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We will remember them

RIVERLANDERS are preparing to commemorate this year's Anzac Day, with a number of services being held across the region tomorrow.

Details of all local Anzac Day events, along with a number of Anzac-related stories, are contained within this edition of *The Murray Pioneer*.

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Preparations for Anzac Day services are under way throughout the Riverland for tomorrow. Pictured are Renmark RSL president Jason Schubert, vice-president Margaret Gitsham, public relations officer Ray Hartigan and Renmark Paringa Mayor Peter Hunter. PHOTO: Alexandra Bull

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CCW growers will vote

for or against the proposal – which includes a \$4000 per hectare buyout offer – in the third week of May.

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The 'war to end all wars' was won.
What have we discerned?
Are there lessons we've learned
From uncountable deaths? - Not a one!



Poppies for a good cause

ALEXANDRA BULL

A MUCH-loved Renmark Anzac Day tradition has appeared back around the town in the lead up to Anzac Day tomorrow.

Red poppies, and now purple poppies, have adorned select locations throughout the town, with the purple poppies a new addition in honour of fallen animals in all armed conflicts.

The displays feature along Ral Ral Avenue, near the Renmark Medical Clinic and at Renmark Square.

Per capita, Renmark has offered up more war personnel than any other rural town in Australia, with over 1800 men and women from Renmark serving in an armed conflict since 1899.

Co-ordinator of the poppy displays, Sherrie Axon, who has hand knitted thousands of poppies herself, said she has always wanted to do the purple pop-



Volunteers were busy last week setting up the Anzac Day poppy display on Murray Avenue, at Renmark. PHOTOS: Alexandra Bull

pies, and was able to initiate this year.

"I came across this unbelievable photo of a 3D horse in a cathedral that had purple poppies on it and I thought 'right, there is my inspiration'," Mrs Axon said.

"I did a bit of research and purple poppies have only been recognised since 2017.

"I have made a couple thousand purple ones, and I have made about five to six thousand red ones."

Mrs Axon has been making the purple poppies for the last six months, and tries to avoid doing the same thing twice with her displays.

"I would just like to thank absolutely every-

body that has gone out of their way to help," she said.

"In 2019 there was only about three or four of us that did it, and as time has gone on we have got more people who are away and they come along and help.

"It's fantastic." The displays will be available to view until Monday 29 April.

It is the first year purple poppies have been displayed in honour of animals who served alongside soldiers.



Renmark woman Sherrie Axon has been knitting the poppies since 2018, with volunteers also lending their services.

Riverland Anzac Day services:

BARMERA 6am, Dawn Service, Garden of Memory, McKenzie Road, Barmera.

BERRI 6am, Dawn Service, Garden of Memory, McKenzie Road, Barmera.

BLANCHETOWN 6am, March Assembly at Old Blanchetown Post Office building, Egerton Street. Dawn Service at Blanchetown RSL. Breakfast to follow.

CADELL 6am, Dawn Service, War Memorial. Breakfast to follow, Cadell Club, Main Street.

LOXTON 6.15am, Cross of Sacrifice, Tobruk Terrace. Breakfast to follow, RSL, Tobruk Terrace.

MANTUNG 6.15am, Dawn Service, Mantung Hall, Clarke Street, Breakfast to follow.

MORGAN 11am, Memorial Service, Morgan RSL, 2 High Street.

RENMARK 6.15am, Dawn Service, Cross of Sacrifice, Ral Ral avenue. Breakfast to follow at Renmark Hotel.

RENMARK 10.20am, March Assembly at Renmark Club, Murray Avenue. 10.30am, March Step Off. 10.40am, Ceremony immediately follows at the Cross of Sacrifice. Refreshments to follow, Hotel Renmark.

SWAN REACH 6.30am, Dawn Service, Soldiers Memorial, corner of Hasse Hill Road and Victoria Street. 7.30am. Breakfast to follow, Swan Reach Golf Club.

WAIKERIE 7.45am, March commences, corner Burns Road and Lawrie Terrace. 8am, Memorial Service, Memorial Gardens, Lawrie Terrace. Refreshments to follow, RSL Club.

Berri Golf Club correction

A DETAIL within a story inside last week's edition of The Murray Pioneer was incorrect.

The page 3 story 'Par Five an ace tourism offering' stated the Berri Hotel operates the Berri Golf Club.

In fact, the golf club is owned and run by the Berri Golf Club Inc.

Paul Murray Live coming to Renmark

LONG-running Sky News Australia TV show Paul Murray Live will be telecast from the Riverland this Sunday night.

The eponymous host will bring his Our Town series to Renmark.

Paul Murray Live screens on the free-to-

air Sky News channel from Sunday to Thursday at 8.30pm, while it also appears on Foxtel.

Known for his colourful editorials, Murray is a conservative commentator who flags his show as "the last line of defence for common sense".



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Loxton sporting club barbecue pavilion gets the green light... 'Common sense has prevailed'

STEPHANIE THOMPSON

THE Loxton oval barbecue and viewing structure was given the green light after council settled discussions with the local sporting clubs proposing to build the facility.

Loxton Football Club, together with the Loxton netball and cricket clubs, proposed to build their own barbecue and viewing pavilion adjacent to The Precinct.

However, at February's District Council of Loxton Waikerie meeting, elected members raised concerns that the new structure would see players and supporters abandon the council-owned recreation and function centre.

After talks between council and the user groups, the pavilion's design was endorsed at last week's monthly meeting.

"Common sense has prevailed," Pavilion Management Committee spokesperson Brian Lynch said.

"The sporting clubs are all very happy with the result and can now get on with the business of making it happen.

"We will do our best to have it ready for the opening of the next football season, but there's a lot of things we can't control on that.

"But that will be our wish."

At the February meeting, councillors raised concerns about the structure become a "pseudo football club", but Mr Lynch dismissed those claims.

"We don't have any plans to turn it into a sort of clubrooms," he said.

"It's a modernised barbecue facility and the plan is to sell barbecue meats, so hot-plated meats and canned beverages.

"There are no tap beers and no deep fryers."

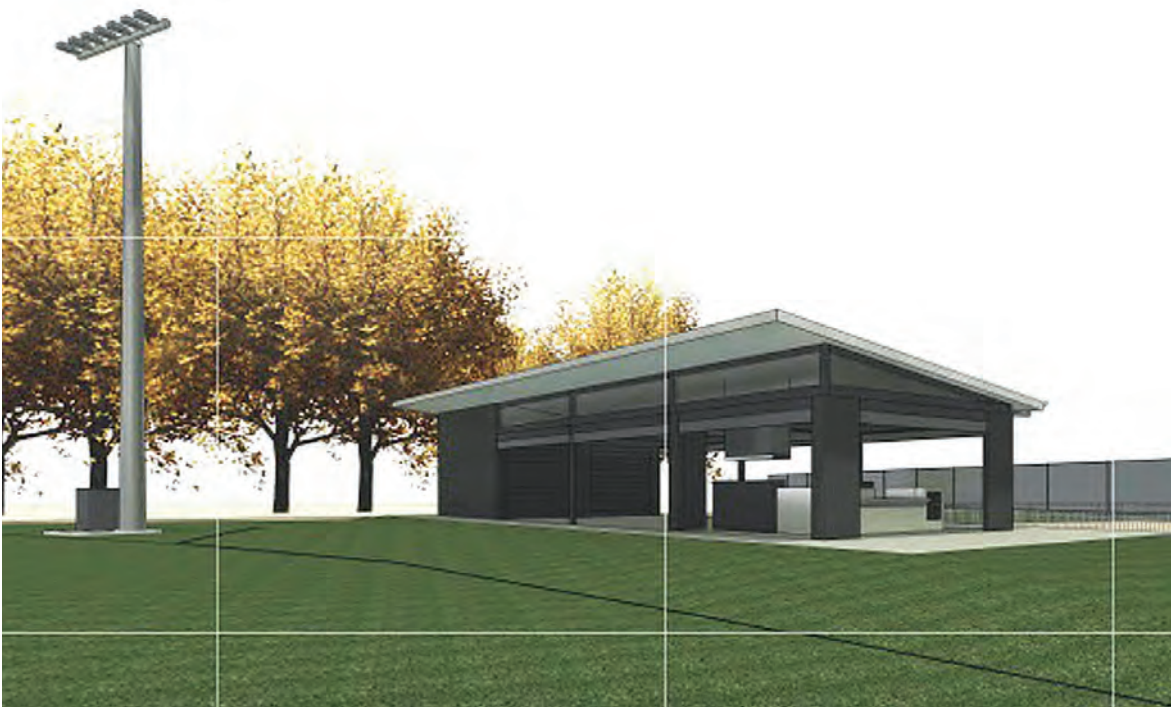
Mr Lynch said the structure would provide multiple health and safety benefits.

"There will be an exhaust fan system to take away barbecue fumes and water facilities for washing of gear and also hand washing and that sort of stuff," he said.

"We are not planning on selling anything more than what we do now out of a tent.

"We just want to increase the health and safety aspect of everything."

Mr Lynch said with the design approved, the group could now "lock down" on costs and explore grants, fundraising and donations.



Plans of the proposed Loxton oval viewing and barbecue pavilion. PHOTO: supplied

"It was hard to write a grant when we didn't know what they'd let us build," he said.

"It will be been done with a lot of benefactor help."

Initial quotes for the multi-club viewing and barbecue pavilion are \$455,000.

Along with the design, council also agreed to the draft ground lease for the Loxton Football and Sporting Club, as presented to the Loxton sporting clubs.

Council's director of commercial and community services Andrew Waters said discussions had taken place with the sporting groups surrounding the lease.

"It is flexible enough and the intent is for them to be able to do what they need to do to use the

facility and fundraise," he said.

The lease, which is \$1 per annum, states that the pavilion may be utilised for the sale of food and beverages, as well as fundraising activities in support of the Loxton football, netball, basketball and cricket clubs and other sporting and not-for-profit organisation's initiatives and programs.

The 21-year lease includes a 21-year renewal, meaning it is binding until 30 November 2066.

"The idea is that it's a long-term lease for very little to reflect the fact that it's our investment more so than the council's," Mr Lynch said.

At the February meeting, council CEO David Beaton said there was an "obligation" towards the



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ground works following the demolition of the former clubrooms, with council to foot the \$192,000 bill.

However, anything above ground will be funded by the Loxton sporting clubs.



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3G shutdown ‘costly’ and ‘dangerous’

ALEXANDRA BULL

THE Federal MP for the Riverland has labelled the shutdown of 3G networks around the country as “costly” and “dangerous”.
Telstra will shutdown its 3G network in June, with Optus to follow in September, with a number of devices set to be impacted.

Barker MP Tony Pasin said “many parts of the Riverland still grapple with a lack of mobile coverage”.
“The Federal Labor Government has been asleep at the wheel while the telecommunications companies move to switch off 3G making the problem even worse,” he said.

“Labor has been far too slow to act on the looming risks to Australians access to 000 calls.

“Despite the Australian Mobile Telecommunications Association warning of the risks with the closure of the 3G network back in November, Minister for Telecommunications Michelle Rowland claims she only found out last month that up to three quarters of a million 4G phones may also be impacted.

“The government has known for a very long time that the 3G networks were being shut down.”

Mr Pasin said “Minister Rowland needs to delay the closure of the Telstra and Optus 3G networks until the safety concerns are addressed”.

“The shutdown will impact not only mobile phones but ag tech, baby monitors, Eftpos machines, medical devices and personal alert systems,” he said.

Federal Member for Mallee Anne



● Tony Pasin

Webster said “rural, remote and regional Australians have been left badly exposed due to ageing infrastructure, isolation and connection issues”.

“Many Australians rely on 3G-connected emergency pendants, and the risk of not being able to connect with 000 is too high,” she said.

“While some providers have pledged to upgrade devices at no additional cost, the financial burden and logistical nightmare can fall on those least able to shoulder it.

“The Albanese Labor Government must ensue nobody is left behind when this shutdown occurs.”

A senate inquiry into the shutdown of the 3G mobile network and telecommunications services accessibility is currently underway with submissions closing on 31 May.

For more information visit (<https://shorturl.at/wHS04>).

Bloody Long Walk for Zoe this Sunday

LOCALS are being urged to lace up their shoes this weekend and take part in a ‘Bloody Long Walk’ for a charity close to the heart of a Barmera family.

Zoe Kassulke was diagnosed with mitochondrial disease ‘Mito’ Kearns Sayre syndrome when she was eight years old and now her sister, Jemma, has organised this Sunday’s 20km Bloody Long Walk to raise money for the Mito Foundation.

“This is a cause that is close to my heart,” Jemma said.

“Watching my sister Zoe go through her diagnosis and ongoing treatment, I want to do whatever I can to help her and other people with Mito.”

After watching Zoe spend a long time in hospital while she was being diagnosed, Jemma said she was “amazed” at her sister’s bravery.

“She still travels around two and a half hours for weekly doctor’s appointments,” she said.

“She’s an inspiration.

“I’ve always wanted to do something to raise money to help Zoe and others like her.”

The entry fee for Zoe’s Bloody Long Walk is \$10, and the event will kick off at the Barmera Club and stretch 20km around Lake Bonney.

“It’s a really good way to get outdoors, get some exercise and contribute to a good cause, and I hope everyone can get involved,” Jemma said.

“I started off with a goal of raising \$5000.

“The support has been incredible, so I’m raising the bar to \$20,000 to hopefully make an even bigger difference.

“I encourage everyone from our community to come along and show their support.”

Mito is a debilitating, often fatal genetic disorder that robs the body’s cells of the energy they need to function properly.

At least one Australian child born each



Barmera’s Jemma Kassulke (right) has organised this weekend’s Long Bloody Walk to raise money for the Mito Foundation, which her sister, Zoe, was diagnosed with several years ago. Jemma is pictured with sisters Meg and Zoe. PHOTO: supplied

week will develop a severe or life-threatening form of Mito.

Mito Foundation CEO Sean Murray said the Bloody Long Walk national event series was held each year to support families affected by the disorder.

“The Bloody Long Walk is a Mito Foundation initiative held around the country which has raised vital funds for research into how we can stop this debilitating disease,” Mr Murray said.

“All money raised will help us deliver support services for patients and families facing this debilitating disease, while providing hope for the future by funding promising research projects.”

In addition to the 20km walk, there will be a shorter option of 6km, along with a 2km walk, which is wheelchair, walker and pram friendly.

The 20km event will kick off this Sunday at 9am at the Barmera Club, with the 6km and 2km to follow at 10.30am.

Meeting for next stage of fruit fly response

LOCAL growers and industry representations will have the opportunity to take part in a fruit fly event next week, discussing the response’s next stage.

The Beyond the Curve event will provide an update on fruit fly trends as the region enters another week without further outbreaks.

Department of Primary Industries and Regions (PIRSA) fruit fly response incident controller Con Poulos said next week’s event will focus on tactics to

stay vigilant while the fruit fly lifecycle slows down over winter.

“We’ve seen some positive data which suggests we may see reduced fruit fly activity heading into the Spring to Summer period compared to recent years, and we want to work together to keep that trend going,” he said.

“PIRSA senior community engagement officer Jason Size will be speaking alongside Mr Poulos about predictions for spring and summer

fruit fly numbers, with a barbecue to chat afterwards.”

Current sterile fly releases are occurring at Loxton, Winkie, Glossop, Berri, Monash, Monash West, Cobdogla and Barmera.

Beyond the Curve will take place at the Riverland Field Day function centre next Wednesday at 5pm.

For more information, or to register attendance for the Beyond the Curve event, visit the website (eventbrite.com.au/e/beyond-the-curve-tickets-885324729097).



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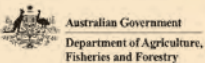
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CCW growers are set to vote for or against accepting the proposal – which includes a \$4000 per hectare buyout offer – in the third week of May.

Following last week’s meetings, Accolade Wines launched a website outlining its proposed solution to addressing challenges confronting the Riverland wine industry, and providing a method for growers to ask questions about the proposal and review responses.

Mr Russo said engagement with as many growers possible would be beneficial.

“We did appreciate having the opportunity to speak last week... but we only got a small portion of those growers (attending),” he said.

“We’re the only industry participant to put something on the table at the moment for structural reform, and we feel we’ve got the right to talk to the growers regarding what that package entails, and go through a Q and A with them so they can ask questions... and we can answer accordingly.

“Open dialogue between us, CCW Co-operative and the growers themselves will help the growers gather as much information as possible before they cast their vote.”

Mr Russo said the need to balance supply and demand within the industry was highlighted during last week’s meetings.

“It’s a difficult situation we’re all facing at the moment in regards to the Riverland,” he said.

“(We need) to be able to face into those challenges with the growers in a constructive way, and be able to put the best foot forward with a package that can lend itself to structural reform and get some structural balance back with red varietals.

“There was mixed emotions in the room with the growers themselves, which is to be expected. There was a lot of discussion around pricing, tonnage and the situation of



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- Joe Russo

their current contract with CCW, and CCW with us.

“That contract with CCW Co-operative is 25 years old, and probably not fit for purpose with regard to current trading on a global platform.”

Mr Russo said maintaining communication between the company and CCW growers – including through Accolade’s new website – was a priority.

“Our new website provides CCW growers with all the information they need to make an informed decision in regards to the Accolade package,” Mr Russo said.

“Trying to get two-thirds majority is important, both for Accolade and for the CCW grower community.

“Enabling growers to make conscious choices is probably the most important element associated with this communication channel.”

Mr Russo said Accolade’s package provided growers with options to exit, or remain within the industry.

“It’s entirely voluntary, and that’s the whole point,” he said.

“We’re not buying out CCW contracts, we’re buying out volume.

“It’s a mechanism for us to try and get some structural balance back to the wine industry in the Riverland.”



Online info ‘critical’ for growers

ACCOLADE Wines has urged CCW-contracted grape growers to access information surrounding its new industry proposal.

The global company last week launched a website outlining its proposed solution to addressing challenges confronting the Riverland wine industry, and providing a method for growers to ask questions about the proposal and review responses.

Accolade Wines chief supply chain officer Joe Russo said it was “critical” local wine grape growers had adequate information about the proposal.

“It is critical that all growers understand the detail of our proposal and its benefits,” Mr Russo said.

“There has been a lot of discussion of the issue confronting our industry and we need to move the focus towards action and solutions. While it has been good to meet with growers since we launched this last week, only a small proportion of CCW’s members actually attended last week’s meetings.

“The support of CCW members is critical. Two-thirds of them will have to vote in favour of the proposal. Without their vote, the package cannot proceed – and the risks are much higher for everyone and the outcome much more uncertain.

“There is currently no other feasible option on the table that allows us as an industry to manage the outcome and our future. This package provides all growers with greater certainty and clarity. It allows us all to manage a difficult transition more smoothly, it allows those who wish to exit, to do so with dignity and those who want to continue, to do so with greater confidence.”

A statement released by Accolade Wines stated the companies proposal – which includes a \$4000 per hectare buyout offer – was aimed at providing:

□ Choice: A voluntary buy-out option for red wine grapes for those who wish to take it up. Growers choosing to participate in this buy-out keep their contract with CCW and have the choice of keeping their vines and sell to others, diversifying their grapes or exiting the industry.

□ Certainty: This proposal will go some way toward addressing the structural imbalance and red wine grape glut, providing a more stable, sustainable, and certain industry for the future. It provides set tenure of contracts with substantial notice periods and it offers to cover the cost of CCW’s bulk wine contract – removing a significant financial

burden from the co-operative.

□ Fairer pricing: Pricing will be transparently set by the Weighted District Average, rather than a confusing and outdated market price often applied by an independent expert.

Mr Russo said the company was seeking “a constructive approach to the biggest industry challenge in many years”.

“As an industry, for us to continue as if no response is required simply isn’t sustainable,” he said.

“We have a shared responsibility to face into this challenge and respond.

“We’re keen to keep working with CCW and have listened and adapted in developing this package.”

Information regarding the Accolade proposal can be accessed by visiting the website (sustainableriverlandwine.com.au).

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EDITORIAL

THE YEARS GO BY

BY PETER AND CARLA MAGAREY

The 50/50 battle

SOMETIMES progress can seem slow, but every step of the journey is still critically important.

Readers of this week’s edition of The Murray Pioneer are provided the State Government’s latest update regarding the Riverland’s battle against fruit fly.

The key figure – that being the overall number of outbreaks – has remained the same over the past two-week period, currently sitting at 51.

Yes, the half-century mark has been passed.

Within a handful of years the region has gone from being entirely free of the pest, with an initial outbreak being front page news in January 2021, to PIRSA’s regular fortnightly outbreaks being met with an arguably increasing sense of apathy.

While perhaps not the most attention grabbing fruit-related issue facing the Riverland at the moment – we’re looking at you wine grapes – impacts of the fruit fly battle extend beyond the region’s orchards, all the way to home-grown fruit and the trees in our backyards.

The number of active outbreaks remains high, however, behind these are some other figures that promote some growing optimism.

Out of the total outbreak areas, 19 have been without a detection of fruit fly in over 12 weeks, or even up to a year.

This would indicate eradication measures, including the increased release of Sterile Insect Technology flies, are having an impact across our communities.

An issue PIRSA seemingly has though is illustrating this growing success to the public, with repeated concerns seen that the department’s presence, and its processes, aren’t visible enough.

The information session planned for the beginning of May, to be held in Barmera, has the potential to provide a platform for not only success of the eradication effort, but also for these lingering community concerns, to be discussed with those directly involved, and with high levels of local knowledge.

