said she looks forward to children and adults enjoying the free movie and a visit from the Easter Bunny.

"We'll be playing the movie The Queen's Corgi on a blow-up screen on the oval," she said.

"It's a really funny animated film about the Queen's dog and it has Donald Trump in it too – something for both children and parents to enjoy.

"There will be popcorn, ice-cream, hotdogs and a barbecue also.

"It'll be a great way to end Easter and enjoy something we all missed out on last year."









The Easter long weekend is the perfect time to explore neighbouring Riverland towns or spend some much-need downtime in your home town. Renmark and Paringa have no shortage of things to see and do over the long weekend, including some fantastic new tourism attractions.

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Yes, Renmark's river-front project has finally been unveiled and at the centre of it is the refurbished and reimagined fountain.

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The fountain is surrounded by an abundance of tables and chairs, plus several barbecues areas.

It is the perfect spot to pick up some takeaway from some of our

wonderful local venues or pop into the butchers or supermarket to pick up some food for a barbecue.

Make sure you wander out onto the brand-new deck, which sits over the river and gives a spectacular view of the Renmark river front.



Paringa silos

Silo art is all the rage and now Paringa can proudly showcase its own silos painted with some locally inspired artwork.

The stunning-looking silos feature some prominent local history and are visible from the Sturt Highway. But make sure to stop off for a proper look to truly admire the fantastic art-

The silos now have lighting to show off the art after dark.









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