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Loxton Waikerie Mayor Trevor Norton (pictured tossing the coin for last Sunday's SANFL Tribute Match at Waikerie) says the Riverland is well positioned to host an AFL Gather Round game in the future. Mayor Norton is pictured with Port Adelaide captain Nick Moore, West Adelaide Football Club president Emma Grigson, an SANFL umpire and West Adelaide captain Isaac Johnson.

PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

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Barmera crash tragedy

A MAN has died after a fatal crash at Barmera on Monday night.

At about 7.30pm, police were called to the Goyder Highway, about 2km east of Morgan Road, after a Toyota Camry that had been travelling east and a Toyota Hiace van that had been travelling west collided head on, causing the Hiace to roll.

The driver of the Toyota Camry, an elderly man, sadly passed away at the scene, according to police.

The driver of the van, a 29-year-old Berri man, was not injured. The five passengers in the van received non-life-threatening injuries and were all taken to hospital.

The Goyder Highway, between the Sturt Highway and Morgan Road, was closed for several hours, but reopened on Tuesday morning.

Major Crash Investigators attended the scene on Monday night and continued their investigations on Tuesday into the circumstances surrounding the crash.

Renmark man injured in crash near Morgan

A RENMARK man was taken to hospital with minor injuries after his Nissan SUV left the road and hit a tree last week.

Police said the incident occurred on the Goyder Highway at Stuart north east of Morgan at about 3.15pm last Tuesday 8 April.

The 29-year old man was the only occupant of the vehicle.

Investigations into the crash are ongoing.



Police are investigating the circumstances behind this car crash near Morgan. PHOTO: Paul McCormick

Marianne’s life-changing Cambodia experience... with ‘Cosi’ on board

WELL-known Renmark woman Marianne Smith recently participated in the Cows for Cambodia program, run by Andrew ‘Cosi’ Costello.

Cows for Cambodia is an animal bank that gives families a chance to care for a pregnant cow.

Mrs Smith says it provides an opportunity to break the poverty cycle rather than the use of a direct handout.

“Each family signs a contract to ensure the cow is looked after and rules are followed to ensure the best outcomes for all parties,” she says.



Marianne Smith (right) in Cambodia. PHOTO: supplied

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NEW CITIZENS: Loxton Waikerie Mayor Trevor Norton conducted a citizenship ceremony earlier this week, officially welcoming new Australian citizens James Freidrich, Michael Bradbury and Sarah Ann Turner, who is a doctor at the Loxton Medical Centre. PHOTO: supplied

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Hugo, Michael and Jules Kregar, of Michael Kregar Building, SMFA directors Scott Meek and Tim Hastwell, and SATC CEO Emma Terry. PHOTOS: Alexandra Bull

Par Five an ace tourism offering

ALEXANDRA BULL

ONE of the Riverland’s newest luxury accommodation offerings has officially opened.

Par Five Shacks, located at the Berri Golf Club, was officially opened last Friday by South Australian Tourism Commission (SATC) CEO Emma Terry.

“Not only does this bring some great luxury accommodation, which we definitely need (and) was something that was identified

in our visitor strategy, but it also brings jobs,” Ms Terry said.

“We are talking about gardeners that work here... and the teams that support this development as well.

“It really goes to show the opportunity for tourism in the Riverland and the broader benefits it does bring as well.”

The 13 shacks were built by local business Michael Kregar Building and designed by Stallard Meek Flightpath Archerites

(SMFA). The project was backed by the Tourism Industry Development Fund from the SATC.

“With the support from the... fund we have been able to build great luxury facilities, which we are extremely thankful for,” said Hugo Kregar, of Michael Kregar Building.

“Par Five Shacks offers accommodation which sets the new benchmark for quality, providing a remarkable retreat in the heart of the Riverland.

“We are really proud to share this true Riverland experience with our guests, with each shack offering a relaxing atmosphere and a luxury experience.”

Construction of Par Five Shacks was a Riverland-centric process, with 95 per cent of businesses involved based in the Riverland.

Jeremy Sweet, manger of Berri Hotel, which operates the golf club, described the official opening as “a fantastic opportunity to showcase what

we’ve accomplished in the past six months and to celebrate with those who have supported us along the way”.

“Having Emma Terry here to officiate the ceremony added a special touch to the occasion and highlighted the collaborative effort involved in enhancing the Riverland’s appeal as a tourist destination.”

For more information on Par Five Shacks visit (www.parfiveshacks.com.au/).



Michael and Jules Kregar of Michael Kregar Building, Berri Hotel manager Jeremy Sweet, and Demetria Dale and Mark Halliday of the Berri Hotel.



Jules Kregar, Emma Terry and Michael Kregar officially opening Par Five Shacks.



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Holidaying in shacks like this one at Big Bend Cliffs near Swan Reach has become popular with families after the flood and Covid-19 pandemic. PHOTOS: Dave Hartley

Tourists returning to shacks

CHRISTINE WEBSTER

A River Murray holiday home rentals company is experiencing a resurgence in bookings as the tourism industry gradually recovers from the devastating 2022/2023 flood.

Mannum-based Dave and Wendy Hartley own and manage River Shack Rentals and oversee the hiring out of shacks from Wellington to Morgan.

Mr Hartley is also the acting chair of the Murray River, Lakes, and Coorong Tourism

Alliance.

He said bookings received over the Easter holiday season showed signs that business is starting to improve.

“Over the Christmas period, things were a little bit hesitant,” he said.

“But leading into Easter it has certainly bounced back, as it is more the traditional holiday time on the river.

“The boats were out and about again, even though there was some negative publicity about things in the river.”

Mr Hartley said families were mainly among the tourists booking holidays along the Murray this autumn, a trend that began after the Covid-19 pandemic.

“They seemed to be the parents, grandparents and grandchildren,” he said.

“The grandparents are organising the holiday, and the family are coming along.”

Mr Hartley said in the past, groups of friends were often the types of tourists staying in shacks in the region.

He said prior to the flood, their business

had been managing 90 properties, but at present was only managing 15.

Mr Hartley said 20 holiday homes they had been overseeing had to be demolished due to the flood, while 10 needed rebuilding.

He said some delays were being experienced with the rebuilding process.

Mr Hartley said Mid Murray Council and the SA Tourism Commission had provided strong support to River Murray tourism operators as they attempted to recover from the flood.

Scooby Doo it: Locals on charity run

ALEXANDRA BULL

A GROUP of locals will embark on a charity drive around Australia in August, kicking off in Renmark.

Matthew and Lisa Lloyd, plus Sindy Lloyd and Joe Romeo are hitting the road for the 2024 Variety Bash and will make the venture in their Scooby Doo Mystery Machine Bash Car – a classic Holden Commodore station wagon.

Lisa Lloyd said the team was inspired to join this year’s Variety Bash to help kids in need.

“One of our friends has done it before and spoke about how wonderful it was,” she said.

The Scooby Doo Mystery Machine car has been used in a previous Variety Bash, however the Riverland team members are entering as rookies for this year’s Bash.

The team will have to raise \$9000 before August 10 to continue on their Variety Bash journey.

“The car has to be 25 years or older...” Mrs Lloyd explained.

“It’s a previous Bash car and it was Scooby Doo originally, so we knew that theme was available and we thought it was a good theme.”

The team has been busy fundraising, including holding ‘sip and paints’, along with hitting Riverland towns to fundraise along main streets and in shopping centres.

“We are just asking people to dig deep and help support the children of South Australia,” Mrs Lloyd said.

With the Variety Bash also kicking off in Renmark this year, the organisation is seeking to help Riverland children in need.

“They want to give a grant to children here in the Riverland, so if anybody does need any help, reach out to Variety SA,” Mrs Lloyd said.

For more information and to donate to the Scooby Doo and The Mystery Machine Variety Bash car visit (www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61555750247434).



The Scooby Doo and The Mystery Machine 2024 Variety Bash car team comprises of Riverlanders Sindy Lloyd (Velma), Lisa Lloyd (Scooby) and Matthew Lloyd (Shaggy). Absent: Joe Romeo (Fred). PHOTO: Alexandra Bull

EXIT PLAN



Growers to vote on Accolade's \$4000 per hectare offer

ACCOLADE has offered CCW's red wine grape growers \$4000 per hectare to exit their contracts in a "viability" proposal that could lead to an exodus from the Riverland industry.

Accolade dropped the news on growers at a series of meetings in Berri yesterday and Monday, pitching a six-point plan as "the only option that allows CCW's growers and Accolade to remain viable".

Growers will vote on the offer next month under the governance process of CCW, which represents over 500 Riverland growers.

Many red wine grape growers are struggling with unsustainable prices,

due to a long list of factors, including supply and demand issues, which CCW addressed in a document sighted by The Murray Pioneer.

The key measure in the cash-strapped company's plan is the voluntary buy-out offer, which will see Accolade pay CCW-contracted growers \$4000 per hectare, focused on red wine varieties.

"It doesn't mean you have to rip out your vines necessarily," an Accolade spokesperson told The Murray Pioneer.

"You could keep them in and sell them to other buyers, or you could exit. It's up to the individual growers."

Growers were also told

this week that Accolade would buy out a separate wine contract CCW has in place for export to the China market. The offer would provide \$11 per tonne relief on the existing bulk wine deal.

Another key plank in Accolade's plan would be reducing contract volumes with CCW to 150,000 tonnes, although The Pioneer understands that figure could be flexible.

Accolade would also set pricing by the weighted district average, rather than the conditions of the current contract.

And in what it described as "planning certainty", the tenure of Accolade's contract with CCW would be

10 years, with the option of five-year additional terms beyond that.

Accolade, which owns brands such as Hardys, Banrock Station, Grant Burge and Pataluma, said the restructure would help address a perfect storm of factors that have contributed to its current malaise, and would enable a "sustainable and ongoing source of demand for Riverland growers' grapes".

Riverland growers were told that factors contributing to the situation include the extended loss of market access in China, with tariffs only lifted recently, and increased production costs due to skyrocketing

energy prices.

The "structurally declining consumer demand" was attributed to changing preferences, including the emergence of low/no-alcohol wines.

The supply/demand mismatch, particularly for red wine, was a symptom of:

- A decline in global consumption

- More grapes being crushed in Australia than demand (2.1 million tonnes annually vs 1.5 million tonnes)

- The glut of red wine stocks

"As it stands the industry is unsustainable in terms of the headwinds we're facing for a number of reasons

that everybody knows," the Accolade spokesperson said.

"There's the oversupply of wine, huge energy costs, logistics, impacts of China still happening, and everybody knows that prices have been a lot lower as a result..."

"This (plan) is a way to reduce overall volumes and make it sustainable for those growers that stay in the industry.

"It'll give them more certainty, but also some will potentially have to do other crops or do something else."

Accolade is currently facing its own debt challenges, working through a re-capitalisation process and debt-for-equity swap with a panel of lenders.

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EDITORIAL

THE YEARS GO BY

BY PETER AND CARLA MAGAREY

Accolade’s big move

ACCOLADE knew that reception to its offer to CCW growers this week would be ‘mixed’, at best.

Essentially, it’s offering a cut-price exit package to contracted growers, specifically those growing red wine grapes.

Riverland growers’ discontent and their many gripes with Accolade have been well documented in the pages of this newspaper in recent weeks and months. Given how crucial these growers are to the region’s economic future (and its present), that kind of mass coverage is justifiable.

However, by declaring that this offer is the “only option” for it to remain viable, Accolade is also underlining its position within the Riverland’s economic landscape. It is difficult to list anyone who would benefit from the closure of the Berri winery. It would be a disaster for the region.

Many will consider Accolade’s offer of \$4000 per hectare for growers wishing to exit way short of ‘reasonable’. One grower The Murray Pioneer spoke to this week said something like \$10,000 to \$15,000 would be more appropriate, but conceded that the good old days are long, long gone.

That may or may not be the case, but Accolade’s description – put to growers this week – of a ‘perfect storm’ of circumstances leading to this moment is bang on.

It speaks of market loss to China, noting that recovery will take time. Indeed, far from the “\$1 billion restored” line run by government leaders, some industry figures believe recapturing even half that amount will be unlikely.

Accolade points to increased energy costs, a factor set to become more acute in the coming months and years, as our nation’s power prices inevitably increase.

It also speaks of softening consumer demand and few would argue against that claim.

The world of alcohol consumption is changing as rapidly as we have ever seen it change.

Ready-to-drink (RTDs) options are an increasingly dominant force in the sector, with beer producers – like winemakers – feeling the effects of that change.

Good product and smart marketing can only do so much in the face of changing consumer habits, although the advent of low/no alcohol products offers some hope.

The wine industry’s health – or otherwise – will ultimately come back to supply and demand.

Whether Accolade is doing its best for Riverland growers is another question, although some would argue, not an unrelated one.

Key questions are now being posed, and the answers are not necessarily easy to digest.

What would a mass exit mean for the Riverland?

And what exactly is the definition of sustainability – for the Berri winery and growers who truck their grapes to the Riverland institution?



Horseman and dairyman: Ernst Traeger, horseman and dairyman of Loxton, was a farmer from Brownlow, SA. Ernst leased Section 10B Hundred of Bookpurnong, just south of Loxton in April 1909, 115 years ago this month. He leased 992 acres (400 ha) of scrubland for which he paid 173 pounds 12 shillings (£17:12:0). Had he paid annually, it would have cost him £2:2:4/year. Section 10B was a subdivision of Section 10. A search of the land titles by local farmer/historian Tom Fielke revealed that most of the famers who first held the lease were of German extraction. The section was first taken up by CR Hohnberg in 1901. In 1903, the latter transferred the land to his brother EG Hohnberg who, in 1906, sold it to the Rosenberg family. In 1909, the Rosenbergs subdivided the land and Ernst took up Section 10B. Some of this land is now farmed by Robin Schaefer. Ernst and his elder sons Paul and Wally soon got to work and helped clear the land. They planted vegetables, took up dairying and ran cattle. Just two years later, the Traegers had done well enough to exhibit dairy produce and cattle in Loxton’s inaugural Agricultural and Horticultural Show. PHOTO: Jenny Wilksch (Ernst’s great-granddaughter)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Let’s gather round the arts instead

I WRITE in response to the article “Community puts riverfronts in focus for local council” (Murray Pioneer, 10/4/24).

A recent council survey found that Loxton Waikerie ratepayers were most interested in money being spent on riverfronts and on attracting tourists.

Arts and culture scored the lowest.

This makes zero sense as it’s often through arts and culture that you attract tourists.

We can’t continue to ignore the arts. There are numerous talented people in our community but it’s always sport that is celebrated.

You only have to look at this year’s River Fringe.

Money was thrown at our region under the guise of flood stimulus and yet I believe people still didn’t support the Fringe.

Several events were cancelled due to poor ticket sales. The weather also didn’t help, with the heat cancelling the Fringe event at Waikerie.

When will locals realise that these events won’t return unless we support them?

Time to give sport a rest and the arts a chance.

Try something different this weekend. Take an art class or try some pottery. The footy can wait.

Gather round the arts.

KARL KLOSE
Loxton

Australia heads to apartheid

THE first step in apartheid is classifying all our citizens by race: colour, ethnicity and origin. Australia is already there.

The second step in apartheid is to provide benefits and advantages to a select group.

Australia is almost there too.

The only way to backtrack is to stop racial differentiation.

All Australians must be identified simply as Australians. Equal in all respects.

No special considerations or benefits.

Then, if there are any special needs, there are already many agencies that can provide.

Disadvantaged groups would have the advantage of the combined resources of our expansive social services.

Any concerns about unfair advantages and rights would be quickly quelled and we could all live together contributing to our great nation happily ever after.

JACK TUBB
Renmark

Will Mid Murray keep lifting rates?

I REFER to the Morgan Public Library and Morgan Activity Survey 2024.

I’m not sure if I trust the council on this.

At a meeting at the Morgan Activity Centre on Tuesday 2 April we were informed the Mid Murray Council needs to cut costs.

In so doing, one of the options is to reduce the Morgan library to a boutique library and incorporate the Morgan Activity Centre into the Morgan council hub.

This would free up the Morgan Activity Centre and create the potential of selling the building.

Keep in mind this building also houses the local Meals on Wheels and the CFS.

It has come to light that the CFS has a peppercorn lease on the building. Interesting.

I understand this building was originally funded through the federal and state government Home and Community Care funding package to provide support to our ageing community.

It would be a great loss to Morgan to lose this building, or any buildings we currently have.

The Mid Murray Council must realise that taking away what we have in town would kill our town off.

If we agree to an 8 per cent rates increase annually instead of 5 per cent, we can probably keep what we have.

But there are no guarantees. What happens next year and the year after that etc.?

Does the council keep putting

rates up and up?

Does the Mid Murray Council know that we, the ratepayers, pay their wages? And that all the buildings throughout the Mid Murray Council area belong to us, not them?

Let’s get together and fight the council on this.

Remember, united we stand, divided we fall.

BARB PRIEST
Morgan

Help the broke Mid Murray Council

MID Murray Council is broke.

It is reliant on a non-strategy of rate increases and cutting services, which for me – last week – involves a meeting about what happens with Meals on Wheels in my town of Morgan (because we are based in the Morgan Activity Centre).

The centre is facing possible closure, or sale or other unknown future.

When I ran for council my slogan was “get more ratepayers”.

That’s the key to a long-term future and that’s where all energy needs to go.

Nothing else.

But the hole is too deep right now, we need outside help.

Our mayor will head off to chat to our Prime Minister, and hopefully get a few million dollars.

The problem is made worse because of the long-term decline of the council areas, and a Murray River flood that hit 2300 houses in the Mid Murray Council area.

Many of them are still unrepaired and starting to be up for sale.

Flood recovery takes years; Lismore shows us that.

For now, Mid Murray Council needs between \$5 million and \$7 million just to recover from the flood, let alone redress the long-term decline of infrastructure and lack of focus on growth - both of which are cultural changes that no amount of money can fix.

So, shake the tin. Contact our Prime Minister and ask him to put on his Santa hat when our

mayor visits (www.pm.gov.au/contact).

JAKOB GAMERTSFELDER
Morgan

Sick of our Aussie industry going under

HOW many other people in our community are – like me – thoroughly sick of successive Australian governments sell off our land, our mineral wealth, our corporations, our manufacturing, our businesses and precious water?

We have lost most of our major manufacturing industries, and have to buy most commodities from overseas countries.

You only have to look at what happened to our car industry, which once exported vehicles all over the world.

And now our government is demanding that our country convert to electric cars, at a time when the Americans have stopped making them because they are proving ineffectual, dangerous and costly.

And, what has happened to our wine industry does not bear thinking about.

When you buy Australian-made products you know the money is staying in the country and going towards local growers and producers. You are also guaranteed that the product has been quality tested to meet our high health and safety standards, and has no unpleasant surprises in it.

I would rather pay a bit more for an Australian product knowing that I am supporting my country.

Some countries have no set health standards to abide by, and that is why they also prefer Australian products in their country and send their products here to be bought by people who buy cheaper products because that is all they can afford.

I am often appalled when I am looking for Australian seafood in the fridges of the major supermarkets, and find the majority is imported from Asia. If I see a product which is not from Australian I put it back on the shelf.

You would think the super-

Nancy preparing to run her final Relay for Life



Riverland Relay for Life stalwart Nancy Murdock is getting ready to complete her last Relay for Life this October. PHOTOS: Alexandra Bull

A MORNING tea was held last week in honour of Riverland Relay for Life stalwart, Nancy Murdock, as she prepares to undertake her final Relay for Life this October.