It will undoubtedly be echoed at the meeting, but every member of the community can still play a part in minimising fruit fly risks, and doing this is often more rewarding than simply picking up some fallen fruit off the ground.

With winter quickly approaching, take the time to introduce a child, relative or friend to the techniques of preserving fruit. Small actions such as these not only support the entire Riverland horticulture industry, but can also have economic and health benefits.

The long-term war against fruit fly continues. Will we win the fight before the outbreak total reaches the 100 milestone?



Riverland observers of the night skies are having opportunity to view the passage of a comet. Formally named the 12P/Pons-Brooks comet, it is known colloquially as the green-tinged ‘Devil comet’ which has returned to Australian skies. Made of dust and ice, comets are large objects that orbit the Sun. Best known for their long, streaming tails, these ancient objects were considered leftovers from the formation of the solar system. Some think they hold material from the time when the Sun and planets were forming. NASA’s Aaron Kingery says they are “like giant, frozen time capsules in our solar system”. In some senses, in relation to the material within a comet, “the years have stopped going by”. The 12P/Pons-Brooks comet, one of the brightest known periodic comets, was discovered in 1812 by Jean-Louis Pons and William Brooks. It has a diameter of some 32km, is as tall as Mt Everest, and has a periodic cycle of 71 years returning from the outer margins of our solar system. Local identity Adrian Reimann, from Myrla, had in 2002 completed relocating a full-sized telescope to observe some of the many amazing creations in and beyond our solar system, including such phenomenon as this comet, 12P/Pons-Brooks. PHOTO: Murray Pioneer



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Opinions expressed in Letters to the Editor are those of the writers, and not those of the Murray Pioneer.

Disability Access in Barmera

AS a family we would like to thank Berri Barmera Council for the opportunity to address council members in November last year, highlighting accessibility issues within our town.

Following on from that meeting, we thank Mayor Ella Winnall, councillor Collis Marrett and manager of infrastructure and operations David Pluckhahn for recently reviewing our concerns in person.

We now have a ramp across our driveway for Bill to access the road safely and we thank council and Ron Harris, from Barmera, for the installation.

Mayor Winnall and Cr Marrett were able to see how challenging life can be relying on mobility aids after they tried to access our driveway in a wheelchair and we again offer a wheelchair to the remaining councillors, challenging them to access commonly used areas around the town.

Nobody knows how tiring and difficult it is on a daily basis until they experience it for themselves.

We look forward to working directly with Berri Barmera Council to improve accessibility for everyone living in and visiting our towns, be it disabled, aged or young parents with prams.

Everyone is only an accident or a medical incident away from being disabled and needing additional supports and services. If anyone has concerns about accessibility in the Berri Barmera Council area, voice your concerns to council because if they don’t know, improvements cannot happen.

BILL, PETER AND COLLEEN JOHNSON
Barmera

Too far into the myth?

ANOTHER Anzac day approaches, another day where we will be regaled with tales of heroism and sacrifice, national pride and nation building, a day of epic myths.

One of the most enduring Anzac Myths is that at Gallipoli ‘Australia became a nation’.

It is a mantra repeated as meaninglessly as ‘Lest we forget’.

Can nations only be forged in war? Is neutral Switzerland not a nation? Or is the USA continually being forged and reforged with its seemingly endless wars?

Those who cling to this myth ignore that prior to 1914, Australia had already been embroiled in the Empire’s wars.

The various states sent troops to aid Britain in wars in South Africa (Boer Wars) and parliamentarians of the time cheered this on as a ‘coming of age’. As the war continued into 1901 the new Commonwealth Government assumed responsibility, and repeated the same nation building line to ensure support for a war few Australians understood, in a place most knew nothing about.

So, if nations are forged in war, and the Boer War was Australia’s ‘baptism of fire’ and birth place, what was the need to mythologise Gallipoli? Simple.

The myth was created to drive recruitment for the war that had dropped from 36,575 volunteers in July 1915, to only 9914 by October the same year.

Numbers dropped even further in 1916, as just a few days fighting on the Western Front produced more casualties than the eight months at Gallipoli.

We are told the war in general, and the Anzacs at Gallipoli in particular, were a uniting influence for the nation.

But that is far from true, Australia was a much more united nation in 1913 than in 1919.

A sagging economy, frequent strikes among miners, wharfies, seamen, and rail workers, plus two polarising, divisive, and ultimately lost referenda to introduce conscription, set brother against brother, soldier against civilian, and the government against the people.

Soldiers returning from the war found their previous jobs being performed by others.

Their reward for the service to king and country was unemployment.

In 1913, Australian living

standards were among the highest in the world.

The average family was better housed, fed, and educated than in almost any other country.

By the end of the war, wages were 20 per cent lower, unemployment was rife – up to 11 per cent – and inflation on the march.

Britain’s war-time expenditure reduced its demand for Australian produce. Lower wages and higher unemployment are not the way nations are built.

This claim Australia became a nation at Gallipoli also ignores all our earlier history.

It ignores the sacrifices made by the men and women who settled the land, created farms, towns, and cities out of rugged bushland.

It ignores those who drove herds of sheep and cattle hundreds of miles to find new pastures.

Why should their struggle and sacrifice be seen as lesser because it was at home, and not in a foreign land?

And it ignores the social progress made in Australia – the secret ballot (Victoria, Tasmania and South Australia, 1865), world-leading votes for women (South Australia, 1894), and the setting of a minimum wage (Harvester Judgement, 1907). Australia led the world in social innovation.

It also ignores the most momentous occasion in our young history, when the six colonies, after 10 years of negotiations, meetings, conventions, and referenda, federated to become a single nation.

This nation was forged by discussion and debate, not by war and the gun.

Who is to say those who worked so hard and so peacefully to create what became a ‘New Nation for a New Century’, on 1 January 1901, had worked any less heroically than a soldier in a foreign land.

The Anzac myth draws strongly on the mateship of Australian males, but that mateship stretches back far earlier than 1915, to hard times on the wallaby track, to when the only help a farmer could call on was

his neighbour or his workers, where Jack was as good as his master.

Is not mateship also a universal experience, not exclusive to those who landed at Gallipoli, but experienced by men and women wherever there is an need to rely on those outside immediate hearth and home?

I am sure the Turks had a similar feeling of camaraderie as they repelled the invaders from afar.

To say that Australia ‘came of age’ or ‘became a Nation’ at Gallipoli is to believe that fighting is more important than farming and legislating, labouring and teaching, nurturing children and providing for the elderly.

It wasn’t the landing at Gallipoli, the fighting on the Western Front and Palestine, or any of the subsequent wars that created this nation.

Rather, it was the 19th Century ideal of building a genuine worker’s paradise, it was the belief in equality of opportunity and that while government was necessary, it could be readily mocked and politicians be the butt of many jokes.

Australia was founded on the belief that better societies could be built, not by war, but by common consent.

It was the introduction of women’s rights, a living wage, age pensions, free and secular education, and all the other social innovations pioneered in Australia before 1915.

DAVID BRINDLEY
Waikerie

Tell ‘em he’s dreaming

LOXTON Waikerie council mayor Trevor Norton thinks the Riverland is the logical next location for the AFL to host a Gather Round game.

This further highlights the short sightedness of this council. Everyone can see the Barossa and Adelaide Hills are the AFL’s preferences because of the proximity to Adelaide. In the words of Michael Caton from The Castle, “tell ‘em he’s dreaming”.

While you’re at it Mr Mayor, I would like some clarification

“It’s a day that we remember the courageous soldiers who landed on the Gallipoli Peninsular before dawn and their powerful, enduring legacy...”

- Tony Pasin



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on how our council can justify a \$20k upgrade to a perfectly fine roundabout in Loxton?

I think council needs to straighten up its priorities. New toilets at the Lions Park should not have taken this long.

KARL KLOSE
Loxton

Dice looks nice

I WOULD like to thank the Aussie artist “Banksey” who turned a large cube of concrete, in the scrub beside the road – that must have fallen off the back of a road roller – into a beaut dice with green dots painted on it.

Congratulations for a job well done.

I used to drive passed it and just notice it, but now I can drive along the road, look for it, then drive on with a smile on my face. Thank you.

BRIAN MARKS
Morgan

Barker Anzac message

THE 25th day of April is a significant date for all Australians.

On that day we commemorate the story of a young Commonwealth Nation’s first military campaign in 1915, one that forms a central part of our national identity.

It’s a day that we remember the courageous soldiers who landed on the Gallipoli Peninsular before dawn and their powerful, enduring legacy.

The landing at Gallipoli and the 10 months that followed were defining moments in our history and the traits that were exemplified by the Australian and New Zealand Army Corp – bravery, ingenuity, endurance and mateship – have become enshrined as defining aspects of the Australian character.

Pride in this national character is illustrated each year at Anzac Day services around the country as we gather to remember the more than 1.5 million service men and women who have defended our country in all conflicts, wars and peacekeeping operations and the more than 102,000 who have sacrificed their futures for ours.

I encourage your readers to attend a local service, take pride in our nation and honour those who have fought to protect it.

Lest We Forget.

TONY PASIN
Liberal Member for Barker

Where’s the strategy?

MID Murray Council recently had some public consultation meetings for their new four-year strategy plan.



I avoided going to the one in my home town of Morgan, because I avoid things that make me unhappy.

I want Morgan to grow. It’s not that hard. Open up blocks of land, sell them, and you create new ratepayers, who not only pay rates but also generate revenue when they buy the blocks of land.

Regional councils should be all over this, because people cannot afford to live in cities anymore and are desperate for any block of land they can find security on.

The strategic plan won’t be taking advantage of this, in fact, nothing will happen.

The proof of this is easy. Mid Murray Council in debt, yet no previous strategy worked to resolve this.

In my view, the council strategy and our reality are two different worlds.

Perhaps I should pay \$2200 to UniSA to study Strategic Management to fully understand the complex beauty of the council’s strategy plan.

Or perhaps I can look at the results of the last decade of strategy plans.

JAKOB GAMERTSFELDER
Morgan

Ad-free media? No such thing

THERE is no ad-free media.

Commercial media promotes goods, services, functions and political messages for those prepared to pay for this service.

The government-owned ABC also runs incessant ads. However, ABC ads promote the ABC, its own programs, and what I think is its black-red-green-rainbow political agenda.

In my view this agenda does not serve most of the net payers of tax who fund their propaganda.

Since the days of the gold rush and the wool boom, Australia has relied on mining, grazing, farming, forestry and fishing. Then processing, refining and manufacturing industries were developed with our cheap reliable coal and hydro-powered electricity. We even built our own cars and lawn mowers. But the ABC opposes our backbone industries and promotes the globalist agenda for expensive intermittent ‘green’ electricity plus more electric vehicles.

More demand for electricity, with intermittent and unreliable supply, means that blackouts are inevitable.

ABC also supports migrants, even those despising traditional Australian values. But it opposes expansion of the industries needed to support more consumers.

It promotes net zero energy but opposes net zero immigration. This is a recipe for more poverty for working people. When the real danger to life on Earth is the next Ice Age, I think the ABC magnifies and twists every weather event into ‘evidence’ of global warming, or their new scare story – ‘weird weather’. It worships models of doom and promotes eco-anxiety

apartheid’, letters, 17/4/24). Equality is the only way forward.

LINDA
Renmark

My husband and I had our flu shots at the Renmark Medical Clinic last

among children and childish adults.

And despite our emphatic No to the Voice referendum, the ABC gives that favoured group a loud taxpayer-funded voice.

Time’s up for the ABC. We should sell it for whatever it will bring. Do it now – it will be worth less tomorrow.

VIV FORBES
Queensland

Don’t face dementia alone

RESEARCH commissioned by Dementia Australia and undertaken by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare in 2023 shows the number of Australians living with dementia is expected to nearly double by 2054.

In 2024 it is estimated there are around 34,170 people living with all forms of dementia in South Australia. This figure is projected to increase to around 55,600 by 2054.

No one should have to face dementia alone.

Dementia Australia is here 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. If you or a loved one have a diagnosis of dementia, or mild cognitive impairment, or you’re concerned about changes to your cognition or that of a loved one, call the National Dementia Helpline on 1800 100 500.

MAREE MCCABE
CEO
Dementia Australia

Thursday. Thank you for making it such a quick and well-organised event. Very helpful staff, no confusion, all over in no time. Well done and thank you again.

ROSY AND ALLAN ROBINSON
Renmark

Looking back...

10 years ago 23 April, 2014



Zoned out



ZONED OUT: Yesterday was expected to be the final day of a fruit fly quarantine zone imposed on Loxton – and only days remain before similar restrictions are lifted in Pyap. The restriction zones were placed in each town after the first fruit fly outbreaks in 23 years were declared in Loxton, on January 14, and then in Pyap, on January 15. The zones – which are supposed to last 12 weeks – were initially going to be lifted a week ago, but further fruit fly detections extended the restriction period.

20 years ago 23 April, 2004



FORMER SOLDIER’S ARTISTIC TRIBUTE: The creation of a mural tribute to war veterans has been an enlightening journey for Renmark artist Tony Hersey. The Vietnam War veteran has spent about 500 hours researching war history and painting the mural, which will be unveiled at the Renmark War Memorial in the Renmark Institute foyer on Anzac Day this Sunday.

All letters must carry the full name of the writer. We do not accept nom de plumes. An address and phone number must be included for checking purposes. The editor reserves the right to edit all letters.

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I think Albo has ruined any hope of the good future we ever dreamed of. Our kids will never be able to leave home, but walking the Kokoda Trail is more important.

KLS
Waikerie

Is anyone else having trouble with their TV reception?

WM
Renmark

You certainly nailed it on the head Jack (‘Australia heads to

TEXT LINE

\$4000 deal: CCW reassures growers

CCW has reassured its growers that an Accolade Wines offer to buy out grower contracts at \$4000 per hectare – along with other proposals – can only go ahead with their consent.

CCW’s recently appointed general manager, Peter Szabo, said yesterday the offer was only available if the existing ‘preferred supply agreement’ between CCW and Accolade was dissolved and replaced at the grower group’s AGM next month.

“This can only be brought about by a majority vote of CCW members...” Mr Szabo said.

Mr Szabo also said key terms of the new supply agreement – presented to Accolade growers at a series of local meetings last week – have yet to be agreed upon by the CCW board. The terms include:

- ▢ The proposed total tonnages of the agreement.
- ▢ The term length of the new agreement.

▢ The buyout figure per hectare. Mr Szabo said CCW and Accolade are continuing to negotiate the terms.

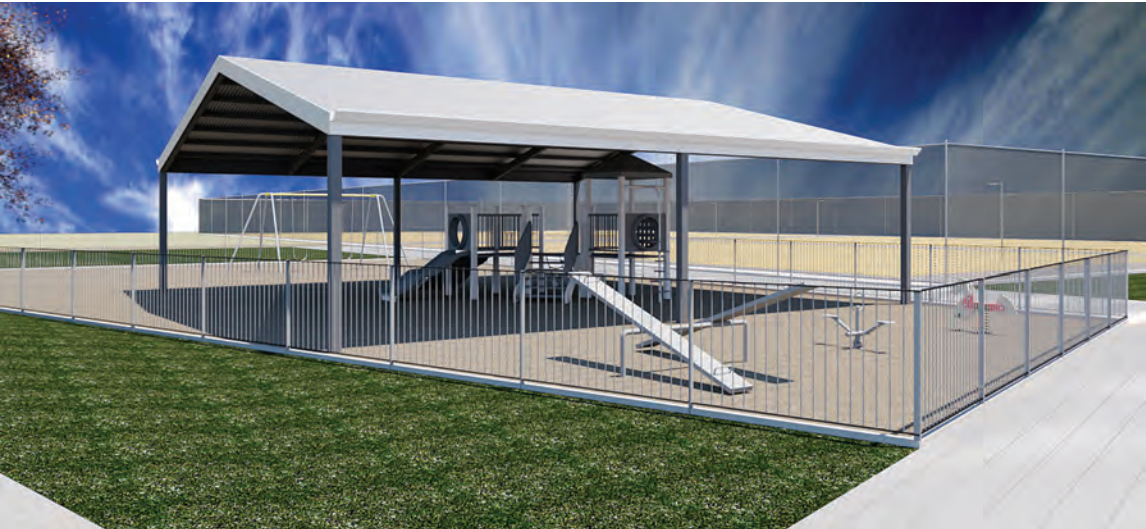
He said in an effort to keep growers informed, CCW would stage a number of Q&A sessions on the preferred supply agreement at all major Riverland towns next week. He said members had been informed of the venues and times.

“CCW looks forward to answering grower questions at these sessions,” he said.

“Throughout the negotiation period with Accolade Wines, CCW will continue to support all its members, the wider community and local business – as it has always strived to do.

“Everyone in this region is important and, in some way, linked to CCW.

The long-term viability of all growers is paramount to the region, and we must continue to be united, strong and communicative.”



The proposed shade structure for the new Loxton Oval playground. IMAGE: AB Design Studio

Playground shade on the way in Loxton

STEPHANIE THOMPSON

CHILDREN and caregivers will be better protected from the elements at a new Loxton playground.

At this month’s Loxton Waikerie council meeting, elected members agreed to the design, colour scheme and concept drawing of a shade structure at the Loxton Oval playground, with the

project funded by grants received by the Loxton Netball Club.

Speaking at the meeting, director of commercial and community services Andrew Waters said the project had a “bit of a shortfall”.

“There is a grant application pending later on in today’s budget workshop to be able to complete the project themselves,” he said.

Loxton Waikerie council is in the midst of finalising its 2024/25

annual business plan for public consultation, with elected members attending a number of workshop meetings in recent weeks.

In the current year’s Loxton Waikerie annual business plan, \$100,000 was allocated for the new playground at the Loxton Oval, while the Loxton Netball Club received \$38,000 as part of the State Government’s Thriving Communities Program.



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‘More for environment, less for irrigation’



Renmark man Tony Sharley (left) with journalist Charles Wooley on Channel 7’s *Spotlight* on Sunday night. PHOTO: 7plus

Tony’s TV takeaway

IRRIGATION industries should forfeit water to the environment to underline their own “integrity” and to protect the Murray-Darling Basin and its tourism trade, a prominent Riverland environmentalist and tourism operator told a national TV audience on Sunday night.

Appearing on Channel 7’s flagship current affairs show *Spotlight*, Renmark man Tony Sharley told veteran journalist Charles Wooley that a better balance needed to be struck between providing water for irrigated crops and tourism businesses.

“This big basin produces \$24 billion worth of primary production (and) about \$12 billion of that is irrigated produce,” Mr Sharley said.

“But let’s not forget that sitting separate to

that is an industry called tourism that generates about \$15 billion per annum.

“That will disappear if our forests die and our wildlife diminish to the point where you can’t catch a fish, you can’t see a bird.

“We’ve got to keep these two economies strong.

“One’s got to give up a bit of water to protect its own integrity and future, and the other one needs a bit more to remain sustainable.”

While showcasing the beauty and vibrancy of the post-flood riverscape, Mr Sharley also said that “we can’t... allow any more water to leave this river system, because we’re at the point where the environment is at the crossroads”.

Mr Sharley, who operates tour company Murray River Trails, appeared to become emotional during one part of the interview.

“The frustrating thing now is that...” he said, before being unable to continue.

After composing himself, he resumed: “I think someone’s got to make a bit of noise. Someone’s got to tell the story the way it needs to be told.”

During the *Spotlight* report, entitled *The Mighty Murray*, Mr Wooley travelled the river’s 2500km length, through three states, and also spoke to a dairy farmer, a river guide, an indigenous elder, a tomato farmer, a fisherman and a biologist.



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Ava's grand gift

STEPHANIE THOMPSON

UNTIL recently, Loxton woman Maureen Hazelgrove's knowledge of her father started and ended with him being a POW who never came home. But a school history assignment by Maureen's great-granddaughter, Loxton High School student Ava Knowing, has since unlocked a wealth of information and given the 83-year-old closure.

"Ava decided she wanted to do a bit of research and it's turned into something really good," Maureen said.

"I didn't even know when my dad's birthday was."

Loxton woman Maureen was just a year old when her father, George Hodson, left to serve in 1941.

He had enlisted the year earlier in Port Lincoln, trained in Adelaide and departed for Alice Springs in September 1940.

In October 1941, George was allocated 16 days to spend with his family, sitting for a photo with his wife and two daughters, before departing the country.

George embarked the HMAT Zealandia and headed for Singapore. His unit fought to protect the Malaysian Peninsula, but surrendered on 15 February 1942.

He became a prisoner of war for two years, and alongside other prisoners, helped build the Burma Railway.

After two years of forced labour, George boarded the Rakuyo Maru in Singapore along with 1318 Australian and British prisoners of war.

On the morning of 12 September 1944, Rakuyo Maru was torpedoed by

American submarine, USS Sealion II, in the South China Sea.

According to the 16-year-old's research, George survived the sinking of the ship and was seen floating and holding onto the sides of lifeboats into the afternoon.

He was seen to reach into his pocket and pull out a pipe and as the weather worsened, he somehow let go of the boat.

George drowned at sea, aged 37.

He was one of 1159 Australians and British prisoners of war on board the Rakuyo Maru who were killed in the incident.

"My mum didn't really talk about it," Maureen said.

"I never did ask her."

"The only thing I knew was basically that he didn't come back from the war and he was a prisoner of war."

Maureen's mother, Agnes, remarried a short while later and had another daughter.

