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Happy campers, as sites reopen for Easter break

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National Parks and Wildlife Service Riverland district ranger Benita Dillon, pictured at Lyrup Flats, says she is pleased that local campsites will be reopened ahead of the Easter long weekend.
PHOTO: Deirdre Graham



Flood response prompts council to postpone projects

ON HOLD

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Pasin's preselection challenger

BARKER MP Tony Pasin is being challenged for Liberal preselection, despite being one of his party's top performers during its disastrous Federal Election campaign last year.

South-East-based Katherine McBride, wife of state Liberal Member for MacKillop, Nick McBride, has thrown her hat into the ring for the next federal election.

According to The Advertiser, 51-year-old Mrs McBride is nomi-

nating because the "fire in her belly is strong" and to give Barker voters an "alternative option".

The next federal election could be held as late as September 2025, however SA Liberal Party president Rowan Mumford said the unusually early preselection battle was part of an overall party strategy.

"The review of the 2022 Federal Election found that timing of preselections is a critical success factor and that's why we're not

wasting any time confirming candidates for the next federal election," Mr Mumford said.

"Given a federal election could be held as soon as August next year, the state executive has resolved to open nominations at this early stage to ensure we are best placed as a team to take the fight to the Albanese Government."

Nominations for Barker preselection closed on Monday.

Mr Pasin, 45, was elected for a

fourth term last year with a healthy margin of 16.6 per cent. A 2.3 per cent two-party preferred swing to Labor in Barker was well below the national swing of 3.66 per cent.

Currently the assistant spokesperson for infrastructure and transport, Mr Pasin is from the Liberal Party's conservative faction and is understood to enjoy strong support from Opposition Leader, Peter Dutton.

- PAUL MITCHELL

● Barker MP Tony Pasin



National Parks and Wildlife Service Riverland district ranger Benita Dillon says plenty of time and effort went into preparing a long list of Riverland campsites to be reopened after the flood, and ahead of the Easter long weekend. PHOTO: Deirdre Graham

JOSH BRINE

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sites open after the flood.

"It is really exciting to allow people back in the parks and camping again," she said.

"Easter is such a great time for families and friends to spend time camping and hanging out in a natural environment.

"We will gradually be able to open all our campsites again, but to have this many open already is a great effort."

Repair works included grading tracks, reinstating toilets, removing fallen trees, picking up rubbish and flood debris, cleaning signs and assets, and undertaking hazard inspections of all campsites.

Deputy Premier and SA

Environment Minister Susan Close said it was "wonderful" to see campgrounds along the river reopening.

"We want people to enjoy our parks and reserves, but to also make sure they help to preserve their natural beauty so future generations can enjoy them as well," she said.

Council campsites at Martin Bend in Berri and some sites around Barmera's Lake Bonney will also be reopen for the long weekend, as will the Sue Fieldhouse and Lake Bonney Yacht Club boat ramps in Barmera and the Bruno Bay boat ramp in Cobdogla.

However, some amenities,

including barbecues, will be unavailable.

Berri Barmera Council CEO Dylan Strong said staff had been undertaking "regular inspections and determining the best way forward" as infrastructure teams work to clear debris and repair damage.

"It has been a lot of work to get to this point, but we are extremely happy to be reopening our most popular sites to enable locals and visitor the opportunity to enjoy them again," he said.

Ms Dillon said the impacts of the flood had attracted a "diverse range of native fish, birds, frogs and an array of other wildlife".

"From an environmental perspective the flood has had a really



















beneficial aspect for many of our parks, with a green flush of new growth on the trees and a tinge of green on the ground," she said.

"However, in some areas we can't see the benefits yet and parks still need some time to recover. These will bounce back given some time...

"Flood mud' is present at most campsites - this is a thin layer of silt on top of the soil. If we get any rain this may become sticky and slippery, so please take care."

Campers are also reminded to follow marked roads, watch out for fallen trees and limbs, and take care in and around the river.

To book a campsite at a national park, visit: www.parks.sa.gov.au

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9News road trip delivers good news

JOSH BRINE and ELYSE ARMANINI

PROMOTING a “brand-new way” to enjoy the River Murray has been the goal of the 9News weather presenters, who wrap up three days of broadcasting from the Riverland tonight.

Weather presenters Jessica Braithwaite and Chelsea Carey have undertaken a ‘river road trip’ this week, starting in Waikerie on Monday and Renmark yesterday, before moving on to Loxton for today’s broadcasts at 5pm and 6pm.

The local segments are aimed at encouraging tourists to return to the region after the recent flood event. Jessica said while she and the crew had “always loved exploring the regions around South Australia”, this trip was special.

“This one feels even more meaningful,” she said.

“We’ve been watching and covering the floods, and the impact that’s been having, from a news perspective, and seeing the more

challenging parts of that story playing out.

“So, now it feels like we have an opportunity to tell a more positive story and help play a role in reviving the area, and just showing people the beautiful sights that are on offer here.

“People back in the city might be thinking about how they can help, and also needing some inspiration for their next holiday.

“So this is like a win-win for people and it’s nice to showcase it all.”

The crew visited the Waikerie Rotary Clifftop Walk lookout and the Waikerie Silo Art on Monday afternoon, and Jessica said she felt “instantly calm” at the lookout.

“It was so quiet,” she said. “I could hear the birds on the river, I could see how still the water was and I just felt the peacefulness of this place.

“Coming from the city where everything is all hustle bustle... I’m in love already.

“I might bring the kids for a holiday but it won’t be as peaceful.”



9News Weather presenter Jessica Braithwaite in front of the Waikerie Silo Art murals (above) and at the Waikerie Rotary Clifftop Walk lookout (below) this week. PHOTOS: Paul McCormick

Jessica encouraged everyone to get out and rediscover the River Murray and the Riverland.

“It’s right here on our doorstep,” she said.

“It was so easy to get here; we jumped in the car and by lunchtime we were here. There are so many surprises here just waiting to be discovered.”

The team will also broadcast from Mannum tomorrow and Murray Bridge on Friday.



Local Easter weather a mixed bag

EXPECT a mixed bag of weather across the Riverland this Easter.

The Bureau of Meteorology is predicting a perfect start to the long weekend, with a partly cloudy Good Friday tipped to hit a warm maximum of 24C.

The temperature is expected to dip for the remainder of the holiday break, with Saturday’s maximum forecast 21C, then 19C tipped for Sunday and Monday.

Saturday appears most likely to deliver some Easter rain, but only minor falls – if any – according to the BOM.

TOMORROW	
28C	Shower or two
GOOD FRIDAY	
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Flood prompts council project postponements

JOSH BRINE

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A council committee heard last month that the organisation “does not have the capacity to deliver all projects listed within the 2022/23 Annual Business Plan”.

“Management have reviewed the projects to determine which can be removed/deferred/varied to allow for successful delivery of priority projects in conjunction with the ongoing flood recovery effort,” said David Pluckhahn, council’s infrastructure and operations manager, in a report to the Infrastructure, Asset and Works Committee.

Notable removed projects include parking and disability access upgrades, a Berri baseball lighting upgrade, stage two of the Berri riverfront precinct upgrade, toilet upgrades at Martin Bend and Overland Corner, and various road and footpath upgrades.


Council CEO Dylan Strong said the flood response “continues to impact our capacity to deliver projects”.

“Council have adopted an amended capital and operating project program for the remainder of the year to allow for successful delivery of projects in conjunction with ongoing flood recovery effort,” he said.

“Stage two (of the) Berri riverfront remains a priority for council, however this requires rescoping subject to a comprehensive post-flood assessment.

“The planned (baseball) lighting upgrade is subject to the completion of

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the Glassey Park Master Plan, which is in development right now.”

Council also adopted a variation to a streetscaping project for Berri’s McGilton Road, which will see critical upgrades undertaken despite further concept planning being put on hold.

“There are immediate infrastructure needs on McGilton Road, including kerbing, footpaths and stormwater management,” Mr Strong said.

“Council wants to ensure these critical needs are delivered as soon as possible in the interests of public safety and accessibility, and not continually postponed awaiting a streetscape design.”

The project was added to council’s 2022/23 Annual Business Plan due to recent major developments on the road, including the opening of the new Berri Medical Clinic and Calvary St Catherine’s Retirement Community increasing the road’s use.

“Although the immediate works aren’t subject to a formal public consultation process, council will provide as much information as possible regarding the planned works, including timing and any associated disruption to traffic through the area,” Mr Strong said.

“Council remains committed to involving the community in the broader streetscape design of the McGilton Road precinct which may include for example the appearance of the street, roadside planting, traffic controls or parking options.”



Berri Barmera Council has removed stage two of the Berri riverfront redevelopment, intended to extend on the work of stage one (pictured), from its 2022/23 project list due to the impacts of flood recovery works.



Concept designs for upgrades to Berri’s McGilton Road. IMAGE: Berri Barmera Council

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About 350 caravans from around Australia packed the Riverland Events Centre in Barmera for the past nine days for the 18th National Caravan Clubs Rally. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

Caravans help build Riverland’s brand

JOSH BRINE

A NINE-day national caravan rally, which drew about 700 people from around Australia, is being hailed a success likely to create repeat visitors, as attendees depart Barmera this morning.

The 18th National Caravan Clubs Rally wrapped up last night with a closing ceremony and entertainment followed by the packing up and departure of about 350 caravans from the Riverland Events Centre this morning.

The festivities also included a trade fair and market, both held over the weekend and

attended by locals.

Rally committee chairman John Anderson said the Riverland had hosted a “brilliant” event.

“Everyone seems to have enjoyed themselves,” he said.

“The overwhelming majority of people are absolutely loving it.

“They’re all saying what a great spot it is and what a great area it is for them to visit.

“Some people have spoken about coming back and visiting this area when they visit South Australia next time.

“Some have been here before, but not real-

ly stayed in the Riverland, so this has opened their eyes to everything that’s happening up here.”

Mr Anderson said the Riverland Events Centre, home of the annual Field Days, had “worked out very well” as a home base for the rally.

“For state rallies, we are doing it in a dif-

ferent area this year, but the last three have been up in the Riverland and that was mainly because of this site,” he said.

“Now that we’ve held this event and it’s been so successful and gone off with very few problems at all, I think the Field Day site managers will say they can do this again (for other groups).”



Members of Adelaide’s Southern Cross Caravan Club, including Rally committee chairman John Anderson (right), at the Riverland Events Centre last week. PHOTO: Josh Brine



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EDITORIAL

THE YEARS GO BY

BY PETER AND CARLA MAGAREY

Locals duo show voice will get ugly

SOCIAL media can be a cesspit of abuse and ill-informed opinion, often hurled by a pack of group-thinking bullies.

It is delivered from all sides of political opinion, but can also be apolitical, simply targeting people with opinions that differ from the mainstream zeitgeist.

The views of Malcolm and Kathleen Tubb about the voice to parliament come from a place of experience, the opposite of ‘ill informed’, albeit they departed their home country of South Africa over 35 years ago.

Neither seems particularly concerned with airing views considered unfashionable, and predictably they have been blithely called “racist” for opposing the voice.

Those behind that label would do well to read today’s Murray Pioneer story about the couple and what informed their views. They lived through South Africa’s dark and enduring apartheid period, and Mr Tubb admitted that while growing up, he considered the two-class system normal, hardly giving it a second thought.

Influenced by her mother, his wife was more aware of the injustices of apartheid early in her life, and after the pair married, their social conscience started to burn even brighter.

Ultimately, their beliefs and – particularly in Mrs Tubb’s case – actions put them offside with South African law enforcers, to the point of feeling unsafe.

They saw friends and colleagues murdered, and subsequently made the decision to move to the more enlightened land of Australia.

So, in an illogical irony, they literally risked their lives for their anti-racist beliefs, but are now branded racists in Australia.

As Australian citizens they have since visited their home land and naturally retain a strong interest in South African politics and culture.

They believe the voice would create a two-class system in Australia, where one group of people are given more say than others. This point could be civilly debated and discussed, as some with legal expertise have attempted to do in recent weeks and months, without much traction.