The morning tea, organised by Alex Centofanti, was held at the Glossop Post Office, with all proceeds raised going towards Relay for Life.

A three-time cancer survivor herself, Mrs Murdock has dedicated more than a decade to raising funds for those undergoing cancer treatments and assisting the Riverland community.

Riverland Relay for Life will be held over Saturday 26 and Sunday 27 October at the Renmark Sports Complex, with Riverlanders encouraged to get involved.



Jenny Reed, Judy Cottams, Jo McConaghy and Jill Rickard all attended the morning tea.



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Loxton Waikerie mayor Trevor Norton says the Riverland should be considered to host a match of the AFL's Gather Round. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

Why not Gather Round the Riverland?

THE Riverland should be considered to host a match of the AFL's Gather Round, a local mayor says.

The continued success of the SANFL Russell Ebert Tribute Match, staged in Waikerie for the first time on Sunday, makes the Riverland the logical next step for the AFL's wildly successful initiative, according to Loxton Waikerie Mayor Trevor Norton.

Loxton Oval – set within the \$14 million Precinct facility – hosted the first two Ebert matches, however Mr Norton said the looming completion of the Waikerie Hub makes the Riverland West perfect for a Gather Round fixture, alongside venues such as Mount Barker and the Barossa.

“The new Waikerie Hub is scheduled to open in October, completing a venue which would enable the Riverland to host a future AFL Gather Round match should it be decided to further expand into regional South Australia,” Mr Norton said.

“They are looking to the Barossa Valley next year and Waikerie is only another hour and a bit way, so who knows what could be next?”

Representatives from both West Adelaide and Port Adelaide football clubs were full of praise for the Waikerie venue on Sunday, when the life of arguably South Australian's greatest ever player – who started his football journey in the Riverland – was again honoured.

This year's Gather Round was spread across three venues, Adelaide Oval, Norwood Oval and Mount Barker, however SA Premier Peter Malinauskas has already flagged his intention – via a funding injection – of Barossa Valley being part of the 2025 Gather Round program.

When complete, the Waikerie Hub will feature a new clubroom and function space, new seating including terraced viewing, and a long list of other improvements.

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- Loxton Waikerie Mayor Trevor Norton



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Angel call for local wedding dresses

STEPHANIE THOMPSON

RIVERLAND women who wish to donate their wedding dress to be repurposed for a worthy cause have the opportunity to do so this weekend.

Loxton woman and Angel Gowns Australia volunteer Rowena Saunders will collect dresses this Sunday, with the dresses to be repurposed for babies who have passed away.

“If you aren’t going to use it and it’s just sitting in the back of your cupboard, there’s a beautiful body out there who unfortunately will need it,” she said.

Angel Gowns Australia began 10 years ago and creates sentimental items for parents to treasure or bury their baby in.

Mrs Saunders said the

not-for-profit charity accepts all dresses from any era, as long as they are clean and in good condition.

“If you have grandma’s dress in the back of the cupboard, as long as it’s not falling apart, it will be used,” she said.

“It doesn’t matter how old it is. Everything is used from the dresses.”

Tulle from donated dresses is crafted into tutus skirts and dress ups which are then gifted to hospitals, charities and directly to families to brighten the day of children who have a serious illness or disability.

Mrs Saunders said this Sunday was a one-off opportunity, with Angel Gown dress donations currently otherwise closed.

Mrs Saunders began volunteering with the charity

almost two years ago after experiencing the loss of her own baby.

“I was gifted a gown and a wrap,” she said.

“In my situation, it was nice to have something to hold and go home to, and know I had something in memory of my baby.”

As part of this Sunday’s dress collection, Mrs Saunders will also donate her own wedding dress – just six days shy of her 20th wedding anniversary.

“It’s just sitting there and I don’t have any girls to give it to,” she said.

“I know it’s going to a good cause.”

The wedding dress collection will take place this Sunday at the Loxton Library and Visitor Information Centre from 10am to 2pm.



Loxton woman and Angel Gowns Australia volunteer Rowena Saunders will collect wedding dresses at the Loxton Library and Visitor Information Centre this Sunday, with the dresses to be made into garments for families whose baby passes away before, during or shortly after birth. As part of the collection day, Mrs Saunders will also donate her own wedding dress. PHOTO: Stephanie Thompson

“I know it’s going to a good cause...”

- Rowena Saunders



PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

Are you a Renmark local?

PAST and present locals took to social media and directly to The Murray Pioneer to share how they know they are from Loxton.

The Murray Pioneer is compiling lists about each major Riverland town.

This week, we are asking our readers to complete this sentence, ‘You know you’re a Renmark local when...’.

A list compiling some of the top answers for Renmark will be published in next week’s Murray Pioneer.

Answers can be emailed to (stephanie.thompson@murraypioneer.com.au), or visit our Facebook page and find the post (facebook.com/TheMurrayPioneer).

Answers for Renmark must be received by 10am, Monday 22 April.

YOU KNOW YOU’RE A LOXTON LOCAL WHEN...

☐ You hear the word ‘Mardi Gras’, you don’t automatically think of a parade in Sydney.

☐ You’ll never call the Tree of Knowledge the ‘Flood Tree’.

☐ You know it’s lunchtime when you hear the Loxton Historical Village siren at 12 noon every day.

☐ You keep the long weekend free in October for the Loxton Show.

☐ You just laugh mockingly at someone who tries to tell you that pizza from their town is better than the Loxton Pizza Bar’s.

☐ “Your grandpa’s gone to heaven” can mean that he’s just chilling out at the top of a cliff.

☐ You can pronounce all the German names of streets around the town including Drabsch and Traeger, and you know that there are many ways of saying Schultz, Schulz, Schutz or Scholz!

☐ You know who ‘Spangers’ and ‘Aub’ are.

☐ You know many of the other streets are named after battles of WWII and if it’s a person’s name and an avenue, then they are female war nurses, but if it was a male it’s a street or road.

☐ You know there has to be two Lutheran churches in town as they couldn’t agree so had to have two.

☐ You now have kids with someone you first hooked up with at a Door Snakes gig.

☐ You laugh when friends from away call you and wonder if you are safe with the River Murray flooding and they don’t realise the town is built up way above the river and can’t flood.

☐ Very hard to find better food than the Loxton Bakery and Loxton Pizza Bar.

☐ You’ve featured in a Loxton Means Business TV commercial.

☐ You’ve been on a float in

the Loxton Mardi Gras.

☐ You have entered an item in the Loxton Show.

☐ When you’ve volunteered at the Mardi Gras, the Loxton Show, Lights Up, Christmas Wonderland and Village Alive Days.

☐ You know the one and only night there’s a traffic jam in Loxton... and the back roads to avoid it.

☐ You know what ‘the pig trough’ was.

☐ You know what a Nangari burger is.

☐ When you’ve been part of a Loxton High School interschool athletics team that’s contributed to the 43 Riverland Interschool Athletics wins in a row.

☐ You know which lane to be in to navigate our roundabout.

☐ When you refer to shops as their old names such as Big River, Spring Leaf and Mensland.

☐ You know where Hollywood and Heaven are.

☐ When you know that the old part of Loxton High is referred to as Siberia.

☐ You walk into the public toilets in the main street and they are exactly the same as when you used them in the 1980s.

☐ Your adult children’s first stop when they come home is The Country Bakehouse for a meat pie.

☐ You only drink orange juice made by a man named George.

☐ Going to the supermarket to grab a few things turns into an hour long catch-up with everyone at seeding, harvest, or when it rains.

☐ You have walked the streets of Loxton Lights Up a thousand times.

☐ You don’t feel the need to lock your car in the main street.

☐ You’re either a Panther or a Tiger!

☐ You’ve been to a Little Town production.

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George honoured at final resting place



The Headstone Project SA last month held a ceremony to unveil a headstone at the grave of WWI soldier George McLean Stodart. PHOTOS: supplied

HUGH SCHUITMAKER

THE sacrifice of a Riverland WWI soldier were recently recognised by the marking of his grave. A headstone was last month unveiled at the previously unmarked grave of WWI veteran George McLean Stodart, by The Headstone Project SA, at the Berri Cemetary. The Headstone Project SA president John Browlie said strong community support continues to be shown at the organisation’s Riverland unveiling events. “We were delighted at the very strong representation from the family,” Mr Browlie said. “Tim Whetstone also attended and spoke. It was a good day. “It’s part of the heritage of the area. It was a soldier settler area



after the war... so it runs deep in the community.”

Private Stodart served with the

10th Battalion AIF and the 3rd Light Trench Mortar Battery in Egypt and on the Western Front. Sadly he died on, or about, 17 April 1923. Mr Browlie said it remained vital to recognise the sacrifices of military servicemen despite the length of time since the conflict. “It’s my great sadness it took George Stodart’s passing 100 years to be recognised by our government,” he said. Mr Browlie said the group’s next unveiling ceremony would take place in Renmark. “On 29 June there will either be 17 or 19 unveiled in Renmark,” he said. “The case for two of the veterans to be considered as official war dead is before the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.”



Loxton District Children’s Centre director April Watson with Barker PM Tony Pasin. PHOTO: Stephanie Thompson

‘Uncertainty’ lingers for local projects

STEPHANIE THOMPSON

A LOCAL MP has slammed the Federal Government for “starving” regional areas of development funding, with Riverland projects still in limbo. Barker MP Tony Pasin said regional areas are “suffering from a Federal Government funding drought” with grants for community infrastructure projects yet to be allocated. “Albanese’s ministers are sitting on grant funding, refusing to part with money promised for the regions, choosing instead to hoard the cash to prop up the budget surplus in Canberra,” he said. The Federal Government opened the Growing Region’s Program nine months ago and applicants, such as Loxton District Children’s Centre ‘Woodleigh’ and Calperum Connect, are yet to find out if their projects are approved and funded. Loxton District Children’s Centre is planning a new building to keep up with demand and director April Watson said the grant announcement was expected by last month. “Not knowing is pushing back all the deadlines we have been working towards, along with all the contractors work-

ing towards deadlines to enable them to plan for the next 12-18 months,” she said. “Aiming for a 2026 opening date is hopeful, but each week the announcement of successful applicants for Growing Region’s Program is delayed by, the likelihood of that timeframe also pushes back.” Mrs Watson said the grant funding uncertainty also impacts budget preparations. “We have some potential contractors waiting to quote for the project once we are able to open for tender, for local business and builders this is a massive project,” she said. “Pushing the announcement of successful applications out further jeopardizes their workload and ability to participate in the tender process.” Mr Pasin said the uncertainty also impacts local councils. “Many councils are trying to finalise their budgets for the next financial year and do not know if they will be investing in planned projects or have them thrown on the scrap heap by the Prime Minister,” he said. “The... government is starving the regions of funding and while (it) does, construction costs continue to rise meaning the goal posts are continually shifting for much-needed community projects.”

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Frontline workers

SA’s frontline emergency services workers – including police officers, paramedics and firefighters – who suffer post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) due to their work experiences now have better protections after new legislation passed the Legislative Council today. The laws introduced by independent MLC, Frank Pangallo, will make PTSD diagnosed by a psychiatrist a presumptive condition for first responders, emergency workers, volunteers and others involved in time-critical, dangerous, life-threatening and traumatic events and situations.

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“Not knowing is pushing back all the deadlines we have been working towards, along with all the contractors...”

- April Watson

Karyn to finish on a high note



This year will mark Karyn Skewes' final production as musical director for the Riverland Musical Society. PHOTOS: Rylace Studio

STEPHANIE THOMPSON

THIS year's Riverland Musical Society production will mark Karyn Skewes' 20th show as musical director – and also her last.

After 20 performances leading the music and behind the piano, Mrs Skewes said she was looking forward to taking a step back and spending more time with family.

"I now have every single weekend booked for the entire year with musicals," she said.

"I am not getting any younger and I have a grandchild now.

"We want to go and see family and travel."

By stepping back, the Loxton woman said she hopes it will allow someone else to step forward.

"There are people much younger than me who are getting excited about musicals," she said.

"I don't want to be the one who is stuck in the old way of doing things.

"I don't want to hold the Riverland Musical Society (RMS) back."

Auditions for this year's RMS production of *Evita* will be held later this month.

Mrs Skewes said *Evita* was a special musical to finish on.

"*Evita* is my number one favourite musical of all time," she said.

"*Evita* was the musical that got me interested in musical theatre.

"It's a full-circle moment."

Mrs Skewes said she grew up watching musicals, but found the story of *Evita* "riveting".



Loxton's Karyn Skewes has done 20 Riverland Musical Society productions as musical director, with this year's performance of *Evita* to be her last.

"When I was in year 10, *Evita* played at the festival theatre and my musical teacher took us down and I went, 'Whoa, you can do that on stage?'," she said.

"That story just gripped me and the music was amazing. I went out and spent all my pocket money on the record.

"When I was thinking that I might be ready to stop doing this (musical director), my only disappointment would have been if I didn't get to do *Evita*.

"So, some of the directors said, 'Okay, let's do that for you'."

Reflecting on her 20 years as RMS musical director, Mrs

Skewes said she was thankful for the community and the people she worked with during that time.

"I love creating experiences for other people," she said.

"The things I get most out of doing a musical are the relationships and the encouraging of the people who are shining on stage.

"Helping other people achieve their potential I think is what I value most about what I do."

Despite stepping back from her musical director role, Mrs Skewes said she looks forward to continuing her involvement with RMS and other musical productions.

Scriven retains key regional role after reshuffle

CLARE Scriven has retained the important portfolio of primary industries and regional development under a reshuffled Premier Peter Malinauskas's SA Labor cabinet.

Mr Malinauskas unveiled the new line-up this week, following the resignation of independent Geoff Brock, the former minister for local government, regional roads and veteran affairs.

Ms Scriven, who sits in the upper house, said she welcomed

the opportunity to continue her work within her portfolios.

"I am pleased to continue leading a key economic portfolio for South Australia, with primary industries and agribusiness generating over \$18.5 billion last financial year and regions contributing a total of \$36 billion whilst comprising of 30 per cent of our state's population," she said.

"There are exciting developments across the portfolio, which include dairy, grains, livestock, forest indus-

tries, fisheries, aquaculture, horticulture, wool, viticulture and wine.

"I look forward to working with my cabinet colleagues and industry to advance the prosperity and sustainability of such important sectors to our state."

Mr Malinauskas said house was a "key focus" of his reshuffle.

Headlining the changes, Deputy Premier Susan Close will take on a new responsibility as Minister for Workforce and Population Strategy. "With \$2.29 billion in new

skills funding agreed with the Commonwealth, it is crucial this expenditure is best aligned with the state's future workforce needs," Mr Malinauskas said.

Population and workforce planning functions across Government will be consolidated in the Department for Industry, Innovation and Science.

Minister Tom Koutsantonis will add Regional Roads to his existing portfolio of Infrastructure and Transport.



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Community concern over Morgan malaise

CHRISTINE WEBSTER

SOME Morgan community residents have expressed concern about a Mid Murray Council proposal to potentially sell the Morgan Activity Centre (MAC) building.

Morgan resident Barb Priest was among a group of ratepayers who attended the council’s community engagement sessions on the future operations of facilities in Morgan and Blanchetown.

In a letter to the editor in today’s Murray Pioneer, Ms Priest said it would be “a great loss to Morgan to lose this building, or any building we currently have”.

Council is reviewing the services it offers at the Morgan Public Library,

Morgan Activity Centre and Blanchetown Hub and the community’s use of each facility, as part of its endeavours to improve its financial sustainability.

The council’s second option out of five proposals is to close the Morgan Activity Centre in its current location and reduce the size of Morgan Library to a boutique library.

A fifth option proposes only maintaining the Morgan Council Office and services and closing all facilities and services at the Morgan Public Library, Morgan Activity Centre, and Blanchetown Hub.

Ms Priest was among a group of about 15 community members who attended a meeting in Morgan earlier

this month to discuss the options being considered by council.

She said those in attendance were informed that council needed to cut costs.

But Ms Priest said the council “must realise that taking away what we have in town would kill our town off”.

“Keep in mind this building also houses the local Meals on Wheels and the CFS,” she said.

“I understand this building was originally funded through the federal and state government Home and Community Care funding package to provide support to our ageing community.”

Mid Murray Mayor Simone Bailey said selling the MAC building was just

one of five options included as part of the review of Mid Murray facilities.

“We understand that these facilities play an important role for a number of people in our community,” she said.

“But unfortunately it is only a very small number and the cost is quite significant.”

Council data from July to December last year showed that on average the MAC had 8.18 patrons per day with regular persons re-visiting.

According to the statistics the daily rate was partially inflated due to two regular monthly events, which attracted higher attendance.

Ms Bailey said no decision had yet been made about any changes to the

operations of the facilities under review.

She said the second option would involve moving the MAC operations to the Morgan Library, reducing its size and having both operations in the one building.

“We have left the consultation process really open and we want to know what people really think,” Ms Bailey said.

“There was even an option to move the council office and the library over to the Morgan Activity Centre,” she said.

Ms Bailey said the fifth option to close all facilities and services except for the Morgan council office and services was unlikely.

“This would be the last

thing on everyone’s mind,” she said.

Council has also included an option in its review of implementing “no change”, with all of its services and facilities remaining operational within an existing budget.

Ms Bailey praised the community’s response so far to the consultation process.

She is encouraging residents to continue to provide feedback and said council would welcome any other proposed options.

The consultation process is open until 26 April.

To participate in the survey visit: (mid-murray.sa.gov.au/council/latest-news/public-consultation-facilities-review).

An example of a turn-off a Loxton district man says has effectively been narrowed by the installation of audio tactile line marking. PHOTO: supplied



Road widening benefits ‘lost’

THE logic behind installing audio tactile line marking (ATLM) on redeveloped roads across the Riverland has been questioned by a local resident.

A Loxton district man said while road improvements – including widening of intersections and turn-offs – are welcomed, the ATLM feature often cancelled out any benefits.

The man, who spoke to The Murray Pioneer on the condition of anonymity, said the ATLM – used as a noise and vibratory active warning device for drivers – made any additional road space off limits.

“Extra width on turn-offs making driving safer, for the vehicle in front and the vehicle behind,

especially semi-trailers,” the man said.

“But then they put in these things, which you can’t drive on, so it defeats the purpose.”

The man said he had noticed the ATLM along the Sturt Highway, and hoped that recent improvements along the Stott Highway – specifically a turn-off to the Wunkar silos – would remain “as is”.

ATLM aim to address the ‘run-off road’ factor commonly prevalent in rural crashes, when drivers stray due to fatigue or poor visibility.

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A project re-introducing Murray crayfish to the Riverland has received a \$175,000 grant.

Crayfish project funding

ALEXANDRA BULL

A PROJECT re-introducing Murray crayfish back into the Riverland has received a \$175,000 grant from the Landscape Priorities Fund.

The grant will help to support the reintroduction of Murray crayfish – the second largest freshwater crayfish in the world – to the River Murray, building on a successful trial project in 2022/23.

Murray crays have not been found in South Australia for approximately 40 years.

“They are a pretty remarkable looking animal. They are about three times the size of a yabby,” Riverland and Murraylands Landscape Board wetlands team leader Darren Willis said.

“During the ‘50s and ‘60s in particular they have been impacted by a number of things.

“When we started regulating the river and putting in locks and weirs, and changing the flow down the river... that had an effect on them.

“Murray cray is a species that like relatively high-flowing water, often quite cool water and when we put locks and weirs in, we changed the way that water flows down the river.”