"I did get a step-father and I couldn't have wished for a better man," Maureen said.

"He was what we call a gentleman."

"He took my sister and myself under his wing and we have a half-sister, who I am really close with."

Ava's research for the Premier's Anzac Spirit School prize competition last year unearthed family photos, the wedding photo of George and Maureen's mother, newspaper clippings and discussions with distant relatives.

"Ava has given me more insight into my dad's life and his family," Maureen said.

"I have a son who looks so much like him."

"We would never have known this and I wouldn't



The last photo taken of George Hodson and his family, including daughter Maureen (right). PHOTOS: supplied

have been able to pass this information onto my kids."

Maureen got to see letters with her father's handwriting.

"It made me realise he was a well-educated man," she said.

While Maureen barely got to know her father's side of the family, a relative unearthed by Ava's research recently provided a piece of information about her paternal grandparents.

"I only ever knew her as Granny Hodson and I know we visited her once," she said.

"All I can remember is these tiny, dark-rimmed glasses."

"Fay (cousin) said there was always a family photo of us on her mantelpiece, which was the last photo ever taken of George with myself, and my mum and my sister."

Maureen, who moved to Loxton over 20 years ago, said while she struggled to explain her feelings about her dad and his family, she was thankful for her granddaughter's research.

"I get the sad feeling a lot, especially when I think about what I missed out on," she said.

"It has probably brought Ava and I closer together."



Loxton's Maureen Hazelgrove with great-granddaughter Ava Knowing. Ava, 16, unlocked a wealth of information about her great-great-grandfather — and Maureen's father — as part of a research assignment. PHOTO: Stephanie Thompson



George Hodson in uniform while serving.



The Rakuyo Maru, which Maureen's father, George Hodson, boarded as a prisoner of war. On the morning of 12 September 1944, Rakuyo Maru was torpedoed by American submarine, USS Sealion II, in the South China Sea.



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Local artists join forces for Loxton mural

A BLANK wall in Loxton will receive a splash of colour by two talented artists this weekend.

Funded by Country Arts SA, local artists Jarrod Loxton and Shane Karpany will paint an interpretation of a first nation's

story related to the Murray River on the side wall of Seaman Chiropractic on Drabsch Street.

While the mural is set to be painted this weekend, the grand opening will take place on Saturday 18 May.



Local artists Jarrod Loxton (left) and Shane Karpany (right) will paint a mural on the side wall of Seaman Chiropractic, in Loxton. PHOTOS: supplied



The Pines, Loxton's Historical House and Garden will soon be managed by The Loxton Community Heritage Group, which also oversees the Loxton Historical Village. Sealing the memorandum of understanding are Loxton Community Heritage Group chairperson Paul Kaesler and The Pines Management Committee chairperson Jan Cass.

PHOTO: Stephanie Thompson

Pines, historical village to come under one umbrella

STEPHANIE THOMPSON

MORE volunteers and events are the desired outcomes of a new merger between two of Loxton's tourism and heritage attractions.

The Loxton Community Heritage Group, which oversees the Loxton Historical Village, has entered a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with The Pines, Loxton's Historical House and Garden.

The Pines Management Committee chairperson Jan Cass welcomed the agreement, which was endorsed by the District Council of Loxton Waikerie (DCLW) last week.

"I am really quite excited to see where we go through this new association with The Village and I am sure we are only going to go from strength-to-strength," she said.

Built in 1909, The Pines was bequeathed to the people of Loxton by the late Ella Kingdon in 2002, with a council section 41 committee established in 2010 to

oversee its management.

The Loxton Community Heritage Group began managing the Loxton Historical Village four years ago and chairperson Paul Kaesler said The Pines would complement the historical village.

"My long-term dream is to try and link the village and The Pines a lot more together," he said.

"I believe we will do more tours on different days and I would like to see at least two market events a year up here, maybe a high tea for the King's birthday or something like that."

Mrs Cass said the new Loxton Community Heritage Group management would be more attractive for volunteers.

"One of the stumbling blocks for us getting volunteers of recent years has been the amount of training they needed to do as a council requirement," she said.

"We've always thought we'd be much happier training our own volunteers, which we can do under this

scenario with the Loxton Community Heritage Group.

"They won't be required to do any council training.

"It will be our training here, which will be fit for purpose."

Along with the house, council was also gifted a trust account of \$100,000 to aid in the up-keep in The Pines house and residence.

Due to interest and fundraising, volunteers have seen this balance rise to almost \$160,000.

In a report to DCLW, director commercial and community services Andrew Waters said \$20,000 would be allocated to The Pines as an operating budget, with council to pay for the facility's utilities, which cost about \$7000 per year.

"All expenses for The Pines would be taken from The Pines trust account as an expense for the up-keep of the house and residence," he said.

"It is recommended the MOU be continually reviewed and financials be assessed every 12 months."

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KIDS LOVE FOOTY: Loxton Primary School students celebrated AFL's recent Gather Round with a number of football-related activities. PHOTOS: supplied

Renmark, Loxton groups set for heart walk

RIVERLAND walking enthusiasts from two towns will combine to promote health awareness.

The Loxton River Ramblers and Happy Wanderers Renmark walking groups will combine for the 2024 Heart Week Walk, to be held in Loxton on Friday 10 May.

Happy Wanderers Renmark walk organiser Sue Hunter said regular walking had both social and health benefits.

“The Heart Week Walk is a great way for our groups to encourage new walkers to become members of Heart Foundation Walking,” Ms Hunter said.

“Our walks take in scenery around the Riverland, giving walkers a chance to chat and gain friendship.

“We encourage anyone contemplating taking up walking to better their health, to consider attending this event.”

Registrations for the Heart Week walk begin at 10am, with walking to start at 10.30am.

Those interested are advised to meet near the roundabout, at the corner of East Terrace and Bookpurnong Terrace, in Loxton.

Further information is available by visiting the event website (www.walking.heartfoundation.org.au/).



The Happy Wanderers Renmark walking group will once again combine with the Loxton River Ramblers for the 2024 Heart Week Walk. FILE PHOTO



Renmark Paringa Council last week commenced stage two works for the raised pedestrian crossing at the 180 Murray Avenue. PHOTO: Alexandra Bull

Crossing works back on

A RIVERLAND council is continuing upgrades on a main street crossing part of a major current development project.

Renmark Paringa Council last week commenced stage two works for the raised pedestrian crossing at the 180 Murray Avenue open space development.

Second stage of the construction includes:

- ❑ Raising the kerbing and continuing the concrete style on the Renmark Avenue corner.
- ❑ Removal of the coco palm trees and replacing with new trees to match the new plantings at 180 Murray Avenue and link in with the Taylor Riverfront Precinct
- ❑ Two new accessible ramps to connect pedestrians to the Renmark Avenue Median

A 40km/h speed limit was in place for vehicles travelling through the area at the time of writing.

Further details regarding the upgrades at 180 Murray Avenue are available by visiting the website (www.engagement.renmark-paringa.sa.gov.au/180-murray-avenue-open-space-development).



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At the unveiling of Orana’s new independent living homes on Friday were Orana chairperson Shali Manolev, Orana CEO Jim Liu, District Council of Loxton Waikerie Mayor Trevor Norton, Orana resident Tara Nickolai and Orana service manager Karen Millington.

PHOTOS: Stephanie Thompson



One of the living spaces in the new homes at Orana.



Residents moved into the new Orana homes a few weeks ago, making the rooms their own.



Orana’s homes feature fully equipped kitchens to promote independence.

Orana homes unveiled

STEPHANIE THOMPSON

THREE new homes in Loxton for those living with a disability were unveiled on Friday.

Orana’s new independent living homes

were completed recently, with clients moving into the houses in recent weeks.

Speaking at the grand opening on Friday, Orana CEO Jim Liu said the homes were more than “just buildings”.

“These homes represent inclusiveness, compassion and our view that people are entitled to live and lead lives of independence and dignity, irrespective of their abilities,” he said.

“Our goal at Orana is to create an environment where each resident feels important, valued and in an environment that promotes independence, choice and community value.

“The residents of these homes will not only have a place to live, but a platform to thrive, to socialise and to build their skills and confidence.”

The \$2m project includes three homes for a total of nine new beds, along with a new communal area, office and storage space.

“The opening of the homes is a testament to the collaborative effort of numerous individuals, organisations and the community at large,” Mr Liu said.

Handbuilt Homes Riverland constructed the buildings, while Orana’s workshop landscaped the area.

Loxton Waikerie Mayor Trevor Norton congratulated Orana on the new facilities.

“Most importantly, thank you very much for your role in our community as a stakeholder and caring for people in our community,” he said.

The new homes enabled the demolition of the older section of the property, which was a former motel.

The new homes boast state-of-the-art accessibility features, ensuring that each resident can navigate their living space with ease and comfort.



ANZAC DAY CEREMONIES

RENMARK 2024
Thursday April 25



DAWN SERVICE
6.15am, Cross of Sacrifice, Ral Ral Avenue, followed by \$15 Gunfire Breakfast in the Renmark Hotel.

ANZAC DAY MARCH AND CEREMONY
Veterans assemble 10.20am in front of the Renmark Club, Murray Avenue. March steps off at 10.35am and the Ceremony immediately follows at the Cross of Sacrifice. Everybody welcome afterwards at the Renmark Hotel.

Tree name talks start again

THE controversial name change of a Loxton tree is back in discussion, with council requesting that the naming committee – which recommended the alteration – be made aware of the negative feedback surrounding the amendment.

Last year, Loxton Waikerie council endorsed a recommendation by the Loxton Community Assessment Panel to change the name from the Tree of Knowledge to the Loxton’s Flood Tree of Knowledge.

At this month’s council

meeting, councillor Sonya Altschwager asked community development officer Sue Schultz why the sign with the new name was yet to be placed.

“The sign was completed, but we had a bit of community backlash in terms of changing the name,” Mrs Schultz said.

Mayor Trevor Norton said the tree renaming was a motion of council and therefore the sign should be placed.

However, council then discussed the negative backlash to the name change.

“I don’t know how much

consultation happened before the renaming happened, but I’m guessing not a lot because the community backlash was pretty significant,” councillor Jody Flavel said.

Mayor Norton then suggested that Mrs Schultz and elected members send any feedback they’ve received through to the Loxton Community Assessment Panel.

“I think the best way forward is to send the letters back to that group and then that can be a recommendation of that group back to council,” he said.

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www.murraypioneer.com.au Wednesday, March 22, 2023



To replace the Tree of Knowledge, we had a naming competition. The winner was the Tree of Knowledge. The name was chosen by the community.



More than 1,000 people and votes were cast for the new name.



ALEXANDRA BULL
The community's unpopular decision to rename the tree.

Flood of critics, but tree name to stay

● The Murray Pioneer, 22/3/23

The Loxton Community Assessment Panel consists of Jan Cass, Lorraine Fielke, Meredith Arnold, councillors Sonia Fowler and Clive Matthews and Mayor Norton as ex officio.

- STEPHANIE THOMPSON

Anzac Biscuits Recipe

Prep time: 10 Minutes | Cook time: 10-12 minutes | Severs 24

Ingredients

- 1 cup rolled oats
- 1 cup plain flour
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup desiccated coconut
- 1 tablespoon golden syrup
- 125g butter
- 1 teaspoon bicarbonate of soda
- 1 tablespoon boiling water

Method

Preheat oven to 180°C

Combine oats, flour, sugar, coconut in bowl.

In a saucepan, stir golden syrup and butter over low heat until butter has melted. Mix bicarbonate of soda and water together, add to the butter mixture and stir.

Pour into the dry ingredients and stir until well combined.

Roll teaspoonfuls of mixture into balls. Place on trays 5cm apart. Press lightly with fork.

Bake for 10-12 minutes or until golden brown.



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Army Cadets' top brass visiting Riverland West

ANZAC Day services in Cadell and Waikerie will have the honour of hosting the National Commander of Australian Army Cadets, Brigadier Ben Slaughter. He will be accompanied by Regiment Sergeant Major National David Rowe. Late last year, Officer Commanding of the Waikerie Army Cadet Unit (ACU), Captain Noel Annear, forwarded a proposal up the chain of command to request a visit from the National Headquarters in Canberra. Captain Annear said Brigadier Slaughter welcomed the opportunity to visit a regional centre in Australia. He said it gave the Brigadier an opportunity to show respect and support to past and present members of the local community.

“We are humbled by the acceptance from Army Headquarters and excited for the Waikerie Army cadets and our local community,” Captain Annear said. “It is rare for persons of this standing to be present in our smaller communities.” Brigadier Slaughter and Warrant Officer Class One Rowe will attend two Anzac Day Services in the Riverland West. Captain Annear said the community can show their support by attending the Anzac Day services in “strong numbers”. The first Anzac Day service Brigadier Slaughter and Warrant Officer Class One Rowe will attend will be as guests of the Cadell Club, at the Dawn Service at the Cadell War Memorial, commencing at 6am. They will then attend the Waikerie RSL at the Anzac Day Service at the Waikerie War



Memorial Gardens. The ceremony begins with a short march from Burns Street, starting at 7.45am, followed by the service on the memorial gardens, commencing at 8am. Waikerie Army Cadets will participate in both services, and also additionally attend the Morgan Service, commencing at 11am.

Captain Annear said the Waikerie ACU was seeking new recruits to commence during the second school term. Students turning 13 years of age this year and up to the age of 16 are welcome. For more information contact Captain Annear on 0459 997 882.

Thank you

A big thank you for all the support recieved from Riverland businesses for the Anzac Day feature.

The Murray Pioneer will be donating \$987 to the state body of the RSL.











Importance of the Australian Women’s Land Army

BEN FILES
History teacher
Renmark High School

TO have the opportunity to discuss the Anzac Spirit is a pleasure. There are countless stories of individuals and groups that under the most extreme of pressures and circumstances have demonstrated the trademark characteristics of courage, mateship, ingenuity, dedication and a never-give-up attitude. These characteristics are important to who we are as a nation, and I am always searching for ways to use these in my life.

The Australian Women’s Land Army (AWLA) is a unique and not widely known contributor to the Anzac spirit. It provides contemporary Australians with guidance and inspiration on how we can live today and honour the sacrifices made by those Australians

that have come before us.

The AWLA was formed during World War II to combat rising labour shortages in the farming sector. From December 1941, when Japan entered the war and then after the bombing of Darwin early the next year, Australia’s need to build up its armed forces was placed above the needs of other industries. Agricultural labour was steadily diverted to the armed services and war industry. The aim of the AWLA was for women to replace the male farm workers who had either enlisted in the armed services or were working in other essential war work, such as munitions.

A national body was formed on 27 July 1942 and while the policy was devised by the Commonwealth Government, the organisation of the AWLA remained state-based. An

extensive recruiting campaign was undertaken for members. A Land Army was established in each Australian state and administered by the state’s rural needs, although some members were sent interstate when required.

The AWLA was planned to function in two divisions. Full-time members who would enroll for continuous service for 12 months with the option of renewal. Or women could enroll as auxiliary members that would be available for periods of not less than four weeks at nominated times of the year. Such members were used for seasonal rural operations. All members received appropriate badges, distinctive dress uniform, working clothes and equipment. Members were housed in hostels in farming areas, which were often huts and tents with little or

no facilities. The AWLA was not an enlisted service, but rather a voluntary group whose members were paid by the farmer, rather than the government or military services.

Recruits had to be aged between 18 and 50 and be British subjects or immigrants from Allied nations. Women on the land who were farmers, employees or relatives of land holders were not eligible to enlist. AWLA women were generally drawn from city areas and were often unskilled in rural work. Members were given formal training and farming instruction in the local region. This new form of labour had to be heavily promoted to rural employees, who were initially resistant to female labour. Skeptical attitudes, however, generally changed to praise and respect.

Enrolment numbers peaked

in December 1943, with 2382 permanent members and 1039 auxiliary members. The average working week for an AWLA member was 48 hours, with pay starting at the AWLA minimum wage of 30 shillings per week. Permanent members were entitled to sick pay, although it should be noted that women were paid much less than their male counterparts for the same work that included agricultural labours such as vegetable and fruit growing, pig and poultry raising, and sheep and wool work. Members were not involved in domestic work, they undertook the types of work involved within these primary industries that Australian women had previously not been involved in. Many of these women proudly demonstrated they were more than capable of doing the job that was needed.











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Many AWLA members arrived across the Riverland to enable seasonal crops and primary produce to continue being harvested and processed for the war effort and the local markets. South Australian AWLA director Dorothy Marshall visited Renmark on 2 November 1942, in an effort to better appreciate the role played by AWLA members and how to maximise their efforts. From this visit, Marshall was able to make several recommendations based on efforts she witnessed in the Riverland, for better state-wide placement of AWLA members. Many AWLA members developed very strong connections and relationships in the Riverland during their service and determined to stay, building a life and family in their new home, rather than return to city areas.

When World War II began, the only women's unit in the Australian Armed Services was the Australian Army Nursing Service. By 1942, the Women's

Australian Auxiliary Air Force, the Women's Royal Naval Service, the Australian Women's Army Service and the Australian Army Medical Women's Service had been established. The AWLA gave Australian women another opportunity to serve.

By 1943, the Minister for Labour and National Service identified that the AWLA needed to be formally institutionalised as another branch of women's service. However, this recommendation was not acted upon until 1945, after the demobilisation of the AWLA. As a result, members of the AWLA were not accorded the same benefits as members of the other women's services. In 1997, many members became eligible for the Civilian Service Medal. To celebrate the 70th anniversary of the formation of the AWLA, the Federal Government agreed to a range of celebrations to thank and recognise the 'Land Army girls' for their commitment and efforts. A reception was held

at Parliament House, which acknowledged those surviving former AWLA members who were able to attend. Attendees were presented with a commemorative certificate, a commemorative brooch and a copy of a commemorative history publication of the AWLA. Both former AWLA member Peggy Williams and Prime Minister Julia Gillard acknowledged there had been little or no acknowledgement of the service provided by members of the AWLA through their speeches at this event.

Almost a third of women in Australia of working age would participate in paid work during the war, many in roles unavailable to them before the war. After the war, many women would find themselves relegated to the home once again, as men returned to civilian life and society returned to a new version of the old status quo. However, the example these women set during World War II ignited a confidence in their own and sub-

sequent generations of women that they could, and would like to do more, and even deserved to be paid equally for these efforts. It would take efforts of future generations to achieve this goal, and in some areas of society, equality continues to elude women. However, it is undeniable that the ingenuity, courage, and resilience demonstrated by women of the AWLA impacted the course of history for millions of Australians that followed in their footsteps.

You do not need to look too far into the story of the AWLA to find characteristics and principles to live your life by, just like all people and stories involved in the Anzac legend. The courage to leave home at such a young age and move to a significantly unfamiliar way of life, a way of life that you would not be immediately accepted to, fits the Anzac spirit perfectly. To have the hard-working attitude and determination to not only provide Australia with the

service it required, but to also win over the skeptical attitudes they faced certainly also fits the Anzac spirit. The friendships, connections and relationships formed with the new local communities AWLA members found themselves in also highlights the type of mateship that belongs within the Anzac spirit. Further to this, to play a lead role in changing the attitudes of wider society and open the door to increased equality for women all over Australia fits comfortably within the Anzac spirit. We all face parts of our daily life that are difficult and would be easier to ignore or bypass altogether. Yet, we should learn from the examples set by the heroines of the AWLA and look to accept the daily challenges we all face, work hard to solve them and be the best possible versions of ourselves we can be.

Thank you to the Renmark RSL for the opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate the service provided by the AWLA.



Woodworking for a good cause

ALEXANDRA BULL

Community Living Australia is currently looking for locals with wood-working experience to volunteer with the Engage Program and support people living with a disability.

The program, which runs every Monday from 9.30am to 12 noon, hosted by the Riverland Woodworkers Club at the old Renmark High School, has been going since September 2022.

Volunteers will need to be knowledgeable in the area of wood working and have a keen interest in sharing their skills and expertise with others.

“It’s a very heart-warming activity and program to be a part of,” Community Living Australia fundraising and engagement officer Sonia Hein said.

The Engage Program runs 5 days a week with different skill building, independent living or social activity planned each day.

“The Engage Programs; main goal is to connect our clients with their local community and we do this by providing a range of different programs and activities that are based at community venues or with community organisations, like the



Community Living Australia is seeking volunteers to support the Engage Program being run at the Riverland Woodworkers Club. PHOTO: supplied

Woodworkers Club.”

Community Living Australia local team leader Mark Coats said the group does various wood-working projects to help build fine motor skills, with their creations often displayed and sold at markets around the Riverland.

“We have also branched out and put in a few garden beds at the woodworkers club so when clients have had their fill of doing their woodworking they can pop out and do a bit of gardening as well,” he said.

“We have currently got 14 people with a disability in the program at the moment, so we’re hoping to find some volunteers with an interest in wood-working and community,

to come in and share their time, skills and ideas with our group.

“Our involvement with Riverland Woodworkers has allowed us to build a very good relationship with the volunteers within their group, which has led to them very generously offering the use of one of their rooms throughout the week.

“This has allowed us to expand our programs to also include a men’s group on Thursdays, where our clients have also been building skills in furniture restoration and also tending to the garden.”

For more information or to get involved in volunteering contact Kirsty Bolto on 8536 5888.



What does it mean to be a Waikerie local? Send us an email, or comment on our Facebook post and we’ll compile a list for next week’s paper.

Are you a Waikerie local?