However, the evidence is starting to mount that Mr Tubb’s typically forthright declaration that anyone opposing the voice will be simplistically painted as racist is on the money.

Desperate to avoid being cancelled, corporate Australia is only just getting started. Expect all manner of big business to endorse the voice between now and the referendum. Likewise most media outlets.

And it would be reasonable to expect any business in any way connected to the ‘no’ vote to face the cancel-culture warriors.

In short, it’s going to get ugly, and people from both sides of the debate are going to make silly, purely emotive statements.

Prime Minister Anthony Albanese’s recent tearful, feels-before-facts plea in parliament got the ball rolling.

However, his decision to fund a marketing campaign for the yes vote, but not for the no vote, has attracted nothing like the scrutiny and criticism it deserves.

As it stands, and given the Coalition is on the nose across the country, expect the yes campaign to triumph later this year. At what cost to, or benefit for, the nation, no one quite knows.



Horse-works being demonstrated at the Loxton Historical Village, September 1973: This device consisted of a horizontal, domed, gearwheel about 1 metre in diameter, and brackets for four poles upon which the man is standing. The poles connected to a harness on the horses so that as they walked the circle around the machine, the horizontal gearwheel was turned. This wheel meshed with a small, bevelled gearwheel, which turned a shaft connected to implements in the thatch-roofed chaff shed. Horses had long been used to pull wagons for transport and ploughs for tilling the soil but, in Australia, horse-works came into use in the 1840s. Before this, farmwomen and children often operated chaffcutters, grinding machines or winnowers by hand. The horse-works were gradually replaced when engines powered by oil, petrol, or kerosene came into use from the early-1900s. Horse-works of a similar design, but known as horse-whims, were used to lift diggings from mine shafts, and others known as horse-mills, linked directly to millstones to grind wheat and other cereals. Out in the paddock, some farmers used a sloping, moving belt as a treadmill upon which the work horse walked to power farm implements such as winnowers and chaffcutters. PHOTO: LHV

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Voice damaging and doomed to fail

THE letter in last week’s Murray Pioneer, ‘Link between voice and apartheid’, from Gordon Forrest, is spot on.

My wife and I endorse and applaud his comments.

The only real motivation for support of the voice that we can comprehend is for the warm and fuzzy feeling it gives to those who have guilt complexes about their white heritage or have a belief that they have not been treating our indigenous neighbours properly.

Unfortunately allowing the need for a warm and fuzzy feeling (with Prime Minister Albanese’s emotive tears) is not enough to justify changing our constitution.

Reality and repercussions must take priority.

When things go wrong, warm and fuzzy feelings soon disappear.

Mr Forrest’s comments that the voice would enshrine apartheid in our constitution are correct.

Apartheid does not work. We lived in South Africa for 40 years, and actively resisted apartheid.

Proponents of the voice may believe it will benefit those who identify as Aboriginal, however there are already many other agencies in place government funded to do this.

If apartheid is established here the pattern will be the same as in South Africa.

Initially, all will appear harmonious.

Then we will see entitlement on one side, and resentment on the other, widening the divide.

Once the power struggle, land grabs and financial demands start it will be too late to turn back.

There are many ways we can assist all citizens of our great nation to maintain their culture and traditions.

The voice is not one of them.

MALCOLM and KATHLEEN TUBB
Renmark

My Sturt Highway ‘near miss’

I WRITE in response to last week’s story, headed ‘Riverland truckie tells of daily near misses’ (Murray Pioneer, 29/3/23).

My story begins while travelling towards Waikerie from Blanchetown when a Red Cross truck attempted to pass a B-double truck.

As I said to my partner, there’s something wrong up ahead, and I soon realised what was happening.

With two trucks heading directly at us, I eased off the accelerator and pulled off the road, only to hear the sounds of horns blaring from each vehicle.

With a loaded trailer we somehow found our way back onto the road, shaken but safe.

After ringing the police we were told that if we did not have the registration numbers of the vehicles, they could not do a thing.

I hardly ever witness a trip on the Sturt Highway without some sort of incident, mainly caused by trucks.

My solution is to bring back the railways.

Let’s face it: 40-odd tonnes of truck verses 2 or 3 tonnes of car is no match.

In my opinion, with trucks getting bigger and roads doubling up, things won’t be getting any safer.

GARY MITCHELL
Waikerie

Avoid dangerous driving this Easter

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

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

The Easter holidays are also a popular time to get away with family and friends, making it a

busy time on our roads.

We have seen a horrific start to the year on our roads in South Australia, with more than double the number of lives lost to this time last year. Sadly, for those of us living outside our metropolitan centres the majority of these tragedies have occurred on our rural roads.

We all bear responsibility for driving this horrific statistic down.

Australia’s road network is over 877,000km in length and rural roads like those in Barker are among some of the most dangerous with the inherent risk of death and serious injury associated with higher speeds and greater mass of heavy vehicles.

Driving to the conditions, taking rest breaks, avoiding distractions, and keeping your vehicles maintained are steps we can all take to keep ourselves and others safe on our roads this Easter.

Enjoy this special time with family and friends, stay safe and have a happy Easter.

TONY PASIN
Member for Barker
Coalition assistant spokesperson for infrastructure and transport

Water for 650,000 immigrants needed

OUR Federal Government has announced that over the next two years Australia can expect an influx of about 650,000 immigrants.

Given there is already a serious shortage of housing many of us are asking where will they all live?

I’m thinking we will attempt to build houses not only for those expected immigrants, but also to meet the housing challenges that we already have.

So the big question is that given all these new houses will be expected to be connected to mains water, where will this water come from?

Federal Environmental Minister Tanya Plibersek has a solution that I’m not a fan of: to buy water back from the nation’s food producers.

When that water has all been bought back how then do we, as

a nation, meet the future water needs of us all?

Minister Plibersek would be much wiser to spend the “buy-back money” on new water storage facilities.

During our recent floods here in the Riverland I watched the equivalent of South Australia’s total annual allocation flow past my living room window about every 48 hours.

A second Hume Weir or the like would have been a wonderful national asset had it been in place.

Because as sure as we had this flood, we will see another drought.

JEFF KNISPEL
Deputy chair
Water Communities SA

Tim, Tony to help our damaged homes?

THE humble sandbag is made of hessian and contains about 15 kilograms of sand – rusty red sand of the Riverland.

Sandbags are only good for a knee-high depth of water.

In the lands of the Mid Murray Council about 2500 houses went metres underwater due to our high river this year.

The hessian of sandbags decays under water. Now the time has come to remove the sandbags, the work becomes more difficult than installing the sandbags.

You cannot pick the bags up, because they fall apart.

They are heavier because the sand is wet.

You cannot shovel the sand because the hessian blunts the shovel blade.

You cannot use a skid steer because the sandbags are right against walls and houses, so you dig by hand.

The waters brought mould, and the black odour of things decomposing, so a face mask is handy inside the wrecked houses.

The weather here is over 30C, making rests and water mandatory.

Once the sandbags are removed, then plasterboard walls, flooring and ceilings can

“Unfortunately allowing the need for a warm and fuzzy feeling is not enough to justify changing our constitution...”

- MALCOLM and KATHLEEN TUBB



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be removed. Hopefully timber frames are still usable.

Everything else is not. Even light globes in the ceiling filled with water.

Each house of these 2500 dwellings will need hundreds of hours of restoration, without insurance to cover it and without workers available. My guess is about one-third of these houses will be sold, or left to rot.

I want two things. Firstly, the State Government to pay the rates for one year for each of these households while they struggle to recover.

Then, the Federal Government to allow easier immigration for two years specifically for the manpower requirements in the Riverland.

That’s Tim Whetstone and Tony Pasin respectively. So guys, can you lend a hand?

JAKOB GAMERTSFELDER
Morgan

We won’t make 2050

THE letter by Neil Elliott (‘Idealistic nitwits’, Murray Pioneer, 15/3/23) brings to mind the thoughts of Umair Haque, a British economist, author and economics consultant, who graduated from McGill University with a degree in neuroscience and has an MBA from the London Business School.

Hague wrote an article in in July 2022, titled ‘We’re not going to make it to 2050’.

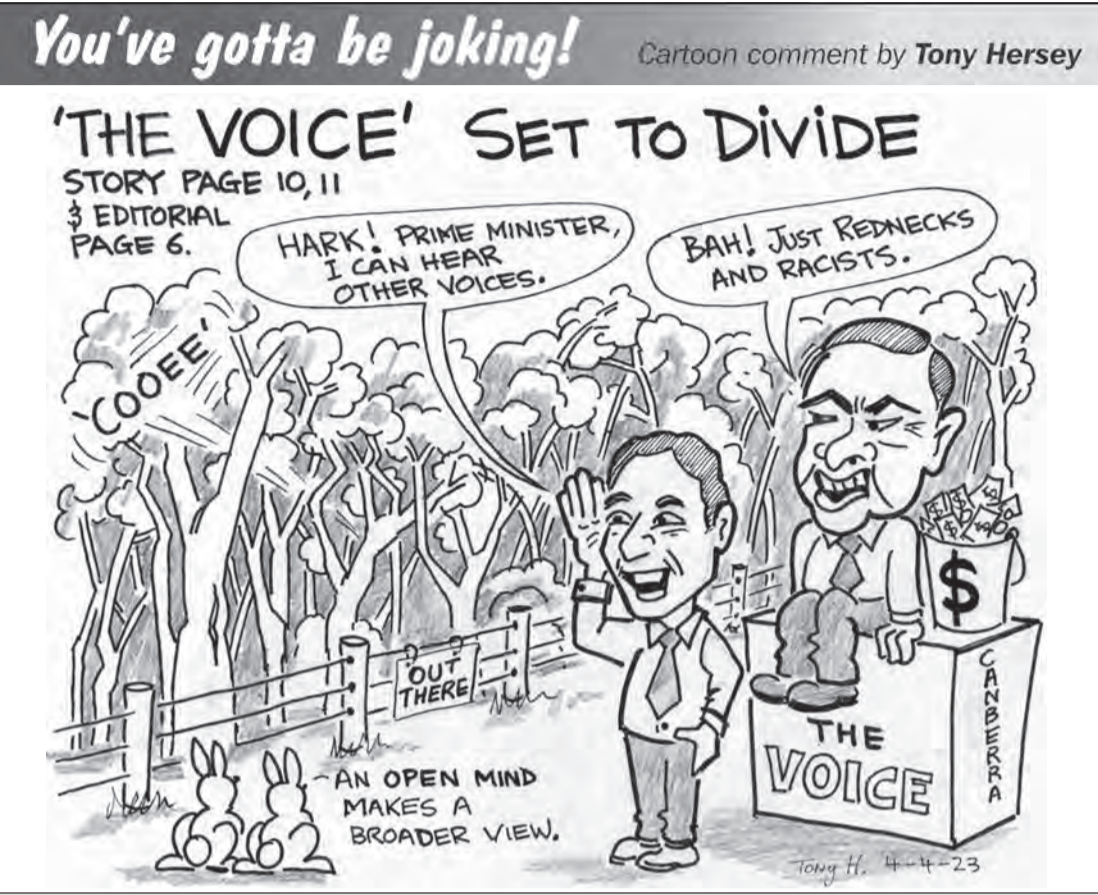
Here are some snippets from the article: “What happens as prices spike? Inflation roars. And what happens as a consequence of inflation? People get poorer. What do people who are getting poorer not have the money to do anymore? Invest. They can’t afford to pay the taxes which fund modern social contracts. And so societies simply begin to fall apart...”

“Why do I pick 2050? That’s the date that, so far, our efforts to fight “climate change” are centred around. The nations of the world have gotten together and chosen 2050 as the date to hit “net zero,” meaning that’s when carbon emissions are planned to be balanced out.”

It’s a nice goal. It’s not a bad one. There’s just one problem. We’re not going to make it to 2050. Why not?

“The worst case scenario keeps on coming true,” he says.