Mr Willis added that changing water conditions together with Murray cray being fished extensively along the River Murray and the use of pesticide chemicals, lead to

the decline in population.

“They are the four things that are recognised as being influential and they depleted the population over a number of decades,” he said.

“There are still Murray cray in the upper reaches of the Murray Darling Basin but you hardly find them at all now below Mildura along the river.”

During the River Murray flood in 2022/23, a number of Murray cray were found on trees further up the river. The Riverland and Murraylands Landscape Board received a number of the animals to release back into the river, proving to be successful.

In April and May last year, 200 Murray crays were released back into the River Murray in the Riverland, including 30 with radio trackers on them, enabling the team then able to track their movements.

“We will be releasing another 200 Murray cray in the coming months after this year’s malt and we will have another 30 trackers on them,” Mr Willis said.

“The funding... helps to underpin the continuation of the re-introduction program for the next four years, which will see it through to its completion.

“Along with funding from other sources, this will help us roll out the program for another four to five years and hopefully by then we will have got a population that’s established.”



LIFE MEMBERSHIP:

Adelaide Crows 1997/98 premiership captain Mark Bickley was a guest speaker at a Riverland Crows Supporters Group dinner last week where he presented Loxton women Vicki Jones (above, left) and Lyn Appleton (above, right) with life membership badges to the group. Attending the dinner was also young Crows supporter, Isla Andriske (right), pictured with Bickley. PHOTOS: supplied



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Berri Barmera's disability access focus

DISABILITY access will be improved across Berri Barmera – and local man Bill Johnson is the catalyst for change.

Born prematurely and living with cerebral palsy as a result, Mr Johnson highlighted the long list of daily challenges he faces at a Berri Barmera Council meeting late last year.

The issues started literally in the front yard of the new Barmera house Mr Johnson shares with his parents.

The gutter was too steep for Mr Johnson to traverse without “feeling like I am going to fall out of my wheelchair”, and forced him to enlist help to navigate the hurdle backwards.

Mr Johnson also told councillors about other wheelchair pitfalls dotted around town, including access points for both the lakefront path and the main street, and problems when exiting cars around Barwell Avenue.

Following the council meeting, Berri Barmera's manager of infrastructure and operations, David Pluckhahn, met with Mr Johnson to discuss his daily struggles.

As a result, they collaborated with a local business to construct a ramp that mitigates the gradient of the street kerbing, allowing easier wheelchair access.

Berri Barmera Mayor Ella Winnall predicted the collaboration would be a forerunner to further improvements across her district.

“We're so grateful for Bill coming to council to directly address accessibility issues in the district, not just for his own needs but also advocating on behalf of so many other community members who face daily challenges just getting around the area,” she said.

“We are keen to keep working on implementing disability access improvements across the district.”

Ms Winnall and Mr Pluckhahn recently convened a meeting with Mr Johnson, Support and Connect's Dylan Blackley, and Mobility Mates' Paul van der Woude to encourage “open dialogue” on the public navigation challenges faced by individuals with disabilities.

Mr Johnson said he was grateful for the chance to work directly with council.

In his submission to council he described his wheelchair as his “legs”.

“And the costs of purchasing a replacement chair for people like me is going through the roof,” he told council.

“I am lucky to be able to have a chair made specifically for me but many people rely on simple medical wheelchairs which are very basic and harder to operate.

“I know that addressing these problems will be expensive for council but we must consider our ageing population as well as those with a disability to make sure our town is inclusive and safe for everyone.”



Bill Johnson (front, left) at his Barmera home after Berri Barmera Council collaborated with a local business to construct a ramp that mitigates the gradient of the street kerbing, allowing easier wheelchair access. He is pictured with his parents (back, left) Peter and Colleen Johnson, Support and Connect's Dylan Blackley, Mobility Mates' Paul van der Woude, Berri Barmera Council manager of infrastructure and operations David Pluckhahn, and (front) Berri Barmera Mayor Ella Winnall. Bill volunteered his spare wheelchair for council representatives to use, to help them better understand his scenario. PHOTO: Alexandra Bull

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Barmera's wheelchair challenges, as told by Bill Johnson

WELL-known Barmera man Bill Johnson recently highlighted the challenges faced by wheelchair users like himself around Barmera.

Aside from a since-rectified situation in front of his family's home in Manallack Court, Mr Johnson – who lives with cerebral palsy – identified several other problem spots around town in a written submission to council:

Lakefront path:

“I enjoy wheeling along the lakefront almost every day and think the path is a great asset for the town, offering safe mobility for everyone.

“My problem is getting to the path. There are no suitable footpaths for me to use so I wheel along the edge of the road hoping any passing cars are observant enough to move over for me.

“Too close to the edge of the road and I end up bumping over the side onto the gravel verge which wears out my tyres (and me).

“The footpath in front of the aged homes along the lakefront is too steep for me to use and further along towards the club the condition of the footpath is continually changing, making it hard to navigate.

“Too many street crossings don't match up and I am constantly looking to see where I can cross the road safely.”

Main street:

“I have never been able to access the main street of Barmera on my own, when I was younger using a walking frame and now with my wheelchair. The slope of the footpath sends me to the gutter every time.

“I consider myself to be fairly strong but I need support to move along the street. I can only imagine how difficult it is for other aged and vulnerable people using walking frames to do so, as well as young parents with prams and people with supermarket trolleys.”

Disabled parking:

“Why are the most vulnerable people put at greatest risk getting out of their cars, especially in front of the newsagent and the bank building? If you are unable to step up onto the footpath you have to go behind your car, onto the road to access the ramp on the side of the street.

“This problem applies to both the driver and passenger. For people like me with a wheelchair, the disabled space is very tight to use without being up against the car parked next to the space.

“The best disabled parking spaces I have seen are in Darwin and also at the Berri Plaza shopping centre where they use three car parking spaces to make two disabled spaces and have bollards in the middle.”

One of the photos Bill Johnson presented as part of his submission to Berri Barmera Council. It shows Mr Johnson trying to exit a vehicle on Barwell Avenue, in front of the Bonney Theatre.

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MCKAY BUSINESS SERVICES
Job title: Registered Conveyancer | Years of service: 3.5
WAIKERIE- based residential conveyancer Alisha Wilson who is originally from Lobethal decided to seek a river change with her husband, Travis, and young children in November 2021.
Alisha had worked with McKay Business Services in Adelaide since September 2020 and they valued her so much they allowed her to relocate and initially work from home. The company had been looking to set up a second branch and once she was settled, they opened one up in Waikerie in March 2022.
Travis was born in Waikerie and his parents still live in the town.
Their daughter and son, 7 and 4, are also enjoying being part of the community.
Alisha joined the conveyancing industry after she was offered an administration role by an Adelaide firm, not long after leaving school.
“After I started there, I studied an advanced diploma in conveyancing.”
She enjoys helping clients work through the financial and legal process of purchasing or selling a home.
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Jo-anne Cain

SOUL ESSENCE
Job title: Therapist and Life Coach | Years of service: 8

Therapist and life coach, Jo Cain, has a passion for helping others. The third-generation Waikerie local once worked as a primary school services officer, teaching special needs children. It is in that role that she learned the value of providing emotional support to people. Jo then moved into the homelessness services sector while studying social work at university. She developed an interest in therapy counselling techniques and completed intensive training in Neuro Linguistic Programming at practitioner and master practitioner levels. Those techniques have assisted her in her own personal growth and development. Jo also has a diploma in Clinical Hypnotherapy. Soul Essence (Jo’s business) opened part-time in 2017. In 2020 Jo decided to make it a full-time enterprise. Specialising in supporting people with stress, anxiety, depression, grief and loss, trauma and PTSD, Jo sees clients (in person and online) from the Riverland, across South Australia, and interstate. ‘My dream is to empower and enable people to be the best they can be - physically, emotionally, spiritually and professionally,’ Jo said. Family is extremely important to Jo, who has two sons, a daughter and two granddaughters.



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LETS GET TO KNOW

Karyn Skewes

MUSIC ALIVE
Job title: Owner/Director | Years of service: 18

Karyn Skewes is synonymous with the word ‘music’ in the Riverland for her love of teaching and sharing the gift that is sound. After teaching piano lessons from her own home for years, Karyn opened the doors to Music Alive in 2006 in a bid to tackle her ever-growing list of keen students. Now, Music Alive has 10 teachers with 250 students learning how to sing and play musical instruments each week. Karyn said Music Alive services the whole Riverland and Mallee, from Morgan to Murrayville. “We started with piano, but now we teach singing, drums, guitar violin, trumpet and clarinet,” she said. Karyn said she enjoys the variety of her job the most. “I love the fact that on any given day, I have students aged from five to 80 for singing, piano, small groups and as many personalities as there are students,” she said. “Every day I get energy from lots of different sources.” Music Alive is based at Loxton, but also teaches at a number of local schools. Karyn said the business prides itself on the ability to adapt to each student’s requirements.

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LETS GET TO KNOW

Peter Cordaro

TOP TEAM HEALTH AND WELLBEING
Job title: Recovery coach | Years of service: 2

Peter is the senior mental health worker and recovery coach with Top Team Health and Wellbeing, and brings with him over 15 years’ experience in the mental health care and homelessness industry. Passionate about advocating for clients, Peter provides ongoing support to individuals with severe and permanent mental illnesses and psychiatric diagnosis. As a recovery coach, Peter offers a partnered approach to recovery, supporting clients to recognise their values, strengths, and goals. Peter provides compassionate care, empowering individuals to take an active role in their recovery, with an emphasis on health and wellbeing, independence, social participation, and meaningful relationships. Top Team Health and Wellbeing provides a variety of support services to NDIS and non-NDIS participants across the Riverland and Mallee region. The local business can provide mentoring and support services such as assistance with daily living, social support and building confidence. Recovery coaching offers support for those with mental health or addiction issues, with the option of intensive home-based support for those who need additional help. Top Team Fitness and Boxing offers support to achieve fitness goals with one-on-one personal training, rehabilitation, fine motor skill, and conditioning and strength programs.



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"We are more than just a rubbish collection service now, and I couldn't be prouder of the team or more thankful for their efforts."

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LETS GET TO KNOW

Shirley Pontt

ALTSCHWAGER FAMILY FUNERALS
Job title: Funeral Director | Years of service: 2

Providing the utmost care of the deceased and their loved ones is something Shirley describes as an "absolute privilege". After losing her own husband, Mick, suddenly almost five years ago, Shirley said she was looking for a change from her job at the Loxton postal outlet where she had worked for 30 years.

"On my very last day there, Warren (Altschwager Family Funerals director) came in and asked if I had ever considered the funeral industry and I honestly said, 'no'."

Shirley took a two-month break, re-evaluated the job proposition and then started with Warren and Deb at Altschwager Family Funerals.

"I haven't looked back," she said. "It started off with me working on funerals and then I started in the mortuary next." Shirley now also meets with families to arrange funerals.

"I find it's an absolute privilege and honour to be able to be with people after they've lost a loved one and talk with them," she said. "I haven't regretted this career change for a minute."

"People are letting you into their very darkest time."

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Woolston Engineering manager Kyle Woolston has been involved in the family business for 16 years and is a qualified Mechanical Engineer and Boiler Maker/Welder, along with James Bannear, who is also a Mechanical Engineer and is completing further studies to become a qualified Boiler Maker/Welder, ensuring they are continuing to offer the Riverland the quality services Woolston Engineering is known for.



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- ▶ Acknowledge what you are going through.
- ▶ Know that your emotions are likely to change day by day.
- ▶ Maintain a normal routine whenever possible.
- ▶ Ensure you are getting enough sleep or rest.
- ▶ Try and maintain a healthy and balanced diet.
- ▶ Drink plenty of water.
- ▶ Talk openly with family and friends on how you are really feeling.
- ▶ Seek out professional help if you feel you need to.
- ▶ Consider joining a support group.



Supporting the whole Riverland

FOR four generations and 110 years, the Kleemann family of funeral directors has provided professional and compassionate care for the community of Waikerie and its surrounds. After 25 years of dedicated service, Stephen and Bev of SA Kleemann Funerals have decided it is time to move toward retirement, a transition that marks the end of an era. However, the torch has been passed to a familiar face in the community, the locally owned and operated, Riverland Funerals. As a third-generation, family-owned and operated funeral home, Riverland Funerals carries the same family values and dedication to community that residents of Waikerie are

accustomed to. While Riverland Funerals has already been serving the Waikerie community from their existing sites in Berri and Renmark, the team is now looking forward to serving the families of Waikerie from Waikerie. Riverland Funerals intends to continue operating the Waikerie chapel, office, and mortuary as a fully functional and full-serviced funeral home. The telephone will still be answered 24 hours a day, seven days a week. All existing staff have been offered the opportunity to stay on with Riverland Funerals and they will now be supported by more than 10 additional staff from the Berri office. This will result in additional services being offered in the Riverland West and Mid Murray areas as Riverland Funerals roll

“ Riverland Funerals carries the same family values and dedication to community that residents of Waikerie are accustomed to...

out other offerings that are currently provided in the Renmark and Berri districts. Once established at the Waikerie site, Riverland Funerals will be advertising for additional positions based in Waikerie, as the business believes that each area needs to have the opportunity to be served by people from within their local community. This will generate new employment opportunities within the Waikerie region in the coming months and years. Those who have pre-planned

funerals with SA Kleemann Funerals can rest assured that Riverland Funerals will honour all existing pre-paid funerals and bonds and have received all records related to preplanning from Steve and Bev. Both SA Kleemann and Riverland Funerals have had a long history as active members of the Australian Funeral Directors Association (AFDA) demonstrating their commitment to ongoing development and high professional standards.

Riverland Funerals: A short history of three generations

THE story of Riverland Funerals began in the late 1970s when John Sweet and his wife Joy entered a partnership with his friend David Chandler of Chandler Funerals to form Riverland Funerals. However, the identity of Riverland Funerals as a completely family-owned and family-operated funeral home began in 1984 when John's daughter and son-in-law Robyn and Terry Mullan purchased the remaining share of the company from David. Through his active involvement in the Australian Funeral Directors Association (AFDA), the peak industry body for the funeral industry, John set Riverland Funerals on a path of continual improvement and client-centric service. During the late 1980s, John's wife Joy, and sons Don and Bill joined the business. In 1993, Bill left to pursue a life in the state's South-East. As John and Joy transitioned to retirement later in the 1990s Don took on the role of Managing Director, and along with the support of his wife Vicky, re-imagined Riverland



Funerals as a horizontally integrated funeral service provider delivering a truly personalised experience. During the 1990s Don's son Leon also joined the team and engaged in all aspects of the business before deciding to focus primarily on monumental masonry and purchasing a separate business, Riverland

Memorials, in 2014. As a related entity, Don and Vicky also established Riverland Cremation Services, a local crematorium, in 2004, which meant that Riverland residents no longer needed to leave the region to be cremated. Sharyn Moll, Don's sister, and John's middle child joined the team in 2016. As Don

approached his own retirement Sharyn took on Don's role in leading the business and is now the General Manager of Riverland Funerals. Sharyn's son, Colin Moll joined the team in 2018 and now carries the role of Business Systems Manager. Later that year, Bill also returned to the Riverland and now carries the

role of Operations Manager. Over the years Sharyn's husband and two other sons had minor roles in the business as well, as did Don's son Allan. More recently in 2024 Bill's son McCartney, has also joined the team at Riverland Funerals and is looking forward to learning many aspects of the business. The organisation has now expanded to include the management team, funeral directors, and funeral directors assistants. The majority of staff are full time supplemented by some casual positions. Both John Sweet and Don Sweet have served as President of the SA/NT Division of AFDA and Sharyn Moll will become President of the SA/NT Division of AFDA later this year. In 2018 Don even received a Distinguished Service Award in recognition of his contribution to both the AFDA and the wider funeral profession. All three have also served in various other capacities including as National Directors of the AFDA.



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Well-known Renmark woman Marianne Smith recently travelled to Cambodia as a participant in Andrew 'Cosi' Costello's Cows for Cambodia charity program.



Ms Smith's group delivered and donated more than 10 tonnes of rice to a local village. PHOTOS: supplied

Well-known Renmark woman MARIANNE SMITH recently participated in the Cows for Cambodia program, run by Andrew 'Cosi' Costello, and has provided the following recount... Experience of a lifetime in Cambodia

MY late husband, Trevor Smith, and I had previously donated money toward rice being purchased for villagers in Cambodia, and we always said it was a journey we wanted to experience ourselves. Three years after his passing, I decided it was time to make this happen, and with the support of family organised to be part of the Cows for Cambodia Project. Cows for Cambodia is essentially an animal bank. Families are loaned a pregnant cow, they must look after it and when it has a baby they get to keep it. It provides an opportunity to break the poverty cycle rather than the use of a direct handout. Each family signs a contract to ensure the cow is looked after and rules are followed to ensure the best outcomes for all parties. The sixth day of the 11-day journey was particularly busy, beginning with assisting the vaccination and ear-tagging of cows at the charity's farm, and the vaccination of goats. Every single animal is very important for the families. After vaccination the animals are donated to a family, and they can then raise it and experience economic

benefit in the future. We were then asked to fertilise an entire nearby paddock, which was massive and took our group about an hour. Some group members also dug out shoots of banana plants for replanting at the homes of villagers. AFTER a busy day, the group had to contend with a tropical-like downpour before being able to head back to our accommodation by bus. A few beers may have been enjoyed on the journey back. On day eight we enjoyed the experience of delivering more than 10 tonnes of bagged rice to village families around Siem Reap. The levels of poverty the families live in is incredible to what we would normally see, and the rice makes a massive difference to the entire village. Families opt to share the rice throughout the village, rather than use it all themselves. In an area where even children are experiencing such severe poverty it was amazing to be able to provide something simple that would make the next few days special.



A particularly wonderful day involved attending a water park with local children. A lot hadn't seen a large swimming pool or this type of playground before, due to the costs involved. Other highlights for myself including visiting the Killing Fields, being blessed by monks at temples, the crazy shopping experiences, amazing street food and the chance to get away from my normal community.

Coincidentally, there were two young Loxton women also on the trip. REFLECTING back on the experience, there was a lot of emotion involved and I almost found this draining. We all put a lot of love into the journey, and I was so blessed to be part of something I knew was making a difference. From the local children, to shop workers and tuk-tuk drivers, every-

one was so generous and respectful of what we wanted to do. We would try and repay them in any ways we could. Cosi is the most amazing bundle of information, and made the group feel like a family. All of us made friends and we're still in contact now. I would recommend anyone interested in helping a developing country to become involved with Cows for Cambodia, as it's as personally rewarding being involved as it is for those receiving the donations. A long-term goal is to have 1000 cows in the project, which would make Cows for Cambodia one of Asia's biggest agriculture charity projects. Accommodation at high-quality hotels and the majority of food is already included in the pricing. It was a trip I'll never forget, and has made me even more grateful of the life we are able to live in Australia. Further information regarding the project can be found by visiting the website (www.southaussiewithcosi.com.au/cows-for-cambodia-2/).

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READERS of The Murray Pioneer will be aware of the challenging financial situation Mid Murray Council faces.

Council is receiving only 36 per cent of the assessed need financial assistance income from the Federal Government, a shortfall of \$7 million this year alone.

I welcome the recent news of a national inquiry into local government sustainability.

Currently, council are consulting with the community about potential closures of offices, service reductions, and vital community assets like libraries, standpipes, and pools will be the next to be added to that list.