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

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 Waikerie local when...’,

A list compiling some of the top answers for Waikerie will be published in next week’s edition of The 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 Waikerie must be received by 10am, Monday 29 April.

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

- ☐ We refer to Hambour’s corner still, The Shell roadhouse and Sonne’s drinks.
- ☐ When you spot a tourist driving on the wrong side of Industry Road between the plaza and the Pieman’s Kitchen.
- ☐ You pronounce Chowilla as “chow-la”, not “chow-ill-a”.
- ☐ If someone says they got blind at the Galaxy and you know they weren’t in a space ship.
- ☐ When you’ve had chips and gravy and an ice cream cone from Snoopy’s.
- ☐ When you remember Falland’s milk factory.
- ☐ You would drop your bag at the front of Flipside and walk around town every Friday after school.
- ☐ You can’t go into town without running into someone you know.
- ☐ Your favourite type of sandwich is the Patisserie’s flame grilled chicken.
- ☐ You know who made the best fritz.
- ☐ You chucked laps and parked at the wharf.
- ☐ When you used to ride to Fred’s on a Saturday for 10c bag of lollies.
- ☐ You played the arcades at the back of Fred’s.
- ☐ You know where Hambour’s corner is.
- ☐ You witness the ‘big bang’ on the forum.
- ☐ When you had Friday night out at the Rec Centre roller skating.
- ☐ You remember the ‘S’ bend where the railway line was.
- ☐ You remember running to get your icy pole from Santa.
- ☐ You’ve raced in the Riverland Dinghy Derby.
- ☐ You’ve fed the possums on the riverfront.
- ☐ When you see the PS Industry in motion.
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Freedom to Roam

WHEN I first moved away from home to Adelaide, I realised you can actually get eggs without chook poo on them.

At just 17, uprooting everything was too much for a country kid and I was heartbroken and homesick. Come Friday afternoons, the sanctuary of a Pendles Bus leaving the Franklin Street Bus Station eased my heart and took me home – if only for the weekend.

Back to the people I knew and the town I loved. The harbour of home was real. Moving away from all this took long, slow adjustment. Even though the eggs were clean, there had been a multitude of confronting new challenges to manage.

Mum had insisted that we get higher qualifications beyond high school – plus new opportunities were beckoning with sport – but I just didn't feel ready yet.

Since then, I've heard from country people who felt suffocated and who couldn't wait to get out of their small-town life.

But that wasn't my experience. I had taken for granted the space, the inclusiveness, the unpretentiousness, the accessibility, and the compelling freedom. You don't know what you've got till it's gone, and it was true for me.

A freedom to roam, indeed a need to roam, had become part of me, a part of all of us, and suddenly we're living in city houses and apartment blocks boxed in by fences.

On a fruit block one was vaguely aware of fences. If they existed, they were usually in poor condition incorporating just one or two loose-hanging wires – and furthermore, were so far out of sight they never really played into our awareness.

Indeed, there was no demarcation line between our yard and Farrant's citrus block, and after one of our many slogs, we would freely forage under their trees for lost tennis or cricket balls.

Freedom meant everything. Riding home from school, there were no restrictions on time. You could amble along, stop to play in the channel, stop at the shop or at a friend's place, or just talk on the roadside.



Accessing food to satisfy active kids' hungers without stopping games was easy. Grab a couple oranges, or grapes, or a nectarine if we were playing cricket through lunchtime on the front lawn.

Never a need for a parent to prepare or oversee snack times.

We lived knowing that snakes, spiders, and mice were never far from where we slept or played or roamed. But having said that, I admit to never mastering a fear of any of them.

The day primary school friend Ginny and I planned a picnic on top of the Renmark Lookout has stayed with us both. Sandwiches were made, a drink prepared, and we're on our way, riding past Jack and Helen Seekamp's place, then being forced to walk our bikes through the loose red-sand passages, until the lookout was finally in sight.

It had been hard work getting there, but sitting on top of a lookout that both our fathers had helped build, taking in the patchwork of fruit blocks below and munching on our sandwiches charmed two 10-year-olds.

I'm sure none of our parents knew where we were that day, but did it really matter, because we were always safe – unspoken security being another glorious aspect of our lives. Doors to homes and cars were also never locked.

Possessing a healthy trust from a young age is huge for kids' development.

So, to have our formative years influenced by such fine beginnings has left us all with a sense of togetherness that never changes. We all belong with each other and that's just the way it is.



LOXTON NEWS REUNION: Past staff and associates of The Loxton News attended a reunion at The Precinct, in Loxton, on Saturday 6 April. Pictured are, back (from left): Jeff Hentschke, Ian McLaren, Karina Bates, Fran Hentschke (nee Phelps), Kate Kroemer (nee Hann), Paul Mitchell, Karen Size (nee Hucks), Malcolm Bates, Nola Schulz (nee Barnes), Wayne Chesson, Phil Anderson, Leon Pfeiler and Lorraine 'Lori' Fielke (nee Thiele). Sitting: Narelle McLaren, Mary Hann, Steph Nitschke (nee Casha), Neville Linke, Doreen Linke, Raelene Pfeiler, Marcia Bond (nee Dymmott). PHOTOS: supplied

Lori Fielke, of Loxton, Jeff Hentschke, of Murray Bridge, and Kate Kroemer, of Loxton, enjoyed the Loxton News reunion.



Former Loxton News administration staff Fran Hentschke and Nola Schulz enjoyed catching up.



Former Loxton News staffer Steph Nitschke (journalist) and Karina Bates (advertising representative) at the reunion.



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Improving your mental fitness

ALEXANDRA BULL

A well-known Riverland and Mallee mental health advocate has created a new online workshop to help others improve their mental fitness.

Suzi Evans, of Kaizen Business Support, has created Work Bench for the Mind, which launches online May 10 with the intention of helping with mental fitness and better equipping people to deal with the curveball’s life throws at them.

The 10-module self-paced workshop will be on Wellbeing, Optimism, Resilience, Kindness, Balance, Emotional intelligence, Neuroscience, Care and Hope.

Mrs. Evans created Work Bench for the Mind through her own experience with grief and personal tragedies over the last six years.

“To help me navigate my grief I did my diploma in positive psychology and wellbeing, and it gave me some basic tools that I never knew or understood, and so while my grief and pain will never go, these tools have helped me function more effectively,” she said.

“Work Bench for the Mind is not about fixing peoples’ problems. It’s about empowering people with some basic tools and understanding to help them help themselves.”

The program is online and will be a self-paced 10 module workshop, with Mrs Evans checking in with participants after the third module to see how everything is going and the last module, to debrief and discuss where to go next.

Participants will also receive a PDF worksheet for each module, which are for the private use of the participants only.

“I am a professional coach and facilitator but it’s important to also know the workshop is not designed to replace pro-

“Grief is different to everyone, and grief is not always the loss of life...”

- Suzi Evans

fessional consultation to diagnose and help treat people for their mental health condition, this must be done in consultation with your GP or other medical professional,” Mrs Evans said.

“However, hopefully the program will give people back some confidence with access to some basic tools to help manage their mental fitness until they can get to those medical appointments.

“I would say that if you are feeling a bit lost and perhaps don’t feel you have the resources or confidence to put some forward planning practices in place to assist with grief or everyday life challenges then I would suggest this is for you.

“My story is about my grief with the loss of my son Muzz; however, grief is different to everyone, and grief is not always the loss of life. It can be grief for not being able to have children, loss of a pet, it could be grief at the end of a relationship, for loss of a job or career or home.

“It’s not to replace professional help but it’s a really good starting point if you are looking for a bit of understanding of perhaps how to put yourself back on track.”

The program is accredited with Suicide Prevention Australia.

For more information or to enroll in Work Bench for the Mind visit (<https://www.kaizenb.com/>).

If you or anyone you know is struggling, please call Lifeline on 13 11 14.



Supporting local women’s health

WOMEN’S and Pelvic Health Physiotherapy Clinic is continuing to help support women and pelvic health in the Riverland.

Founded two and half years ago by women’s, continence and pelvic health physiotherapist Elizabeth Eske, who is passionate about providing exceptional care for women of all ages. “I opened my clinic to purely specialise in women’s health physiotherapy across a variety of age groups. With the overall goal to provide more accessible services to the women in the region” Mrs Eske said.

“There was this huge need in the community to open up this clinic, I now work with one other physiotherapist whom also has a special interest in women’s health. We work collaboratively with the GPs, obstetricians, gynaecologists and other health professionals in the region to provide exceptional care for women from a more holistic view point.”

Working out of the Renmark Medical Clinic four days a week, Women’s and Pelvic Health Physio offers a variety of women’s health services including pelvic floor assessments, ante and post-natal services, birth prep sessions, ultrasound and laser therapy.

With the pelvic floor playing such a crucial role in a lot of conditions the team at Women’s & Pelvic Health Physio see women

from all walks of life for individualized assessment and management.

“We see a lot of antenatal women, from preconception, during pregnancy to postpartum to help them manage a huge variety of conditions. Anything from pelvic girdle pain, back pain, any pelvic floor dysfunction they may be experiencing such as urinary incontinence, pelvic organ prolapse or bowel dysfunction and bladder dysfunction,” Mrs Eske said.

“We also see children as young as the age of 5 for common conditions such as daytime urinary incontinence, bed wetting, constipation and overactive bladder, which often are left untreated or not addressed until later in life” Mrs Eske said.

“From there, we also see girls in their late teens when they are heading into early adulthood with pelvic pain conditions, often related to their menstrual cycle, but also conditions which may have not yet been diagnosed such as endometriosis, PCOS and sexual dysfunction.”

The team also offers services for women going through perimenopause, menopause and postmenopause.

The clinic offers antenatal and postnatal pilates classes which are tailored to pregnant women, or those who have given birth, with the latter classes providing a supervised, safe and gentle re-intro-

duction to exercise after having a baby.

The clinic offers online bookings, rebates can be received using private health insurance extras cover or through GP management plans, ensuring easy and accessible care for those wanting to take charge of their health.

“We see women from all stages of life for a variety of pelvic conditions, including pelvic pain, urinary incontinence and pelvic organ prolapse, many of these conditions are often embarrassing and upsetting, and can overall lead to detrimental impacts on quality of life. Pelvic health is just not spoken about enough especially in a rural community,” Mrs Eske said.

“It has really been about raising awareness for women since I opened my clinic. The fact is these conditions are common but not normal, no one is alone in this journey but a lot of women don’t know they can seek help. They just think it’s a natural part of getting older or having children, but it’s actually not. Unfortunately highly qualified pelvic health physiotherapist are few and far between in rural and remote locations in Australia.

“Most women won’t come and seek help until their problem is really bad, we are trying to promote the importance of preventative care when it comes to your pelvic floor to prevent these symptoms from occurring.”

Looking forward, Mrs Eske will also be collaborating with other women’s health experts in the Riverland commencing with an afternoon focused on women’s health on Saturday 11 May at Wellness Pilates Studio in Renmark. For more information on this women’s health information day please email wellnesspilates@yahoo.com.au.

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The world of art opening for more

A WELL-known local is making the learning of art accessible for more young Riverlanders.

Local artist and long-time school teacher Greg Reeks will expand his series of art classes aimed toward students and youth.

A new class will be held at Loxton Lutheran School, on Monday, along with extra sessions at St Joseph's School Renmark, and beginners will be able to participate in the first two lessons for free.

Mr Reeks said there had been "wonderful support" for the first program of classes.

"It has been so good teaching visual art – not only to the children but to many of the parents and grandparents," he said.

"They are all very talented and not one can say they cannot draw.

"The students have participated in a great activity which is an alternative to sport, and are learning important skills."

Mr Reeks is also exploring avenues for students' artwork to be displayed, including at local venues and online.

The proposed expanded schedule of classes includes:

☐ Loxton Lutheran School, Monday, 3.30pm to 4.30pm

☐ St Joseph's School Renmark, Tuesday, 3.30pm to 4.30pm and 4.40pm to 5.40pm, Wednesday, 3.30pm to 4.30pm, and Saturday, 12 noon to 1pm

☐ Our Lady of the River, Berri, Thursday, 2:45pm to 3.45pm and 4pm to 5pm.

Mr Reeks said the classes cover a wide range of art skills and styles, including manga and comic books, pop culture, and Riverland-related themes.

There are no age restrictions on the classes, and parents or siblings are also



Examples of artwork from participants in Greg Reeks' art classes. PHOTOS: supplied



encouraged to participate. For further information contact Mr Reeks by phone on 0403 697 315, or email (gregoryreeks@gmail.com).



The Jowett Car Club of Australia will hold its 2024 National Rally in the Riverland this month. PHOTOS: supplied

Jowett party set for Barmera

THE Jowett Car Club of Australia is holding its 2024 National Rally in the Riverland, from 27 April to 29 April.

Cars will be on display in Barmera, near Sargeant Park, on Dean Drive, next to Lake Bonney on Sunday 28 April from 9am to 11am.

Jowett was a manufacturer of light cars and light commercial vehicles in Bradford, Yorkshire, in England, from 1906 to 1954.

The Jowett Car Club of Australia was founded in 1957 and is affiliated to the Jowett Car Club of the UK, which started in 1923 and

is the world's oldest single-make car club.

Jowett Cars Ltd built light vehicles that were typically powered by two cylinder horizontally opposed engines, before introducing side valve four cylinder engines during the 1930s. During World War II, the Jowett Javelin touring sedan was designed, with an overhead valve four cylinder horizontally opposed engine.

Jowett Cars also produced the two-seater Jowett Jupiter sports car, which won many races in the 1.5L class in its day, including class wins at the Le Mans 24 Hour Race

in 1950, 1951 and 1952, and a class one-two win in the 1951 Monte Carlo International Rally.

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The Waikerie Rockers at the Waikerie Rotary Market last year.
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Last year's Waikerie Rock 'n' Roll Market attracted a good turnout.

Rock 'n' Roll a market attraction

THE Riverland Rock 'n' Roll Festival is expected to draw a big crowd to the Waikerie market next Saturday.

A wide range of stalls will be featured at the event, being held at the Waikerie Community Sports Field.

Rotary Club of Waikerie Rock 'n' Roll Market co-ordinator Andre Skujins said a lot will be on offer.

"A large dance floor will be set up, and Rock 'n' Roll and line dancing demonstrations will be featured," he said.

DJ Angelo, from Melbourne, will provide music throughout the day.

The annual Waikerie Show 'n' Shine, featuring a wide range of cars and bikes, will also be a highlight.

A variety of food will be on offer including nachos, yiros, baked potatoes, Vietnamese cuisine, Thai cuisine, wood fire pizzas, and a barbecue cooked by the Waikerie Men's Shed.

Mr Skujins said the event was usually one of Waikerie Rotary's biggest markets of the year.

He said local Rotarians enjoyed volunteering to bring the event to the community, as part of the Rock 'n' Roll festival.

The market runs on Saturday 4 May, from 9am to 2pm.

Waikerie prepares to rock

CHRISTINE WEBSTER

THE Riverland's 31st Rock 'n' Roll Festival is expected to attract participants from across Australia to Waikerie.

Accommodation throughout the town is almost booked out, with some of those involved in the event, running from Thursday 2 May until Sunday 5 May, having arrived a few days earlier.

Riverland Rock 'n' Roll Festival committee treasurer Jenny Gruzlewski said some of the festival goers usually spend about a week in the region.

"They make a real holiday of it and spend some time and money in the Waikerie area," she said.

"They travel up river to some of the towns there as well."

About 1000 people are expected to be participating over the four days.

Ms Gruzlewski – who also assists organising the event – said to attract such good attendance was a real achievement for the Waikerie Rock 'n' Roll dance group.

She said the committee was grateful for the strong support local businesses had provided, including the two supermarkets who donated groceries for the breakfast.

Raffle prizes have also been donated by Riverland West shops.

"We appreciate the support of the town, including some of the smaller businesses," Ms Gruzlewski said.

The theme for this year's event will be Flames, featuring the colours of yellow, orange, and red.

Ms Gruzlewski said organisers enjoyed making each festival different.

"Those sort of colours are really vibrant and will be inspirational for our decorating for the event," she said.

The festivities begin next Thursday with partner dancing in the Waikerie Gliding Club Hangar, to music provided by DJ Angelo, from 7pm to 10pm.

One of Australia's most popular bands, Midnight Drifters, with sound by Anthony Tenace from Sydney, will perform during the dance sessions next Friday and Saturday, from 6.30pm to 11pm, also at the hangar.

DJ Angelo will also play dance music on both evenings during the band's breaks.

Ms Gruzlewski said the event was BYO this year, with only soft drink and water available at the hangar.

She said a wood fired pizza van would be present on the Friday and Saturday evenings.

The Waikerie Rotary market, next Saturday, from 9am to 2pm, will feature Rock 'n' Roll dance demonstrations and the annual Show 'n' Shine, presented by the Riverland West Chamber of Commerce.

Ms Gruzlewski said some of those taking part in the festival also bring their classic vehicles to put on display.

The Rock 'n' Roll dancing will continue on Sunday morning in the hangar from 9am to 1pm.

Those taking part can also purchase a country-cooked breakfast from 9am to 10.30am.

"It is an ideal way to unwind after several nights of dancing, Ms Gruzlewski said.

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SA Liberal Leader David Speirs (left) said Labor has ‘abandoned’ regional roads. FILE IMAGE

SA regional roads ‘abandoned’

REGIONAL roads have ceased being a standalone portfolio in the SA Labor Government, in a decision that has drawn criticism from the state opposition.

Under Premier Peter Malinauskas’s cabinet reshuffle, announced last week, the regional roads portfolio has been absorbed into the broader infrastructure and transport portfolio held by Tom Koutsantonis.

Prompted by independent MP Geoff Brock’s recent cabinet departure, the move means Labor has “abandoned” the standalone regional roads portfolio, according to SA Liberal Leader, David Speirs.

“I am fed up and frustrat-

ed by the Malinauskas Labor Government’s ignorance when it comes to the condition of our regional roads,” Mr Speirs said.

“Regional roads don’t magically maintain themselves.”

Mr Speirs claimed last week’s announcement reflected poorly on Labor’s priorities.

“Regional roads are the thoroughfare to some of the most beautiful places in South Australia – and they’re crucial for not only freight but tourism,” he said.

“It’s a bad look having tourists dodge potholes while attempting to venture into our regions.

“To put this farce into

perspective, more than \$100 million has been announced for sporting facilities over the past couple of weeks, but not a single new cent for regional roads.

“Peter Malinauskas needs to get his priorities straight. Rubber needs to hit the road if Labor cares about fixing our regional roads.”

Mr Speirs also pointed to RAA’s claim, made in June 2023, that South Australia had a road maintenance backlog of \$2 million, and said Labor had “cut more than \$400 million from critical regional infrastructure projects such as the Truro freight route and Hahndorf township improvements and access upgrades”.

Lions Club of Renmark newsletter

THE Lions Club of Renmark has been a part of the Renmark and surrounding areas communities since 1964.

Since this time, the club has established many community projects over the years that have left a lasting impression throughout our communities and beyond.

Some of these major projects included:

- ❑ Arthur Shepherd Lions BBQ Park (the club’s inaugural project by charter member Arthur Shepherd).
- ❑ Lookout tower at Headings Cliff.
- ❑ Helipad at Renmark Paringa Hospital.
- ❑ Border signs on the River Murray.
- ❑ Playgrounds in Renmark Jarrett Memorial Gardens and in Paringa.
- ❑ BBQ shelter in Renmark Jarrett Memorial Gardens.
- ❑ Resuscitation signs along River Murray.
- ❑ Construction of a bus shelter at Shirralee House.

The club members are currently involved in several ongoing projects, including:

- ❑ Monthly fundraising bazaar at Renmark No2 Oval complex (next bazaar is Sunday 28 April, 8am to 12 noon).
- ❑ Catering at local events, schools, markets, etc. at various locations.
- ❑ Maintenance of Renmark’s welcome wall garden and Renmark Cemetery Memorial gardens.
- ❑ Environmental management of the OakBore area within Dangali National Park (e.g. fox baiting, checking mallee fowl nests, maintaining buildings/infrastructure at OakBore etc.).
- ❑ Christmas raffle for RFDS, plus other raffles as part of our club fundraising.

Lions clubs across the world are all about community service, and operate under a charter set up by Lions Clubs International (LCI) in America in 1917. These clubs operate under a code of ethics and a charter of purposes. The LCI motto is ‘we serve’.

Locally, Renmark Lions Club gives ongoing support to many district, state, national and international Lions projects/appeals as well as assisting local organisations wherever possible (e.g. donation of furniture/equipment to Renmark Hospital, Chaffey Theatre, Meals on Wheels; donations to Riverland Christmas Appeal, Foodbank, domestic vio-

lence, breast cancer research, prostate cancer research, childhood cancer research; assist funding local schools with their social justice programs for underprivileged students; and many more).

The Lions Club of Renmark meets twice a month on the second Monday (dinner meeting at Hotel Renmark) and fourth Monday (works/board meeting at Renmark Bowling Club) at 6.30pm to approximately 9.30pm.

The dinner meetings usually have a guest speaker and often include member’s partners and tends to be more of a social occasion.

The board/works meetings are a supper meeting where members of the board meet at 6pm, and all members then meet at 7pm in selected committees to discuss club business. We have a quarterly club bulletin, which informs all members and others of the happenings within our club.

We are not all about raising funds and cooking BBQs. We try to have many social events for members/partners (e.g. mystery bus trips, inter-club visits to other Lions clubs, car trials, club Christmas Party, AGM handover dinner, etc.).