“That is because we are not a civilization living according to a precautionary principle: hope for the best, maybe, but plan for



the worst. At least have some kind of rudimentary contingency plan, if things really get that bad. Because that bad is existential. Have something in the cupboard. Have something saved up for a rainy day...”

“What’s going to be left by 2050 is a smoking ruin of what was once a civilization, ravaged by pandemics, incinerated by megafires, desperately seeking salvation in theocracy and waging bitter wars, fascism pitting neighbours at one another’s throats, like in America, a thing of shattered systems and institutions, a mere haunted memory of a civilization.”

We are a civilization struggling to provide the basics right now. We are definitely not going to make it to 2050.

Our progeny will regard us the way we regard Stone Age people, or maybe medieval sorts: Why didn’t they do anything, they’ll wonder?

Why did they sit there glued to dumb Marvel Movies and debating pronouns and letting demagogues scapegoat and hate while their planet died?

ALF RAPISARDA
Elwood, Victoria

Blame polities for rising food prices

MY heart aches as I watch our news and current affairs programs

continue to highlight the pain and suffering of our children, who are not getting enough food because in many cases it is no longer affordable.

Then I get angry when I think about what our governments, especially the Federal Government, are doing to food production.

They appear to have no concept of what is involved in growing food, or what we can do to increase production and therefore decrease its cost.

Over the past decade our national milk production has declined more than 20 per cent. In prime dairying areas across northern Victoria and southern NSW, a majority of dairy farmers have walked away from the industry after governments removed water from farm production. The obvious consequence will be higher milk prices in the supermarket.

Australian rice growers are among the most efficient in the world, but will we have a rice industry in the future?

If the Federal Government insists on continually taking water from farm production, which is its current policy, it is unlikely.

So, we will eat imported rice that is not as clean or efficiently grown and inevitably will cost more.

Our farmers need water to grow fruit, vegetables and wheat.

They need water to grow pastures that feed our sheep and cattle. Under current policy, production of all these food basics will decline. As a result, they will cost more at the supermarket.

And you know what makes me most angry? It’s the fact that if we use water wisely there is plenty for farming and plenty for the environment. Politicians know that. But they also know there are votes in ‘the environment’ but not too many in farming.

So next time you see a child going hungry because his/her mother cannot afford three staple meals a day, don’t blame anyone but our politicians.

And when the cost of your meat, vegetables and dairy products continues to rise, likewise don’t blame anyone but our politicians.

Because they know that delivering policy which allows our farmers to grow more food and ease cost-of-living pressures is both easy and sustainable.

But they won’t do it, because it may cost votes, especially among the city elite who do not understand what is required to effectively balance water management so we grow food while at the same time protecting our environment.

In practical terms this is not difficult; in political terms it is probably impossible.

SUE BRAYBON
Tocumwal, NSW

Looking back...

10 years ago April 5, 2013



STAND-OFF: Local police were yesterday called in to end a stand-off between Moorook Animal Shelter operator Lola McLachlan and RSPCA officers. The organisation returned to the shelter just after 10am yesterday morning – for its second surprise inspection in four weeks – and was faced with a locked gate. After removing eight animals from the property last month, RSPCA officers gave Mrs McLachlan until the end of April to make changes to the site. Mrs McLachlan said she closed the shelter’s gates, fearing the officers would take away more animals.

20 years ago April 4, 2003



WHERE ARE THE MEN?: Primary schools across the Riverland are suffering from a serious shortage of male teachers, mirroring a trend throughout the country. Latest figures released by the Australian Bureau of Statistics show that only one-fifth of all primary school teachers are male and the rate of male teachers entering the profession is declining. The ABS report, Schools Australia 2002 found that between 1992 and 2002, the proportion of male school teachers in full time work dropped from 25.8 per cent to 20.9 per cent in primary schools and from 49.4 per cent to 44.9 per cent in high schools.

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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TEXT LINE

Well said, Gordon Forrest (‘Link between the voice and apartheid’, Murray Pioneer, 29/3/23). The minority speak the loudest about these subjects, while the majority sit back and accept as as truth’. Do your own research and make up your own mind.

AB
Barmera

Regarding last week’s story, ‘Riverland truckie tells of daily near misses’ (Murray Pioneer, 29/3/23) I have access to the UHF every day. I’ve heard truckies abusing each

other, to the extent of suggestions of pulling over and sorting it out. So it’s not one-way traffic.

RED T
Renmark

Gavin Knight is spot on. My trip to Adelaide last month was just about de-railed by speeding drivers who were determined to overtake in dangerous places. One 4WD driver just about caused a head-on just before Accommodation Hill, then stopped off in Truro. He got there two minutes ahead of me. How dumb.

BOB
Barmera

I reckon Peter Malinauskas might have done a big poop in his own nest by rushing the SA chapter of the voice through parliament. He is hellbent on this Roxby expansion, but I can’t see the traditional owners wanting it, unless awesome amounts of the almighty dollar are pointed in their direction.

JM
Waikerie

I agree whole-heartedly with you, ‘Reeksy of Berri’. (Text Line, 29/3/23). Paul Mitchell is a gem in a long line of gems. How fortunate

we are to have him back in the Riverland.

LILL
Loxton

I think Riley Thilthorpe deserved the Showdown Medal, not Jordan Dawson.

WAYNE
Renmark

With the tourists beginning to return, why is it they leave their rubbish on the riverbank? What a shame.

GARY M
Waikerie

Renmark Paringa Council finalises its flood recovery plan...



Replacing the Twentyfirst Street bridge has been identified as a “top priority” for Renmark Paringa Council’s flood recovery process.
PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

BETTER THAN EVER

A RIVERLAND council is projecting its flood recovery bill will run into the millions, but says focusing on the “betterment” of local assets and infrastructure will benefit the

community over the long term. Renmark Paringa councillors at last week’s general meeting endorsed council’s Flood Recovery Strategy 2023.

The 27-page document outlines council’s approach to funding, advocacy, assets and infrastructure and environmental services, plus tourism, economic development and community.

The strategy advises engineering and insurance assessments of flood-affected council assets are still being undertaken, meaning the exact financial cost of the recovery remain unknown.

However, council is expecting this cost “will be in the millions of dollars”.

Council hopes to access funding from insurance, the Commonwealth State Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangement program and rate revenue to support recovery works.

Replacement of the Twentyfirst Street bridge, which has been deemed unsafe for use, remains “one of the top priorities identified by council to improve the effectiveness and resilience of the future asset”.

The strategy states council will advocate for funding focused on the betterment of assets and levee management.

Council also advised closure of the

FLOOD EVENT

Renmark stormwater network, to prevent flooding from backflow, was “one of the most significant and expensive exercises during the flood”.

Council will seek to redesign the stormwater discharge points to improve the effectiveness of the system in future flooding events.

Renmark Paringa Mayor Peter Hunter said the strategy emphasised “the importance of building stronger, more sustainable infrastructure which will lead to a resilient community”.

“We have experienced challenging times since the flood,” Mr Hunter said.

“Our priority is to ensure the community’s safety and to minimise the future impacts of flooding.

“We firmly believe that our betterment projects are a critical part of our flood recovery strategy, and we are committed to advocating for these projects to improve the resilience of our community.”

- HUGH SCHUITMAKER

‘Spend more’ to conquer fruit fly

HUGH SCHUITMAKER

A SENIOR Federal MP has questioned the financial resources being committed to eradicating fruit fly from the Riverland as the region struggles with 35 current outbreaks of the pest.

Barker MP Tony Pasin said upgrades to state-managed roadblocks and quarantine stations, and the expansion of sterile insect technology capabilities were necessary to support eradication efforts.

“It is imperative to get this funding out and these important biosecurity measures implemented, including upgrading the Queensland fruit fly sterile insect technique capability in Port Augusta, which was to be funded as part of the \$20m promised to South Australia under the national initiative,” Mr Pasin said.

“Labor needs to get on with implementing the \$30m national fruit fly initiative and support South Australia in their efforts to eradicate Queensland fruit fly from the Riverland.

“We owe it to our farmers to eradicate fruit fly outbreaks and allow them to continue producing the best fruit in the world.”

The previous Coalition Government had launched the \$30m Building Resilience to Manage Fruit Fly package in December 2021.

Opposition spokesman for agriculture, and leader of The Nationals, David Littleproud, claimed access for local growers to premium export markets – including the United States, Japan and Thailand – was being put “at risk” by the ongoing outbreaks.

“It is of great concern to see the lack of progress, particularly at a time when the number of Queensland fruit fly outbreaks in South Australia’s Riverland has increased substantially,” Mr Littleproud said.

“From the \$30m commitment, I understand Labor has spent very little and of that, only for a scoping study.”

However, at a fruit fly community meeting held last week at the Hotel Renmark, PIRSA incident controller of the fruit fly response, Rob Baker, said resource requirements for eradication were continually being reviewed.

“We regularly communicate with the Minister (for Agriculture Murray Watt’s) office,” Mr Baker said.

“We continually submit resource plans. At this stage the resource plan we’ve put up has been supported.

“We’re always reviewing what we’re doing, looking at what we could do better (and) what extra resources we want.

“We’ve had that support from government right through the response.”

Mr Watt’s office was unable to respond to The Murray Pioneer about the claims of Mr Pasin and Mr Littleproud before the time of printing.



● Tony Pasin

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Gurra and Patey reopened

THE completion of repairs has allowed a Riverland council to reopen two notable roads that were damaged by the Murray River flood.

Renmark Paringa Council recently reopened Gurra Road and Patey Drive, after both required resealing due to impacts from the flood.

Gurra Road was initially closed in November, with council raising a section to allow residents access to Berri via Bookpurnong Road, adjacent the Berri Bridge.

A council spokesperson described the completion of the resealing as “a momentous step in our recovery”.

The spokesperson also advised that Nelwart Street, in Crescent, had been reopened for light traffic.

“While this segment of road still requires remediation works, it is safe to access for light traffic,” the spokesperson said via a Facebook post.

“The remediation works on Plush’s Bend Road are underway and this road will remain closed until the works are completed.”

Further information regarding flood recovery works on roads and local infrastructure can be found by visiting the council website (<https://bit.ly/3ZzLyAK>).



Renmark Paringa Council recently undertook resealing works on Gurra Road (above) with remediation works on Plush’s Bend Road (below) now underway. PHOTOS: supplied



Easter events in Riverland

THE Berri Traders Easter Carnival will be a highlight of upcoming long weekend in the Riverland.

A free breakfast – staged by 5RM and Berri Rotary (see advertisement on page 11) – and local entertainment will launch Saturday’s event from 7am, while a host of other activities kick in from 9am onwards, including a fashion parade, craft and game activities, and a visit from Easter Bunny.

A range of food offerings, plus other items, will make up the market stalls also featuring on the day.

Loxton will hold its traditional Easter picnic

on Saturday morning, from 10am, on the rotunda lawns on East Terrace. The event includes free hot-cross buns and Easter eggs, along with other activities – plus the Easter Bunny.

In addition, the Loxton Historical Village will host one of its popular Alive Days on Easter Saturday, from 10am to 4pm.

Barmera’s big day is Sunday, when Sargent Park, along the lakefront, hosts the popular Easter twilight markets, from 2pm to 6pm. One Nation MLC Sarah Game is among those to book a stall at the markets.

In addition, an open-air cinema will screen Minions: The Rise of Gru at 7pm.



Ivy Stoeckel, 6, received a basket loaded with chocolate treats as first prize winner in The Murray Pioneer’s Easter colouring-in competition. PHOTOS: Elyse Armanini

Easter treat for Ivy’s true colours

SIX-year-old Ivy Stoeckel is the winner of The Murray Pioneer’s 2023 Easter colouring-in competition

St Joseph’s School Renmark student Ivy was chosen out of many wonderfully coloured entries. After one of her school friends, Emmy, won first prize last year, Ivy said she “had to win it” this year.