I am deeply concerned about the impact on our regional communities if essential services are cut.

The mental health repercussions are alarming, especially considering that Mid Murray's suicide rate is already more than double the regional average.

Additionally, many of our communities and sports clubs are in dire need of council support that just cannot be offered at this time.

Recently, I attended a community session where I learned about a significant \$130 million investment by an energy company in one of our towns for a solar and battery farm.

Unfortunately, State Government regulations prevent council from raising rates on energy-producing infrastructure.

Meanwhile, council does raise rates on various essential services like farming infrastruc-



SIMON BAILEY
Mayor

Mid Murray Council

ture, factories, hotels, accommodation and supermarkets.

It is disheartening to see that this one energy farm holds a valuation equivalent to an entire town like Blanchetown, where council are currently facing tough decisions about closing their office and library to save a mere \$30,000 per annum, while large-scale energy infrastructure remains rate free.

This is not the energy company's issue, it is a legislation issue.

The disparity of how different types of infrastructure are taxed is unjust and gives the electricity-generating industry preferential treatment over all other ratepayers.

I have raised the issue with the State Government, and I know LGA (Local Government Association) SA is advocating for change, however I urge the government to address this disparity urgently.

Our regional communities are suffering and the threat of service cuts or substantial rate increases only exacerbates the situation.

I call upon the State Government to rectify this inequity by either allowing councils to rate energy-producing infrastructure like any other property or by compensating regional councils for the lost income due to such a large infrastructure presence.

“It is disheartening to see that one energy farm holds a valuation equivalent to an entire town like Blanchetown...”

Loxton Waikerie transfer station survey



PHOTO: Loxton Waikerie council

LOXTON Waikerie council is seeking the community's input to help determine the ideal future opening hours on Sundays for the Loxton and Waikerie waste transfer stations (WTS).

The consultation follows recent community engagement to determine the preferred weekend day to remain open, as well as feedback from the public about whether the opening hours should change.

Currently, the Loxton and Waikerie stations are open from 1pm to 4pm on Sundays.

The survey will help to determine whether the community would like the operating hours to remain as they are, or changed to be open from 9am to 12 noon.

Loxton Waikerie council said the community's participation in the decision-making process would be appreciated.

It said the feedback would help council ensure its waste management services aligned with the needs of the community.

The short one-question survey closes next Wednesday at 5pm.

Those wishing to provide their feedback should visit engagement.lwdc.sa.gov.au

For more information phone council on 08 8584 8000 or email: council@lwdc.sa.gov.au

State Government says no more parking in EV spaces

NEW parking offences prohibiting non-electric cars from parking in designated EV parking areas – and parking in a charging area when the vehicle is not being charged – came into effect across South Australia this week.

The rules are part of a raft of changes to the Australian Road Rules, which also include new child restraint laws.

Under the two new EV parking laws, first-time offenders will incur \$75 on-the-spot fines, while second-time offenders will be fined \$111.

Local councils will install signage by electric vehicle parking bays to remind drivers of the new offences.

“We’re... embracing the increasing numbers of electric vehicles on our roads by ensuring smooth integration and access to charging infrastructure,” said SA Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Tom Koutsantonis.

The State Government has also removed restrictions

on the sale and use of certain non-standard child restraints, to make it easier for parents and carers of children with a medical condition or disability to source specifically-designed restraints.

After extensive advocacy from groups such as Mobility and Accessibility for Children in Australia Ltd (MACA), parents and carers will no longer be required to have their vehicle and the associated child restraint inspected, but will still need to carry a certificate from a medical practitioner when driving.

Further changes include revisions to some rules relating to U-turns and giving way to cyclists and pedestrians. It is also now illegal to interrupt or interfere with funeral processions.

The amendments and technical changes to the Australian Road Rules dictionary were approved following an agreement by Infrastructure and Transport Ministers in June 2023.

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Two Riverland schools trialling volunteer app

STUDENTS of two Riverland schools are set to receive insights into the benefits of volunteering through the use of a new app.

The State Government last month announced students at Berri Regional Secondary College and the Riverland South Australian Aboriginal Secondary Training Academy would participate in the trial of a volunteering app.

Minister for Human Services Nat Cook said supporting and highlighting the skills developed by young volunteers was a goal.

“Volunteering in South Australia was significantly impacted through the Covid pandemic and as a result, we have seen a decline in volunteers across the state,” Ms Cook said.

“We have an ageing volunteer cohort and as minister, I am very keen to see young people getting more connected, and involved in, their communities, and helping to rebuild our state’s volunteering ranks.

“I see this app as a great tool to support and encourage young people to seek out volunteering opportunities and to use those opportunities as a foundation for whatever comes next, whether it be employment or further study.”

Students can log their volunteer hours on the app and celebrate milestones by achieving bronze, silver and gold badges.

A summary of voluntary service – a document that can be used in job interviews and other selection processes – can also be downloaded.

Volunteering SA&NT chief executive Hamilton Calder said volunteering helped young people “get jobs, build networks and increase community participation”.

“Volunteering is a win-win – volunteers do important work for the community, but they also receive massive rewards in return, as we know volunteering and community connection boost our wellbeing and mental health,” Mr Calder said

“Now our student volunteers can reap those rewards in the form of documented recognition.

“Students become more confident through volunteering, and they can take that confidence into future job interviews with downloadable summaries of their voluntary service.”

The success of the pilot – and the potential for it to be rolled out further in future – will be evaluated in Term 4.

Ambulance service seeking new volunteers

RIVERLANDERS seeking to positively contribute to the surrounding community are encouraged to volunteer for an emergency health service.

The South Australian Ambulance Service (SAAS) last month launched its Answer the Call campaign, aimed at attracting new volunteers to ambulance stations across country areas.

SAAS executive director country operations Robert Tolson said ambulance volunteers are “called on during times of need and have excellent standing in regional communities”.

SAAS volunteers are reimbursed for travel and childcare, receive Ambulance Cover and access to an employer reimbursement program for leaving work to respond to emergencies.

Further information regarding volunteering for the SAAS is available by visiting the website (www.saasambulance.sa.gov.au) or by calling 1300 175 584.



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to all of our wonderful readers who submitted photos for this year’s competition.

CONGRATULATIONS
to our winners, and thank you to Pets Domain Berri for supplying the \$100 voucher prizes.

We can’t wait to see your wonderful pets again in 2025!

SNITTY
3 months old // Sheep
Snitty hangs out at a farm with her best friend Kip, who is a goat.

WINNIE
1 year old // Miniature Dachshund
Winnie loves to go to Bunnings and enjoys everyone talking to her.

KODI
15 years old // Kelpie
Codi always got onto the letter box when it was time for the kids in the street to go to school and that’s how he got extra pats.

BONNIE & SOCKS
1.5 years old // Kelpie x Border Collies
Same parents, drastically different personalities. Bonnie is mad for the ball and Socks is mad for Bonnie.

**YOSHIE (LEFT)
JETT (RIGHT)**
(Y) 6 months old // Chihuahua cross
(J) 10 years old // Maltese
Yoshie loves chasing his cat family members around. Jett loves wrestling his brother and cruising around town.

KODA
10 months old // Staffordshire Bull Terrier
Koda is absolutely ball obsessed.

ARLO
7 years old // Chinchilla Persian Cross
Arlo loves to paddle his paws in his water bowl, just like a dog.

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4 months old // Shetland Sheepdog
Jessie's quirky habit is getting the zoomies.



TOMMY

44 years old // Tortoise
Tommy's quirky habit is coming when he is called for his food.



PEPPER

11 months old // Valais Black Nose Sheep
Pepper is the snuggliest sheep you will ever meet.



MIA

1.5 years old // Pug
Mia's quirky habit is that she does handstands when she eats her dinner.



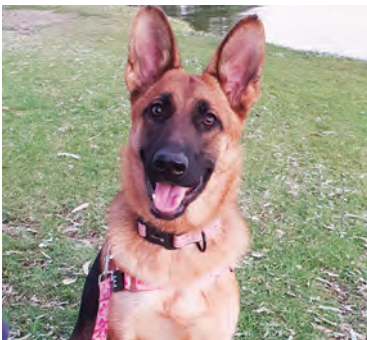
MONTY

1 year old // Bordoodle
Sometimes when it's time to leave somewhere and Monty isn't ready to leave, he sits and won't move.



DAISY

10 weeks old // Jack Russell Terrier
She loves to sneak in for a cuddle!



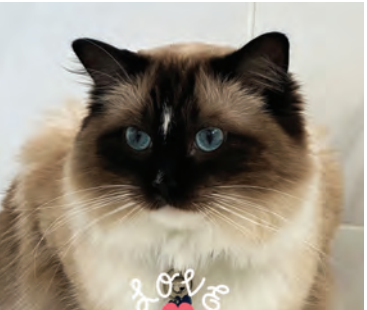
BILLIE

8 months old // German Shephard
She loves the water and if the hose or sprinkler is on, she will carry it around and try to catch the water.



ARLO

3 years old // Pug
Arlo loves a bubble bath before putting his pjs on and jumping into bed.



CHARLIE BEAR

17 months old // Ragdoll
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For this edition of Hugh cooks with Hugh, the boys decided to take on a bit of a surprise challenge, by picking six ingredients and seeing what new dishes could be made. The result was an autumn-inspired lamb dish highlighting the humble Brussels sprout.

For lamb chops, hasselback potato, brussels sprout salad

- ❑ Lamb cutlets or chops
- ❑ 5 Brussels sprouts
- ❑ 1 slice bacon
- ❑ 1 potato
- ❑ 1/2 pear
- ❑ 1 tablespoon mint
- ❑ salt and pepper
- ❑ 100g butter
- ❑ olive oil
- ❑ 70ml white wine vinegar

Method

1. Cut into the potato 5mm apart, and stopping 1cm from the bottom. Cover in olive oil and season with salt and pepper. Bake in oven at 200C for 40 minutes.
2. Add oil to a pan over medium heat. Add lamb, skin side down if possible, and season with salt and pepper. Once fat has melted, sear on all sides for approximately 2 to 3 minutes each, then remove from heat and allow to rest.
3. Cut sprouts in half, dice bacon and pear.
4. Add bacon to a pan over medium heat and cook until crisp. Add sprouts and butter, and cook for a further 5-10 minutes until browned.
5. Add pear and mint. Remove from heat and add vinegar, then toss to combine.
6. Serve salad and potato alongside lamb.



Foodbank explained to WAB

HEATHER EVERINGHAM

THE Paringa branch of WAB’s March guest speaker was Peter Smith (son of former Renmark North fruit growers Max and Barbara Smith), who has been manager of Riverland Foodbank since its inception.

He completed his education at Renmark High School and went to work at the Berri Cannery, later employed as purchasing officer for Berri Fruit Juices before working for Kangara and after its closure, a short stint with Simarloo.

In 2012 Peter was approached to set up the Riverland Foodbank in Berri to assist the disadvantaged in the Riverland and Mallee particularly as drought conditions prevailed.

It is a complex operation with “hubs” (i.e. church groups, Salvation Army) distributing food and goods to a wide area which includes Mildura, Redcliffs and Broken Hill.

Food is delivered to Waikerie, Berri, Renmark and Barmera with a breakfast program servicing 30 schools in the Riverland and also in Mildura,” Mr Smith said.

A state government budget of \$2 million is allocated to all SA and NT schoolchildren and there are rules governing the type of cereals offered and other breakfast items (e.g. jam)



WAB members Jenny Curtis and Marg Duggin with Peter Smith, Riverland Foodbank manager. PHOTO: supplied

must be unsweetened.

The concept of Foodbank originated in 2000 and acts as a source for welfare agencies to distribute to those in need. Interviews take place with those needing assistance and they are issued vouchers which are exchanged for food at the hubs.

A hub vehicle is a mobile supermarket and operates at set locations on set dates. For example, Chaffey Community Centre Renmark is open every second Friday.

There is a limit on some items but most fruit and vegetables are free. Truckloads of fruit and vegetables are delivered from local growers to the premises at Berri and Peter handles 25 to 30 tonnes each month. This is distributed locally and also to Adelaide.

There are Foodbanks all over Australia and in SA they are situated in Mt Gambier, Ceduna, Murray Bridge and Riverland. State funding in SA is abysmal compared to that of Victoria and New South Wales. Peter is allocated funding from Victorian and NSW governments to service schools and hubs in Mildura, Redcliffs and Broken Hill.

Peter finds the work rewarding and shares his employer’s ethos that no person in Australia should ever go hungry.

Next meeting on 23 April is an outing: meeting at 10am at the Renmark Paringa Community Museum for a tour, then visiting Jim and Ruth Roberts at Canoe The Riverland at Murtho before lunch in the Paringa Hotel.

Strong grain prices offset dry finish

PIRSA’s post-season Crop and Pasture Report said while the final figure was below 2022/23, it was above the 2021/22 mark and would yield an estimated farmgate value of \$3.3 billion.

The report said the season’s dry finish meant an early start and finish for harvesting in many districts, however late season rainfall from summer storms reduced grain quality to feed grade in some areas.

However, strong prices for feed grades reduced the

negative financial impact for affected growers, and in general grain quality was described as “very good”.

“Off the back of a record harvest, the 2023-24 grain season finished with an average yield but importantly, a more than \$3 billion contribution to the state’s economy,” said Grains Producers SA CEO, Brad Perry.

“Last season showed that South Australian grain producers continue to be resilient and produce impressive crops, even with little fin-

ishing rain.

“With seeding about to get under way in many areas of South Australia, grain producers face a nervous wait for much-needed opening rains.”

According to the PIRSA report, canola yields were average to slightly above average, but with lower oil contents reported in early-finishing crops.

Mice were a concern in areas of the Mallee and Eyre Peninsula early in the season, before being managed by targeted aerial baiting.

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The River Murray Boat Owners Association’s River Ramble began in Morgan on 7 April and ended last night at Loxton. Boaties from across SA took part in the River Ramble, which included staying overnight at Waikerie with dinner at the Waikerie Hotel. PHOTOS: supplied

Ramble raises funds for Flying Doctors

CHRISTINE WEBSTER

BOATING enthusiasts from across SA have been making their way along the River Murray from Morgan to Loxton to raise money for the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

The annual River Ramble that began in the 1990s had to be cancelled last year due to the 2022/23 flood.

River Murray Boat Owners Association of SA president Roger Wickes said 19 boats and five caravans took part in the ‘Fun Galore in 24’ fundraiser this year.

The participants began their trip on 7 April at Morgan, where they stayed overnight and had din-

ner at local hotels in the town before travelling to Nickalapko Station the next day.

Mr Wickes said the evening at Nickalapko Station featured a sing-a-long to Australian songs run by a DJ who was also taking part in the event.

The fundraiser participants then travelled along the river and spent nights at Waikerie, Overland Corner, Kingston-On-Murray, Moorook and Loveday, before ending their journey at Loxton last night.

Mr Wickes said activities were being run throughout the ramble to raise money for the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

He said these included raffles, counting lollies inside a jar and imposing fines on participants for a variety of fun reasons.

Mr Wickes said those taking part were enjoying the experience of travelling along the river after the flood.

“The river looks really good, it is clear and clean, and the trees and the vegetation and the birds look really nice,” he said.

“We have also had a fishing competition and fish are also being caught.”

However, he said he was saddened to see the damage the flood had caused to many shacks in the Mid Murray district.



The ‘Fun Galore in 24’ ramble from Morgan to Loxton involved 19 boats.

Early dental intervention and child benefits scheme in focus

Filling in details

THE importance of early dental intervention and details about a child benefits scheme will be shared to local industry members during a special presentation later this month.

The Australian Dental Association South Australia (ADA SA), supported by the SA Country PHN, will be in the Riverland on Tuesday 30 April to present to local dentists and their teams.

The importance of early intervention to address orthodontic concerns will be outlined as part of the event, one in a series run by ADA SA to ensure regional dentists are provided with up-to-date information.

As part of their visit, ADA SA will also highlight the importance of the Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS), which allows some children to be eligible to access part of, or the full cost of some basic dental services.

“In the Riverland in 2021, there were 4377 children between the age of one and 17 years who were eligible for the CDBS, but only 50.3 per cent of those have been claimed,” an ADA SA spokesperson said.

“This means that 2174 eligible children are missing out on free oral health care.”

Under the scheme, children under 17 can receive a range of



basic dental services to keep their teeth strong and gums healthy.

A child under 17 can access the scheme when all of the following apply:

- ☐ They are eligible for Medicare
- ☐ They receive an eligible payment (e.g. Family Tax Benefit A) at least once that calendar year from Services Australia.

Children can receive up to \$1095 worth of basic dental services over two calendar years.

Basic dental services covered include:

- ☐ check-ups
- ☐ X-rays
- ☐ cleaning
- ☐ fissure sealing
- ☐ fillings
- ☐ root canals
- ☐ extractions

This scheme is accessible at both private practices and SA Dental clinics.

For further information about the Child Dental Benefits Schedule, ask your local dentist about your child’s eligibility or visit: <https://www.childdentalbenefitssa.com.au/>



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INSIGHTS FROM THE RING: Robert Fielke (right), with Riverland Boxing Club volunteer boxing coach Phillip Goodes, who was a guest speaker at the Loxton Rotary Club's recent meeting. PHOTO: supplied



CLUB'S SEASON OPENER: Barmera Netball Club held its 2024 opening night last week, with members enjoying a barbecue tea. The 2024 Riverland Netball Association season begins on 26 April. PHOTO: Facebook



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

WEEKLY
Guided tours of **The Pines Historic House** are held every Sunday at 2pm, at 18 Henry Street, Loxton. Gardens open seven days. Extra tour inquiries to Marian 0412 649 766.

WEEKLY
Barmera Theatre Art & Craft Gallery in the Bonney Theatre complex open for sales Tuesday to Friday 10am to 2pm, and Saturday 9.30am to 11.30am. Inquiries to Ruth 0428 899 506.

WEEKLY
Palms Bingo Club hold a bingo session every Tuesday at the Monash Club. Doors open at 11am and eyes down at 11.30am. Lunch and drinks available.

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

WEEKLY
Card and boards games every Monday, even long weekends, 1.30pm to 4pm.

WEEKLY
Carpel bowls every Wednesday, 1.30pm to 4pm. Renmark Lutheran Church, 62 Seventeenth Street, Renmark. Phone Yvonne Kruschel 0428 963 195.

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

WEEKLY
U3A Riverland yoga in the CWA rooms, Loxton. Every Wednesday from 9.30am.

WEEKLY
Renmark Bowling Club on Cowra

Street would like to welcome you to bingo. Every Thursday night from 7pm.

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

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

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

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

WEEKLY
Riverland Woodworkers at the old Renmark High School, Ral Ral Avenue, Wednesdays 9am to 4pm, Thursday 6pm – 9pm, Sundays 1pm to 4pm. Any skill level welcome. For more information contact Luke Bihun 0400 253 572.

WEEKLY
Meet, Greet & Eat at **Loxcare Community Hub**, 13 Drabsch Street, Loxton, every Friday at 10am. Come and enjoy morning tea and a chat. For inquiries phone 8584 6954.

WEEKLY
Rock 'n' roll and partner dancing at **Monash Community Hall**

Mondays from 7pm to 10pm with the River Rock Dance Club. \$5 entry, visitors welcome to come along and enjoy great music, dancing and a friendly atmosphere.

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

WEEKLY
Riverland Concert Brass Band meets Monday nights 7pm to 8.30pm, except public holidays. 1 Verran Terrace, Berri. All musicians welcome.