Our club currently has 31 members (both male and female) with these members belonging to three different operating committees (‘administration/finance’, ‘activities’ and ‘social/program’), with the members choosing the committee that best suits their interests/skills.

Renmark Lions Club is seeking service-minded people to join it in making a difference in our community.

Around the world, Lions are serving their neighbourhoods and beyond while focusing on five global causes: vision, hunger, environment, childhood cancer and diabetes.

Our club inspires members to advance worthy causes, serve with friends, and become leaders in our community. We want to share the impact we’re making in our community, and let others know how they can help.

If any of the above is of interest to you, please make inquiries to renmark.sa@lions.org.au or phone membership chair Rhonda 0400 941 714 or secretary Rozz on 0409 928 248.

Until next time – “Yours in Lionism”.

Labor rejects Pasin’s ‘starving regions’ claim

**PAUL MITCHELL
and STEPHANIE THOMPSON**

THE Federal Government has hit back at claims by Tony Pasin that regional Australia is being “starved” of funding under Labor’s reign.

In last week’s Murray Pioneer, the Liberal MP for Barker used Loxton District Children’s Centre planned Woodleigh expansion as a local example of projects waiting to find out if they have received funding.

Mr Pasin said nine months after Labor opened the Growing Regions Program, zero applications were yet to be approved and funded, claiming the government was “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”.

However, Mr Pasin’s claims have been refuted by the federal minister in charge of the funding streams.

Catherine King, Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government, said the government had increased funding for the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program by an additional \$250 million, taking it to \$750 million.

Ms King also said Labor had introduced two new grants programs (Growing Regions and the Regional Precincts and Partnerships program) which will “invest \$1 billion into



Federal Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government Catherine King says delays regarding Woodleigh’s Growing Regions Program grant are to ensure “integrity and transparency” in the grant process. FILE PHOTO

regional communities with grants awarded on merit”, and pointed to the Coalition’s record when in power.

“Mr Pasin should take the time to read the Auditor General’s damning report into the Coalition’s Building Better Regions Fund to understand why new programs needed to be developed,” she said.

However, Ms King appeared to blame delays in approving and funding projects on procedural red tape, with her office explaining that the Growing Regions Program had a two-stage application process to “ensure program integrity and transparency”.

Second stage applications under Round 1 of the program are currently being assessed in

accordance with the program guidelines and probity requirements.

Ms King’s office said details of successful grant recipients would be published “in due course”.

In last week’s Pioneer Loxton District Children’s Centre director April Watson said a grant announcement was originally expected by last month, and that the delays had consequences.

“Not knowing is pushing back all the deadlines we have been working towards, along with all the contractors working towards deadlines to enable them to plan for the next 12-18 months,” she said.

Mrs Watson said the grant funding uncertainty also impacted budget preparations.



10th Battalion AIF and the 3rd Light Trench Mortar Battery in Egypt and on the Western Front. Sally he died on or about 17 April 1923. Mr Brownlie said it remained vital to recognise the sacrifice of military servicemen despite the length of time since the conflict. “It’s my great sadness it took George Stoddart’s passing, 100 years to be recognised by our government,” he said. Mr Brownlie said the group’s next meeting ceremony would take place in Renmark. “On 29 June there will either be 27 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

ing towards deadlines to enable them to plan for the next 12-18 months,” she said. “The case for two of the veterans to be considered as official war dead is before the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.”

● Last week’s Murray Pioneer

Last week Mr Pasin – the Coalition’s spokesperson for infrastructure and transport – claimed Labor had “stripped more than \$20 billion in infrastructure and programs from regional communities” in its first two years in office.



KEEPING THE RIVERLAND ACTIVE: Well known Riverlander Nick Dillon was recently appointed as the region’s new active communities project officer. PHOTO: supplied



\$90,000 for Riverland screening initiative

DATA showing below-average bowel and cervical screening rates across the Riverland have prompted a new \$90,000 initiative aimed at reversing that statistical anomaly by focusing on the local multicultural community.

Cancer Council SA is partnering with Country SA Primary Health Network (PHN) to increase awareness of cancer screening among local multicultural communities, including the fact that only about half of eligible women are getting a two-yearly mammogram.

The program aims to address unique challenges faced by some Riverlanders accessing healthcare systems, while also encouraging their participation in free, life-saving cancer screening programs.

Cancer Council SA said it recognises the importance of tailoring healthcare initiatives to meet the Riverland’s unique needs, with the initiative targeting locals who have migrated from countries where English is not the national language.

“It is a priority for Cancer Council SA to bridge the cancer prevention care gap for our multicultural communities,” said Cancer Council SA prevention co-ordinator Diem Tran.

“Often language is a barrier to accessing the best preventive care and we aim to remove that for these communities to participate in life-saving bowel, breast and cervical cancer screening programs.”

Funded by Country SA PHN, the project will see a \$90,000 investment into the Riverland to strengthen relationships between the community, local GPs and cancer screening organisations, in order to increase screening participation rates.

Cancer Council SA said the initiative aims to “use a collaborative, multi-strategy, and culturally safe approach”.

Activities being used to increase cancer screening rates include reserving 45 free mammogram appointments with the mobile BreastScreen unit during its visit to Berri in May, and providing a \$1500 incentive payment for GP practices to do cross-cultural training and invite their migrant patients to do cervical screening.

Translated resources and information sessions will also be delivered to the community. Cancer Council SA presented to a Croatian women’s group in Berri and the Riverland Singh Society in Glossop earlier this month.

□ Migrant women aged 40 and older, especially those aged 50-74, can access the free mammogram appointments by calling Marita Aldridge (8274 7169).

□ GP practices interested in working with Cancer Council SA on cervical screening with migrant patients, or migrant community groups interested in a free information session can call Tamara Shipley (8291 4189).



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ELMO IN RENMARK: Callie Balshaw, 4, and sister Lettie, 2, both of Renmark, were winners of tickets to the recent Elmo's Circus Dream show, at the Chaffey Theatre. PHOTO: supplied



EXPERIENCING THE ARTS: Loxton High School visual and creative arts students earlier this month visited the SACE Arts Show at Uni SA. PHOTO: supplied



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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. Carpet 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 Riverland. 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 25 APRIL
Charity for All Bingo 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.

THURSDAY 25 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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DISCO BOOGIE: Renmark Primary School celebrated Positive Behaviour for Learning at the end of term one with a school disco dress up day. **PHOTOS:** supplied



OUR ANZAC HISTORY: Barnera man Warren Jefferson recently spoke to Barnera Primary School students regarding his service in the Vietnam War, as part of the students' Anzac Day studies. **PHOTO:** supplied



STUDENT SKILLS SHOWCASED: The Loxton High School year 9 Home Economics class recently hosted a high tea for a group of Loxton Retirement Village residents. The assignment involved students dividing into pairs, and finding a recipe for a sweet and savoury component to contribute to the high tea. Students also had to set-up the room, undertake an online food safety course, and make invitations. **PHOTOS:** supplied



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Remembering Waikerie's Robert Henderson

WAIKERIE businessman and World War I hero Robert Henderson was born on 1 November 1876, in Scotland, and migrated from England in the early 1900s.

At first he worked in the town as a builder for William Francis.

He then set up his own carpentry and joinery business, located in Waikerie's McCoy Street, where the Rollbusch meat store is now located.

The building still stands today and is believed to be the oldest building in the street.

It has been home to many businesses over the 100 years since it was built.

'Bob' was known for his good quality work.

When World War I began, he enlisted to help the Australian war effort, but was turned down due to defective vision.

Undeterred, Bob took matters into his own hands and took the weekly car to Adelaide and on Saturday 27 January 1916, was declared fit by the recruitment centre.

Returning on the following Monday, he wound up his business, made his will and

was in camp at Mitcham on 31 January 1916.

After completing training Bob sailed for Egypt on 25 March 1916.

He was posted to the 32nd, battalion which was committed to the Western front for the first time on 16 July 1916.

Three days after taking up his position in the trenches, the 32nd took part in fighting around Fromelles, during which it suffered 718 casualties, or 90 per cent of its strength.

The battalion was withdrawn to be rebuilt.

For a week in September, Bob was sent to Engineering school.

He returned to his unit and on 20 October 1916, he was made Lance Corporal.

On 4 December, Bob was promoted to temporary Corporal when Corporal Dearman was wounded.

Five days later, on 9 December 1916, Corporal Robert Henderson was killed in action leading his men against the enemy.

His mother in Lambeth London was advised of his death.

Back in Waikerie, Bob's letters were still

arriving at the end of January 1917, his name was seen in the casualty lists in the newspaper.

This was how people in Waikerie found themselves in shock that they had lost such a solid citizen and good friend.

Bob's last letter was published in the paper.

In it he said:

"And my thoughts when connected with what we call 'home' always turn to S.Oss (South Australia) and not as one would think to the 'Old Dart'."

Bob was indeed an Aussie at heart, and Henderson Street in Waikerie was named in his honour.

His mother also named her house in London 'Waikerie', in honour of her son.

Bob is buried at Bancourt British War Cemetery in France and commemorated on the Australian War Memorial roll of Honour and the War Memorial in the Waikerie War Memorial Gardens.

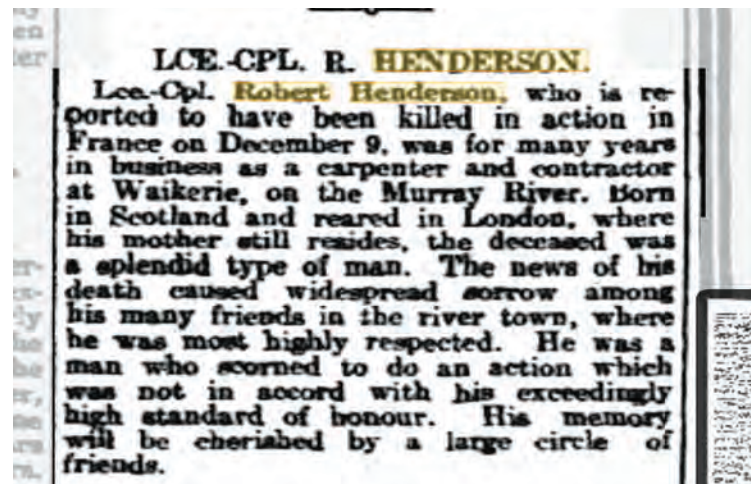
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Waikerie businessman and World War I hero Robert Henderson.
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Robert Henderson's business premises in McCoy Street.



Robert Henderson's death notice.

Riverland veterans' experiences told during history exhibition

AN exhibition featuring several Riverland Veterans is on display at the Waikerie RSL Sub Branch.

It is part of a state-wide South Australian Oral History Program and Photographic Exhibition interviewing and documenting the lives and stories of veterans, their partners, and war widows.

Podcasts feature interviews with Loxton veterans Howard Hendrick, Robert Manuel and Daniel Pankhurst and Riverland West veterans Beryl (Lin) Hodgens of Waikerie, the late James Bennett, from Waikerie, and the late Ernst Asplin, of Morgan.

These oral histories are published online to help create global awareness of the veterans' individual sacrifices, their history, and to further educate future generations.

They showcase these people and their stories with images submitted by participants relating to their personal experiences.

The Waikerie RSL Sub Branch,

and Christian Teusner from The EMU Tree, Education and Music in Unison, joined forces to present The RSL, A Time to Celebrate Anzac Day Exhibition.

The project was funded through the Department of Veteran Affairs' Saluting Their Service Commemorative Grants Program.

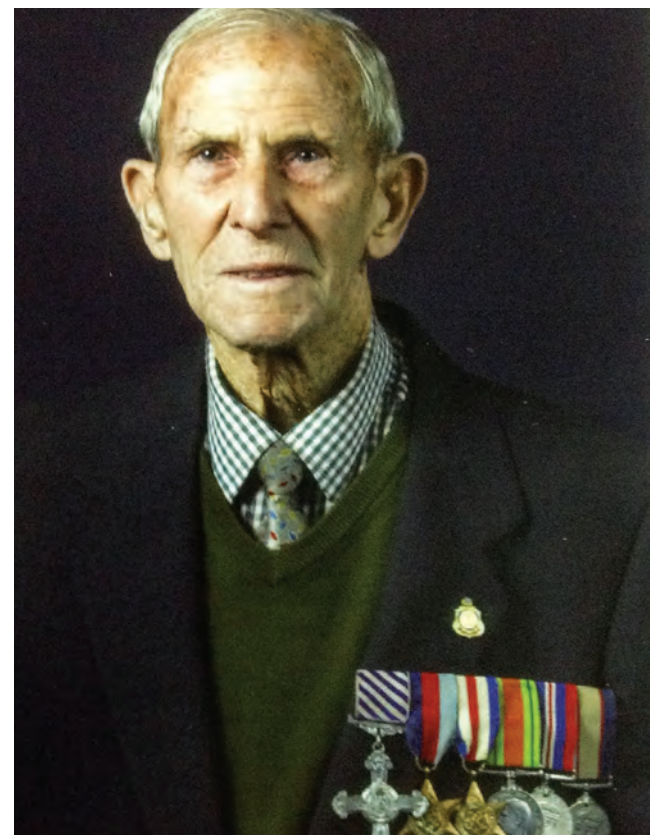
Last year the exhibition was displayed in the State Library of South Australia as part of the SA History Festival and was viewed by several thousand people.

This program is in its third year of documentation of oral histories and was previously in partnership with the Tanunda RSL Sub Branch.

The exhibition is open today, from 2pm to 6pm, tomorrow, from 9am to 8pm, and on Friday, from 10am to 3pm.

Entry is free.

The podcasts can be downloaded and explored at: thewaywewere.podbean.com



Loxton's Howard Hendrick, who was a Lancaster Pilot in Europe during World War II. PHOTO: supplied

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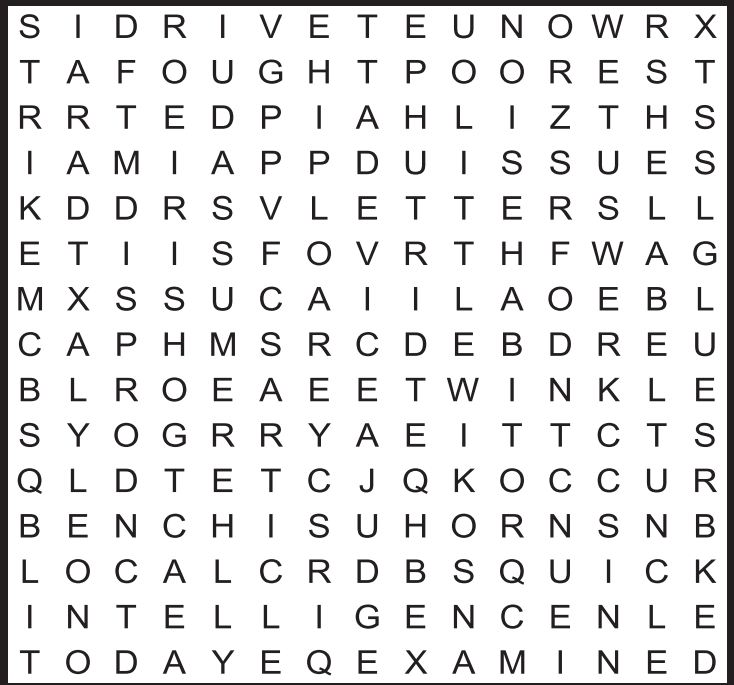
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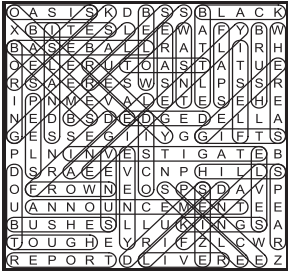
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Last Week's Solution



Crossword

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5. Daybreak
9. Go in
10. Ireland (poet.)
11. Pelts
12. Support
13. Town in Victoria
14. Damage
17. Rascal
19. Wearies
21. Continent
23. Stared
25. Male sheep
26. Person of enormous size
27. Copy
28. Private remarks
30. Seed coat
31. Dent
33. Rapture
34. Consequently
36. Faithful
37. Earth's satellite
38. Friend
39. Continuous pain
40. Waste pipe
41. Exploit
42. Wisdom

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2. American state
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4. Happen after
5. Storehouse
6. Indicts
7. Relative
8. Layer
15. African soldier
16. Mannequins
17. Art of self defence
18. Pointing a gun
20. Rodent
22. Reveal
24. Incidents
26. Procure
29. Destined
30. Attract
32. Sharpened
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35. Speed contest

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April 2024 Horoscopes: week 4

ARIES (March 21st - April 20th)
You will miss an important opportunity if you are not prepared to stick your neck out a little more. Be careful not to get stuck in a rut! **Romance.** The Moon/Ceres Midpoint moving through your sign will make you especially sensitive to other people's needs. A friendly gesture will reap rewards later in the week.

TAURUS (April 21st - May 21st)
A relative who has been trying to deceive you will become seriously unstuck. They won't realise how determined you are to get to the truth! **Romance.** A favourable aspect to Venus will help to give your love-life a boost, especially around the middle of the week.

GEMINI (May 22nd - June 21st)
You may be thinking about looking for a new job. This is not the best time for a major change, however: you must be cautious about making a move which you might regret later. **Romance.** This will be a good week for romance, provided you take your time. You will have to be very subtle.

CANCER (June 22nd - July 23rd)
You must find a balance between the need for change and the need for stability. You ought to be prepared to "stick your neck out" a little more. **Romance.** You will be amazed how sympathetic your partner is when you really need them. A crisis later in the week will bring out the best in both of you and bring you closer together.

LEO (July 24th - August 23rd)
This will be an excellent time for buying and selling. Try not to push too hard, however, or the deal may fall through. **Romance.** A social gathering will give you the chance to come into contact with some interesting new faces. You should try to use this opportunity to the full.

VIRGO (August 24th - September 23rd)
Your co-workers may seem to be interfering in your affairs more than you would really like. Do your best to make your feelings known without upsetting anyone. **Romance.** You may find your partner a little tricky to handle at the moment. Be especially careful at the beginning of the week, when you could both be a little on-edge.

LIBRA (September 24th - October 23rd)
A long discussion with a friend could be a little boring at times. There is one thing which they say which will be worth listening to, however. **Romance.** So long as you can pick the times when your partner is in a good mood, everything will be fine. A trip later in the week will go well.

SCORPIO (October 24th - November 22nd)
Don't be too jealous about something which a friend of yours bought recently. You will soon have something even more impressive yourself! **Romance.** You owe your partner a few favours at the moment. Don't be too slow to help them out, even if you have a lot of other things to deal with.

SAGITTARIUS (November 23rd - December 21st)
Be careful not to do anything outlandish this week! A trick designed to shock people may suddenly backfire. **Romance.** A dream which you had recently about somebody whom you admire may come true, but not in quite the same way as in the dream. You are probably not aware how strong your feelings are towards this person.

CAPRICORN (December 22nd - January 20th)
A move will not solve all your problems. Before you consider such a drastic step, you should think hard about the advantages of your present work. **Romance.** Your mind may not be very focused on your love-life at the moment. Later in the week a favourable aspect to Venus will help to get you back on track.

AQUARIUS (January 21st - February 19th)
A powerful aspect to Uranus will help to make you especially creative. The solution to a long-standing problem may be simpler than you realise. **Romance.** You will appreciate some extra emotional support from your partner. You might be feeling a little fragile at the moment. A favourable aspect to Neptune later in the week will help to give your powers of intuition a boost, just when you need them most.

PISCES (February 20th - March 20th)
Some changes are coming up. You will have to keep a clear head to decide on the best course of action. Try to avoid getting into a disagreement with your boss, however. **Romance.** A friend that you know from work may want a closer relationship with you.

SUDOKU No.476

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

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Blanchetown Primary School students went on a river bug hunt and studied these insects under microscopes during their camp in the Adelaide Hills. PHOTOS: Blanchetown Primary School

Camp ends term one for Blanchetown students

Ashlee Salter
Blanchetown Primary School principal

BLANCHETOWN Primary School, affectionately known as Team BPS, visited Woodhouse Adventure Park for their 2024 school camp in the last week of term one. Students were lucky enough to meet the resident koala, named Jonathon. We crawled, climbed and splashed through Challenge Hill and weaved our way through The Labyrinth, which is a split level maze, to find and answer riddles. Students whizzed down two fast and furious tube slides, with rain adding to the novelty.

We conquered Cameron’s Climb “as brave as brave can be”, and explored the beauty of the property on a photo hunt that is part of an orienteering course. Students hunted for river bugs and examined them under microscopes. We also tracked down echidnas and kangaroos by learning through Woodhouse’s ‘Scats and Tracks’ program. We were well fed with pancakes, and bacon and eggs for breakfast, plus Aaron’s famous lasagne and BBQ. It was such a brilliant time and core childhood memories were made. Thank you to our incredible staff for our camp.



Blanchetown Primary School students Sid and Harry examining bugs during their camp at Woodhouse Adventure Park.



Blanchetown Primary School student Tatum enjoying the experience of camp.



Blanchetown Primary School student Lia all rugged up at camp.



Kevin Smith at the recent unveiling of a bird hide, named in his honour by the Friends of Riverland Parks group. PHOTO: supplied

No hiding Kevin’s park contribution

THE contribution of long-time Friends of Riverland Parks member – and local environmentalist – Kevin Smith was officially recognised recently. Group members, together with representatives from Riverland National Parks and Wildlife service, gathered at the bird hide adjacent to the Ngak Indau Lagoon – south of Berri – to celebrate the unveiling of a plaque to honour Mr Smith’s efforts and achievements.