Ivy took home a basket-load of Easter treats – kindly donated by Koch’s Foodland – as first prize. Highlights include a stuffed toy lamb, Easter hunt assortment pack, Red Tulip and Darrel Lea bunnies and more.

Runner-up Della Lange (6, of Loxton) was awarded a smaller basket of goodies for her colouring effort, while Aria Brown (4, of Barmera), Jeremiah Coder (10, of Monash) and Jack Obst (22 months, of Renmark) rounded out the top five entries and also received chocolate prizes.

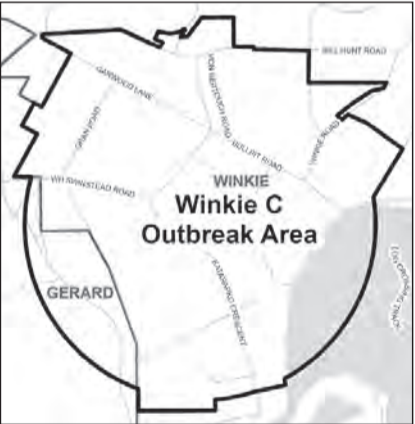
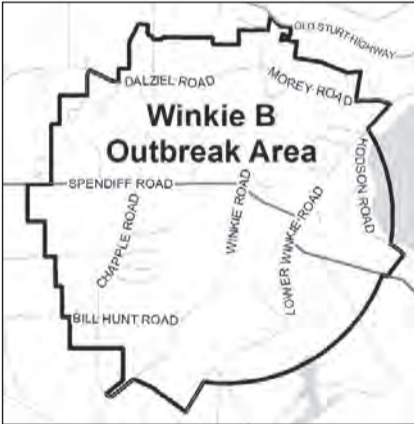
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Ivy with her winning entry.

at Koch’s Foodland Renmark and Loxton for last-minute Easter gifts.

FRUIT FLY OUTBREAKS WINKIE B AND WINKIE C



Queensland fruit fly has been found in Winkie causing two new outbreaks called Winkie B and Winkie C.

1.5 km radius outbreak areas have been established at Winkie B and Winkie C.

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

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

An eradication program has begun in the area. PIRSA field staff will be carrying ID and entering properties to apply organic fruit fly bait and check fruit.

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

What you need to do:

- **Keep** fruit on your property – do not share, sell or give it away.
- **Provide** access to your garden so we can do our work quickly and efficiently.
- **Pick** your ripe fruit and vegetables.
- **Collect** fallen fruit. Dispose of it safely for your area – visit the fruit fly website or call the Fruit Fly Hotline to find out how.
- **Check** your fruit for blemishes and maggots.
- **Call** the Fruit Fly Hotline on 1300 666 010 if you find any maggots in fruit, seal the item in an airtight bag and arrange collection.

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Tender battle delays Westpac demolition

THE demolition of an iconic Renmark building has been delayed as the local council struggles to find a contractor to complete the work on budget.

Renmark Paringa councillor Jack Gibb at last month's general meeting asked council if elected members could be informed on the tender process and tenders submitted for the former Westpac Bank building demolition.

A response from council staff advised two initial tenders for the project, received between September and November 2022, both "exceeded the budget for the works".

"As these tenders did not represent value for council, a re-tender of the project is scheduled for release by the end of March 2023," the response read.

"Evaluation and contract award will follow the tendering period in April and May 2023, subject to complying value-for-money offers being received from the market."

Councillors passed a motion in February 2022 to demolish the building, then voted to re-classify the location as community land in June 2022.

Council had budgeted \$443,000 to demolish the building and to convert the site into open space.

- HUGH SCHUITEMAKER



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE GIG ECONOMY

A Select Committee of the Legislative Council has been established to inquire into and report on the gig economy with particular reference to:

- (a) The prevalence of gig economy work within South Australia;
- (b) The various forms of gig economy work;
- (c) The current legislative and regulatory regime and the extent of compliance within that regime;
- (d) The impacts of the gig economy on workers inside and outside of the gig economy and the impact of gig economy work on families, communities and businesses;
- (e) The individual, business, community and state-wide economic impacts of the gig economy;
- (f) The impact of the prevalence and practices of the gig economy in relation to government procurement and expenditure;
- (g) The intersection of slavery and slavery-like practices;
- (h) Current supports available to workers and employers;
- (i) Other jurisdictions' legislative, regulatory and policy solutions to address issues within the gig economy;
- (j) The implications of the gig economy in respect of compliance with treaties and obligations;
- (k) Legislative, regulatory and policy implications in South Australia; and
- (l) Any other related matter.

Any person or organisation wishing to make a written submission to the Committee, or register an interest in presenting oral evidence to the Committee, is invited to do so by Friday, 12 May 2023. Written submissions and expressions of interest should be addressed to the Secretary to the Committee, C/- Parliament House, GPO Box 572, Adelaide 5001, or by e-mail at scgig@parliament.sa.gov.au For any queries or to discuss the submission due date, please contact the Secretary by telephone on (08) 8237 9339 or as above.

Ms Emma Johnston
Secretary to the Committee

Local South African-born Voice 'just like

PAUL MITCHELL

A RIVERLAND couple who lived in South Africa during the apartheid era say the introduction of an Aboriginal voice to parliament would be exploited and further divide the nation.

As Australia approaches the historic vote on changing the constitution, Malcolm and Kathleen Tubb have warned of the "damage" it could inflict on Australia, citing examples from their 40 years in South Africa.

"The whites had about 20 per cent of the population, but had all of the laws on their side, and boy did they take advantage of it," Mr Tubb said.

"If you've got all sorts of legal advantages, you're going to exploit them – and that will happen here."

Mr Tubb completed national service in South Africa before working in the printing and ink industry, while his wife was a school teacher in an exclusively black school immediately before the couple decided to relocate to Australia.

Their staunch anti-apartheid views in their home country – which had a racial segregation policy from 1948 to 1994 – had resulted

in them being interrogated and under surveillance, including phone tapping, and left them fearing for their safety.

Mr Tubb said his experience in South Africa afforded him a broader view of what the voice might mean "compared to those who have never lived under those circumstances".

He predicted a short honeymoon period would soon give way to harsh realities if the 'yes' vote triumphed in Australia.

"The greedy factions will start to get more and more power," he said.

"And despite what 'Albo' says, they will have the power to veto parliament, and every Bill that comes through parliament will have to get their nod."

Mr Tubb described the voice proposal as "pure apartheid".

"My definition of apartheid is when you identify a minority of the population as being different due to their race, ethnicity or colour, for the purpose of dividing them into a different category to provide them with extra benefits, services and advantages," he said.

"That's how it worked in South Africa and that's how it will work here."

Mr Tubb recalled an ID system that



Kathleen Tubb (middle row, fourth from right) was a teacher in a black school in South Africa, causing ripples among the local white authorities. PHOTO: supplied

Dedicated anti-racists

BEING labelled racists for their anti-voice views is a strange, uncomfortable irony for Renmark couple Malcolm and Kathleen Tubb.

The couple's anti-apartheid stand – and activities – effectively forced them to leave South Africa 37 years ago, with their three young children in tow.

Raised in a culture of white supremacy amid the country's apartheid rule, the duo's attitude to race-based politics underwent a gradual, but definitive 180-degree turnaround as newlyweds.

"Kath's parents were very liberal-minded," Mr Tubb explained.

"They got us thinking 'Hang on, this isn't right'."

Mrs Tubb became the sole white teacher in a "coloured" (mixed race) school, while Mr Tubb worked in a factory that employed a lot of black and coloured workers.

Their liberal views soon attracted the attention of local police and the exclusively white defence force.

"That this defence force was being used to patrol the black townships, and to oppress the majority of the citizens, did not sit well with us," Mr Tubb said.

"As protests and boycotts increased, so did the heavy-handed and violent response from the authorities."

Mr Tubb said authorities were unhappy with his non-discriminatory workplace practices, along with his wife's anti-apartheid activities, which included her teaching job and her attendance at protest rallies.

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racially graded citizens, with the minority white population ranked at the top and enjoying certain privileges, while his wife remembered black people being turned away from hospital surgeries for entering through the wrong door.

The couple and their three children arrived in Australia on Anzac Day 1986, and Mr Tubb said since then his adopted country had been a model of racial tolerance, in contrast to South Africa.

The Renmark pair rejected suggestions the voice would address claims the indigenous population had endured years of ingrained, systematic racism and disadvantage.

"Give me an example of them being discriminated against by race," Mr Tubb said.

"I've heard people call them names, but I've lived here for 37 years and I've never seen an Aboriginal discriminated against by race and not given the same opportunities as everyone else.

"Sure, Aboriginals were badly treated a 100 years ago, but that's in the past.

"I lived in South Africa for 40 years and I saw blacks discriminated against every day."

Australians will vote on the voice later this year.



ABOVE: Renmark couple Malcolm and Kathleen Todd with a copy of Malcolm's autobiography, which outlines his early life in South Africa, including the difficulties around apartheid that eventually led to the couple moving to Australia with their young family. INSET: Mr Tubb's treatment of his black employees led to him being labelled a "black brother" by racist white police and authorities. MAIN PHOTO: Paul Mitchell

LEFT: The South African flag adopted in 1994.

are suddenly 'racists'

"I worked in a factory, I had a lot of black and coloured people who were responsible to me, and I tried to treat them as equals," he said. "I was regarded as a 'black brother' by the white police and the authorities.

"And Kath teaching at a black school was a no-no.

"So we had to walk a fine line, as the danger was very real. Kathleen's cousin and our neighbour were both ambushed and shot dead because of their activities.

"We had been seeing the

writing on the wall, in big bold letters, for some time and realised there was little we could do... to prevent the inevitable disaster.

"We had to leave."

The couple's apartheid experience shaped their current view that nations should have identical rules and rights for all citizens. In turn, this attitude has formed the basis of their vehement opposition to Prime Minister Anthony Albanese's voice proposal.

However, the often-outspoken Mr Tubb said he had

been called racist for airing his views publicly.

"I'm not a racist, I'm anti-racist," he said.

"And this is a ploy the government and media are using: if you're against the voice, you must be racist.

"It annoys me, because we were actually persecuted for our views. In South Africa we had our phone tapped and we were under surveillance.

"We were anti-racist then, and we're anti-racist now."

- PAUL MITCHELL



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Have Your Say: Proposed amendments to the *Retirement Villages Act 2016*

Community members are being asked to provide their views on proposed amendments to South Australia's *Retirement Villages Act 2016*.

An independent report made several recommendations that now require legislative change.

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This consultation will close on **Friday 19 May 2023 at 5.00pm**.

For more information on how to participate, contact Office for Ageing Well by emailing officeforageingwell@sa.gov.au or phoning **08 8204 2420**.

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Parliament of South Australia
Economic and Finance Committee

Inquiry into South Australian Housing Availability

The Economic and Finance Committee has resolved to inquire into and report on:

- The decreasing availability of affordable housing for both purchase and rental.
- Housing needs relative to the demand from marginalised groups including those with low income, serious health and disability challenges, and older people – especially older women – with limited private resources.
- Different housing options required by, and suitable for, marginalised groups in our community.
- The community expectation that every South Australian should have reasonable access to housing that meets their needs.
- Key market barriers – including land, labour, and materials – that are limiting the delivery of social and affordable housing even where funding is available.
- The necessary policy settings – at all levels of government – required to deliver suitable housing outcomes.
- The economic impacts arising from lack of social and affordable housing, including barriers to economic development in specific locations; and the additional costs on other sectors including but not limited to health, disability, justice, and emergency relief.
- Innovations in housing that can lower costs, expedite new supply, and deliver a greater diversity of housing options to meet current and emerging trends.
- Leveraging of government assets – by all levels of government – to maximise the delivery of additional housing.
- Partnerships with the social housing providers and the private market to deliver additional social and affordable housing.
- New approaches to financing and tenure options that increase supply and security of tenure.
- Any other matter that can deliver better housing outcomes for South Australians.