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

WEEKLY
AA meetings throughout the week. **Kingston Institute Hall**, Sunday, 2pm. **Loxcare**, Tuesday, 8pm. **Loxton Uniting Church Hall**, Thursday, 12.30pm. **St Mary's Catholic Church Hall**, Berri, Thursday, 8pm.

WEEKLY
The **Berri Community Men's Shed** is open from 8am to 12 noon on Mondays and Thursdays. New members welcome. Inquiries phone president Ian Campbell 0418 839 963.

WEEKLY
Mainly Music for children aged 0 to 5 at Rivergum Christian College. Every Thursday, 10am to 11.30am during school terms. \$5 per week, per family. Cost goes towards morning tea for adults, pack a snack for your child. Come and try your first session free.

WEEKLY
Olivewood Historic Homestead and Museum open Thursday to Monday, 10am to 4pm and on public holidays. Pet friendly. Inquiries call 8586 6175.

WEEKLY
Visit the **Renmark Paringa Community Museum** and watch the Paringa Bridge lift most days at 2.30pm. Preserving the past, more than 70 vintage stationary engines. Contact Wayne 0407 618 311, open Mon/Wed/Fri from 10am to 3pm.

WEEKLY
Sing Australia meets on Thursdays 7pm – 8.30pm in the Monash Hall in school terms. Come and share in the joy of singing. Inquiries Margot 0407 796 508.

MONTHLY
Berri Barmera Garden Club meets every third Sunday of the month at the Riverland Central Church on Mortimer Road, Berri at 1.30pm. New members welcome. For more information phone John 0409 885 811.

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

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

BI-MONTHLY
Ostomy Support Group Riverland. First Thursday of May, July, September and November at Renmark RSL, 91 Fifteenth Street. 10am till 12 noon. All Ostomates and partners welcome. Contact Neville Sharp

0419 849 822 for further information.

THURSDAY 18 APRIL
Charity for All Bingo for the Royal Flying Doctors Service at the Loxton Club. Doors open at 6pm, seated by 6.30 for eyes down at 7pm. Don't be late to join in the fun.

SATURDAY 20 APRIL
Loxton RSL Anzac Dinner at Loxton RSL Hall, Tobruk Terrace, Loxton. 6pm for 6.30pm. Guest speaker. Catering by Loxton Hospital. Limited seats. Contact Lorraine Masters 0414 382 806 ASAP to book.

MONDAY 22 APRIL
Riverland Stamp Club meets Monday 22 April, 10am, at the Berri Library.

THURSDAY 26 APRIL
Loxton RSL Anzac Day Dawn Service at Cross of Sacrifice, Tobruk Terrce, Loxton. 6.15am followed by 'Gunfire' breakfast in RSL Hall, to which all are welcome. Parties intending to lay a wreath please advise secretary Lorraine on 0414 382 806 by 23 April..

SUNDAY 28 APRIL
Renmark Lions Club Fundraising Bazaar 8am to 12noon at Renmark No.2 Oval - W E Wood Hall. Many bargains. Eftpos, barbecue, hot doughnuts. Funds raised go to Lions local community projects. Note change of day. Contact Colin 0419 801 996.

SATURDAY 4 MAY
Olivewood Historic Homestead and Museum Members Memorial Wall launch. 10am, as part of the 2024 SA History Festival. For more info contact Ann on 0429 040 046.

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ABOVE: Lucy Centofanti and Nina James at a special Relay for Life morning tea fundraiser in Glossop last week. PHOTOS: Alexandra Bull
LEFT: Margaret Roberts, Morna Roberts, Nancy Murdoch (standing) and Doreen Owen enjoying a cuppa last week.

THE LAVENDER CONNECTION: The Lavender Café operator Anthony Lippis (centre), with Riverland-based MLC Nicola Centofanti, and Mario Centofanti, during the recent Easter long weekend. PHOTO: supplied



SHARING THE LEGACY: The Riverland Legacy Legatees group held its AGM at the Cadell Club on Sunday 7 April, followed by the annual Legacy Widows and Legatees luncheon. Widows and carers were treated to a morning tea followed by an informative presentation and tour of the Cadell Heritage Centre while the AGM was held. An attendee said: “Thanks to our Legatees for getting us to these events as it means a lot to the ladies.” PHOTO: Robyn McIntosh



HISTORY BEHIND THE WHEEL: Gordon Harvey and the display of historic pedal cars at the Loxton Historical Village’s recent Alive Day event. PHOTO: supplied



IT’S ALL HAPPENING IN BARMERA: Barmera hosted two major community events over Easter and the April 6 weekend. The latter was a special fireworks display staged by Ballistics Fireworks in honour of local pyrotechnician Mike Philpot, who passed away last year. The day featured a CFS display (above, left), motor vehicle display (above, right) and children’s activities (below, right), plus the crowd-pleasing fireworks after dark. PHOTOS: Pam Griffin. A couple of weeks earlier, a big crowd flocked to the lakeside for the Barmera Markets (below, right). PHOTO: Paul Mitchell





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The annual True Grit challenge at Caudo Vineyard at Cadell attracts all types of participants including elite athletes and people keen to improve their fitness. PHOTOS: Paul McCormick

Endurance event to attract interstate entries

CHRISTINE WEBSTER

ABOUT 2800 participants from SA and interstate are expected to take part in the 2024 True Grit SA Challenge at Caudo Vineyard at Cadell this weekend.

The military-style obstacle course has been run in the Riverland West since 2013 and is expected to provide an economic boost to the Riverland.

True Grit Events director Tom Gilmartin said 36 obstacles would be featured this year.

“We change the course each year and this one will provide quite a workout,” Mr Gilmartin said.

“It will be suitable for those starting out and semi-professional athletes.

“It is a tough course but we try to keep it at the same level for participants each year.”

Mr Gilmartin said those taking part in the event were eager to see how the Riverland had recovered from the 2022/23 flood.

The endurance course went ahead last year while the region was starting to clean up after the flood.

About 2500 participants and 500 spectators attended.

Mr Gilmartin commended the Riverland community for how it had managed to recover from the devastating event.

“It is good to be back now to see how the Riverland has recovered,” he said.

Mr Gilmartin said online bookings for the event close today, but people are still welcome to turn up on the day to participate.

The action starts at 8.30am on both Saturday and Sunday.



The military-style obstacle course is suitable for elite athletes and those who are wanting to improve and maintain their fitness.

Funding to help grow women's sport

THE Riverland's Federal MP has encouraged local sporting organisations seeking to improve facilities and equipment specifically for women and girls to apply for available grant funding.

Expressions of interest are currently open for the Federal Government's Play Our Own Way program.

Barker MP Tony Pasin said improving female sporting facilities and equipment would benefit the surrounding community.

“Participation in sport is not only about the physical health benefits it is also important for social connection building strong communities,” Mr Pasin said.

“It's vitally important that women and girls have the facilities and equipment needed to reduce barriers to participation.

“I hope that organisations across Barker take this opportunity to apply for the funding available.

“I encourage organisations applying to contact my office with any questions and I would be happy to provide a letter of support for eligible applications.”

Projects that support new and upgraded facilities, playing areas and spaces for sport and physical activity specifically for women and girls may be eligible for 100 per cent of project costs between \$50,000 and \$2,000,000.

Funding grants of between \$50,000 and \$1,000,000 are also available for developing programs and the purchase of new or upgraded equipment to increase female participation in local sport.

Expressions of interest can be submitted until 2pm on 29 April.



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Awards shine light on early ed

RIVERLANDERS can highlight the contributions of local educators to the development of children for an upcoming national award.

Nominations opened last month for the 2024 HESTA Early Childhood Education and Care Awards.

HESTA CEO Debby Blakey said “early childhood educators play a pivotal role in shaping the future and nurturing the minds and hearts of our youngest learners”.

“It's wonderful that the HESTA awards can provide a platform to recognise early childhood educators and their vital work,” Ms Blakey said.

“I encourage everyone to think about an early childhood educator they could put forward for national recognition and take the time to nominate.

The awards are given across three categories, including Advancing Pedagogy & Practice, Individual Leadership and Outstanding Service, with a \$10,000 prize for each, to be used for personal or professional development, or further development of processes or services in the workplace.

Nominations for the 2024 HESTA Early Childhood Education and Care Awards close on 16 June.

- Barker MP Tony Pasin

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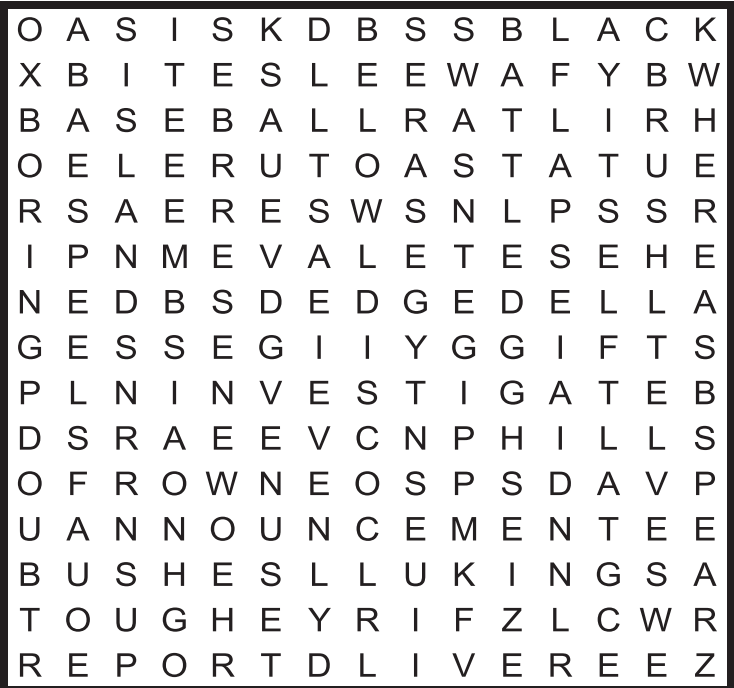
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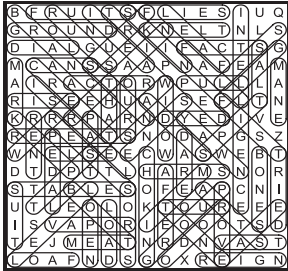
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How many words can you find?

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Last Week's Solution



Crossword

ACROSS
1. Cost
5. Kitchen utensil
9. Seep
11. Japanese monetary unit
12. Vital organ
13. As well as
15. Hog
16. Annoy
18. Synovial sac
20. Fermented palm juice
21. Liliaceous plant
23. Population count
25. Mopes
26. Iterate
28. Mellow
30. Tumult
32. Not hollow
33. Flags
34. Golf peg
36. Spinning toy
37. Anaesthetic
38. Incite
39. Affray
40. Prayer beads
41. Tine

DOWN
2. Sorrowful
3. Cherry colour
4. Additional
5. American state
6. Sort
7. Hawaiian wreath
8. Absorbed
10. Rostrum

17. Light brown
18. Lawyer
19. Frolic
22. Self-government
24. Ship's canvas sheet
25. Holy person
27. Prior to
28. Duty list
29. Bird
31. Record
32. Soak
33. Fasteners
35. Individuality

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

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ARIES (March 21st - April 20th)
There is more work to do than you can manage by yourself. Try to get some people to give you a hand. **Romance.** Do your best to find a better balance between your own needs and the needs of the people who are closest to you. Don't let your family take away too much of your energy.

TAURUS (April 21st - May 21st)
A favourable aspect to Jupiter later in the week will give your luck a boost. This will be a good time for a risky venture: so long as you don't push your luck too far you should come out on top. **Romance.** Your emotional needs will be very strong at the moment. An unexpected meeting may be the first step in fulfilling them.

GEMINI (May 22nd - June 21st)
A message which you recently received may contain information that you miss at first. A person you know well may need help, but will not want to ask for it directly. **Romance.** A surprise comment will help to cheer you up. It will be a while before you are able to find out the true state of affairs.

CANCER (June 22nd - July 23rd)
You are normally a very unselfish person. This week, however, you may get a little wrapped up in your own concerns. **Romance.** You will react badly if you are criticised: however, this is not the best time to confront the person concerned. Calm down before you make your feelings known.

LEO (July 24th - August 23rd)
Don't slow down to suit other people - if they can't keep up the pace you will have to push ahead without them! Your ideas will be accepted eventually. **Romance.** You will be able to get on much better with your partner this week. A long discussion will help you to see how much you have in common.

VIRGO (August 24th - September 23rd)
You may be a little more aggressive than usual, and could upset someone if you are not careful, especially around the middle of the week. **Romance.** Attention from a person who is married will put you in a difficult position. Be honest about your feelings and try not to lead this person on.

LIBRA (September 24th - October 23rd)
You might be having trouble with a colleague at the moment: be especially wary of any long-term promises. **Romance.** You may have to be much more patient. If you try to rush things you will lose more than you gain. A surprise meeting later in the month will put you on firmer ground.

SCORPIO (October 24th - November 22nd)
Be careful that a new hobby doesn't take up too much of your time. Don't forget your other interests. **Romance.** Your partner may not have quite as much energy as you. Be especially cautious later in the week, when a difficult aspect to Mars could make you a little tense.

SAGITTARIUS (November 23rd - December 21st)
Your curiosity will be sparked by an article. Put this information to one side, because you will need it later. **Romance.** This will be a good month for romantic adventures. Try not to do anything sneaky, or you will live to regret it. A straightforward approach will pay off.

CAPRICORN (December 22nd - January 20th)
You might be a little hyped at the moment. Don't do anything without thinking it through properly. **Romance.** Advice from a close friend may be unwelcome, but you shouldn't ignore it. You might want to do things your own way, but will soon wish that you had listened to what this person said.

AQUARIUS (January 21st - February 19th)
A suggestion to get together with friends should not be missed. You have been worried about a number of things recently, and need a chance to relax. **Romance.** A meeting in a very unromantic place will not disappoint you. You may need to be patient, however. A second get-together later in the month will give you a chance to form a better opinion about this person.

PISCES (February 20th - March 20th)
Don't give up your dreams to suit other people - if they can't keep up the pace you will have to push ahead without them. **Romance.** A long discussion with a close friend will help you to get to grips with a problem in your relationship. The problem is not as serious as you fear: your friend's advice will soon have you back on track.

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SUDOKU No.475

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

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

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Solution No. 474

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Jack’s Secret: A short story written by Brent Morrell

OLD Jack was a drover. Was. When I first met him he was fifty-ish and a tour operator out of Alice Springs. The way he told it, he had loaned a mate the money to buy a taxi, after he, the mate that is, was banged up when a horse rolled on him. The mate prospered, and when he “got crook” some years later, Jack bought the company from him.

Anyway, he had come to Adelaide seeking finance for some four-wheel drive buses, and the company I worked with had a product that suited his needs. His accountant invited me to lunch with them at a restaurant in the Da Costa Building, the name of which escapes me. We had a pleasant lunch – Jack polished off a monster steak – and an agreeable bottle of red. Then the accountant and I settled down to do the business, while Jack polished off another bottle of red, and terrorised the waitresses.

The deal was done and proved mutually beneficial for a year or so, until Jack got an offer he couldn’t refuse. He sold out to a company that eventually became AAT Kings. And that I thought was the end of my relationship with Jack. Hard drinking, uncouth in the extreme, everybody’s friend – a larrikin in the bush but not quite suited to polite company.

Fast forward 20 years.

I was out walking the dog when I heard a loud voice, uncouth in the extreme, emanating from up the road. It was shortly followed by a high-speed fox terrier, running rings around my Annie, yipping as only a

foxie can, and spraying gravel everywhere.

Then the old bloke appeared. He had the rolling gait of a horseman, just starting to degenerate to a shuffle. His stockman’s woollen trousers were held up by a piece of the same rope that trailed behind him, and from which the terrier had escaped. The loud voice, obscenities included, was directed at the escapee. A checked cotton shirt nearly covered his stomach, and atop his head was a well-worn, but well cared for, Akubra. An older version of the foxie trotted alongside him.

We exchanged “G’days” and started to small talk while our dogs sniffed each other out. After a few minutes I started to suspect that this was Jack. Turns out it was. He had visited Renmark as a 14-year-old, and the memory of that had brought him back to retire.

That was the first of many street-corner meetings. We would yarn about the old days. Mostly I listened. It was obvious that Jack’s fondest memories were of his droving days, even though, or perhaps because, they were 40 years behind him.

He kept in touch with his old mates by making a pilgrimage to the annual Drovers’ Camp in Camooweal, Far West Queensland. Each August he loaded his battered Nissan van with his swag and dogs and headed north. Once there he had a table in the corner of the bar of the Camooweal Hotel, where he held court.

Now, the last generation of drovers was born during the 1920s and ’30s. Road trains have long since replaced man and



horse. So it was that, as these survivors reached 80 years of age, an OBE ceremony was introduced at the Camooweal Drovers’ Camp. Jack was full of it when he returned home one year.

“I’ll be 80 this month”, he told me, “so I’ll get one of those next year.” Well, his birthday arrived, 27 September. I remember it well, and I took a couple of stubbies around to his place to celebrate. Nobody else was there, although Jack told me a neighbour had popped over that morning.

“Seventeen bloody kids from two bloody wives”, Jack railed,”and not one of them has even rung”. I tried to assure him that they would call that evening, and inwardly had a warm fuzzy because I had remembered.

The OBE kept cropping up in conversa-

tion as we knocked off my stubbies and several of Jack’s home brews. He couldn’t wait for the next 11 months to pass.

They did pass, as months inevitably do, but when the time for the Drovers’ Camp came around, I was in Sydney welcoming a new grandson, and didn’t give it a thought. When I arrived home a few weeks later I was shocked to read Jack’s death and funeral notices in The Murray Pioneer.

As I filed into the funeral parlor, an attendant handed me one of those little cards with a photo of the dearly departed on it. Above the photo was Jack’s full name and nickname – ‘Scrubba’. I hadn’t known that. And below that, 27 September 1930 – 14 September 2010. Jack had passed away 13 days short of his 80th birthday.



the quiz



1. In the TV series “Fawlty Towers”, what name did Manuel give to his pet rat?

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2. Whose body was hung, drawn and quartered in 1661 even though he had died in 1658?

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3. Which Shakespeare play was being performed when the Globe theatre burned down in 1613?

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4. Which TWO seas are linked by the Göta canal?

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5. Which city is the setting for the US version of “The Office”?

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6. For which team was Lewis Hamilton driving when he won his first F1 World championship?

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7. In which movie did Woody Allen make his screen debut?

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8. In which Italian city did Nelson first meet Lady Hamilton?

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9. How many pairs of strings are there on a standard mandolin?

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10. Sung by Rita Coolidge “All Time High” was the theme song for which James Bond film?

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11. Which language has the more native speakers: English or Spanish?

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12. What H word refers to a large group of Mongol soldiers?

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13. What was the largest country in Africa until it lost its southern part in 2011?

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14. According to legend, what fountain was Ponce de Leon looking for while exploring Florida?

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15. What is the term for when two companies control nearly an entire market (for example: Coke and Pepsi)?

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16. Name the two countries which is led by a “chancellor”.

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17. What brand of sneakers, released in 1985, have sold for as much as \$20,000 for a first edition?

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18. Which Greek letter is shaped like a horseshoe?

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19. Which two countries were joined by the 1707 Acts of Union?

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20. Which book of the Bible has a name which is “mathematical”?

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BONUS QUESTION:

Who was the first European to set foot in Australia? Answer in next week’s Quiz.