Mr Smith has given 30-plus years of service to the organisation, including over a decade as secretary. Friends of Riverland Parks members support local rangers in a range of activities, including survey work (by collecting data), bird counts, planting surveys and possum counts, along with participating in working bees to maintain local parks. This group has taken on the responsibility of maintain-

ing the Ngak Indau walking trail in Katarapko National Park, where the bird hide is located. “Volunteers are always welcome to attend activities,” said group president Murray Harvey. “By joining this group of enthusiastic members you can gain a wide range of knowledge on the working of Riverland Parks flora and fauna thriving in our local parks.” For more information phone Kevin (0458 817 228).

the quiz



1. What did Rocky Marciano never do – unlike every other retired heavyweight champ in boxing history?

.....
2. What’s the most populous city from which you can see Mt. Vesuvius?

.....
3. Which Alfred Hitchcock movie takes its name from a disorder often related to the inner ear?

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4. What does the M stand for in MI6?

.....
5. Complete the beginning of the Shakespeare sonnet: “Shall I compare thee to a ____”.

.....
6. Which of Shakespeare’s plays was set in Vienna?

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7. How many Oscars for best director did Alfred Hitchcock win?

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8. In the Australian dish of Carpetbag Steak, what is the steak stuffed with?

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9. What is the anatomical name for the big toe?

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10. Who did Jimmy Connors defeat to win both Wimbledon and the US Open in 1974?

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11. What country has the highest life expectancy?

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12. What unit of an army is typically about 20,000 soldiers in size?

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13. Where did aviator Richard E. Byrd visit by air in 1929 – becoming the first person to do so?

.....
14. What Nobel Prize winning leader stepped down in 1991 and appeared in a Pizza Hut commercial seven years later?

.....
15. What fabric gets its name from the city of Nîmes, France?

.....
16. What 1997 movie was, at the time, the most expensive in history – requiring a 17 million gallon water tank?

.....
17. In what country are “bonjour”, “Guten Tag”, and “buongiorno” all different ways to say hello using an official language?

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18. What would you use a “depth charge” against?

.....
19. What dark red gem is the birthstone for the month of January?

.....
20. What car model, on its retirement in 1927, was responsible for about half of all the automobiles ever sold?

.....

BONUS QUESTION:

Billy Swan’s 1974 song ‘I Can Help’ was a number one hit in how many countries? Answer in next week’s Quiz.

Answers on page 38

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The Berri Riverside Holiday Park is among local accomodation providers benefitting from the latest round of the River Revival vouchers program. PHOTO: supplied



Latest round of vouchers generates \$1.2m ‘River Revival’

CHRISTINE WEBSTER

THE latest round of River Revival vouchers from the South Australian Tourism Commission (SATC) to assist flood recovery in the Murray River regions has generated \$1.2m in booking value alone.

Destination Riverland general manager Kate Gillespie said tourists using these vouchers had been coming since February, and would continue until the end of June.

She said this third and final round of River Revival vouchers had encouraged people to visit the Riverland beyond the traditionally peak summer season.

“Holiday parks were a popular choice in the Riverland, with the Waikerie Holiday Park and the Berri Riverside Holiday Park seeing an influx of visitors,” Ms Gillespie said.

“Houseboats operators, such as Renmark Houseboats and Riverfun Houseboats, have also enjoyed a pickup in bookings,” she said.

Ms Gillespie said SATC data from the second River Revival round showed the \$750 houseboat vouchers injected almost \$2.5m into the Murray River regions.

She said this equated to an average spend of \$2,300 per trip, excluding the value of the voucher.

Ms Gillespie said a majority of visitors to the Riverland were from Adelaide, or from across SA.

“In terms of interstate visitation, this is mostly from Victoria and New South Wales,”

she said.

The first two rounds of the River Revival program are estimated to have generated more than \$10.7m in economic impact for the Murray River regions.

“The voucher program helps many people who may not have experienced a Murray River holiday, or haven’t been for a long time, discover just how great a getaway here is,” Ms Gillespie said.

“They then tell their friends and family about it.”

The latest data from Tourism Research Australia shows the Riverland is currently worth \$239m to SA’s visitor economy, up on the \$219m in the year to September 2022 before the floods hit later that year.

Ms Gillespie said the Riverland was not far behind its 2025 target of \$247m, which Destination Riverland was keen to achieve.

She said with the cooler weather setting in, it was the “perfect time to showcase the Riverland as a stunning winter destination”.

“The River Revival Voucher program helped with this last year and continues to do so in this current round,” Ms Gillespie said.

“In addition to supporting the SATC’s Rise Up for our River Campaign, Destination Riverland is currently running our ‘Riverlanders Part Two’ cooperative marketing campaign.

“This shares stories of the incredible people behind some of the much-loved places and attractions in the Riverland.”

“The voucher program helps many people who may not have experienced a Murray River holiday, or haven’t been for a long time, discover just how great a getaway here is...”

- Kate Gillespie

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Sending lots of love from all the family. xx

DIAMOND
ANNIVERSARY

TUCKER-PENNEY.
Robert and Valerie will celebrate 60 years of marriage on 25 April, with the blessings of Trevor, Jules, Keira, Colin and Sue.

Mum, you need a medal.

DEATHS

ARBON, Russell Edward.
Passed away peacefully on Sunday 21 April, 2024 at home.
Aged 82 years.
Dearly loved husband of Pam.
Beloved dad of Wayne, Daryl, Meredith and Kerryn.
Admired father-in-law.
Cherished grandpa and great-grandpa.
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BARTLETT, Gordon Murray.
In loving memory of my much-loved Dad, Gordon, who was my hero and my best friend.
I love you and you will always be in my heart.
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Sadly missed by your Lizzie.

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BIRD, Yvonne Marlene.
Passed away peacefully with family present at the Waikerie hospital on Thursday 11 April, 2024.
Aged 87 years.
Loved wife of Keith.
Cherished mum of Leonie (deceased), Jo-anne, Tracy and Greg.
Adored sassy gran of Josh and Tammy, Emma and James, Lachlan, Stephanie and Patrick, Michelle, Johnny and Tarsh.
Special GeGe to Savannah and Matilda.

Another flower in Heaven's garden.

Yvonne's celebration of her life was held on Monday 22 April, 2024.

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HARRINGTON, John 'Bull'.
Passed away peacefully, surrounded by family at the Royal Adelaide Hospital, on Thursday 18 April, 2024.
Aged 80 years.
Loved husband of Joan.
Loved dad of Tracy, Suzanne, Jackie and their partners.
Cherished pa of 11 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

A special smile,
A special face.
And in our hearts,
A special place.

DEATHS

LITTLE, Pamela Dawn.
Passed away peacefully, with family present at the Riverland General Hospital, on Thursday 18 April, 2024.
Aged 90 years.
Loved wife of Denis.
Loving mother of Victor, Rosalyn, Patricia, Andrew (deceased), and Gina.
Dearly loved nanna, great-nanna and great-great-nanna of many cherished grandchildren.

Sadly missed, forever in our hearts.

WINTER, Daphne Joy.
Passed away peacefully at the Riverview Lutheran Rest Home on Friday 19 April, 2024.
Aged 88 years.
Dearly loved sister to Glad (deceased) and Roy, sister-in-law of Deb.
Loving auntie to Jenni, Darryl and Kerry.
Great-auntie to Jasmine, Mary-Ellen, Lachlan, Natalie, Ryan, Amelia and their partners.

Great-great auntie to Addy, Marcel and Ella.
Dear friend of Clarrie (deceased).
In God's loving care.
Special thanks to the staff at the Riverview Lutheran Rest Home.

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ARBON, Russell Edward.
Friends and family are advised Russell's graveside funeral service will be conducted at the Loxton Lawn Cemetery on Tuesday 30 April, 2024 at 11am.

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FUNERALS

HARRINGTON.
Family and friends of John Harrington are respectfully invited to attend his funeral service to be conducted entirely at the Riverland Funerals Chapel, 231 Twentyfirst Street, Renmark on Monday 29 April, 2024 at 1pm followed by a private cremation at the Riverland Crematorium.

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LITTLE.
The family and friends of Pam Little are respectfully invited to attend her funeral service to be conducted at the Riverland Funerals Chapel, 32 Hughes Street, Berri on Tuesday 30 April, 2024 at 11am.

In lieu of flowers if desired, a donation to Cancer Council SA in Pam's memory would be appreciated. Donations may be made at the service.

At the conclusion of the service the cortege will proceed to the Berri Cemetery for the committal.

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WINTER, Daphne Joy.
Family and friends are advised Daphne's funeral service will be conducted at St Peter's Lutheran Church, Loxton, on Wednesday 1 May, 2024 at 2pm.
At the conclusion of the service the cortege will proceed to the Loxton Lawn Cemetery for the committal.

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IN MEMORIAM



BROWN, Dulcie Hedwig (nee Frahn).
3/2/1928 – 30/4/2022
Loving wife of Ron (deceased).

A special lady,
A special face.
A special lady,
We cannot replace.

Treasured and much-loved mother and mother-in-law of Heather, Kevin, Sue and Dianne.
Cherished grandma of Jenna and Allan, Chelsea and Luke.

Loved great-grandma of Georgia, Olivia and Ellie.
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LAWTON, Daphne.
25/8/1918 – 20/4/2012



So many happy memories, Mum.
You may not be here but we can feel your presence.
Miss you.
Don, Jo and boys Scott and Te'Jay.

IN MEMORIAM

LUETH, Madison Skye.
9/4/1999 – 18/4/1999

Dear Maddy,
Our love for you grows stronger,
Each and every day.
The memories of you live on in our hearts,
That's where you'll always stay.

Forever our precious angel.
Too precious to be forgotten.

Love Mum, Dad, Zane and Delaney ♥ xxxx
SLAPE, Rod.
19/4/2013

When we said I love you, you said I love you more.
Memories of fun times stay with us all.

Miss ya, Ma, Luke, Bec and all those who called you Poppy.

SWEENEY, Eileen.
25/8/1930 – 22/4/2023

We thought of you with love today,
But that is nothing new.
We thought about you yesterday,
And days before that too.
We think of you in silence,
We often speak your name.
All we have are memories,
And a picture in a frame.
Your memory is a keepsake,
With which we never part.
God has you in his keeping,
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All our love now and forever,
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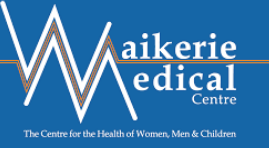
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There is an opportunity for an experienced nurse to join our team. Registered and Enrolled nurses are invited to apply for **Treatment Room Nurse** position.

The position is part-time.

Are you a good communicator with a knowledge of triage, wound care and infection control?

Then this is the job for you. Support is available for necessary upskilling.

Current AHPRA registration, relevant checks and references as listed on the job specifications will be required.

Job descriptions are available at www.waikeriemedical.com.au - Employment.

Applications and requests for further information to be emailed to the Nurse Manager:
khiggs@waikeriemedical.com.au or telephone (08) 8541 3500

Applications Close Friday 10th May 2024

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Ruston Engineers are seeking a qualified & experienced Machinist. Fulltime.

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- Machining and milling
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- Component assembly
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- Be able to problem solve, work unsupervised or as part of a team as required
- Flexible enough to be swapped from one job to another at short notice and as the customers may require

Essential:

- Valid Driver's licence
- Forklift Licence
- White Card
- Be punctual, reliable, physically fit
- Have a high regard for Safety for self, others around you and client's personnel when working off-site.
- Pass mandatory Drug and Alcohol testing

Resumes to:
info@rustonengineers.com.au

For further information please contact the office on 8586 6931.

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RENMARK

**Part Time
Sales Position**

Approx 25 Hours Casual Per Week

For those with an interest in the fashion industry, Yates are seeking applicants for the above position.

The successful applicant will:

- Be highly motivated and willing to learn
- Have good communication skills
- Be punctual and well presented
- Be flexible to work extra hours if needed
- Retail experience will be advantageous
- Available to work alternate Saturdays

Applications can be delivered to:
Sales Position, 127 Murray Ave, Renmark 5341

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**Services Assistant -
Casual 2023/24**

Riverland Mallee Coorong
Local Health Network
Renmark
Job Ref: 842788

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**Case Manager
Home Care Package
Program**

Riverland Mallee Coorong
Local Health Network
Barmera
Job Ref: 864008

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Radio Advertising Sales Executive
5RM, Magic 93.1 & KIX Country

Riverland Broadcasters Pty Ltd operates 5RM, Magic 93.1 and Kix Country throughout the Riverland & Mallee region. These commercial radio stations bring a mix of local news, national and international news, local community information and a range of music across many styles.

It's our advertisers who sustain our business, and right now, we have an opportunity for a Radio Advertising Sales Executive, selling to and servicing our advertising clients in the local area.

You will have a friendly personality, good communication skills and you'll understand high levels of customer service. You may already be in a sales role or have experience working in retail, hospitality, real estate, public relations or the media in general.

Send your cover letter and resume' to the General Manager at 5RM/Magic 93.1 **PO Box 321 Berri South Australia 5343** or email **BERreception@arn.com.au**

Applications close, Sunday May 5th, 2024



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MANUFACTURING ACCOUNTANT
Renmark, South Australia

Almondco Australia Ltd is one of the largest almond processing and packing facilities in Australia and has become a leader in the international market with its extensive range of quality products. As a bulk processing and marketing business with dedicated, state-of-the-art processing facilities located in South Australia & New South Wales, the 'Almondco' branded almond products are highly respected and sought after.

The business is in an exciting period of growth and is seeking to appoint a Manufacturing Accountant at our head office and main processing site in Renmark, SA. This role reports to the CFO and is a key member of the finance team overseeing daily and monthly reporting of the Renmark site operations, manufacturing, logistics and facilities.

Responsibilities Include:

- Working closely with operations management to provide and analyse operational and financial performance
- Daily KPI reporting and analysis
- Preparing and analysing monthly financial reports and explanations on variances
- Coordinating raw material and finished goods stocktakes (annual and rolling)
- Preparing production budget in conjunction with site management

To be successful in this role you will have a high level of interpersonal skills that result in effective collaboration with staff, management and stakeholders. An accounting qualification with experience working in a FMCG environment is preferred.

This role is a full-time permanent position Monday to Friday.

Applications close Sunday, 28 April 2024.

To apply, send your resume and cover letter to **jobs@almondco.com.au**.
For all enquiries, please contact the People & Culture Manager on **08 8586 8819**.

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Positions Available

Eleni's at Mallee Estate, located in SA's top tourist town 2022, Renmark. Specialising in Greek cuisine and high-quality service. The leading winery restaurant is seeking multiple positions to fulfill growing demand.

Front of house- food and beverage attendants
Tuesday to Thursday

Front of house- food and beverage attendants
available over a 7-day roster

Previous experience working in a restaurant or similar hospitality will be highly regarded.

Please drop your resume to the cellar door or email Jim **elenis@malleeestate.com.au**

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PUBLIC NOTICES

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District Council of
Loxton Waikerie

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Loxton Football and Sporting
Club Long Term Lease

Pursuant to Section 202 (2) of the Local Government Act 1999

The District Council of Loxton Waikerie is seeking community feedback regarding a proposed 21-year ground lease agreement with the Loxton Football and Sporting Club for a portion of land at the Loxton Sporting Complex.

The Council have been in consultation with the Loxton Football and Sporting Club to facilitate the design of a new viewing pavilion. Situated at 25 Bookpurnong Terrace, the Loxton Sporting Complex is a Council-owned asset and is classified as 'community land'.

Council endorsed a ground lease for the Football and Sporting Club at its meeting held Wednesday 17 April 2024, however, the Council is required under the Local Government Act 1999 s202(2) to undertake public consultation before granting a lease relating to community land.

The proposed lease agreement for a 21-year term (with an additional 21-year renewal) will allow the Club to erect the viewing pavilion, to be utilised mainly for the sale of food and beverages during game time, as well as for fundraising activities in support of the Loxton Football, Netball, Basketball and Cricket Clubs.

To view the proposed lease agreement, please head to our online engagement website: <https://engagement.lwdc.sa.gov.au/loxton-football-and-sporting-club-long-term-lease>

Submissions from the community are encouraged

- Online at engagement.lwdc.sa.gov.au
- by email at council@lwdc.gov.au, or
- by post to PO Box 409, Loxton SA 5333, or
- in person, in writing, at the Council's offices at 35 Bookpurnong Road, Loxton or Strangman Road, Waikerie.

If you wish to present your submission to the Council in person or by advocate, please indicate that in your submission.

Public consultation will conclude 5.00 pm on Wednesday 15 May 2024.

For further information please contact Andrew Waters, Director of Commercial and Community Services, on 8584 8000.

David Beaton
Chief Executive Officer

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DISTRICT OFFICER

Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board
Job reference: 591788
Location: 5343 - BERRI
Job status: Short Term Contract
Eligibility: Open to Everyone

ABOUT THE ROLE

The District Field Officer is a dynamic position, playing a practical role in assisting landholders to better manage their natural resources. The role is part of the Riverland District team, whose primary objective is to provide support to the local community in managing their natural resources, particularly in the areas of pest plant and animal management.

You will be responsible for the development and delivery of on ground works, activities and minor projects, working across both public and private lands, protecting ecological and agricultural assets. To achieve this you will need to be able to develop strong relationships and networks, adapting your engagement and communication styles to suit. You will also have an understanding of the challenges the local community are facing.

As part of the Riverland District team, you will be working alongside other motivated team members for support. You will be expected to be effective at managing your own time, and maintaining a level of safety whilst working independently.

A reasonable level of on the job training will be provided in the specialist areas. It is expected that you will have basic proficiency in the suite of Microsoft products, and considered an advantage if you have an understanding of mapping and data collection systems. This role can be flexible, including part time. We encourage applicants to discuss options when applying.

Contract:
Contract for up to 12 Months

Remuneration:
CLASSIFICATION OPS2-OPS3 \$57,842 min - \$70,968 max p.a.

Enquiries to:
Hannah Spronk, District Manager Riverland
hannah.spronk@sa.gov.au
0427 061 377

Application Instructions:
Applications are to be submitted online through I WORK FOR SA. Candidates will be considered for either the OPS2 or OPS3 classification stream depending on background and experience.

Applicants are to submit a pre-employment declaration, CV and letter of application (max. 2 pages) outlining your skills as they relate to the duties above, and experiences relevant for this role.

Landscape SA is committed to building a diverse and inclusive workplace. We encourage applications from people with diverse backgrounds including all ages and gender identities, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander, people with disability, culturally and linguistically diverse and LGBTQIA+.

Applications close: 10/05/2024 6:00 PM

Flexibility Statement
The South Australian public sector promotes diversity and flexible ways of working including part-time. Applicants are encouraged to discuss the flexible working arrangements for this role.

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Real Estate Sales Representative
Renmark, SA

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About the role

We are looking for a Real Estate Sales Representative to join the Riverland team on a permanent, full-time basis. This role will work as part of a team and be active in self-marketing and promotion of all Elders campaigns including field days, client nights, community events and forums.

As a Real Estate Sales Representative, you will:

- List, market and sell properties
- Build and maintain client relationships to understand their current & future needs
- Achieve targets for sales, listings, appraisals and vendor-paid advertising
- Ensure personal compliance with all professional standards and reporting requirements
- Work with the Elders team and assist our clients to explore new innovative opportunities
- Maximising promotional opportunities, including helping at field days and community events

About you:

- Hold a Real Estate licence (preferred) and a current driver's licence (essential)
- Can appraise properties, and identify positive aspects and potential of both rural and residential properties
- Possess a sound understanding of Real Estate Legislation
- High level of commitment and attention to detail
- A strong work ethic and determination to succeed
- Willingness to work outside of normal office hours
- If you do not hold a Real Estate licence but have the passion and drive to succeed and are prepared to obtain the necessary qualifications at your own expense we encourage you to apply.

Apply now or for more information call Kim Lange,
Elders Real Estate Riverland Operations Manager on
0447 928 143 or email kim.lange@elders.com.au

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District Council of
Loxton Waikerie

WAIKERIE ANZAC DAY MARCH ROAD CLOSURE

Pursuant to Council By Law No.5 of 2017

The District Council of Loxton Waikerie hereby exercises the power pursuant to Section 33 of the Road Traffic Act, 1961 and Clause “F” of the Instrument of General Approval of the Minister dated 12 March 2001 to:

(1) Pursuant to section 33 (1) of the Road Traffic Act 1961, hereby make an order directing that the following schedule of roads be closed to traffic between 7:00am and 10.00am on Thursday 25 April 2024 for the 2024 Waikerie Anzac March.

**Burns Street from
Jemison Street to Lawrie Terrace**

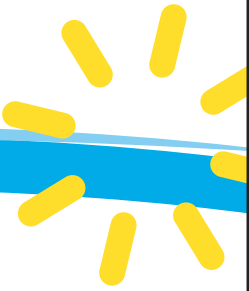
**Lawrie Terrace from McCoy Street
Northern roundabout to Stanley Street**

**Jemison Street from
Burns Street to Cates Street**

(3) Pursuant to Section 33 (1)(b) of the Road Traffic Act 1961, hereby make an order directing that persons taking part in the Event be exempted (in relation to the roads) from the duty to observe Australian Road Rules 230 and 238

For further information contact
Greg Perry 8584 8000
council@lwdc.sa.gov.au

David Beaton
Chief Executive Officer



COMMUNICATIONS AND ENGAGEMENT OFFICER

PERMANENT • FULL TIME

We are seeking a talented and motivated communications professional to join our executive services team in the new role of Communications and Engagement Officer. In this role you will drive communications, ensuring people feel informed, engaged and aligned to our community's strategies.