Any person or organisation wishing to make a submission to the Committee is invited to do so by COB Friday 19 May 2023. Written submissions should be addressed to the Parliamentary Officer, GPO Box 572, Adelaide 5000, or by email to: EFC.Assembly@parliament.sa.gov.au

All submissions will be made publicly available unless otherwise determined by the Committee.

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Easter blitz after 2023's deadly start



RIVERLAND police will be out in force this Easter long weekend, hoping to combat the 'fatal five' causes of vehicle crashes after a horror start to the year on country roads.

SAPOL Riverland operations manager Senior Sergeant Mark Howie said police would be targeting drink and drug driving, seatbelts, distraction, speed and dangerous road use amid a "large increase of traffic", particularly on Thursday, Friday and Monday.

"With the state's lives lost due to road crashes currently at 40, everyone has to keep this at the forefront of their mind when starting their journey," he said.

"Police will focus heavily on speeding motorists, knowing that often those inpatient motorists who



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creep above the speed limit and want to overtake cause the horrific damage we have all seen in the past."

Of the 40 deaths on SA roads already this year, 26 have been on country roads, including four in the Murray Mallee district.

"People need to get it out of their mind that this can't happen to them," Snr Sgt Howie said.

"A split-second decision or mistake has and will continue to cause serious crashes that affect a wave of family and friends forever."

Snr Sgt Howie asked motorists to "be patient, plan their trip with breaks

and with plenty of time to get where they are going".

"Those kilometres an hour extra that you creep above the speed limit are not worth the very little time you save in the car," he said.

"We welcome tourists back to the Riverland after the floods over summer, but we'd ask that if you are planning on having a drink, then make a plan not to drive."

"Throughout the weekend the Riverland will see numerous RBT sites sporadically placed across the district."

"Extra staff have been arranged to manage the influx of people and each police vehicle will be actively policing drink and drug driving throughout the entire weekend."

Workplace death at Monash

SAFework SA representatives are continuing to investigate the death of a worker at a Riverland business last week.

It is understood emergency services were called to

an almond development on the Goyder Highway, near Monash, just after 4pm on Wednesday, March 29, after reports a worker had been critically injured by a vehicle.

SA Police said the 41-year-old local man was pronounced dead at the scene.

It is understood SafeWork SA and police are investigating the circumstances that led to the man's death.

Table tennis club secures new lease

A RIVERLAND council has supported the "significant growth" of a local sporting club by granting it a new lease.

Renmark Paringa councillors at last week's general meeting passed a motion to grant the Renmark Table Tennis Association (RTTA) a new 10-year lease for the KM Tucker Hall Annex, in Renmark.

Director of corporate and community services Tim Pfeiffer said

granting the lease was "appropriate as they have demonstrated significant growth and provide a unique sporting opportunity which is of benefit to a wide range of individuals within the community".

"The RTTA has shown significant growth over the past few years, they have increased memberships and attract members from every Riverland town," Mr Pfeiffer said in a council report.



Renmark Paringa councillors last week voted to grant the RTTA a new lease for the KM Tucker Hall Annex.

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The final group of members of the Loxton Red Cross branch: Trevor Holman, Ann Holman, Therese Eerden (secretary), Noeleen Milich (president), Joyce Neumann and Helen Davison.

PHOTOS: Alexandra Bull

It's 84 years and out for local Red Cross

AFTER 84 years, the Loxton Red Cross Branch is saying farewell, with a lack of numbers forcing the branch to close.

After a meeting in February, members decided to close the branch, which first formed in 1916, before closing in 1917.

A new branch was then formed in September 1939 at the Loxton Institute, with many of the original members having Loxton streets named after them.

Over the years, funds have been raised by golf days, bowls day, fashion parades, lunches, afternoon teas, doughnut stalls, street stalls, raffles and baby competitions.



Four branch recently reached 30 years of service: Trevor Holman, Noeleen Milich, Ann Holman (front) and Joyce Neumann.

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It's raining grain after record year

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LOCAL grain growers are getting ready to seed after a record-breaking year, with almost 13 million tonnes harvested from crops across the state.

Bulla Burra Farms general manager Robin Schaefer said although yields varied depending on the crop, 2022-23 was “certainly one of our best ever years”.

“The legume yield was just phenomenal,” he said.

“The word unprecedented probably gets overused these days, but our yields for legume were unprecedented for this area.

“Wheat and barley were also both good.”

Across the state, crop production was up 51 per cent from 2021-22, driven by ideal conditions in spring.

Driven by high prices, the state’s crop production has an estimated farm gate value of \$4.6bn, up more than \$1bn from 2021-22.

SA Primary Industries Minister Clare Scriven said she was “very pleased” with the harvest.

“This is a great result for South Australian primary producers, as well as the South Australian economy,” she said.

Grain Producers SA CEO Brad Perry said the result highlighted the importance of the grain industry.

“We should acknowledge the outstanding efforts of South Australia’s grain producers who battled record input costs, weather and disease to pull off a record crop and one that will be remembered for years to come,” he said.



Bulla Burra Farms general manager Robin Schaefer said the Riverland had produced one of its best-ever grain growing crops in 2022-23.
PHOTO: Josh Brine

“With seeding around the corner, attention will now turn to remaining sub-soil moisture and no doubt, all eyes will be on the weather forecast.”

Growers did face some challenges however, with local barley crops suffering “severely” from hail last year, according to Mr Schaefer.

“Some barley got hit once, others twice, by hail, so that really cut the yields back on the barley by a heck of a lot,” he said.

“We’re fortunate we’re insured as part of our risk mitigation, but certainly some farmers in the district weren’t and there were some quite big losses which really reduced the potential that was there.”

Harvest across SA was also delayed by storms, meaning some crops were exposed to weather which had some impact on yield and quality.

To read the Department of Primary Industries and Regions (PIRSA) Crop and Pasture Report 2022-2023 Final Summary visit: pir.sa.gov.au/cropreport

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Firearm arrest in Barmera

A LOCAL man has faced court after he was charged last week with numerous offences relating to the wrongful use of firearms.

Berri Police searched a Barmera home on Thursday, March 30, and allegedly uncovered ammunition and evidence of firearms being used illegally.

The 34-year-old male occupant was arrested for failing to answer questions, altering or modifying a firearm, possessing ammunition without a licence, possessing a firearm without a licence, and supplying a firearm to a person not authorised to acquire a firearm.

It is understood the man was refused bail and appeared in the Berri Magistrates Court last Friday.

Riverland pre-Easter petrol blitz

RIVERLAND service stations have been among those targeted during the two weeks leading up to Easter, to ensure fair prices at the petrol pump.

SA's consumer watchdog, Consumer and Business Services (CBS), is visiting the state's tourism hot-spots to enforce petrol price reporting rules.

Under the real-time petrol price monitoring scheme, fuel retailers are required to report their prices to a central database within 30 minutes of changing the price at the pump.

Drivers can then access free fuel price information via fuel price apps including Petrol Spy, Motor Mouth, myRAA, SA Bowser: Should I Fuel?, Fuel Price Australia and Pumped, which can be downloaded from the App Store or Google Play.

The Riverland is one of nine pre-Easter inspection locations dotted across the



The Riverland is part of a statewide pre-Easter monitoring plan, aimed at ensuring petrol prices are appropriate in the region.

state and the blitz has been welcomed by the RAA.

"Because at the end of the day we want motorists to be getting a fair deal every time they fill up," Charles Mountain, senior manager of safety and infrastructure at the RAA, told ABC Riverland.

"And obviously it's impor-

tant that any changes to pump prices are accurately reported so that people can, via the various fuel apps, shop around and make sure they get the best value..."

Mr Mountain said fuel prices in SA had been "relatively stable...for quite some time".

"Hopefully we'll see these low prices continue in the lead-up to Easter and over the Easter holiday period as well," he said.

Since the start of the fuel pricing information scheme in March 2021, CBS has conducted almost 1500 inspections of petrol stations

statewide and received more than 1300 complaints about potential breaches of the scheme.

Approximately 250 complaints and inspections have resulted in warning letters, and CBS has issued 18 fines.

"We know that people are really struggling with the increased cost of living and that petrol prices are a serious pain point," said Andrea Michaels, Minister for Consumer and Business Affairs.

"The (State) Government will be cracking down to prevent fuel gouging in the run-up to the Easter long weekend when many people go on road trips to popular tourism spots.

"We are ensuring fuel retailers are doing the right thing by consumers so people can travel with the peace of mind that they're not paying more than they should for fuel these Easter holidays."

Call to protect crown land over Easter

ON the eve of the Easter long weekend and school holidays, holidaymakers and locals alike are being reminded to help protect the sites they visit.

With about one-fifth of South Australia classified as crown land, the Department for Environment and Water (DEW) has encouraged everyone to play their role in protecting the areas' environmental and cultural value for all to enjoy, now and into the future.

Most visitors already do the right thing, according to DEW crown land operations manager Mel Carson.

"We're asking people to be responsible, to respect other campers, our wildlife and our environment," she said.

"We need to continue to take good care of these sites to ensure we leave no trace of our visits, which includes taking your rubbish with you



Campfires are allowed on crown land in South Australia.

and disposing of it appropriately."

DEW is conducting a #LeaveNoTrace campaign to inform crown land users how to play their part in protecting, and enjoying, popular sites.

Lawful use of crown land permits a range of visitor activities, such as:

■ Camping, for a maximum of 21 days

■ Having a campfire, in line with fire ban regulations

Some things not permitted include:

■ Removing or interfering with fossils

■ Removing or interfer-

ing with Aboriginal heritage items

■ Damaging or removing vegetation, regardless of whether it is alive or dead

■ Littering, dumping or abandoning property

■ Closing off or obstructing roads (including erecting fences or gates)

Penalties for misusing crown land can include a fine of \$405 plus a \$92 Victims of Crime Levy for littering.

For more information visit the DEW website (environment.sa.gov.au/topics/crown-land).

Youth survey urges locals to speak up

YOUNG Riverlanders have the chance to make their voices heard in an annual national youth survey.

The Mission Australia Youth Survey 2023 – the largest survey of its kind – aims to provide a snapshot of what young people aged 15 to 19 think and feel.

Mission Australia South Australia state director, Mychelle Curran, said the survey was an essential platform for young people to express their concerns, aspirations and

experiences, and amplify their voices to instigate change.

"Young people can experience significant challenges, like housing insecurity and mental health concerns," she said.

The survey is open now until August and takes approximately 20 minutes to complete. Responses can be recorded online through arrangements with participating schools or groups, or through Mission Australia's website (missionaustralia.com.au/youthsurvey).

Survey results will be published in November and shared with government and non-government organisations, plus the general public.

The top issues for young people in 2022 were the environment, equity and discrimination, and mental health, plus financial concerns and housing instability.

The Youth Survey Report 2022 found approximately one in 10 (9.4 per cent) young people and their families in South Australia could not afford to pay bills or car expenses, and 8.9 per cent sought help from family, friends, or a charity.

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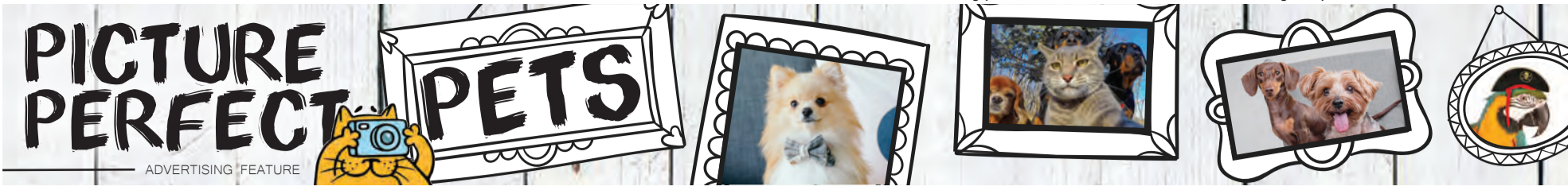
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1 year // Pug // Monash
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2 years // Pug // Monash
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DIXIE

8 weeks // Pug // Loxton
Dixie wakes up her humans by climbing on their head and licking their faces.