Answers on page 39

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QUIZ MASTER

TOM TRIFONOFF

Waikerie Ladies Probus Club latest newsletter:

ALL Riverland Probus Clubs held their annual general meetings before the end of March.

Waikerie Probus ladies were no exception and their AGM was well attended, with Pat Brandon being inducted as the new president.

Committees are responsible for organising activities and meetings for their clubs and all 10 committee members were approved to remain on the committee.

After morning tea, Maureen Phillips was welcomed as guest speaker.

Many in the Riverland would be aware of Maureen through both her ultrasound work as a sonographer and Rotary involvement.

Maureen's background story, starting in a small village in north England, becoming a radiographer in English hospitals then the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Adelaide, was impressive.

An invitation to train in ultrasound was irresistible and became her life focus. It led to private practice, then further studies and teaching and course development, not only in South Australia, but also stints in Papua New Guinea, Singapore, Philippines, India, and Palau in Micronesia.

There have been huge developments in ultrasound technology, from using high frequency sound waves going through bodies to produce simple grey pictures to more sophisticated images, including 3D and moving pictures to aid in diagnosis of various conditions.

Pregnancies, livers, kidneys, muscles, nerves, tendons, blood flow can all be checked. These are vital for people suspected of having a stroke, or thrombosis or other vein issues.

Being a sonographer is a highly skilled career with core knowledge in ultrasound physics, cross-sectional anatomy, physiology, and pathology.

After Maureen's husband retired, they moved to Waikerie, Maureen continued to work part time for a vascular surgeon and still assists with university assessments.

Rotary, with its community involvement and friendship, was appealing and she joined in 2012, with various roles since, including involvement with the riverfront playground and club presidency.

She is currently the district secretary, a role which entails paperwork and fortunately not too much travel, as the region stretches from Alice Springs to Adelaide, Mildura to Broken Hill.

Many club members are looking forward to a lunch at Cadell Club tomorrow (Thursday 18 April) and since they are car-pooling, some will take the opportunity to visit the Cadell Opportunity shop or Heritage Centre and some will also stop off in Morgan.

The club's next meeting, at the bowling club on 23 April at 10am, will feature Olly Cirocco, the wetland project officer working for the Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board. Olly works in the wetland team, which is responsible for the hydrological and ecological management of wetlands all along the river in SA.

Olly will include information relating to Hart and Ramco lagoons, and after morning tea Eva Sherriff will speak about dog grooming.

Non-members interested in those subjects are welcome to attend.

Contact Pat 0419 858427 or Chris 0428 412495 if needed.



Meredith Dunn (left) and Elsie Maddern, both of Berri, watch on as Daina Braddock, of Loxton, speaks at a special lunch held in her honour, acknowledging her 10 years of involvement with the Riverland U3A Art group.



The full gathering at the lunch in Loxton, back from left: Kate Yates (Paringa), Sev Johnson (Renmark), Meredith Dunn, Kathy Bowman (both of Berri), Daina Braddock (Loxton), Leonie Vriends (Renmark), Ruth Pfeiler (Loxton) Janet Beale (Renmark), Mary Mattsson (Monash) and Bev Hartigan (Renmark). Front: Mary Wagnitz (Renmark), Lyn Johnson, Elsie Maddern and Carol Michael (all of Berri).

PHOTOS: supplied

Daina's 10 years of U3A dedication

AN enduring commitment to a local art group has been acknowledged by her colleagues.

Loxton woman Daina Braddock's 10 years as the founder tutor of the Riverland U3A Art group was recognised at a recent

lunch, held at the Loxton Hotel.

"Daina's dedication to teaching and encouraging students was greatly appreciated as she now steps down," a group spokesperson said.

"The group has gone from strength to

strength with students now attending from all over the Riverland, on Tuesdays, at the Berri U3A clubrooms."

Among those at the lunch were two of the group's founding members: Elsie Maddern, of Berri, and Bev Hartigan, of Renmark.



LEGACY AGM: SA Liberal MLC, Dr Nicola Centofanti, was in Cadell for the Legacy South Australia and Broken Hill's recent annual general meeting. PHOTOS: supplied



Nicola Centofanti and Rob Eley at the Legacy South Australia and Broken Hill's Cadell AGM. Mr Eley is president of the group.



Students get their taste of the news

YEAR 8 students at St Francis of Assisi College in Renmark recently created their own newspapers.



Students were required to create their own front page for their newspaper and sourced news stories from

The Murray Pioneer and The Advertiser to create the front page.

- ALEXANDRA BULL

Road safety key for caravans during school holidays

LOCAL and visiting caravan users within the Riverland have been urged to prioritise road safety during the school holiday period.

Caravan Industry Association of Australia chief executive officer Stuart Lamont said towing and other large vehicles presented challenges when travelling.

"It is fantastic to see so many Australians enjoying the joys of the caravanning lifestyle, and the communities they travel to love having them," Mr Lamont said.

"We love hearing stories of Aussies travelling our country and spending time in our beautiful regions, that's why we are reminding everyone... to stay safe and plan your trip ahead of time. This will ensure a pleasant journey with your cherished loved ones."

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DEATHS

BARTLETT, Gordon Murray.

Passed away peacefully in the Riverland General Hospital on Monday 8 April, 2024 with family by his side.

Aged 98 years.
Dearly loved husband of Brenda (deceased).
Cherished father of Lorraine (deceased), Malcolm, Eileen, Judith and Irene (deceased).
Grand-pop of 13.
Great-grand-pop of 35.
Great-great-grand-pop of 38.

In God's care.
Will be in our hearts forever.

BELL, Dorothy Joan.
Passed away suddenly on Saturday 13 April, 2024.

Aged 98 years.
Dearest wife of Ted (deceased).

Adored mother of 5.
Beloved mother-in-law.
Cherished grandma of 11.
Great-grandma of 13.
Goodbye doesn't mean you'll be forgotten.

CSANYI, Stefan.

Passed away peacefully, surrounded by his family at the Royal Adelaide Hospital, on Friday 22 March, 2024.

Aged 68 years.
Loving husband of Ana.

Loved father of Tibi, Elizabeth, and William.
Cherished grandpa of 4 grandchildren.

Sadly missed, gone but not forgotten.

HOLMAN, Chris John.

22/3/1968 – 24/3/2024

Much-loved son of Ann and Trevor.
Brother to John, Debra, Phillip, Rick, and families.

Forever in our hearts.

DEATHS

SCHULZ, Cherie Marie.

Passed away peacefully at the Loxton hospital, surrounded by family, on Friday 12 April, 2024.

Aged 77 years.
Cherished daughter of Thomas and Maureen (both deceased).
Beloved sister of Deidre.
Adored mother of Shane, Michelle and Michael, and mother-in-law of Karina (deceased).
Loving grandmother of Ryan and Lisa, Jessica and Kayla.
Treasured great-grandmother of Olivia.
Companion of John.

The sky has gained another beautiful angel.

Love always, from your family.
Rest in peace.

Cherie will be privately interred, as per her wishes.

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WESTERN, Mary Glenys.

Passed away peacefully with family by her side on Wednesday 10 April, 2024.

Aged 91 years.
Dearly loved wife of Brian (deceased).
Treasured mother and mother-in-law of David (deceased), Jon and Amanda, Mandy and Richard, Michael and Claire.
Adored grandma of 9.
Loved great-grandma of 2.
To God be the glory.

Memorial service to be advised.

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DEATHS

YATES, Owen Claude.

Passed away suddenly, surrounded by family, at home on Monday 4 March, 2024.

Aged 73 years.
Loved dad of Felicity, Owen Jnr (deceased), Adam and Kylie.
Cherished pop of Taihlor and Brittany.
Brother, father, uncle, pop and friend to so many.

FUNERALS

BARTLETT, Gordon Murray.

Relatives and friends are advised that Gordon's funeral service will be conducted at the Cross of Sacrifice in the Barmera Cemetery and Garden of Memory, Barmera on Monday 29 April, 2024 at 11am, followed by a private cremation.

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BELL, Dorothy Joan.
Friends and family are advised Dorothy's graveside funeral service will be conducted at the Pinnaroo Cemetery on Tuesday 23 April, 2024 at 11am.

In lieu of flowers, a donation to Legacy Australia in Dorothy's memory would be appreciated.
Envelopes will be available at the service.

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FUNERALS

CSANYI.
The family and friends of Stefan Csanyi are respectfully invited to attend his funeral service to be conducted entirely at the Riverland Funerals Chapel, 231 Twentyfirst Street, Renmark on Tuesday 23 April, 2024 at 11am, followed by a private cremation at the Riverland Crematorium.

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YATES.
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We miss you more than anybody knows.

Love and miss you every day,
til we meet again,
always and forever.

Love you Dad/Pop.

Di, Judi, Ronald, Nicole, Peter, Tash, and families

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PANNACH, Marjorie Gwen.

22/2/1919 – 24/3/2024

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Your many messages of support, cards, flowers and phone calls were so overwhelming and meant so much to me.

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Saturday
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Sunday
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Barmera 6pm

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Saturday
Waikerie 6pm
Berri 6.30pm

Sunday
Renmark 9am
Morgan 9am
Barmera 11am
Loxton 6pm



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6pm

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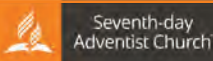
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Sunday 21 April

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Riverland Landscape Board district officer Nathan Lennane, who will work out of the Berri office. PHOTO: supplied

Nathan on board to help 'priority species'

BROADENING pest control support for landholders in the Riverland for some priority species will be a key role of new Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board district officer Nathan Lennane.

Mr Lennane joins the organisation with a wealth of knowledge in sustainable land management and pest animal control, most recently working as the feral cat eradication officer with the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board.

Originally from the Victorian high country, Mr Lennane began his career in rural fencing including projects to exclude feral animals to protect the breeding sites of vulnerable species. Moving to work for Parks Victoria as a ranger, his role had a specific focus on controlling feral animals including foxes, deer and pigs.

Driven by a desire to help protect native ecosystems and agricultural land, Mr Lennane said that he was looking forward to working with landholders in the Riverland.

"I'm looking forward to establishing connections across the landscape and providing support, technical advice and information to land managers in undertaking their requirements to control animals such as goats and feral pigs, including through recommended control methods and best practice guidelines to create effective management in the Riverland," he said.

Rebecca Arnold, district team leader at the landscape board, said Mr Lennane's appointment demonstrated the organisation's commitment to working with landholders fighting a range of pest animal issues.

"Increasing the number of district officers on the ground in the Riverland is essential in providing landholders with the help they need to identify and control invasive species and reduce their impacts," she said.

Landscape board district officers provide advice and support to landholders including pest plant and animal identification and advice on control strategies. Additional tools, such as baiting stations and traps may be available to borrow or hire.

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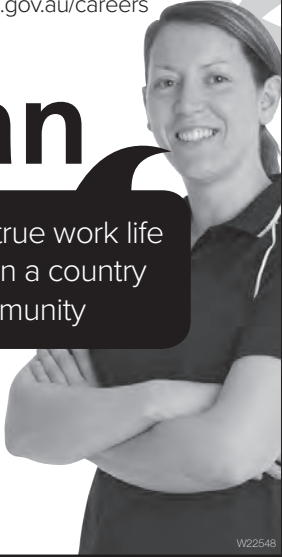
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A Hard Waste Collection is fast approaching, and Council is now encouraging residents to organise their hard waste in preparation for collection and disposal.

WHEN WILL MY ITEMS BE COLLECTED?
6 May – 10 May 2024

WHEN CAN I PUT MY ITEMS OUT?
Monday 29 April - Sunday 5 May 2024

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?
Individuals who reside within the township areas of:
Cobdogla
Glossop
Loveday
Monash

For the following towns:
Overland Corner - Residents along **Old Coach Road only**.
Winkie - 1 drop off day and location only at 41 Bullpit Road Winkie, next to the hall on Saturday 4 May 2024 between 8:30am - 3:00pm.
Anyone outside of these zones (in these townships) may be eligible for a \$50 voucher, please contact Council to find out if you are eligible.

NEED MORE INFO?
A brochure will be available at the Council Office, Libraries, Berri Visitor Information Centre and uploaded to Council's website outlining how to prepare for your collection.

NOTE: This collection is being offered **only** to **residents of the towns listed above**.

For further information please visit the Council website at: <https://www.berribarmera.sa.gov.au> and/or Council's Facebook page.

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DRIVERS REQUIRED

Due to being awarded a major new contract, and coming into the busy citrus season, we are seeking several drivers for freight operations based at our Ramco (near Waikerie) depot.

We are looking for individuals seeking a career as a professional driver. The positions offer long-term reliable work, and for the right employee there are opportunities to develop your career in the transport and logistics sector with the company.

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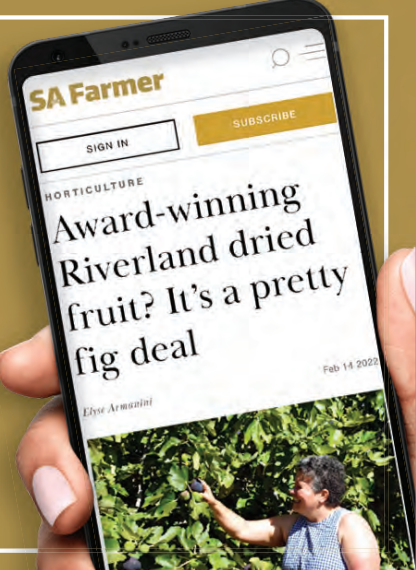


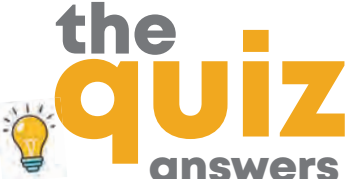
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- Naples
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- Octopussy
- Spanish
- Horde
- Sudan
- Fountain of Youth
- A duopoly
- Germany and Austria
- Air Jordan
- Omega
- England and Scotland
- Numbers

BONUS QUESTION ANSWER (from last week): A 10 pin bowling lane is 60 feet in length.

PUBLIC NOTICES
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ROAD CLOSURE



SOUTH AUSTRALIA POLICE
KEEPING SA SAFE

**NOTICE UNDER SECTION 33
ROAD TRAFFIC ACT, 1961**

I, Garreth Lee Jones, Acting Senior Sergeant of Police, for, and on behalf of the Commissioner of Police, exercise the authority delegated by the Minister for Transport under Section 11 Road Traffic Act, and make the following order under Section 33 of the Act.

I declare that the ‘**2024 ANZAC Day Commemorative Service**’ is an event to which this section applies and that the following roads be closed to traffic **between 5.00am and Midday on Thursday 25 April 2024:**

Within the Renmark Paringa Council: -

- **Murray Avenue, Renmark** between Renmark Avenue and Para Street.
- **Ral Ral Avenue, Renmark** between Renmark Avenue and Thurk Street.

I direct that persons taking part in the ‘**2024 ANZAC Day Commemorative Service**’ on the above roads be exempted from all Australian Road Rules relating to pedestrian behaviour on roads.

I also hereby authorise the **Renmark Paringa Council** or its agents and contractors to install and remove, or cause the installation and removal of necessary and appropriate traffic control devices for the conduct of this event.

I direct that the installation and removal of necessary and appropriate traffic control devices for the conduct of this event can only be performed by a person with work zone traffic management training.

All works to be undertaken must be done so in accordance with the “**SA Standards for Workzone Traffic Management**” (which calls up the **Austrorads Guide to Temporary Traffic Management and AS1742.3**).

The permit holder must ensure that, a legible and complete copy of this Approval (as either a hard copy or electronic copy) is available at the event site at all times that workers are present and is immediately provided to an Authorised Officer upon request.

G.L. JONES
A/S/SGT 73824
For and on behalf of
COMMISSIONER OF POLICE
25 March 2024.

(PCO 2002/0001)

**LOXTON LUTHERAN
INDOOR BOWLS ASSOCIATION**

Annual General Meeting - Monday 29th April
at 7pm at the Peace Hall

MORE PLAYERS WELCOME!

Come and try indoor bowls after the AGM !
Bowls Season Begins on
Monday May 6th at 7.30pm

**Enquiries to Richard Wood, Secretary
0438 847 718**



**LOXTON RSL
ANZAC DAY
DAWN SERVICE**

The Loxton RSL Sub-Branch will conduct the annual ANZAC Day Dawn Service from
6.15am on Thursday, 25 April, 2024

**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 0473 364 881
before Friday 10 April, 2024.



The Pines Management Committee are seeking volunteers for a variety of positions to help maintain the property and continue to provide a beautiful public space for the community.

There are a range of positions available, including tour guides, catering, and positions on the management committee, with training provided upon induction.

To register your interest, please contact Marian on 0412 649 766 or Jan on 0417 863 091.

David Beaton
Chief Executive Officer

Vic visitor checks in on Lindsay Point

PAUL MITCHELL

ISSUES confronting the Lindsay Point community were put to Victoria’s newly appointed Cross Border Commissioner last week.

Brett Davis took on the role six weeks ago and spent much of last week travelling through the Victorian areas on the SA-Victorian border.

The Victorian state government’s harsh Covid-era lockdowns were problematic for several communities over the border and Mr Davis said cross-border issues were raised with him last week.

“I met with some industry stakeholders and community there at Lindsay Point,” he said.

“There are certainly, from an industry side of things, clear anomalies that they face with regards to time zones and access to certain infrastructure between South Australia and Victoria.

“I toured an almond-processing facility... and it was more of an introductory listening tour as to some of the things they raised.

“And often it’s just around trying to finding connections back into various areas for upgrades and certain aspects of power or the challenges of workforce and housing and the like.”

Meanwhile the next



Victoria’s new Cross Border Commissioner, Brett Davis, called through Lindsay Point last week. PHOTO: supplied

South Australian Cross Border Commissioner will report directly to Premier Peter Malinauskas, the SA Government announced last week.

Liz McKinnon was the inaugural SA Cross Border Commissioner, but stepped down after less than a year in the role.

The establishment of a Cross Border Commissioner was one of SA Labor’s election commitments and commenced in April 2023.

During the current recruitment process, Damien Walker, chief executive of the Department of Premier and Cabinet, is filling the role.

SA Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, Clare Scriven, said she was pleased her government

was “further elevating the importance of cross-border issues and strengthening the mechanisms to address the anomalies that arise from living close to a border”.

“The first year of the Office of the Cross Border Commissioner identified cross-border challenges in health, accreditations and licensing, transport, education, training, agriculture and more,” Ms Scriven said.

“The move to the State Government’s central agency will enable cross-portfolio solutions and enhanced outcomes for regional economic development and social wellbeing.”

Meanwhile Labor’s announcement follows recent criticism from the State Opposition, which accused the government of “keeping South Australian communities in the dark” following the departure of Ms McKinnon last year.

Prior to last week’s news, the Liberals said border communities “still have no clarity” over the appointment of a new Cross Border Commissioner.

Riverland-based Liberal MLC, Dr Nicola Centofanti, said the delay in appointing a new commissioner was “creating uncertainty for those live in and operate businesses in the border areas of South Australia”.



EBERT TRIBUTE MATCH: A big crowd attended the Russell Ebert Tribute Match, held at Waikerie Oval for the first time last Sunday. Grant Schwartzkopff was on hand to capture the day’s colour and action, including the travelling brigade of Port Adelaide fans. **REPORT PAGE 43**





“I’ve had skin cancers removed every year since I turned 50.

My life, and that of my two brothers and sister, would have been much better had we covered our skin up.”