Focused on strengthening our public presence you will craft and curate innovative and compelling content to initiate conversations. Drawing on your experience, you will be aware of emerging trends that attracts and retains the interest and attention of our community.

In strengthening our connection with our community, you will establish partnerships, enabling us to identify our community's priorities and values that continue to shape services and service systems.

Your ability to recognise and captilise on opportunities, along with your keen attention to detail, inquisitive nature and curiosity to explore new initiatives, will be valuable within this role.

To learn more and to apply, please visit our website
<https://www.berribarmera.sa.gov.au/your-council/employment>

Closing date: 12.00noon Monday 13 May 2024

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Flu Clinics Barmera Medical Clinic

2024 FLU VACCINATION PROGRAM

As part of the 2024 Annual Influenza Program people most at risk of severe influenza and its complications are eligible for free influenza vaccines under the National Immunisation Program, Eligible groups for 2024 and include:

- Pregnant women (at any stage of pregnancy)
- Children aged 6 months to less than five years
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 6 months and over
- People aged 65 years and over
- People aged 6 months who are medically at risk with certain medical conditions, medical conditions include:
 - Cardiac disease
 - Chronic respiratory conditions
 - Chronic neurological conditions
 - Immunocompromising conditions
 - Chronic metabolic disorder
 - Chronic kidney disease
 - Haematological disorder
- Long term aspirin therapy in children aged 5 to 10 years

Appointments for patients eligible for a Government funded vaccine will commence on the 22nd April with our Saturday clinic open for bookings for the 4th May.

Patients who are **NOT eligible** can be provided with an influenza vaccine, however there will be a charge for the vaccine. Clinics for these patients will commence from the 30th April.

Bookings are essential, we ask patients to book online via HotDoc for flu vaccinations or if required to call the clinic on 08 8588 2040

Please bring your current Medicare or Department of Veterans Affairs Card to your appointment. Patients are advised we require them to wait a minimum of 15 minutes and to refrain from driving or operating machinery for 30 minutes following vaccination.



the quiz answers

1.He never lost a fight 2.Naples 3.Vertigo
4.Military 5.Summer's day 6.Measure for Measure 7.None 8.Oysters 9.Hallux 10.Ken Rosewall 11.Monaco 12.Division 13.South Pole 14.Mikhail Gorbachev 15.Denim 16.Titanic 17.Switzerland 18.Submarine 19.Garnet 20.Ford Model T

BONUS QUESTION ANSWER
(from last week): The first European to set foot in Australia was Willem Janszoon in 1606.



2024 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Activity Centre, Berri Cottage Homes

1 McGilton Road, Berri 5343

Sunday, 12th May, 2024 at 2pm

All interested persons are welcome to attend. The Management Committee Members- Yvonne Jex, Peter Ison, Claire Eichenberger, Sharyn Moll and Chris Ware are due to retire due to effluxion of time.

Volunteers are encouraged to join our Management Committee.

Persons wishing to nominate may obtain a form from the Berri Cottage Homes Office or by phoning 8582 4970.

**All nominations must be received
by Friday, 3rd May, 2024.**

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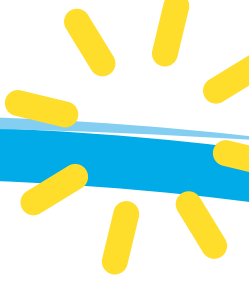
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SMALL TOWNS HARD WASTE COLLECTION

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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**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



District Council of
Loxton Waikerie

National Volunteer Week
20-26 MAY 2024
Something for Everyone

Mayor Trevor Norton and Elected Members of the District Council of Loxton Waikerie invite you to join in the celebration of our community volunteers.

Council will be hosting two events in Loxton and Waikerie on Monday 20 May 2024:

Waikerie – Morning Tea
10am – 12pm
Waikerie Bowling Club
25 Lawrie Street Waikerie

Loxton – Afternoon Tea
2pm – 4pm
Loxton Retirement Village Community Centre
136 Bookpurnong Terrace Loxton

Please RSVP by Monday 6 May 2024 to council@lwdc.sa.gov.au or 08 8584 8000. We hope you can join us to celebrate all the people that make our district so special.

David Beaton
Chief Executive Officer



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hugh cooks with hugh

For this edition of Hugh cooks with Hugh, the boys have taken on another surprise ingredient challenge, and this time came up with an Asian-inspired pork satay dish that utilises the best Autumn vegetables. Don't be afraid to add a bit of chilli to the satay sauce.



For pork satay, vegetables, crispy noodles

- ☐ Pork loin or fillet
- ☐ 1/4 red cabbage
- ☐ 1 bunch bok choy
- ☐ 1 pack Hokkien noodles
- ☐ 300g peanut butter
- ☐ 2 tbsp soy sauce
- ☐ 1 tbsp fish sauce
- ☐ 1 tbsp sugar
- ☐ salt
- ☐ 1 tbsp white vinegar

- ☐ oil
- ☐ small knob ginger
- ☐ 2 cloves garlic
- ☐ 1 carrot

Method

- Combine peanut butter, fish sauce, soy sauce, sugar, grated garlic and ginger in a bowl. Whisk well, or blend, until fully incorporated.
- Thinly slice carrot, add to a bowl and cover with vinegar and salt. Allow to pickle.
- Cut cabbage and bok choy in

half lengthways.

- Add oil to a pan and cook pork on high heat for 3 to 5 minutes each side, then finish in 180C oven for 10 minutes.
- Add cabbage and bok choy to a pan over high heat and cook for a few minutes until lightly charred.
- Add an inch of oil to a pan. Heat to high and fry noodles for a minute until crisp.
- Add sauce to a pan and simmer over medium heat until thickened.
- Slice pork and serve with crisp noodles, sauce and vegetables.

BERRI BLAZERS ALL-INCLUSIVE MINI BASKETBALL CARNIVAL

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2024 AFL FOOTY TIPPERS COMP

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

1ST PRIZE



2ND PRIZE



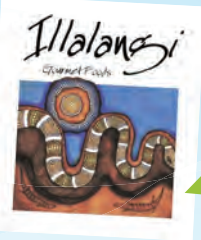
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ENTRY LOCATIONS

- Renmark Plaza Newsagency
Berri Newsagency
Barmera Newsagency
Loxton Newsagency
- Viewpoint Cafe & Service
Station, Waikerie
Murray Pioneer (Renmark)

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 8

Points margin in
highlighted game:

Entries close Thursday 2 May, 4pm

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

Name

Address

Phone

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ROUND 6 RESULTS

Chris Schutz(5)40	Maria Otero.....(4)37
Louise Thiel(4)40	Rosemary Campbell(4)37
Barry Seagrim(4)39	Duani Vowles(4)37
Stephen Matic(5)38	Janine Burgess(6)36
David Brindley.....(5)38	Peter Wieckowski.....(5)36
Elizabeth Steele(5)38	Chloe Brown(5)36
Ross Sumner (Jnr)(5)37	Marlene Schultz(5)36
Raelene Schutz(4)37	Trevor Flint(4)36
Mark Farley(4)37	Katelyn Lynch(4)36
Joel Stoeckel(4)37	Darren Schultz(4)36

CONGRATULATIONS

TO OUR TOP THREE TIPSTERS

Dan Liebich, Paul Reid
& Daphne Dack

AND BONUS VOUCHER WINNERS

Angelo Otero & Janine Burgess

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.

RIVERLAND A GRADE

	RENMARK		BARMERA-MONASH		
					

ROVERS	1.3	5.6	6.7	9.9	63
ROOS	1.1	1.2	3.3	4.4	28

BEST: Renmark - D. Woolford, N. Gillard, T. Woolford, J. Rowe, R. Garrett, J. Vater. Barmera-Monash - J. Bonney, A. Lyon, L. Thomas, J. Smith, S. Butterworth, F. Sampson.
GOALS: Renmark - N. Gillard 5, L. Jackson, J. Vater, A. Haynes, D. Johnson. Barmera-Monash - R. Lehmann 2, M. Wutke, M. Wellington.

	LOXTON NORTH		WAIKERIE		
					

PANTHERS	2.2	5.7	8.8	12.10	82
MAGPIES	5.1	8.3	10.6	12.8	80

BEST: Loxton North - A. Kudra, Z. Wooldridge, S. Lewis, M. Akaso, C. Koehne, J. Worsfold. Waikerie - B. Burgemeister, S. Hausler, S. Chambers, T. Geehman, J. Burgemeister, B. Sumner.
GOALS: Loxton North - C. Koehne, Z. Wooldridge 3, A. Kudra, R. Proud 2, M. Akaso, J. Proud. Waikerie - B. Sumner 3, M. Hahn, K. Hilton 2, S. Braun, J. Grubb, R. Ricciuto, T. Sheldon, J. Spencely.

	LOXTON		BERRI		
					

TIGERS	2.2	5.4	12.5	16.6	102
DEMONS	1.0	3.3	4.5	8.6	54

BEST: Loxton - C. Lange, J. Will, H. Campbell, B. De Prinse, L. Evans, R. Walton. Berri - O. Hunyadi, J. Marr, H. Kregar, R. Kruger, A. Dayman, C. Robertson.
GOALS: Loxton - N. Flight, R. Kennedy 3, B. Boughen, L. Evans 2, H. Campbell, B. De Prinse, O. Joerin, D. Kassulke, R. Romeo, J. Will. Berri - R. Kruger 3, K. Bishop, P. Minchella, R. Moroney, E. Penaluna, C. Robertson.

MURRAY VALLEY

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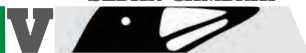
REDBACKS	4.6	10.8	14.10	21.12	138
SWANS	0.2	2.2	3.3	6.4	40

BEST: BSR - B. Webster, T. Tacono, C. Horstmann, Z. Hedley, M. Speyer, B. McDonough. Paringa - S. Bartholomaeus, J. Smedley, L. Croft, B. Morey, J. Watson, K. Seekamp.
GOALS: BSR - T. Tacono 10, C. Giles 3, B. McDonough 2, J. Fry, J. Hodge, C. Horstmann, J. Mapstone, J. Orr, M. Speyer. Paringa - B. Roesler, J. Wood 2, M. Recchia, D. Waye.

	MURRAYVILLE		WUNKAR		
					

BLUES	6.3	10.4	18.8	19.14	128
BULLDOGS	0.2	0.5	3.6	6.8	44

BEST: Murrayville - J. Batista, J. Durdin, M. Moore, C. Sporn, J. Hoffmann, D. Hill. Wunkar - K. Worsfold, J. Tapper, B. Stone, T. Schulz, J. Jeffrey, L. Worsfold.
GOALS: Murrayville - D. Hill 4, J. Batista, B. Martin, C. Sporn 3, G. Franks, R. Watson 2, K. Gohl, B. Watson. Wunkar - L. Biele, H. Kelly, J. Obst, L. Verrall, O. Winen, M. Worsfold.

	RAMCO		SEDAN-CAMBRAI		
					

ROOSTERS	1.2	3.3	6.5	11.9	75
MAGPIES	3.3	6.4	7.10	8.10	58

BEST: Ramco - B. Fridd, K. Sparks, J. Parfitt, Z. Knox, N. Birch, K. Kuchel. Sedan-Cambrai - A. Grieger, S. Klose, B. Nicolai, B. Jacob, J. Kain, C. Rodriguez-James.
GOALS: Ramco - N. Birch, B. Fridd 3, K. Sparks 2, B. Durrant, J. O'Callaghan, J. Parfitt. Sedan-Cambrai - C. Thompson 3, B. Burgemeister, A. Cooper, B. Jacob, J. Le Couteur, R. Marshall.



MURRAY PIONEER WRITERS' AWARD

PLAYER	CLUB	TW	TOTAL
N. Gillard	R	5	5
C. Lange	L	5	5
A. Kudra	LN	5	5
Z. Wooldridge	LN	4	4
D. Woolford	R	4	4
L. Evans	L	4	4

OTHER GRADES

B GRADE

Barmera-Monash 15.7 (97) d Renmark 2.5 (17).
BEST: Barmera-Monash - T. Austin, B. Barnes, J. Barker, B. Bagguley, J. Trudgian, N. Hamood. Renmark - S. Kahlon, A. Hem, L. Harrington, A. Dunhill, O. Spring, B. Redpath.
GOALS: Barmera-Monash - D. Weetra 3, B. Bagguley, J. Stemberger, J. Trudgian 2, Z. Galvin, N. Hamood, A. Karpany, J. Millington, A. Norman, B. Williams. Renmark - R. Abend-Williss 2.

Waikerie 14.9 (93) d Loxton North 4.6 (30).
BEST: Waikerie - C. Radolvic-Tripodi, Z. Wood, C. Mackereth, H. Dearman, N. Andrew, L. Exton. Loxton North - K. Fielke, B. Thompson, K. Hewitt, Z. Nitschke, D. Obst, J. Lane.
GOALS: Waikerie - B. Haynes, C. Mackereth, J. Thomson, B. Venning 3, H. Dearman, S. Liebich. Loxton North - K. Fielke, Z. Nitschke, B. Thompson, B. Walding.

Loxton 12.6 (78) d Berri 4.6 (30).
BEST: Loxton - B. Halting, O. Ackland, J. Boughen, H. Woodward, L. Zdanowicz, T. Jackson. Berri - H. Sandford, A. Page, M. Sumner, N. Geyer, D. Raghubeer, B. Reid-Fletcher.
GOALS: Loxton - C. Loxton, L. Pontt, L. Zdanowicz 3, O. Ackland, L. Harder, JJ. Campbell. Berri - M. Sumner 2, G. Eisenberg, N. Geyer.



UNDER 18

Barmera-Monash 8.12 (60) d Renmark 3.2 (20).
BEST: Barmera-Monash - L. Warnett, L. Marks, R. Moore, L. Allder, T. Whitbourne, B. Rashleigh. Renmark - H. Papageorgios, A. Leesue, T. Johnson, C. Goodman, I. Morgan, J. Rothe.
GOALS: Barmera-Monash - L. Allder 2, T. Drogemuller, H. Johns, R. Moore, H. Ness, B. Scordo, L. Warnett. Renmark - J. Bentley, J. Clark, I. Morgan.

Waikerie 19.14 (128) d Loxton North 1.1 (7).
BEST: Waikerie - A. Liebich, H. Glacken, C. Penglis, A. Kuchel, K. Hahn, R. Fridd. Loxton North - C. Petch, L. Clayton, J. Hewitt, R. Wooldridge, J. Lehmann, D. Venning.
GOALS: Waikerie - A. Kuchel 5, R. Fridd, A. Liebich 3, J. Coombe, K. Hahn, C. Penglis 2, M. Camerlengo, H. Glacken. Loxton North - R. Wooldridge.

Berri 9.11 (65) d Loxton 6.1 (37)
BEST: Berri - L. Watson, J. Campaign, J. Dymmott, B. Reid-Fletcher, H. Campbell, B. Pankhurst. Loxton - J. Gum, C. Rankine, R. Montgomery, M. Perre, H. Westbrook, A. Edwards.
GOALS: Berri - J. Dymmott, B. Pankhurst, L. Watson, B. Wenman 2, M. Andary. Loxton - R. Montgomery 2, J. Gum, R. Tripp, H. Westbrook, M. Winter.

UNDER 15

Barmera-Monash 11.13 (79) d Renmark 0.4 (4).
BEST: Barmera-Monash - D. Marks, S. Humphries, M. Johnson, H. Banks, T. Nettle, R. Johnson. Renmark - S. DePalma, H. Riedel, R. Clark, R. Harding, H. Dring, K. Bronish-Rice.
GOALS: Barmera-Monash - D. Marks 4, I. Ness 2, T. Allder, H. Banks, J. Norman, B. Sullivan, S. Westcott.

Loxton North 11.5 (71) d Waikerie 6.7 (43).
BEST: Loxton North - A. Kent, T. Meaney, C. Schwarz, J. Wyatt, D. May, R. Noack. Waikerie - T. Moxham, E. Carter, J. Ebert, C. Collins, A. Kipling, J. Coombe.
GOALS: Loxton North - T. Meaney 4, J. Wyatt 3, C. Schwarz, C. Setchell 2. Waikerie - R. Macey 3, N. Camerlengo, E. Lawrance, T. Moxham.

Berri 7.9 (51) d Loxton 5.7 (37).
BEST: Berri - N. Vallelonga, T. Ferreira, S. Marsden, C. Staehr, W. Marsden, J. Hunter. Loxton - D. Mayes, B. Sylvia, B. Duthie, A. Flavel, W. Lister-White, L. Milton.
GOALS: Berri - T. Ferreira, J. Hunter, C. Kruger 2, S. Marsden. Loxton - J. Bewley, L. Deren, B. Duthie, W. Lister-White, C. Thiele-Butterworth.



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LADDERS

RFL A GRADE

	W	L	D	F	A	P	%
RENMARK	1	0	0	63	28	2	69.23
LOXTON	1	0	0	102	54	2	65.38
LOXTON NORTH	1	0	0	82	80	2	50.61
WAIKERIE	0	1	0	80	82	0	49.38
BERRI	0	1	0	54	102	0	34.61
BARMERA-MONASH	0	1	0	28	63	0	30.76

	W	L	D	F	A	P	%
MVFNL	2	0	0	219	112	8	66.16
BSR	1	1	0	200	125	4	61.53
MURRAYVILLE	1	1	0	133	128	4	50.95
SEDAN-CAMBRAI	1	1	0	132	131	4	50.19
RAMCO	1	1	0	117	185	4	38.74
WUNKAR	0	1	0	53	75	0	41.40
BROWN'S WELL	0	1	0	40	138	0	22.47
PARINGA							

	W	L	F	A	P	%
B GRADE						
BARMERA-MONASH	1	0	97	17	2	85.0
WAIKERIE	1	0	93	30	2	75.6
LOXTON	1	0	78	30	2	72.2
BERRI	0	1	30	78	0	27.7
LOXTON NORTH	0	1	30	93	0	24.3
RENMARK	0	1	17	97	0	14.9

	W	L	F	A	P	%
UNDER 18						
WAIKERIE	1	0	128	7	2	94.8
BARMERA-MONASH	1	0	60	20	2	75.0
BERRI	1	0	65	37	2	63.7
LOXTON	0	1	37	65	0	36.2
RENMARK	0	1	20	60	0	25.0
LOXTON NORTH	0	1	7	128	0	5.18

	W	L	F	A	P	%
UNDER 15						
BARMERA-MONASH	1	0	79	4	2	95.1
LOXTON NORTH	1	0	71	43	2	62.2
BERRI	1	0	51	37	2	57.9
LOXTON	0	1	37	51	0	42.0
WAIKERIE	0	1	43	71	0	37.7
RENMARK	0	1	4	79	0	4.81

	W	L	F	A	P
UNDER 13					
LOXTON	1	0	51	3	2
WAIKERIE	1	0	134	0	2
BARMERA-MONASH	0	0	25	25	1
RENMARK	0	0	25	25	1
BERRI	0	1	3	51	0
LOXTON NORTH	0	1	0	134	0

LEADING GOALKICKERS

PLAYER	CLUB	TW	TOTAL
N. Gillard	R	5	5
B. Sumner	W	3	3
Z. Wooldridge	LN	3	3
R. Kennedy	L	3	3
R. Kruger	B	3	3
J. Koehne	LN	3	3

SWATTY'S JUNIOR FOOTY FIX



PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff



Redbacks sting Swans to remain undefeated

ROUND two of the Murray Valley Football League saw BSR deliver a 98-point thumping to Paringa, remaining the only undefeated side in the competition.

Coming off the bye, Paringa got off to a slow start, trailing by 28 points at the opening change, before the lead was extended to 54 points at the major break.

Both Blake Webster and captain Cameron Horstmann found plenty of the football for BSR, but a star-studded performance from Thomas Tacono in attack stole the headlines.

Tacono kicked 10 goals in the best individual performance the competition has seen over the opening fortnight, while Chris Giles and Blake McDonough both were among the multiple goalkickers.

Scott Bartholomaeus fought hard for the Swans all afternoon, while Brodie Roesler and Jonathon Wood each kicked two goals.

Meanwhile, Murrayville kick-started its

season with a crushing round two victory over Wunkar away from home.

Booting the first six goals of the game, the Blues raced away to a 37-point lead at the opening break, extending that margin to 54 at the half time interval, putting the game beyond Wunkar's reach.

Joshua Batista was best afield for Murrayville, with Jake Durdin also proving important, while there were no answers for Dean Hill in attack, who booted four majors.

Kyle Worsfold fought valiantly for the Bulldogs, finding plenty of the ball while Jake Tapper and Brad Stone didn't give in throughout the afternoon.

Elsewhere, Ramco delivered an early upset, defeating Sedan-Cambrai by 17 points on the road.

Despite being behind throughout the entirety of the afternoon, the Magpies kicked five goals to one in the final quarter, turning



Wunkar and Murrayville battled it out at the kennel on Saturday. PHOTO: Facebook

for Ramco, finding plenty of the ball, and having an impact on the scoreboard with two majors.

Cameron Thompson was a strong presence in attack for the Magpies with three goals, while Adam Grieger, Shawn Klose and Bradley Nicolai helped give the Sedan-Cambrai forwards strong service throughout much of the afternoon.