HALLIE

17 months // Kelpie // Loxton
Hallie gets halfway through playing, stops and runs off to eat, before coming back.



KAOS

4 yrs // American Staffordshire // Berri
When it's time to come in for bed he likes to run back and forth to play chasey.



DEAKIN

11 months // Toy Cavoodle // Barmera
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WINXY

16 months // Kelpie // Berri
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RUSTY

4 yrs // Red Heeler x Koolie // Loxton
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JAX

5 years // Border Collie // Waikerie
Jax will smile with teeth for a photo and he likes to hold hands.



BARRY

6 years // Cattle Dog // Monash
Barry has quirky ways of sitting sometimes.



GRACIE BELLE

9 years // Maltese Shitzu // Loveday
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Tram's \$26K for cultural garden

MONEY from the sale of an historic tram is set to help bring an Aboriginal cultural garden to life at Berri Regional Secondary College.

The ex-Glenelg tram was primarily used at the now deserted Glossop High School campus as a space for Aboriginal outreach programs.

Under auction last September, the tram sold for \$26,200 and Aboriginal education and SAASTA (South Australian Aboriginal Secondary Training Academy) leader David Binney said the school community was grateful for the tram sale funds as the starting point for the "exciting project".

"It has become a rather large project," he said.

"We have been through a process of planning and consultation with our staff, students, families and the local Aboriginal community. This has been crucial to ensure that we can make sure that our many different stakeholders in this project can all have their ideas heard."

Multiple ideas for the garden have been discussed within the school community, with works expected to begin in the second half of the year.

"Given the scale of the project and the different aspects to it, we believe the initial phase will be the landscaping and earthworks for the area, before moving on to other parts of the project," Mr Binney said.

"At this stage, we have also received \$10,000 from SA Water's Reconciliation grants to go towards the project. However, we will need to seek additional funding/grants as no other funds have been allocated at this stage."

The main goal of the cultural garden is to provide an identified space for students, their families and the wider community to "engage in



The ex-Glenelg tram at the former Glossop High School site is up for auction, with just a week to go to make bids on the piece of history. PHOTO: supplied

Bid to own a piece of history

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The proposed area at Berri Regional Secondary College for the Aboriginal cultural garden, which the school hopes to begin work on later in the year. PHOTO: supplied

Aboriginal culture and sustainable practices to create pathways for opportunities in the spirit of reconciliation".

"Curved garden paths would be a representation of the river that is the life blood of our community and connects us all," Mr Binney explained.

"It should be continuous, with no beginning and no end, representing the First Peoples of our nation, who are now known to be part of the oldest, continuous culture on earth."

"We will have seven memorial poles, which would be scattered through the garden. The poles would

be made of hollow, rustic steel with the names of our seven language groups cut out with added designs reflecting their culture, as interpreted by (local artist) Ena Turner."

Other features of the garden would include a firepit area with seating to host large events, such as activities held for reconciliation and NAIDOC Week, and for everyday teaching and learning.

Native plants and foods would also be key in the garden, and used in teaching Aboriginal perspectives in a range of subjects.

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“ It should be continuous, with no beginning and no end, representing the First Peoples of our nation, who are now known to be part of the oldest, continuous culture on earth...

– David Binney, Berri Regional Secondary College Aboriginal education leader



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Riverland tourism operators have started to accept bookings for experiences and accommodation from River Revival Voucher winners.

Remarkable response to River Revival Vouchers

LOCAL operators have started to accept bookings from the winners of the State Government’s River Revival Vouchers, after nearly 140,000 people from around SA and Victoria registered for the first round of the program over just three days last week.

While the majority of entrants were unsuccessful in attaining a voucher – with just 25,600 having been made available across the program’s three rounds – Destination Riverland general manager Pamela Canavan said it was “amazing to see such a huge amount of interest”.

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“What we really need to see now is for those lucky enough to get their hands on a voucher, to book in their trip to the Riverland as soon as they can,” she said.

“It will not only give people something to look forward to, but also provide much-needed support to our tourism industry

which has suffered a lot over the last few months.”

Across the Riverland and the Murray River, Lakes and Coorong tourism areas, 95 operators have offered more than 200 accommodation and experience options for the program.

Bookings using the voucher are to be made by April 28, with travel between March 31 and June 29.

Two more rounds will be rolled out in winter and spring respectively.

Ms Canavan said while the vouchers

would “help to get people here” she encouraged visitors to “support local businesses as much as they can while in our region”.

“Head out to dinner, enjoy some of our exceptional food and wine, book a cruise or a kayak tour, indulge in some retail therapy, visit a museum, a distillery, coffee shop or find a country pub for a drink, a feed and a yarn with the locals,” she said.

“Our region has such a diverse range of things to see, do and places to stay.

“We can’t wait to welcome more people to our beautiful part of the world.”



Destination Riverland board member Conny Wilson, Destination Riverland general manager Pamela Canavan and Murray River Trails’ Tony and Susie Sharley at the Qantas Australian Tourism Awards in Sydney last month. PHOTO: supplied

Team Riverland hits tourism awards

JOSH BRINE

THE Riverland’s peak tourism body and a local operator have represented the region at the national tourism awards in Sydney.

After winning gold at the South Australian Tourism Awards late last year, Destination Riverland and Murray River Trails were automatically entered into the Qantas Australian Tourism Awards, held on March 17, in the Tourism and Marketing Campaigns and Ecotourism categories respectively.

While the Riverland contingent failed to win any awards, Destination Riverland general manager Pamela Canavan said it was an “absolute honour to be recognised as finalists representing the Riverland and South Australia”.

“We would love to see more tourism businesses from our region enter the awards in 2023,” she said.

“It’s a lot of hard work, but so worthwhile.

“It’s much, much more than the possibility of win-

ning an award.

“It gives a really great opportunity to take a deep dive into your business and gain valuable feedback from industry experts, as well as playing a part in the exposure and growth of not only your own business, but our region as a whole.”

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SafeWork SA advises that asbestos-containing material that has dried since the flood or storm can be cleaned with soapy water and a cloth or sponge.

It is also safe to lightly scrub the material with a soft brush and spray



gently with a garden hose. Do not use a high-pressure hose, as this could release asbestos fibres into the air.

Asbestos materials that are beyond cleaning will require removal by a licensed asbestos removalist – someone with the relevant training and equipment to safely remove asbestos – to reduce the risk of exposure.

By law, asbestos waste must be taken to a licensed transfer station.

Contact your local council for advice or go to the Environmental Protection Agency website ([epa.sa.gov.au/environmental_info/waste_recycling/river-](http://epa.sa.gov.au/environmental_info/waste_recycling/river-murray-flood)

murray-flood) for a list of licensed facilities.

It is illegal to dispose of asbestos in the normal rubbish collection, and a crime to dump it in the street, or on vacant land.

To learn more about where asbestos may be found, see the SA Government asbestos website (asbestos.sa.gov.au).

Please do not take unnecessary risks. Asbestos disease causes 4000 deaths in Australia every year.

For more information, call the Asbestos Victims Association on 0455 120 588 or visit the AVA SA website (avasa.asn.au).

Arrest for homemade taser

A LOCAL will face court after he was found in possession of a homemade weapon in Renmark last week.

Police stopped a man riding a bike without any lights on Ogilvy Street, in Renmark, around 12.45am on Tuesday, March 28, with a homemade taser subsequently located on his person.

The 34-year-old Riverlander was charged with possessing a dangerous article.

It is understood he was bailed and will appear in the Berri Magistrates Court on June 19.



Police charged a local man with possessing a dangerous article after he was found with this homemade taser last week. PHOTO: supplied

Locals caught weekend drink driving

A LOCAL male and female have lost their licences after being found drink driving more than double the legal limit last weekend.

A 67-year-old Berri woman was reported for driving with alcohol in her system after she was stopped on Vaughan Terrace, in Berri, for the purpose of a mobile random breath test and allegedly returned a pos-

itive reading of 0.123.

Police had previously stopped a car on Para Street, in Renmark, on Friday, March 31, when the 23-year-old local male driver submitted to a breath test and returned a positive reading of 0.122.

Both lost their licence on the spot for six months and had their cars impounded for 28 days.

A 30-year-old Hallett man was also reported by police on Friday, March 31, after he was stopped on Jemison Street, in Waikerie, and returned a positive result to methamphetamine. He received a three-month instant loss of licence.

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

Loxton traffic stop leads to drug arrest

A RENMARK man will face court after he was found to be in possession of drugs and cash during a traffic stop last week.

Patrols stopped a vehicle on Bookpurnong Road, in Loxton, around 5pm on Tuesday, March 28, and had cause to search it and the driver's home address in Renmark.

During the searches police uncovered about 50g of cannabis, 100ml of cannabis oil, four ounces of MDMA and almost \$1800 in cash.

The 21-year-old, from Renmark, was charged with trafficking in a con-



Police found a local 21-year-old in possession of cannabis, cannabis oil and MDMA during a recent traffic stop. PHOTO: supplied

trolled drug. It is understood he was bailed and will appear in the Berri Magistrates Court on June 19.

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This white and red 1982 Honda motorbike was among four stolen from a property on Twelfth Street, in Renmark, last month. PHOTO: supplied

Four motorbikes stolen from Renmark

REMARK residents have been urged to assist police in locating numerous motorcycles stolen from a local property last month.

Four motorbikes were stolen from a shed on Twelfth Street, in Renmark, broken into sometime overnight on Saturday, March 25.

The stolen bikes included a white and red 1982 Honda with the registration TIC168, a

black Yamaha XT500 with the registration S44ACT, a red Honda XR100 and a white Yamaha PD50.

Locals with information about the break-in or the whereabouts of the stolen motorbikes are asked to contact Crime Stoppers – anonymously – by phone on 1800 333 000, or by visiting the website (www.crimestopperssa.com.au).

Strong interest in fruit fly response

CHRISTINE WEBSTER

A DIVERSE range of horticultural producers and residents attended fruit fly update sessions organised by the Department of Primary Industries and Regions (PIRSA) and peak grower industry bodies at Waikerie and Swan Reach last week.

About 20 people attended each meeting and those at Waikerie included citrus, tomato and jujube growers.

PIRSA's general manager of the fruit fly response Nic Secomb said questions about using baits and the sterile fruit fly release program were raised at the meetings.

"At Waikerie there were quite a few people we hadn't seen before that were new to outbreaks," he said.

Mr Secomb said Swan Reach had experienced its first fruit fly outbreak last month.

He said citrus growers who attended the Riverland West meetings were keen to learn more about the certification system required for growers to transport and sell produce grown in fruit fly-affected areas.

Mr Secomb said Swan Reach community members also wanted more information about accessing certified retail fruit to ensure the region improves its chances of becoming fruit fly free in the future.

He said the best solution for these residents was to purchase certified fruit and vegetables from retail outlets at Waikerie.

Meanwhile, around 50 local growers and community members attended a similar meeting held at the Hotel Renmark last Thursday.

The session featured presentations from Mr Secomb, plus PIRSA incident controller of the fruit fly response Rob Baker, and local growers Tim Grieger and Vicki Dunhill.

PIRSA is helping to provide Barossa Valley shops with accreditation to sell fruit



PIRSA incident controller of the fruit fly response Rob Baker presenting to local growers at a community meeting held at the Hotel Renmark last Thursday. PHOTO: Hugh Schuitemaker



Swan Reach residents who attended a meeting with PIRSA on Friday were keen for advice on how to handle their first fruit fly outbreak. PHOTO: supplied

to Riverland residents.

Mr Secomb said metropolitan Adelaide was currently free of fruit fly outbreaks, while the Barossa Valley was yet to experience its first outbreak.

He said to increase the region's chances of restoring its pest-free status only certified fruit should be allowed into the Riverland.

"If SA allows fruit that isn't properly treated, we have been told by the Federal Government that this will affect our ability

to claim the Riverland is a pest-free area," Mr Secomb said.