2024 AFL FOOTY TIPPERS COMP

Top THREE weekly tipsters plus TWO bonus vouchers drawn each week.

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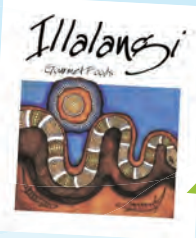
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Round 6

Points margin in
highlighted game:

Entries close Thursday 18 April, 4pm

St Kilda	☐	Western Bulldogs	☐
Adelaide Crows	☐	Essendon	☐
Collingwood	☐	Port Adelaide	☐
Carlton	☐	GWS Giants	☐
Brisbane Lions	☐	Geelong Cats	☐
West Coast Eagles	☐	Fremantle	☐
Sydney Swans	☐	Gold Coast Suns	☐
North Melbourne	☐	Hawthorn	☐

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Address

Phone

Round 7

Points margin in
highlighted game:

Entries close Wednesday 24 April, 4pm

Richmond	☐	Melbourne	☐
Essendon	☐	Collingwood	☐
GWS Giants	☐	Brisbane Lions	☐
Port Adelaide	☐	St Kilda	☐
North Melbourne	☐	Adelaide Crows	☐
Geelong Cats	☐	Carlton	☐
Fremantle	☐	Western Bulldogs	☐
Gold Coast Suns	☐	West Coast Eagles	☐
Hawthorn	☐	Sydney Swans	☐

Name

Address

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ROUND 5 RESULTS

Louise Thiel	(4)36	Jeff Westbrook	(4)33
Chris Schutz	(4)35	Stephen Greer	(4)33
Barry Seagrim	(4)35	Barry Phillips	(4)33
Brayden Coombe	(7)34	Kathy Richardson	(4)33
Stephen Matic	(6)33	Joel Stoeckel	(4)33
Deb Griffiths	(5)33	Rosemary Campbell	(4)33
Con Pipinis	(5)33	Mark Kilmartin	(4)33
Mark Farley	(4)33	David Brindley	(4)33
Yvonne Scutter	(4)33	Sandy Hampel	(4)33
Elizabeth Steele	(4)33	Raelene Schutz	(4)33

CONGRATULATIONS

TO OUR TOP THREE TIPSTERS

Caleb Brown, Brayden Coombe
& Tom Petch

AND BONUS VOUCHER WINNERS

Chloe Brown & Jean Marks

WEEKLY WINNERS

If there are more than three winning tipsters, then it will be decided by the points margin. Winners announced in Wednesday's edition. Voucher amounts may vary.



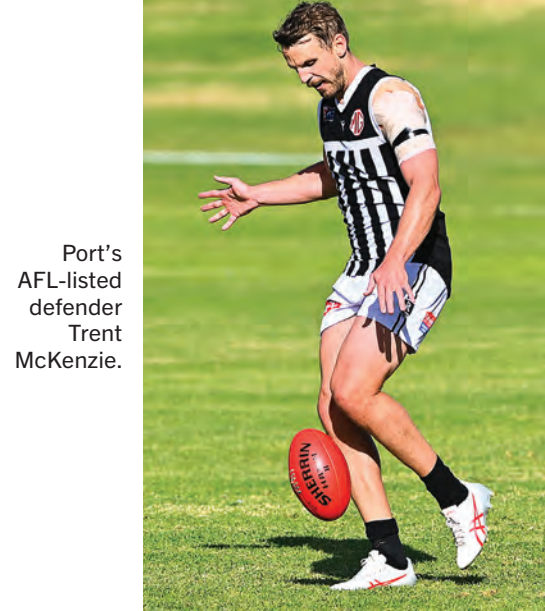
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MURRAY VALLEY

SEDAN-CAMBRAI		BROWN'S WELL				
						
MAGPIES	0.4	6.9	8.11	10.15	75	
BOMBERS	1.2	1.3	7.3	8.5	53	
BEST: Sedan-Cambrai - J. Grieger, S. Klose, B. Burgemeister, C. Thompson, J. Voigt, B. Nicolai. Brown's Well - J. Kelton, J. Lange, L. Bradley, T. Crockett, B. Edmonds, B. Hampel.						
GOALS: Sedan-Cambrai - A. Cooper, J. Grieger 2, B. Burgemeister, K. Downs, J. Grace, B. Lofts, C. Thompson. Brown's Well - J. Lange 4, H. Chandler 2, L. Bradley, T. McKenzie						
MURRAYVILLE		BSR				
						
REDBACKS	5.4	7.8	10.8	12.9	81	
BLUES	3.3	6.4	10.9	10.12	72	

WUNKAR		RAMCO			
					
BULLDOGS	4.1	7.5	8.5	11.7	73
ROOSTERS	2.3	4.3	7.6	8.9	57
BEST: Wunkar – K. Worsfold, J. Obst, L. Worsfold, B. Stone, J. Neumann, H. Kelly. Ramco – B. Loffler, B. Storton, R. Carter, J. O’Callaghan, T. Brand, J. Moxham.					
GOALS: Goals: Wunkar – J. Obst 4, J. Neumann, T. Schulz 2, T. Dejager, T. Durling, K. Worsfold. Ramco – J. O’Callaghan 2, N. Birch, R. Carter, N. Hart, B. Hawke, A. Weir, C. White.					



Port's AFL-listed defender Trent McKenzie.



Renmark junior Dylan White finished with 19 disposals in his debut for West Adelaide.
PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

Renmark product's top SANFL debut

A RENMARK Rovers junior has taken the next step in his footballing journey, debuting for West Adelaide's SANFL side in the Russell Ebert Tribute match on Sunday afternoon at Waikerie. Dylan White was instrumental in the vic-

tory, finishing with 19 disposals, nine marks, and four tackles as the Bloods recorded a thrilling four-point win. West will now get back on the road for a round three fixture against Norwood at Centenary Oval in Port Lincoln.

GRANT SCHWARTZKOPFF AT THE RUSSELL EBERT TRIBUTE MATCH:



Westies' first Ebert win caps off big day

LACHLAN DAND

THE third edition of the SANFL Russell Ebert Tribute Match saw West Adelaide record a thrilling four-point victory over Port Adelaide at Waikerie Oval on Sunday.

A Waikerie under 13s match against the Riverland SAPSASA outfit kicked off the program, followed by the Riverland Superdogs' clash against the Peninsula Magpies, before the SANFL sides took centre stage from 2.30pm.

Port moved the ball quickly in the early part of the game, with AFL-listed players Quinton Narkle and Francis Evans moving up the field well to find plenty of the ball, and hurting West in transition.

With a number of its AFL-listed key forwards absent, Port was left without a major presence in attack. Western Bulldogs recruit Jordon Sweet worked forward throughout the afternoon and finished with two goals. Sweet was too strong for



Michael Laudato



Quinton Narkle

West ruckman Ned Stevens, further pressing his case for selection in the Power AFL side.

Despite trailing at every change throughout the match, West continued to push the Magpies late in each quarter, coming up with important time-on goals.

In a high-scoring final term, intensity went to another level, and the Bloods kicked four goals to three to snatch a thrilling victory.

The winning goal came from a snap from Stevens, and the Bloods hung on, despite a late challenge from Port. The result gave the Magpies at 0-2 start to 2024.

Star West defender Josh Ryan was resolute in defence all afternoon, constantly repelling the ball out of the back half on his way to 13 disposals and eight marks.

However, there was no going past young West midfielder Kobe Ryan for the Russell Ebert Medal. Ryan recorded 28 disposals and 10 tackles.

Despite trying a number of defenders, Port had no answers for a match up on forward Joel Stevens, who booted three goals in the win, while Dylan McCormick and Jye Sinderberry's two goals also proved important.



Riverland youngsters Dylan White, Oscar Kregar, Darcy Minchella, and Jordan White with the Russell Ebert Cup. PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff



1736 people attended Waikerie Oval on Sunday afternoon.

Waikerie's winning Ebert match debut

LACHLAN DAND

WAIKERIE'S first Russell Ebert Tribute Game has been deemed an overwhelming success.

The first two editions were at Loxton, and Loxton Waikerie Mayor Trevor Norton praised those responsible for the outstanding playing surface.

"The Loxton Waikerie council staff presented the Waikerie oval in excellent condition for the game and the Riverland turned on perfect autumn weather," he said.

"Both teams did their bit, providing an entertaining encounter, with home side West Adelaide claiming its first victory in the Russell Ebert Tribute series."

West Adelaide CEO

Conny Wilson said she was happy with the crowd of 1736, with large sections of the crowd proudly wearing the red and black.

"It provided a day out for people that wouldn't otherwise get those chances, and the people there were really enjoying themselves," she said.

"We were absolutely thrilled to win the event, and it was third time lucky for us because we've handed it to Port twice now.

"To actually be able to carry that trophy off the oval was just absolutely brilliant.

"We actually felt like the crowd was really West Adelaide heavy this time, because in the past it's been more Port than West. We knew we had the backing of the Riverland.

"We're starting to demonstrate that we're a united club and we love giving back to our regional clubs."

Ms Wilson said she was thrilled the Ebert family had such a significant presence on the day, ensuring the purpose of the afternoon remained in focus.

"Brett (Ebert) presented the cup out on the oval which he was more than happy to do and that was wonderful," she said.

"Having Tammy and her mum Diane there was special, and they love it because it shows we're keeping the memory of their dad alive as well.

"Everybody was so saddened by Russell's passing, and we thought we'd take the initiative and do something in his memory which



Former Port Adelaide forward Brett Ebert presented the Best on Ground medal to West Adelaide midfielder Kobe Ryan.

just seems to be continuing. "I think he'd love to see SANFL in the Riverland, and we were told by some

of the council members that the (Waikerie Oval) development will be completed next year.

"We see it as more than worthwhile so we'd love to be able to continue that into the future..."

Magpies kick off premiership defence with victory in grand final rematch

SATURDAY afternoon's Murray Valley Football Netball League (MVFNL) grand final rematch showed Sedan-Cambrai is still the team to beat, recording a 22-point win over Brown's Well.

After an even opening term, the Magpies burst the game wide open with a six goal to nil second quarter, taking a 36-point lead into the half.

While Brown's Well hit back in the third quarter, it wasn't enough as Sedan-Cambrai held its nerve with important goals throughout the second half.

Anthony Cooper led the way

in attack with two majors for the Magpies, while Jacob Grieger found plenty of the football, and kicked two goals in a dominant display.

James Lange proved to be a strong target in attack for the Bombers with four goals, while Harrison Chandler's two majors helped the Brown's Well fightback.

Meanwhile, BSR pulled off the upset of the round, picking up a thrilling nine-point win over the border against Murrayville.

Despite trailing by one point at the final break, the Redbacks kicked two goals unanswered in

the final term to hold on.

The Blues' backline had no answers for Thomas Tacono, who slotted five majors in a best afiel display, while Corey Daniels' performance proved to be strong.

Boom recruit Jasper Hoffmann showed his class, proving to be Murrayville's best, while Dean Hill showed his worth with two goals.

Elsewhere, Mark Wilksch's first game in charge of Wunkar proved to be a success, as the Bulldogs recorded a round one win over Ramco away from home.

Holding a five-point lead at the final change, Wunkar converted

its final quarter chances to run out 16-point winners.

Prized recruit Jack Obst starred for the Bulldogs, booting four majors, while Worsfold duo Kyle and Luke showed how strong they can be.

Jake Neumann and Tarquin Schulz provided headaches all afternoon for the Roosters' backline, each kicking two goals.

Jamie O'Callaghan slotted two goals for Ramco, showing he will be a strong competitor up forward again, while Blake Loffler and Bryce Storton found the football with ease for the home side.

Next week's fixture sees Paringa play its first game of the season following the round one bye, starting off with a visit to Blanchetown to face the Redbacks.

Wunkar will host Murrayville in an intriguing battle at the kennel, with the Blues desperate to get their first win of the year under new coach, East Murray premiership mentor Mick Durdin.

Elsewhere, Sedan-Cambrai is home for the second week running when it hosts Ramco which will be looking for its first win of the year, while Brown's Well has the bye.

Michael takes the long road to recovery

LACHLAN DAND

WHEN paramedic Michael Cook fell off his bike in April last year, few knew the pathway ahead of him.

Currently living his life in an electric chair, Michael spent 11 months in hospital and at the Repat Health Clinic in Adelaide.

However, he has now returned to the Riverland, and the 70-year-old is pleased to be at the Barmera hospital.

While few knew the extent of his injuries at the time, Michael’s medical background quickly came to the fore when he understood he was in a lot of trouble.

“I broke C4, which is high in the neck,” he explained.

“The higher up, the more dangerous it is to your life, because C4 impacts your diet and how you can breathe.

“I could’ve easily not been able to breathe, but I was able to, meaning I was able to survive the accident.

“With my paramedic history I knew that when I lost sensation from my chest to my toes... I had fractured C4.

“Luckily I had a local GP riding

with me and when I told him I’d fractured it, he cared for my spine and made sure there was no further damage to it, which in hindsight, might have even saved my life.”

After being taken to Riverland General Hospital in Berri for X-rays, Mr Cook was transferred to the Royal Adelaide Hospital once the full extent of his injuries were revealed.

He underwent a mammoth seven-and-a-half-hour surgery, and was in an induced coma for three days following the operation.

Michael’s wife Vesna said the bad news was quickly relayed to the couple.

“Luckily the spinal cord hadn’t been severed,” she said.

“But it was severely damaged and we can’t underestimate how significant that was.

“The surgeon was trying to tell me in the nicest way possible that the likelihood of a full recovery was never going to happen.”

Michael said waking from the surgery was a confronting moment.

“When I did finally wake up I was unable to breathe by myself, I couldn’t talk, or move any of my limbs,” he said.



Members of the Berri Bike Boys: Phil Rosewarne (left), Jim Rosenthal, Michael Cook, Bill Starr, Phil Kemp, Greg Reeks. PHOTO: supplied

“It was quite traumatic having to realise that the rest of my life was going to be like this.

“After a couple of weeks, they removed the assisted-breathing device, and I was able to finally breathe for myself, but I had to do a lot of physio work to get my lungs strong again.

“One of the biggest struggles I had was with my limbs. It took me ages to just get one arm to start to move again.

“Once I got one arm to move I knew I was on the way to recovery, but the other one is permanently dislocated, and I’ll never be able to use it again.

“I’ll never be able to stand again due to the fact my legs aren’t strong enough, but I can get some movement in my legs which I’m really happy with.”

Mr Cook has only been back through his home town of Berri once since the injury.

He said external challenges, including Vesna having to travel to Adelaide every weekend, were things he didn’t take for granted.

“It was incredibly hard to not have the comfort of home,” he said.

“It’s difficult to be away for so long and have to deal with that.

“My wife had to come down every week for 12 months and the stress of getting to Adelaide, and

finding accommodation is one of those things which is harder than you initially think.

“However, we’ve had such great community support while I’ve gone through this event which gives me the motivation to get stronger and keep fighting.

“The support of my friends has been instrumental in getting me to this point, and I’ve had a visitor every day which has been overwhelming.

“People would drive to Adelaide from the Riverland just to see me and then turn around to go back again which was such an incredible surprise.”

Michael is complimentary of the support received from the Barmera hospital, which he said has made a “spectacular difference” in his road to recovery.

“The nurses take a genuine interest because they know who I am, and I know most of them,” he said.

“They’ve bent over backwards to make me comfortable, and give me a room I can put my electric chair in, because it takes up so much space.

“The food I’m getting here is exceptional, and I’ve been able to put on weight which is really important.”

Michael only began eating in the past six weeks, previously having

to consume his food through a tube in his stomach.

While he doesn’t have every meal, he’s begun eating breakfast and lunch, with the view to continue building towards three meals a day.

A GoFundMe page was recently set up to help the Cooks to make necessary home improvements – and ultimately bring Michael home.

Money donated went towards floors for the electric chair, ramps, a van and improvements to the bathroom to accommodate his condition.

“We needed to raise \$15,000 to put down wooden flooring, and one of my ambulance friends from Barmera started it for me,” he said.

“It all comes from the generosity of the Riverland people, who have been amazing in helping us out again.

“I’m not on the NDIS because of my age, so everything we get we have to fund ourselves, and the funding for the floor is amazing.

“I can’t believe people would care enough to give me some money to put flooring in my house so I can come home. It’s just phenomenal and I can’t say thank you enough to those people who have helped out.”

RFL heads for sweet 16 rounds

LACHLAN DAND

AFTER a long summer, the slate has officially been wiped clean and the Riverland Football League is set to resume on Saturday afternoon, with some mouth-watering fixtures on offer to kickstart 2024.

In a change to this year’s fixture, the league has reverted back to a 16-round fixture, as teams prepare to face off against one club on four separate occasions.

The teams will face off in rounds one, six, 11 and 16, giving all clubs eight home games.

RFL chairman Henry Crawford said the 16-round fixture is here to stay for the time being.

New eras begin this weekend for both Berri and Loxton North, with trips to Loxton and Waikerie respectively not making things any easier.

Berri is led by favourite son Brenton Woolston, who returns as coach, hoping to secure its first win since July 2022.

Standing in the Demons’ way will be Loxton, which is looking for



Round one’s fixture sees a rematch of last year’s RFL grand final. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

a return to finals under second-year coach Luke Harder.

Having recruited a strong crop of young talent, and with a gruelling pre-season under their belt, the time is now for the Tigers.

Loxton North also gets set to begin life under new boss Dave Higgins, who has a wealth of experience from his time at Collingwood, Glenelg, and Tailem Bend.

By their own admission, the Panthers are looking towards the future, and while 2024 will be externally seen as a stepping stone, finals are well and truly on the horizon internally.

RFL grand final day is at Panther Park this year, so there is plenty of incentive for Loxton North to hit its straps early in the competition.

Waikerie was one of the most intriguing storylines of the RFL season, sneaking into an elimination final, only to be bounced out by Barmera-Monash in the first week.

It’s Mick Kilsby’s second year in charge in 2024, and many are interested to see if the Magpies have the ingredients to go all the way.

However, the most anticipated match-up of round one is Barmera-Monash against Renmark in a grand final replay.

The two are tipped to be strong

performers yet again in 2024, and there is no better way to send a statement to the competition than a round one win.

Several stories have emerged Lakeside, with the Roos losing a few members of their premiership side, but welcoming several quality players ‘home’ including ex-West Adelaide SANFL star and former Adelaide Crow, Jono Beech.

Renmark finished 2023 as bridesmaids, and after tasting success in the previous three deciders, there is no doubt the Rovers will be hungry for revenge.

Renmark has boom recruit Nick Gillard joining its side, and if he can help it get its running game going, the Rovers will be hard to stop.

Barmera-Monash will be difficult to defeat at home, and although it has lost some of its players down back, its recruitment is expected to cover the loss.

An intriguing season is on the cards, and The Murray Pioneer will be on hand for comprehensive coverage of another RFL season.