This Saturday's fixture sees Murrayville play its second home game of the season against Sedan-Cambrai in the match of the round, with both sides expected to feature deeply in finals calculations.

Elsewhere, Paringa plays its first home game of the season against Wunkar with both sides hoping to return to the winners' list, while the red-hot Roosters face off against a Brown's Well side fresh off the bye.

AROUND THE GROUNDS

IT took 609 days, but Berri finally broke its under 18 drought on Saturday afternoon, with a gritty 28-point win against Loxton at Tigerland.

The wait for a win stretched to 20 August 2022, when the Demons defeated arch-rival Barmera-Monash in a semi-final.

However, after a winless 2023 season, Berri returned to the winners list on the back of a starring performance from Liam Watson, who was named best with his two-goal effort.

The Demons had an even spread of contributors right throughout the match, as four players finished with multiple goals.

Elsewhere, Waikerie enjoyed a thumping round one win over Loxton North, running out 121-point victors.

Ashley Kuchel was the key to victory for the Magpies, finishing with five majors.

North's only junior victory of the weekend came through the under 15s competition, with the Panthers running out 28-point winners away from home.

Meanwhile, the biggest surprise of the round came in the under 13s clash Lakeside when Barmera-Monash played out a 25-all draw against an inaccurate Renmark outfit.



Barmera-Monash and Renmark battled it out in the under 18s competition. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff



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Tigers roar past Demons at home

LACHLAN DAND

A SECOND half blitz from Loxton gave its supporters plenty to cheer about, running out 48-point victors over Berri at Tigerland in the RFL round one match last Saturday.

After a tight tussle throughout the first half, the Tigers kicked seven goals to one in the third term, putting the game beyond Berri's reach.

Loxton had an even spread of contributors in front of goal with 10 individual goalkickers, something which thoroughly impressed second-year coach Luke Harder.

"It's good to share the load and not be too reliant on one or two blokes to do it all," he said.

"Having 10 individual goalkickers shows the cohesion and synergy which we've got as a group going forward."

"We always want

102		54		
5	Che Lange	L	MURRAY PIONEER WRITERS' AWARD	
4	Lachlan Evans	L		
3	Jesse Will	L		
2	Brayden De Prinse	L		
1	Rogan Kennedy	L		

to win, no matter who we're up against, and in round one you're always going to have a few nervous players which showed in the first half," he said.

"What we were trying to implement in the first half was there, it was just the execution which was slightly off.

"We weren't quite hitting our targets through the corridor, which allowed Berri to attack, but our back six held up really well.

"The key message at half time was just settle down and show some composure, and in the third quarter that showed and we were able to get a score on the board."

As the Demons

pressed throughout much of the first half, Loxton relied on half backer Che Lange, who showed why he is among the competition's best defenders.

Lange intercepted well all afternoon, ensuring Berri was unable to get back into the contest, driving the Tigers forward at every opportunity, with key names in attack proving dominant.

In his A grade return, Rogan Kennedy showed why he is a force to be reckoned with in attack booting three goals, while Nathan Flight proved he will be hard to stop up forward in 2024, also finishing

with three.

Lachlan Evans' experience all over the ground was a bonus for Loxton, kicking two majors, while new ruckman Brayden De Prinse helped provide first use for the Tigers' midfielders.

Demons forward Regan Kruger provided a point of difference up front for the Demons, booting three majors, while Evan Penaluna and Rory Moroney both hit the scoreboard.

Berri's backline stood tall throughout much of the contest, with Jordan Marr and Angus Dayman putting together strong pieces of play, while Cohen Robertson also provided a spark up forward.

This week's fixture sees the Tigers host reigning premiers Barmera Monash, who will be looking to return to the winners list, while Berri faces Loxton North at home.



Berri forward Regan Kruger kicked three goals against Loxton.
PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

Holly's record-breaking running effort

LACHLAN DAND

WHEN Renmark-based athlete Holly Ranson enrolled for the Australian 24-hour track invitational at the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra, few knew the plethora of records she would go on to break.

Ranson, who has recently relocated to Adelaide, completed the bulk of her training in Renmark prior to the April event, putting her best foot forward to receive selection for the World Championships in October 2025.

The Canberra event saw her set four national records, including further improving on the 12-hour record she had previously set by six kilometres.

Ranson also achieved the 100-mile record,

and the 200-kilometre record, the latter achieved in a little over 17 hours.

Just 40 entrants are allowed to race in the Australian 24-hour track invitational event, also doubling as the national championships.

Ms Ranson said she began running as she reached the age of 18, starting off with 5km-10km fun runs.

"From there I got into triathlons, which got me into the cycling game for a while, so I've been around it for a while," she said.

"I moved to Darwin for a bit and there isn't much of a cycling scene out there, so I got into trail running, and I realised the longer the race, the better I was suited to it.

"I'm not particularly fast, but I can go at a reasonable pace for a long time it seems, so I



Holly Ranson in action. FILE PHOTO

just kept going with the ultra-events."

The 35-year-old said one of the best aspects of running is improved mental health, along with keeping fit and healthy.

"It's really good mental health time, and getting out into nature and not having to

answer the phone is great too," she said.

"You don't have to answer to anyone, and just get time to yourself to get away from the day-to-day routine of your life.

"I do it to advantage my mental health, and it's enjoyable because you meet a lot of people through doing it which is great.

"Ultra running is hard, and it might seem overwhelming for someone who's getting into running, but I definitely encourage anyone to run as far as they can or as long as they can, because there's a lot of benefits involved.

"People often surprise themselves because they don't think they can run a certain distance or a certain time, but you can achieve more than you think is possible."

Riverland netball returns for 2024

WITH the off-season officially complete, the Riverland Netball Association returns with a bumper opening night this Friday at Berri's Toyota Arena.

It has been a busy off-season, with new coaches scattered around the A1 competition, which will consist of five teams in 2024, due to Waikerie not entering a side.

The season kicks off

in ANZAC Round, with Loxton taking on Barmera in the early fixture, before Berri battles Loxton North in the ANZAC Medal Game.

Last season's grand finalist Renmark will have to wait until round two to get its season started under new coach Tegan Moldovan.

Renmark will face Loxton North away from home, before a first home game of the season against Loxton

in a grand final rematch in round four.

Waikerie will be competing in the A2 competition, which will also get under way on Friday night at the Toyota Arena, with the lower graded competitions to be played throughout Saturday.

For a full preview on each Riverland Netball Association side, read the 2024 Game Plan magazine.



The grand final rematch between Renmark and Loxton will be held in round four.
PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff

Loxton took home the 2023 A1 premiership.



Panthers claw their way to win

ARGUABLY the biggest surprise of the opening round of the RFL came at Waikerie Oval, where Loxton North picked up a thrilling win in new coach Dave Higgins' first game in charge.

It was a summer of chaos for Loxton North, which had coach Terry Eleftheriadis walk out the door in February replaced by Higgins.

The Panthers were forced to come from behind, having trailed at every break, after the Magpies got a 17-point jumpstart at the opening change.

However, they continued to chip away at the Waikerie lead, eventually trimming the margin to 10 points at the final change, before a four goal to two last quarter helped steal an unlikely win.

Loxton North coach Dave Higgins said his message to the players was clear, making sure his side stayed with the Magpies as long as possible.

"I was reasonably confident that the work they'd done through the pre-season, with Josh Sandland as the

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fitness guy, that our fitness base would be pretty solid," he said.

"We didn't have a trial game, but we knew our actual fitness would hold us in good stead, so between that and good resilience across the board, we were able to stay in it and get over the line at the end."

The Panthers had a variety of goalkickers throughout the afternoon, with youngster Caleb Koehne booting three majors, while Zac Wooldridge's three-goal effort was also important.

However, Alek Kudra's work around the ground set him apart from the rest, finding plenty of the ball, and kicking two goals.

Waikerie's early lead was built through strong midfield contributions from dynamic duo Jarrad Bee and Tristam Geehman.

Both Bee and Geehman are members of the Magpies' leadership group, which was



Alek Kudra takes a strong mark on his way to a best on ground performance as Loxton North secured a come from behind victory. PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff

on full display as they led from the front all day.

New recruits Reuben Ricciuto and Jake Grubb made their presence felt for Waikerie, proving impactful in possession as well as hitting the scoreboard.

Elsewhere, the battle between Bradley Burgemeister and Matthew

Hampel in the ruck proved intriguing, with both players competing well in the contest and around the ground.

Higgins said team unity was one of the most pleasing factors for Loxton North, and it was good reward for a long pre-season.

"It was a great team effort across the board on and off

the field, so it was awesome reward for the guys who have been at training since the start of pre-season and worked really hard," he said.

"We've all got a pretty clear understanding that it's going to take some time for us to get a really good connection, but we'll just keep adding layers to what we're

doing as we go through the season, and hopefully that holds us in good stead.

"It gives everybody a shot of confidence that we've got a good side and we can match it with the other sides, and we can look forward to blue skies ahead. People did what they needed to do at the right time."



Jake Spencely kicks for goal against Loxton North on Saturday.

Superstar Spencely back in black and white

AFTER spending a year with Meadows Football Club in the Hills Football League, Waikerie superstar Jake Spencely has returned to the club.

Having previously spent five seasons with the Magpies, Spencely is a welcome addition to Waikerie, which begun season 2024 with a two-point loss to Loxton North at home on Saturday afternoon.

Spencely's ability to play through the midfield, and make a scoreboard impact is what makes him such a damaging prospect, booting a goal in his return game.

- LACHLAN DAND



Masud Akaso fires out a handball for the Panthers.

New teams make their mark during first round of fresh Riverland Eightball Association season

A HOST of new teams officially made their mark in the first round of the new Riverland division one eightball competition on Wednesday night.

Teams this season come from Barmera, Loxton and

Lyrup, with a mixed bag of results occurring for those sides on opening night.

In the biggest win of the round, an experienced Lyrup Club side defeated Loxton RSL BC 11-5, while just two shots separated the other

three results, all with identical score lines.

Barmera Breaking Bad defeated seasoned professionals the Lyrup Club Lions, while Loxton RSL tasted victory, defeating Lyrup Odd Bunch.

RESULTS DIVISION 1

DILLIGAF (Lyrup Club) 11 d Loxton RSL BC 5
Loxton RSL 9 d Lyrup Odd Bunch 7
Barmera Breaking Bad 9 d Lyrup Club Lions 7
Lyrup Club Bushy 9 d Just The Tip (Barmera) 7

DIVISION 2

Waikerie Club Hot Shots 9 d Cobbers 7
Monash Club 12 d Loxton RSL 4
Loxton Black 9 d Red J's (Loxton) 7

DIVISION 3

Cobby Club 8 d Bonney Pelicans (Barmera) 8 in a blackball shootout

NFI (Barmera) 9 d Lyrup Club 7
Renmark Aces 10 d Cobby Roos 6
DIVISION 4
G.O.B (Cobby Club) 12 d Monash Rascals 4
Lyrup Lost & Found 9 d Cobby Black Widows 7
Cobby Scorpions 8 d Lyrup Unpredictables 8 in a blackball shootout.

Rovers strangle Roos in round one grand final rematch

LACHLAN DAND

THE highly anticipated rematch of 2023’s RFL grand final had a different result this time around, with boom Renmark recruit Nick Gillard’s five goals proving the difference.

In a low scoring start to the match, not dissimilar to last season’s decider, Renmark took a two-point advantage over home side Barmera-Monash into the opening break.

However, the game broke wide open in the second term. Kicking with the breeze, Renmark booted four goals to none, extending the lead to 27 points at the main break, with Gillard providing a spark up forward.

Barmera-Monash charged at stages throughout the third term, trimming the margin to 22 points following some individual brilliance in attack from key forward Reece Lehmann, who booted one of the goals of the day.

With the game somewhat in the balance heading into the final term, Renmark used the scoring end to its advantage, kicking another three goals to one to seal the win.

Gillard showed why he is one

of the prized recruits of the off-season, with the Renmark forward booting five goals, threatening to be a significant weapon for the Rovers in 2024.

Barmera-Monash was missing star recruits Jono Beech and Mason Middleton, with the two unavailable due to prior commitments, and it showed throughout the afternoon, as the Roos struggled to move the ball effectively into the attacking 50.

Renmark’s defensive pressure all over the ground was at a premium, slowing down the ball movement of the home side, with playing coach Josh Vater leading from the front.

Vater showed poise across half back, driving the visitors forward at every opportunity, ably supported by veterans Tim Blight and Trevor Thorpe, along with Nathan Zunic, who appeared to be spending time between the arcs in an off-season positional change.

Alex Haynes was deployed into a key forward role, providing a presence all afternoon, with a number of contested marks to his name.

With the departures of Michael Mock and Jack Sullivan in the off-



Renmark playing coach Josh Vater oozed class throughout the afternoon in the win over Barmera-Monash. PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff

season period, Aedan Lyon stood tall to help cover the loss, while star duo Sam Butterworth and coach Fraser Sampson were classy in possession off half back.

Returning Rover Ricky Garrett showed how good he can be with a mention in his side’s best, while the ever-reliable Woolford trio were important in the win, as was veteran midfielder Jaryd Rowe.

Renmark returns for its first home game of the season against arch-rival Waikerie next week in a twilight fixture, while Barmera-Monash will travel to Loxton in search of its first win of season 2024.



Renmark recruit Nick Gillard played a starring role in the Rovers’ win.

Vipers cause a sting in Riverland darts

THE latest round of the Riverland darts competition saw the Waikerie Vipers claim an inaugural win, bouncing back from last week’s defeat with a seven-shot victory over the Lionhearts.

Despite a valiant effort from the Lionhearts throughout the night, Waikerie was ultimately too strong, with Tyson Collins’ maximum 180 leading the way.

Elsewhere, Expendables held off a fast-finishing Lyrup Cubs outfit, winning by one shot, with both sides relying on fill-in players to help the match get underway.

Meanwhile, Cobdogla Eagles enjoyed a comfortable win over fellow contenders RC Ones in a summer grand final rematch.

Eagles had the match wrapped up after the opening round of singles, with an 8-4 lead, before winning the doubles

rounds comprehensively to extend the lead to 11-4.

RESULTS

Waikerie Vipers 11 (T. Collins 180, 100 x 4, S. McKinnon 140, 123, 100 x 2, B. Springall 140, 116, 100, C. White 140, 100 x 3, M. Court 121 x 3, 115, M. McDonald 100 x 3) d Lyrup Lionhearts 4 (B. May 177, 100 x 2, C. Dunhill 134, 133, 123, 121, 105, M. Rechia 134, 121, 101, 100, J. Francis 116, 105, 100 x 2, C. Fletcher 100, B. Koch 100).

Expendables 8 (M. Hammerling 140, 100, G. Norman 140, 100, D. Martin 125, 100, C. Vanderra 112, 100, S. Lockwood 125, K. Bray 119) d Lyrup Cubs 7 (C. Martin 140, 121 x 2, 100 x 4, D. Strother 137, 103, J. Strother 127, K. Kenefick 100 x 4).

Cobby Eagles 11 (A. Hargreaves 180, 140 x 2, 131, 125, 100 x 3, R. Stemp 160, 137, 127, 123, 100 x 2, D. Coombe 140, 100 x 5, J. Broekers 138, 135, 123, 121, 100 x 4, G. Dyer 121, 111, D. Parfitt 121, 100 x 5) d RC Ones 4 (D. Crane 180, 140 x 2, 121, 110, 100 x 6, 110 peg out, L. Rasheed 180, 100 x 5, L. Platten 140 x 2, 121, 100 x 4, W. Schwartzkopff 140, 100 x 4, C. Wagner 115, T. Stoneham 100).



Nathan Zunic spent time on the wing in a new role for the Rovers on Saturday afternoon.



Barmera-Monash livewire forward Dan Westley is confronted by Renmark’s Ricky Garrett.

GOLF

LOXTON

Wednesday April 17 – Riverland Showcase Loxton Section

Men – W. Thiele (Berri) 37, D. Lyons (Thaxted Park) 36, R. Lohmeyer (Willunga) 35.

Women – M. Crouch (Mildura) 38, S. Gore (Berri) 34, S. Pannell 34.

Saturday April 20 – Surf to Suit Sponsored Stableford

Men A – A. Pfeiler 37, S. Callary (Future) 35, J. Goldsworthy 35, S. Harris 33, R. Paige 32, D. Tyler 32.

Men B – P. Hendrick 40, B. McLean (Whyalla) 36, T. Vivian 35, D. Marsland 35, P. Rohrlach 33.

Women – M. Thomson 40, S. Pannell 35, J. Bullock 35, M. Tyler 34, Y. Reynolds 33, S. Pendle 33.

PENNANTS

DIVISION ONE

Loxton 3 d Barmera 2

A. Hume d A. Parkyn 3/2, J. Goldsworthy d H. Banks 9/7, A. Lodge lost to M. Lewan 4/6, A. Pfeiler d R. Swan 3/2.

Berri 4 d Waikerie 1

G. Morrison d D. Fechner 5/4, B. Eckermann lost to D. Hein 5/7, M. Boon d O. Brock 5/4, J. Szalbot d M. Coleman 5/4, S. Wade d A. Hutcheon.

DIVISION TWO

Barmera 4 d Loxton 1

T. Wood d B. Chapman 2/1, P. Selfe d N. Kroemer 10/8, P. Butterworth d T. Williams 10/8, N. Kelly lost to R. Nickolls 2/3, S. Butterworth d G. Macinnes 5/4.

Berri 4 d Waikerie 1

P. Mudge lost to C. Dickinson 5/6, R. Day d S. Ziegler 6/5, S. Hawkins d T. Hancock 5/3, P. Efthimiou d A. Hammond 7/6.

DIVISION THREE

Loxton 3 d Barmera 1

T. Sandlands d B. Uren 5/4, W. Skinner d J. Bowers 8/7, A. Van Haasteren lost to R. Chabrel 1/2.

Waikerie 3 d Berri 1

C. Fromm lost to W. Thiele 2/3, T. Zito d J. Wood 7/5, G. Smith d G. Tognon 7/5, K. Hancock d B. Boon 7/6.



Renmark ruckman Zachary Gartery boots his side into attack, despite the smothering attempt by Barmera-Monash veteran Jake Smith.

RIFLE CLUB

RESULTS from last week’s Renmark Small Bore Rifle Club shoot:

50m RBA shoot: M. Cresp 247.14; B. Lacey 243.10; R. Ward 239.4.

Berri product hits AFL 200 milestone



BERRI Football Club product and Geelong ruckman Rhys Stanley played his 200th AFL game earlier this month.

Stanley's milestone came during the Cats' big round five win over North Melbourne, played – fittingly – at Geelong's home ground.

After playing his junior football with Berri, Stanley joined SANFL club West Adelaide and was drafted by St Kilda with pick 47 in the 2008 AFL draft.

He famously won the 2008 Grand Final Sprint and ultimately played 58 games for the Saints between 2010 and 2014.



Stanley was traded to Geelong in the 2014 draft and has since played in two AFL grand finals, including the Cats' 2022 win over Sydney.

Throughout his AFL journey Stanley, 33, has enjoyed strong support from his family, who formerly lived in the Riverland but have relocated in recent years.



Rhys Stanley's mother, Andrea, posted these photos (above and inset) of her son on the weekend of his 200th AFL game recently. PHOTOS: Facebook

SA's junior tennis talent hits town

THE Riverland will host some of South Australia's top junior tennis players this weekend.

The JT Premier 250 Junior Tennis Tournament will be held in Renmark from Friday to Sunday.

"This is a highly ranked tournament and has attracted 74 players, with over 50 coming from outside the region," said local tennis spokesperson John Pick.

"It's a great opportunity for local players to experience playing against some highly ranked players."

The tournament will comprise under 12, under 14s and under

16s age categories, both boys and girls.

Visitors include top-ranked seed in the 12&U boys singles, Luke Modra, son of Tony and Erica Modra.

Local hopes in the main draw include Tom Nettle, Heidi Brattoli, Yianna Tzanavaras, Angelos Myer, Indy Venning and Sarah Kroehn.

In the Mixed Green Ball Singles, local players include Judson Kruger, Tasman Venning, Fred and Eddie Waters.

Mixed Orange Ball Singles players include Laura Geyer, Nash Inglis and Yasmin Ali.

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ROVERS GET ONE BACK

BOOM Renmark recruit Nick Gillard kicked five goals as Renmark reversed the result of last year's RFL grand final against Barmera-Monash in the 2024 season-opener at the Lakeside on Saturday.

In a fascinating round one, Loxton North sprung an early surprise by downing Waikerie.

SEE INSIDE

Renmark celebrate a goal in its round one win over hosts Barmera-Monash. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

Netball returns

WITH the off-season officially complete, the Riverland Netball Association returns with a bumper opening night this Friday at Berri's Toyota Arena.

It has been a busy off-season, with new coaches scattered around the A1 competition, which will consist of five teams in 2024, due to Waikerie not entering a side.

The season kicks off in ANZAC Round, with Loxton taking on Barmera in the early fixture, before Berri battles Loxton North in the ANZAC Medal Game.

Last season's grand finalist Renmark will have to wait until round two to get its season started under new coach Tegan Moldovan. Renmark will face Loxton North away from home, before a first home game of the season against Loxton in a grand final rematch in round four.

Waikerie will be competing in the A2 competition, which will also get under way on Friday night at the Toyota Arena, with the lower graded competitions to be played throughout Saturday.

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