He said while the Riverland horticultural industry was keen to restore its reputation of being free of fruit fly, reaching the target "could take years".

"There are international standards that you need to meet to create a new pest-free area," Mr Secomb said.

"You can't have a single detection, let alone outbreaks for a couple years."

Loxton history night only one month away

PLANS for Loxton's 11th annual History Sure Ain't Boring night are well advanced.

The event will be held at The Precinct, Bookpurnong Terrace, Loxton, on Tuesday, May 2, from 7pm (7.30pm start).

Speakers and their topics for this year's evening will be released next week.

Tickets can be purchased at the Loxton Library/VIC, plus Loxton's council office in the week following Easter.

"Another entertaining program is assured," a spokesperson said.

Since first being held, the History Ain't Boring nights have been a winner with the local community, attracting strong crowds and plenty of interest.

The first 10 years have seen a diverse range of speakers.

The line-up in April last year was: Rose Mawby ('School's in'), James Altmann ('It's a bug's life - Away with sprays') and Jackson Wickham ('The river trade').

Post-flood weed help

LANDHOLDERS experiencing outbreaks of weeds as a result of the 2022-23 flood can now access free advisory services to help identify species and find out how to best manage them.

District officers from the Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board are able to provide a free advisory service to help landholders identify weeds and find the best control strategies.

Free loan equipment, herbicides and control services may also be available for landholders with outbreaks of priority weed species on their properties.

Landholders are encouraged to be on the lookout for emerging weeds, including unfamiliar weed species which may have travelled down river via flood waters.

New Residence newest fruit fly victim

RIVERLAND property owners have been reminded autumn and winter fruit varieties could become host material for fruit fly after the region's latest outbreak was linked to backyard trees.

PIRSA last week declared a new fruit fly outbreak at New Residence, near Loxton, after maggots were found in a home-grown pear.

PIRSA general manager of the fruit fly response Nick Secomb said the maggots were discovered by field staff who were baiting and checking fruit in the area.

"There are commercial properties and residents with fruit trees along the river in the New Residence outbreak area, and owners at these properties need to check their fruit trees now and do all they can to prevent further infestations," Mr Secomb said.

"Residents must keep home-grown fruit on their property and growers must ensure all host fruit is treated and certified before leav-

ing the New Residence outbreak area."

Riverland Fruit Fly Committee chair Jason Size said pears, apples, oranges and other citrus, plus late-season stone fruits, posed a risk for fruit fly infestations.

"Commercial growers in the New Residence red outbreak area are now eligible for free fruit fly bait and lures that attract and kill fruit fly," Mr Size said.

"It's great to see a recent uptake of citrus growers registering for the program. I strongly encourage other growers not yet involved to apply as soon as possible."

Riverland growers impacted by fruit fly outbreaks are encouraged to contact the Family and Business Support service by visiting the website (pir.sa.gov.au/fabs).

The most up to date outbreak advice can be found by visiting the website (www.fruitfly.sa.gov.au).







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REDHATTERS ON RIVER: Riverland Redhatters Downunder members enjoyed a river cruise, conducted by the Berri Riverside Holiday Park, last month. Pictured are Tracey Hansen (vice queen), Sandra Foreman, Pam Warner, Deidre Jeffs (queen), Pauline McKinnon, Lyn Barnwel, Sylvia Smith, Faye Davies, Pam Rule, Margaret Bruce and Karen Draper. The group holds monthly outings, which include lunch. PHOTO: supplied



MOOROOK MEMORIES: More than 180 guests enjoyed the recent Moorook Memories event, celebrating 100 years of education at Moorook Primary School, including Darren Edwards, Mark Edwards, Gloria Edwards, Craig Battams and Alan Edwards. PHOTOS: supplied



Ann, Joan, John, Ian and Brian Loxton.



WCH MORNING TEA: Dorothy Pettigrew, Helen Menzies, Maureen Goodman and Celeste Pettigrew at a morning tea fundraiser for the Friends of the Women's and Children's Hospital held last week at Brad and Lorna Taylor's home, in Paringa. PHOTOS: Alexandra Bull



Christine Mantell (back) and Veronika, with Jan Perry and Carol Singleton at the morning tea fundraiser for the Friends of the Women's and Children's Hospital.

COMMUNITY DIARY

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

WEEKLY
Guided tours of **The Pines Historic House** are held every Sunday at 2pm, at 18 Henry Street, Loxton. Gardens open seven days. Extra tour inquiries to Helen (0421 601 903).
WEEKLY
Barmera Theatre Art & Craft Gallery in the Bonney Theatre complex open for sales Tuesday to Friday 10am to 2pm, and Saturday 9:30am to 11:30am. 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 from the bar.
WEEKLY
Every Monday, even long weekends, 1pm to 4pm. Card and board games at **Renmark Lutheran Church**, 62 Seventeenth Street, Renmark. Phone Roz Frazer (8595 1560).

WEEKLY
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
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.

WEEKLY
Line dancing at the **Monash Club** every Thursday, 11am to 2pm. Lunch and drinks available.
WEEKLY
Berri Senior Citizens welcome anyone over the age of 55 to attend the BSC Hall at 4 Draper Road, Berri, each Tuesday from 1pm to 4pm. Activities include bridge, cards, games, pool, computer use and socialising.

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

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, companionship and craft.

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

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

WEEKLY
Riverland Youth Theatre has a range of classes and activities on offer this term for all ages including arts and crafts, movie making and music and movement for babies, plus special events.

WEEKLY
The **Berri Community Men's Shed** is open from 8am to 12 noon on Mondays and Thursdays. New members welcome. Inquiries phone 0428 215 114.

WEEKLY
The **Renmark Senior Citizen's Club** meet every Tuesday at their clubroom, 75 Ral Ral Avenue. New members welcome. Please call Marina (8586 3331).

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

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 6
Everyone is welcome to Renmark's first **Neighbourhood Watch** meeting for the year, 7.30pm at Renmark Paringa Council. See you all there.

SATURDAY, APRIL 8
Easter Alive Day at the **Loxton Historical Village**. Working exhibits, demonstrations, donuts, Devonshire tea and other food stalls, kid's activities, Easter egg hunt, whip cracking, blacksmith, printing, tractor parade and more.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12
U3A Riverland presentation by Daryl Lang at the U3A clubrooms from 1pm. Caring for your gardening tools. Bring tools, rags and linseed oil. RSVP to Marian (0412 649 766).

THURSDAY, APRIL 13
Charity for All Bingo at the Loxton Club. Raising funds for Mill Corner. Seated by 6.30pm for eyes down at 7pm, so don't be late to join in the fun.

FRIDAY, APRIL 21
Berri Barmera Health Advisory Council quiz night at Berri Bowling Club, 7pm for 7.30pm start. Fundraising for Riverland General Hospital fetal monitoring equipment. Tables of 8, \$10 per person. RSVP Josie Nelsson (0400 291 311).

Councillor Sims back in action

HUGH SCHUITMAKER

A RIVERLAND councillor has returned to normal duties following a local government election bungle that affected councils throughout the state.

Renmark Paringa councillors passed a motion at last week's general meeting to

accept "the office occupied by councillor David Sims is taken not to be, and to never have been, vacant," after the Local Government (Casual Vacancies) Amendment Act 2023 came into effect on March 9.

Cr Sims was one of 45 elected members across Australia who in February were impacted by the late return of campaign

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donation documents.

However, Renmark Paringa CEO Tony

Siviour advised the electoral commissioner confirmed that Cr Sims has since lodged two campaign donation returns as required.

Last month's passing of the amendment provided 10 extra days for the campaign donation forms to be returned.

Cr Sims was present at last week's general meeting.



Yvonne turns 100 years young

ELYSE ARMANINI

SURROUNDING herself with love and family is Yvonne Stokes' secret to living for a century.

Renmark local Yvonne turned 100 on Friday, March 24 before celebrating the milestone birthday at Banrock Station the next day, surrounded by about 85 loved ones.

"It was such a beautiful family time, with people I hadn't seen, like my sister who lives in Queensland," Yvonne said.

"I hadn't seen her for I don't know how many years. It was a night of catching up with family, and it was wonderful."

Yvonne's love for her family stretches to a lot of people, including five children (two deceased), 12 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

"I had a happy childhood. I have always been part of a loving family," she said.

"I was born in the Glenelg Community Hospital as the second child, with an older brother, a younger brother and a baby sister. My father was in the First World War and he was never a well man after that.

"I came to Renmark in January 2000. (My youngest daughter) Martine was here, and my husband had died (in 1998), so it was a thing of, 'What will I do now?'. Martine said 'pack your bags' and that's how I came to the Riverland.

"I think it's a great place, with five major towns to interact with.

"I was used to the sea, so it was a change to come to the river, but it didn't take me long to realise how important the river was here and how it needs to be looked after."

When asked for tips for living a full life and making it to 100, Yvonne said it all

depended on the love of family.

"I've heard of people who say at Christmas time they fight (with family) and that's never happened in our family," she said.

"When everybody gets together it's party time – it's a good time. I feel sad for people who don't have that.

"I consider myself a very, very fortunate person."

Yvonne's daughter, Martine Turnbull, said "getting to 100 was tough" for her mum.

"Mum has, in the last eight years, fractured her pelvis and been in hospital for six months," she said.

"She broke her neck, and her leg... she's been through the wars, but she's full of pride and resilience to overcome challenges."

Though she left school at just 14, Yvonne chose to study year 12 subjects in her 70s.

To keep herself busy and her mind alive these days, Yvonne spends time doing decoupage and other artistic activities, despite suffering from bad arthritis.

"As I get older I've only got three speeds: slow, slower and stop," she laughed.

"I think I have mastered the difference between being alone and being lonely. You



A Renmark local, Yvonne joined the Riverland's centenarian club on March 24.



Yvonne was surrounded by many friends and family for her 100th birthday celebrations last month.

don't have to be lonely, because you reach out to people. But you are alone, so at night time it's just me and my television – and

I watch a lot of television with my eyes closed.

"Each day, I think, is a blessing."



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Pump-king to crowned

CHRISTINE WEBSTER

ORGANISERS of the annual Murray River Giant Pumpkin competition at Cadell are hoping for good entries on Saturday despite challenging growing conditions.

Cadell Community and Tourist Association vice-chairperson and event founder Kevin Myers said while pumpkins were reaching a good size, wet weather this year had caused some to rot inside and explode.

"Some growers thought they had nice pumpkins growing but the weather hasn't been too kind," he said. "What they do is that they actually turn rotten and are there one day and not the next."

"This could be caused by over or under watering, fungus or mildew."

Mr Myers said it was difficult to predict the quality or quantity of entries prior to the weigh-in.

"You could go to load the pumpkin on your trailer on the day and find that it is all



Murray River Giant Pumpkin competition founder Kevin Myers experienced first-hand the disappointment of his pumpkin entry exploding and being chewed on by mice ahead of the event on Saturday. PHOTO: supplied

rotten underneath," he said.

Mr Myers said entries in this year's competition were expected from mainly across the Riverland.

This year entrants can take part in a physical weigh-in of their pumpkins, which had not been possible during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Mr Myers is hoping to expand the competition to include more entries from across Australia again in the future.

The giant pumpkin

weigh-in will take place on Saturday at the Cadell Heritage Centre from 10am to 12 noon.

A \$5000 prize from MGA Insurance Brokers is on offer to anyone who can produce a pumpkin weighing 395kg or more to break the record set on April 24, 2011 of 394kg by Dale Oliver, of Knockrow, NSW.

Prizes for the three heaviest pumpkins of \$250 for first, \$150 for second and \$100 for third will also be awarded.

Community boosts Lions' BBQ fundraiser

"TREMENDOUS support" was shown by the community at a recent Lions Club fundraising event.

The Lions Club of Renmark held its Lions Biggest Barbecue event – which can be held at anytime in the year to suit individual clubs – on Saturday, March 26.

The local community helped raise \$1000 at the event, which will be used to help achieve the Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation (ALCCRF) mission of preventing young Australians dying from cancer.