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C. McKinlay 36, J. Skinner 34, L. Smith 34, S. Breakwell 34, K. Wyman 34.
Wednesday 10 April
P. Mudge 37, S. May 34, L. Berry 34, I. Bradshaw 33, R. Day.
Saturday 13 April
P. Mudge 39, S. Hawkins 38 B. Eckermann 37, L. Kruger 37, D. Ramsay 36.
Ade Correll Trophy
A. Thiel 39.
Sun 14 April
M. Kosterjak 37, S. Breakwell 35, M. Wilksch 34, T. McHugh 29.
LOXTON
Wednesday 10 April
Men A – A. Hume 41, H. Brown 40, D. Unferdorben 35, G. Morrison (Berri) 34, C. Foreman 34, S. Patching 33, J. Bentley 33, M. Lewan (Barmera) 33, M. Rumball (Barmera) 32.
Men B – R. Burn (Berri) 39, P. Frahn (Berri) 36, S. Alexander (Barmera) 35, G. Seddon (Berri) 35, E. O’Callaghan 34, S. Smart (Barmera) 34, D. Zelif (Berri) 34.
Women – S. Grein nett 75, M. Thomson 77, Y. Reynolds 80, J. Patching 80.
Saturday 13 April
Men – P. Steele 40, M. Maczkowiack 36, D. Sunman 36, S. Patching 35, J. Goldsworthy 35, B. Proud 34, S. Harris 34, K. Rivett 33, D. Tyler 33, P. Hopper 32, B. Semmler 32.
Women – S. Grein 37, S. Pendle 35, S. Pannell 32, M. Thomson 31.

Lionhearts roar to victory in Riverland darts

ROUND two of the Riverland darts winter season kicked off with the Lyrup Lionhearts proving why it will be a force to be reckoned with.

Facing off against clubmates the Lyrup Cubs, Russell Burgess had a 20-dart game for the Lionhearts, who picked up a crushing 15-0 win.

Elsewhere, the Cobdogla Eagles continued to soar on the back of a 12-3 win over Monash Wanderers.

Gloria Dyer showed why she is considered one of the competition’s best, averaging 20.68, and scoring the best peg out of the night with 92.

Meanwhile, Waikerie showed

it will be competitive this season, pushing Expendables to the brink, ultimately falling short 8-7.

Graham Norman broke Vipers’ hearts with a top peg out of 107, proving to be the highest seen over the first two rounds.

RESULTS
Expendables 8 G. Norman 133 x 2, 100,

107 peg out, M. Hammerling 125, 117, 103, A. Barnes 103, 100, S. Lockwood 100) d Waikerie Vipers 7 (T. Collins 135, 131, 126, 100 x 2, M. McDonald 120, B. Springall 100 x 2).
Cobby Eagles 12 (J. Broekers 140 x 2, 125, 100 x 3, D. Coombe 140, 136, 125, 100 x 7, A. Hargreaves 140, 121, 100 x 6, N. Peatey 140, 100 x 3, D. Parfitt 125, 121, 100 x 3, R. Stemp 121, 100 x 3) d Monash Wanderers 3 (C. Martin 140,

135, 100 x 9, W. Bonham 140, 121, 100 x 3, J. Willett 137, 134, 121, 100 x 5, D. Martin 121, 119, 100 x 4).
Lyrup Lionhearts 15 (J. Francis 140 x 2, 115, Russel Burgess 140, 135, 121 x 2, 100 x 3, B. May 140, C. Fletcher 132, 100, B. Koch 112, 100, B. Luke 100 x 3, M. Rechia 100 x 2) d Lyrup Cubs nil (D. Strother 132, K. Kenefick 110, 100, B. Kenefick 100).

Swans prepare to fly in MVFNL

LACHLAN DAND

HAVING missed round one due to the bye, Paringa was forced to wait an extra week to get its 2024 football season under way. Paringa won just two games in the inaugural MVFNL season, defeating both Blanchetown-Swan Reach and Ramco at home, both in low-scoring encounters. Conversely, the Swans were on the receiving end of some massive defeats, with triple figure defeats coming against Brown's Well, Sedan-Cambrai and Murrayville. Coach Chris Gardner said the 2024 pre-season has been frustrating at times due to low player numbers, admitting the Swans

are in the depths of a rebuild. "Compared to last year we had over 20 people at training every session, and this year we've struggled to get people to rock up," he said. "The last month hasn't been too bad, and you get one good night every now and then, but otherwise it's the usual eight or nine coming out regularly. "With vintage and guys working FIFO, it's meant the numbers on the track haven't been the best so far." The goal at Paringa remains to be more competitive in 2024, as the club hopes to work its way up the ladder and be involved in finals calculations. "We went out and tried to recruit a few big-name players

but unfortunately they weren't that interested in coming to us," Gardner said. "We want to bring a competitive edge to our games and if we can win a couple more games that would be great. "If we can be around the mark in the first half of the season then we can push towards the finals in the second half, but we're in a rebuilding phase and we understand that. "We've got some older boys coming back so hopefully they can hand out some experience to the younger guys around the club." Paringa's first match of 2024 is away from home against BSR, which recorded a gritty nine-point win over home side

Murrayville last weekend. Gardner said his side is going to need to be on from the get go, admitting Blanchetown is always a difficult road trip. "Murrayville sound like they've recruited well so to see BSR come over the top of them shows how strong the team they've put together is," he said. "It's always hard going to Blanchetown, so that's going to be a tough one first up, and if you look at BSR's result on the weekend it looks like they're pretty fit. "Our trial game showed we're a bit behind the eightball in terms of our fitness, so a lot of us are of the understanding that it might take us a few weeks to get going.

North-Waikerie combo makes four

LACHLAN DAND

THE makeup of the Riverland Women's Football League (RWFL) will change in 2024, with Loxton North and Waikerie to combine. Loxton North were not present in 2023 and Waikerie won the premiership, however low player numbers at the two clubs has led to the formation of Loxton North/Waikerie for the coming season. The competition kicks off on Thursday 2 May, and league chairman Drew Nelsson said he was excited to see how season 2024 unfolds, despite ongoing struggles with participation numbers. "It's just a matter of not enough players committing before the season starting, he said. "Loxton North have definitely picked up some new recruits with the Thursday night fixture, and Waikerie is still struggling with numbers so that combination works.

"The girls really want to play with 16 on the field, but that might drop off to 12 by the time the games are played with unavailabilities and injuries throughout the season..." "They (Loxton North and Waikerie) will both have home games, so I think it works well." Throughout the preseason combined training sessions for all RWFL clubs were conducted throughout various towns, with Barmera-Monash star and SANFL employee Kayla Mudge leading the way. "The combined training sessions were absolutely fantastic and the girls loved them," Mr Nelsson said. "Kayla is very knowledgeable and runs a really good session, and it just shows the girls are willing to work with players from other towns to improve their football. "It's frustrating for those players who want to be out their more than once a week if there's limited numbers, because you become really restricted in what you can do.

"The trial games we had were 18 per side, and it was excellent to watch them having a great time and playing football as it should be played. "The start to the season has been good, we're just really hoping we can follow that through all the way into winter and the season as a whole." Numbers are consistent at both Berri and Barmera-Monash ahead of season 2024, however Renmark Rovers are struggling to muster a side and Mr Nelsson said he hoped numbers would improve in the coming weeks. The Loxton Football Club is without representation in 2024. Meanwhile if clubs mutually agree, moving individual games from Thursday nights to Saturday evenings following RFL A grade games is an option. Mr Nelsson said those interested in playing women's football in 2024 can register interest by contacting their local club.

Lyrup hosts Memorial Singles



Winner of the Memorial Singles Colby Knight (left), with runner up Shelley Garrett.

COLBY Knight defeated Shelley Garrett 2-1 in the final of the Riverland Eightball Association's Memorial Singles event, held at the Lyrup Club last Wednesday night. A field of 49 players took part

in the annual event. The opening round of the home and away season begins tonight, with four divisions registered. Round one fixtures will also be played at the Lyrup Club.



CRICKET FIGURE FARWELLED: Riverland -born SA cricket figure Jack Clarke passed away last week. The SA Cricket Association described Mr Clarke as "a cricket fanatic who had a massive involvement in the game". Born in Renmark in 1954, Mr Clark was a solicitor, but rose through the ranks of Australian cricket, eventually becoming an SACA honorary life member. He sat on the SACA board for 21 years before being named chair of Cricket Australia for three years.

Pater picked for SA

REMARK junior Georgie Pater has added to her list of achievements and taken the next step in her footballing career, being selected in the 2024 SANFLW 30-person state squad. Pater plays for West Adelaide, having suited up for the Rovers as a junior, prior to her West Adelaide

footy commitments. The SA squad will face off against Western Australia on 4 May at Perth's Optus Stadium prior to the West Coast and Essendon AFL match. It will be the first time that a women's state league match has taken place on the domestic stage.



Renmark Football Club product Georgie Pater has been selected to play for South Australia next month. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff



MONTHLY column

THE Riverland Crows Supporter group recently held its monthly meeting at the Big River Tavern in Berri.

At the April meeting, the group welcomed Mark Bickley as guest speaker.

Bickley, a former club captain, is the Adelaide Crows Engagement Officer who looks after country supporter groups.

Bickley mingled amongst the 45 members present, and informed the group of the items happening within the Adelaide Crows management group.

- The state-of-the-art facility at Thebarton which will be the place to visit in the future to see the Adelaide Crows train, and see the AFLW side play its games.
- Members to feel at home before and after games.
- Interstate footy visitors to feel at home when in SA.
- Thebarton complex approval is in its final stages with plans to have one more consultation before being finalised.
- Adelaide Crows having its own clubrooms will be advantageous plus be better for player training, and rehabilitation.

Bickley also commented on the current season performance, acknowledging they are not where everyone would like them to be.

He explained that supporters should see nothing but improvement from here, and continue to be positive with each game ahead.

The current situation regarding the 2024 results is disappointing, but players are turning up to training sessions, train hard and support each other positively.

The re-signing of coach Matthew Nicks is a great move by the club for player stability.

Mark also acknowledged the 2024 fixture, which sees the Crows fixtured for Thursday night football is good for footy in general, but not easily achievable for SA country members to attend.

Mark then assisted Chairman Peter Marks and vice Chairman Peter Kennedy to present Life Memberships to Lyn Appleton and Vicki Jones who have been long term workers for the Riverland Crows Supporter Group.

Marks thanked Bickley for travelling to the Riverland, speaking to the group, and presented him with a gift of local produce from Almondco.

Marks also thanked members for attending and Jenny Sindos for coordinating the evening.

Coming events

On 18 May the group will be holding a screening at the Loxton Club of the game between the Adelaide Crows and Collingwood at the MCG.

A weekend getaway to see a game of Adelaide Crows against Sydney is scheduled for 15-16 June. The group will travel by bus and stay in a Motel in close vicinity to Adelaide Oval and travel home on the Sunday visiting a couple of places and a meal. These getaway weekends are great for group members to spend time together with similar interest.



Loxton wraps up its tennis season

THE Loxton Tennis Club recently held its end-of-season presentation night, with life membership awarded to club stalwart Phil Smith.

Smith has been in and around the club for 14 years, with his biggest role being president from 2013-2024.

Smith also spent time as junior co-ordinator for eight years, and the senior co-ordinator for 11 years, and 13 years contributed to the Riverland Tennis Association committee.

Secretary of the Loxton Tennis Club, Lily Hansen, said many did not see the additional work Smith does behind the scenes.

“His achievements include being the team manager for multiple Foundation Cup teams,” she said.

“He helped with LOBS, Hotshots, trainings and a lot on match days to make sure everything was good.

“He’s done amazing work with court management with things such as lining and mowing for a number of years that we can’t thank him enough for.”

The annual Phillip Proud Memorial Award went to junior Cooper Kruger, for displaying commitment to training and competition, sportsmanship, club support, representing the club at association level and higher-level achievements.

“Cooper has represented our region at SAPSASA and the Foundation Cup which culminated in him representing South Australia at the National Teams and

Individual events in December,” Hansen said.

“He was part of the River Murray under 11 Foundation Cup winning team in 2022, and has been undefeated in the cup teams’ event two years in a row.

“Cooper was successful in many junior development series tournaments and higher tournaments, both in the Riverland and around the state.

“He has always taken the opportunity to attend numerous squads, both throughout the Riverland and in Adelaide.”

CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Yellow Ball:
Winner: Cooper Kruger

R/U: Ashton Kruger
Green Ball A:
Winner: Lucas Deren
R/U: Angus Matthews
Green Ball B:
Winner: Judson Kruger
R/U: Thomas Bradtke
Girls:
Winner: Millah Schwarz De Silva
R/U: Eliza Albrecht
Orange Ball:
Winner: Mitchell Alm
R/U: Carter Goodhand
Award Recipients:
Commitment to training: Luke Hansen
Fair play and Co-operation: Eamon Cockshell and Ruby Pahl
Best First Year Player: Isobel Miller
Most Improved: Will Hondow
Travelling Commitment and Farewell: Sebastiaan Erasmus

Waikerie continues winning hockey ways

ROUND two of the Riverland Hockey Association’s A grade men’s competition saw Waikerie squeeze past Loxton in an enthralling encounter on Saturday afternoon.

Goals to James Smith and Will Kroehn were all the Knights needed to secure the victory, having been resolute in defence all afternoon.

Daniel Schmidt continued his strong start to the season with a best afield performance, closely followed by Bryley Deadman.

Meanwhile, nothing separated Berri and Sunraysia which played out a 2-2 draw, with Todd Kitto finding the back of the net on both occasions for Berri.

Elsewhere, Waikerie won the opening A grade women’s game of the season, running out 3-1 winners over the Tigers.

Abbey Edwards showed she is set to be a constant threat all season with two goals, while Courtney Ridley was strong all over the pitch to earn best afield.

The biggest win of the round came through Berri’s under 12s side, which enjoyed a 10-goal thumping against Waikerie.

However, the most controversial moment of the weekend came via Renmark’s B grade women’s side, with Teresa Shawyer seeing a yellow card for arguing.

RESULTS

ROUND TWO

MEN

A GRADE

Waikerie 2 d Loxton 1
Best: Waikerie – D. Schmidt, B. Deadman, N. Schmidt, M. Rayner. Loxton – J. Botten, L. Richardson, K. Villis.
Goals: Waikerie – W. Kroehn, J. Smith. Loxton – F. Hayes.

Berri 2 drew with Sunraysia 2
Best: Details not provided.
Goals: Berri – T. Kitto 2. Sunraysia – details not provided.

B GRADE

Berri 7 d Renmark 1
Best: Berri – H. Eske, R. Ingerson, S. Moldovan, S.

Stokes. Renmark – B. Cutts, B. Harding, S. Jones.
Goals: Berri – H. Eske 3, R. Vallelonga, S. Moldovan, M. O’Callaghan, D. Shawyer. Renmark – D. Beer.

Waikerie 2 d Loxton 1
Best: Waikerie – N. Gogoll, M. Camilleri, L. Ebert, S. Lawson. Loxton – R. Gow, L. Mackinnon, J. Botten, R. James.
Goals: Waikerie – L. Ebert, C. Thiele. Loxton – T. Haigh.

UNDER 18

Renmark/Loxton 5 d Berri 0
Best: Renmark/Loxton – M. Pick, T. McDonald, H. Kempthorne. Berri – R. Hill, D. O’Callaghan, L. Bowers.
Goals: Renmark/Loxton – J. Everett 3, D. Everett, A. Preusker.

WOMEN

A GRADE

Waikerie 3 d Loxton 1
Best: Waikerie – C. Ridley, S. Kroehn, T. Schmidt, C. DeVroome. Loxton – K. Smart, A. James, A. Waters.
Goals: Waikerie – A. Edwards 2, T. Schmidt. Loxton – K. Smart.

B GRADE

Berri 3 d Renmark 0
Best: Berri – all played well. Renmark – T. Nourse, L. Hoffmann, B. Schubert, I. Mensforth.

Goals: Berri – N. Doneghy, K. Weir, D. O’Callaghan.

UNDER 18

Renmark 7 d Berri 2
Best: Renmark – A. Dale, E. Rothe, C. Camilleri. Berri – A. Schubert, K. Smart, C. Reay.
Goals: Renmark – M. Stokes 3, A. Herbert 2, C. Camilleri 2. Berri – C. Reay 2.

MIXED

UNDER 14

Renmark 5 d Loxton 0
Best: Renmark – D. Everett, T. Vowels, A. Preusker. Loxton – N. Burgemeister, R. Geraghty, H. Coote.
Goals: Renmark – D. Everett 2, T. Vowels, C. Vowels, A. Preusker.

UNDER 12

Berri 5 d Loxton/Renmark 0
Best: Berri – K. Sweet, H. Coote, O. Vallelonga, D. Helbig. Loxton/Renmark – W. Fielke, F. Waters, J. Richardson, T. Bradtke.
Goals: O. Vallelonga 2, H. Coote, J. Vallelonga, L. McKendrick.

Berri 10 d Waikerie 0
Best: Berri – E. Rothe, W. Stokes, L. Bowers. Waikerie – all played well.
Goals: Berri – L. Bowers 3, L. Vallelonga, E. Rothe 2, C. Camilleri, W. Stokes, S. Coote.



Loxton’s Connor Heinrich fought valiantly in defeat against the Knights.
PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff



Veteran Robin Schaefer in action.

Riverland schools compete at Mile End

FOLLOWING the success of the Interschool carnival, Riverland schools competed at Mile End in the Athletics Secondary Championships Event.

Loxton High School competed in the division one A grade competition, finishing in sixth place, while Berri

Regional walked away with third spot in the division two A grade competition.

RESULTS

LOXTON HIGH SCHOOL
Girls Shield: sixth
Boys Shield: seventh
Overall Combined School Result: sixth

BERRI REGIONAL SECONDARY COLLEGE
Girls Shield: fourth

Boys Shield: fourth
Overall Combined School Result: third

RENMARK HIGH SCHOOL
Girls Shield: ninth
Boys Shield: fifth
Overall Combined School Result: seventh

WAIKERIE HIGH SCHOOL
Girls Shield: second
Boys Shield: fifth
Overall Combined School Result: fourth

Reserves soccer squads back in action

AFTER a two-year hiatus, B grade soccer has officially returned to the Riverland, with the association announcing the news last week.

B grade competition was last held in 2021, and after significant interest from players, it has returned for 2024, with all four Riverland clubs committed to fielding teams.

Games are set to be held prior to the women’s fixtures, before the A grade finishes off the round in an action-packed Super Sunday.

Interested players can get involved with respective clubs via Facebook, with Barmera United, Berri River Rangers, Loxton United, and Renmark Olympic all competing in the competition.



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West Adelaide claimed victory for the first time in the Russell Ebert Tribute Match, defeating Port Adelaide by four points at Waikerie Oval on Sunday afternoon. In a game that was tight from start to finish, West ruckman Ned Stevens booted the winning goal, before midfielder Kobe Ryan was named Best on Ground.
PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

HEADING OUT WEST

THE third edition of the SANFL Russell Ebert Tribute Match saw West Adelaide record a thrilling four-point victory over Port Adelaide at Waikerie Oval on Sunday.

The Riverland Superdogs kicked off the day against the Peninsula Magpies, followed by a Waikerie under 13s match against the Riverland SAPSASA outfit,

before the SANFL sides took centre stage from 2.30pm.

Port moved the ball quickly in the early part of the game, with AFL-listed players Quinton Narkle and Francis Evans pushing up the field well to find plenty of the ball, and hurting West in transition.

With a number of its AFL-listed key forwards absent, Port was left without a major

presence in attack. Western Bulldogs recruit Jordon Sweet pushed forward throughout the afternoon and finished with two goals. Sweet was too strong for West ruckman Ned Stevens, further pushing his case for selection in the Power AFL side.

Despite trailing at every change throughout the match, West continued to

push the Magpies late in each quarter, coming up with important time-on goals.

In a high-scoring final term, intensity went to another level, and the Bloods kicked four goals to three to snatch a thrilling victory.

The winning goal came from a snap from Stevens, and the Bloods hung on.

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