Money raised nationally for ALCCRF help funds the best scientific and clinical childhood cancer research, conducted across Australia.

"We thank our community who supported us at this event," said Lions Club of Renmark president, Allan Maddocks.

"Our club has supported ALCCRF for many years, and our members felt that with the success of our monthly fundraising bazaars enjoying tremendous community support, it would be a good platform to

raise funds for this very worthwhile cause."

Lions Australia has contributed more than \$12m to childhood cancer research since 1996, resulting in safer and more effective blood stem cell transplantation for leukaemia patients following chemotherapy which can lead to shorter hospitalisation and more rapid recovery, among other things.

Meanwhile the Lions Club of Renmark also made a \$500 donation to an appeal launched to support the Tadros family.

The appeal was launched to help Nicholas Tadros, 10, who suffered extensive injuries in the Gold Coast helicopter crash that killed his mother earlier this year.

"At our club meeting last week, our members felt we should support this worthwhile appeal," Mr Maddocks said.

"The appeal has been aimed at getting further support from the community and also the business and corporate world. We therefore encourage the public to donate using the ALF website (givenow.com.au/cr/australianlionsfoundation)."



Waikerie High School's senior band members Jonathan (left), Isabella, Ellen, Hamish and Isaac attended the recent WOMADelaide festival. PHOTO: supplied

High school musos learn from WOMADelaide

WAIKERIE High School's senior band celebrated their success and contributions to the school by spending the day at the recent WOMADelaide festival.

The students were immersed in the world of music, arts and dance, watching acts like The Proclaimers, and Florence and the Machine.

The school said the stu-

dents were able to have conversations about these performances and select aspects that could be used in their own ensemble, with stage presence being a highlight.

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10:30 Nine News Late
11:00 See No Evil
11:50 Ordinary Joe
12:40 Tipping Point
1:30 Home Shopping
4:00 Believer's Voice Of Victory
4:30 A Current Affair
5:00 Nine News Early Edition
5:30 Today



6:00 The Talk; 7:00 Farm To Fork; 7:30 Good Chef Bad Chef; 8:00 Everyday Gourmet With JustineSchofield; 8:30 Entertainment Tonight; 9:00 Judge Judy; 9:30 The Bold & The Beautiful; 10:00 Studio 10; 12:00 10 News First; 1:00 Dr Phil; 2:00 To Be Advised; 3:30 Judge Judy; 4:00 Good Chef Bad Chef; 4:30 The Bold & The Beautiful; 5:00 10 News First
6:30 The Project
7:30 I'm A Celebrity...Get Me Out Of Here!
9:00 Law & Order
10:00 Fire Country
11:00 Bull
12:00 The Project Encore
1:00 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert
2:00 Home Shopping
4:30 CBS Mornings



5:00 World News; 9:00 Destination Flavour China Bitesize; 9:10 Paddington Station 24/7; 10:00 Rick Steve's Europe; 11:00 Susan Calman's Grand Day Out; 12:00 World News; 2:00 Dateline; 2:30 Insight; 3:30 Destination Flavour China Bitesize; 3:35 The Cook Up With Adam Liaw; 4:05 Royal History's Myths And Secrets; 5:05 Jeopardy!; 5:30 Letters And Numbers
6:00 Mastermind
6:30 SBS World News
7:30 Alone Australia
8:35 Michael Palin: Into Iraq
9:30 Rogue Heroes
10:35 SBS World News Late
11:05 Furia
12:00 The Sleepers
3:20 Mastermind
4:20 Bamay

THURSDAY

6:00 News Breakfast; 9:00 ABC News Mornings; 10:00 Australian Story; 10:30 That Pacific Sports Show; 11:00 Monash And Me; 12:00 ABC News At Noon; 1:00 Hard Quiz; 1:30 The Weekly With Charlie Pickering; 2:00 Shaun Micallef's MAD AS HELL; 2:30 Back Roads; 3:00 Escape From The City; 4:00 TBA; 5:00 Anh's Brush With Fame; 5:30 Hard Quiz
6:00 The Drum
7:00 ABC News
7:30 7.30
8:00 Foreign Correspondent
8:30 Grand Designs New Zealand
9:20 Griff's Canadian Adventure
10:10 Art Works
10:35 ABC Late News
10:50 The Business
11:10 Back In Time For The Corner Shop

5:00 Buddi; 5:10 Guess How Much I Love You; 5:20 Pins And Nettie; 5:25 Children's Programs; 5:30 Kiri and Lou; 5:35 Interstellar Ella; 5:45 Love Monster; 5:55 Kangaroo Beach
6:05 Octonauts
6:20 Bluey
6:30 Peter Rabbit
6:40 Ben And Holly's Little Kingdom
6:55 Shaun The Sheep
7:05 Grace's Amazing Machines
7:20 Bluey
7:30 Spicks And Specks
8:00 QI
8:30 Penn And Teller
9:15 Hard Quiz
9:45 The Weekly With Charlie Pickering
10:15 Gruen
10:55 Shaun Micallef's MAD AS HELL
11:25 Doctor Who

6:00 Sunrise; 9:00 The Morning Show; 11:30 Seven Morning News; 12:00 Runaway Millionaires; 2:00 Kochie's Business Builders; 2:30 Border Security; 3:00 The Chase; 4:00 Seven News At 4; 5:00 The Chase Australia
6:00 Seven News
7:00 Rnd 4: Brisbane v Collingwood
10:00 AFL Post Game
10:30 Seven News
11:00 TBA
12:15 Black-ish
1:15 Travel Oz
2:00 TBA
4:00 NBC Today
5:00 Seven Early News
5:30 Sunrise

6:00 Today; 9:00 Today Extra; 11:30 Nine's Morning News; 12:00 My Birthday Romance; 2:00 Pointless; 3:00 Tipping Point; 4:00 Millionaire Hot Seat; 5:00 Nine's Afternoon News
6:00 Nine News
7:00 A Current Affair
7:30 Rbt
8:30 Paramedics
9:30 Tba
10:30 A+E After Dark
11:25 Nine News Late
11:50 Prison
12:40 Tipping Point
1:30 Home Shopping
4:00 Believer's Voice Of Victory
4:30 A Current Affair
5:00 Nine News Early Edition
5:30 Today

6:00 The Talk; 7:00 Farm To Fork; 7:30 Good Chef Bad Chef; 8:00 Everyday Gourmet With JustineSchofield; 8:30 Entertainment Tonight; 9:00 Judge Judy; 9:30 The Bold & The Beautiful; 10:00 Studio 10; 12:00 10 News First; 1:00 Dr Phil; 2:00 To Be Advised; 3:30 Judge Judy; 4:00 Good Chef Bad Chef; 4:30 The Bold & The Beautiful; 5:00 10 News First
6:30 The Project
7:30 I'm A Celebrity...Get Me Out Of Here!
8:30 Taskmaster Australia
9:30 pm Gogglebox Australia
10:30 Would I Lie To You?
11:30 The Project Encore
12:30 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert
1:30 Home Shopping
4:30 CBS Mornings

5:00 World News; 9:00 Destination Flavour China Bitesize; 9:10 Paddington Station 24/7; 10:00 Rick Steve's Europe; 11:00 Susan Calman's Grand Day Out; 12:00 World News; 2:00 Destination Flavour China Bitesize; 2:05 Portillo's Greatest Railway Journeys; 3:00 Mastermind; 3:30 The Cook Up With Adam Liaw; 4:00 Royal History's Myths And Secrets; 5:05 Jeopardy!; 5:30 Letters And Numbers
6:00 Mastermind
6:30 SBS World News
7:30 Dinosaur With Stephen Fry
8:30 The Elon Musk Show
9:40 Vigil
10:40 SBS World News Late
11:10 Exit
12:05 The Eagle
4:15 Mastermind

FRIDAY

6:00 Gardening Australia; 7:00 News Breakfast; 9:00 ABC News Mornings; 9:30 The Cook And The Chef; 10:00 Great Southern Landscapes; 10:30 The Pacific; 11:00 Australia Remastered; 12:00 ABC News At Noon; 12:30 Walkabout Wickets; 1:15 In Our Blood; 2:05 Easter In Australia; 2:55 Escape From The City; 3:55 TBA; 4:55 Anh's Brush With Fame; 5:30 Hard Quiz
6:00 Meet The Penguins
7:00 ABC News
7:30 Gardening Australia
8:30 Van der Valk
10:00 Jack Irish
11:00 ABC Late News
11:15 Close To Me
12:05 Traces
12:50 Smother
1:40 rage

5:00 Buddi; 5:10 Guess How Much I Love You; 5:20 Pins And Nettie; 5:25 Children's Programs; 5:30 Kiri and Lou; 5:35 Interstellar Ella; 5:50 Love Monster; 5:55 Kangaroo Beach
6:05 Octonauts
6:20 Bluey
6:30 Peter Rabbit
6:40 Ben And Holly's Little Kingdom
6:55 Shaun The Sheep
7:05 Grace's Amazing Machines
7:20 Bluey
7:30 Spicks And Specks
8:00 Hard Quiz
8:30 TBA
10:25 Doctor Who
11:25 Silent Witness
12:25 Killing Eve
1:05 High Fidelity
1:40 Friday Night Dinner

6:00 Sunrise; 10:00 The Morning Show; 11:30 Seven Morning News; 12:00 House Of Wellness; 1:00 The Chase; 2:00 SANFL - South Adelaide v Woodville-West; 5:00 The Chase Australia
6:00 Seven News
7:00 Better Homes And Gardens
8:30 South Aussie With Cosi And Friends
9:45 Dream Horse
12:15 Crime Investigation Australia
1:35 Harry's Practice
2:00 TBA
4:00 Million Dollar Minute
5:00 NBC Today

6:00 Today; 9:00 Today Extra; 11:30 Nine's Morning News; 12:00 For The Love Of Chocolate; 1:45 9honey Hacks; 2:00 Pointless; 3:00 Tipping Point; 4:00 Millionaire Hot Seat; 5:00 Nine's Afternoon News
6:00 Nine News
7:00 A Current Affair
7:30 Escape To The Chateau
8:30 Willy Wonka & The Chocolate Factory
10:30 Hotel Chocolat
11:30 Flashdance
1:10 Drive Tv
1:30 Home Shopping
4:00 Postcards
4:30 Home Shopping
5:30 Skippy

6:00 The Talk; 7:00 Farm To Fork; 7:30 Good Chef Bad Chef; 8:00 Everyday Gourmet With JustineSchofield; 8:30 Entertainment Tonight; 9:00 Judge Judy; 9:30 The Bold & The Beautiful; 10:00 Studio 10; 12:00 Planet Shapers; 12:30 My Market Kitchen; 1:00 Dr Phil; 2:00 To Be Advised; 3:00 Entertainment Tonight; 3:30 Judge Judy; 4:00 Good Chef Bad Chef; 4:30 The Bold & The Beautiful; 5:00 10 News First
6:30 The Project
7:30 The Graham Norton Show
9:00 Matildas V Scotland
12:15 Taskmaster Australia Encore
1:15 Would I Lie To You?
2:15 The Project Encore
3:15 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert
4:00 Home Shopping

5:00 World News; 9:00 Destination Flavour China Bitesize; 9:10 Paddington Station 24/7; 10:00 Rick Steve's Europe; 11:00 Susan Calman's Grand Day Out; 12:00 World News; 2:00 Mastermind; 3:00 Ntv News; 3:30 Destination Flavour China Bitesize; 3:35 The Cook Up With Adam Liaw; 4:05 Royal History's Myths And Secrets; 5:05 Jeopardy!; 5:30 Letters And Numbers
6:00 Mastermind
6:30 SBS World News
7:30 Wrecks That Changed The World
8:30 Walking Britain's Lost Railways
9:25 Philip
10:20 The Day The Rock Star Died
Elvis Presley
10:50 Gomorrah
11:45 Cheyenne & Lola
2:00 Romulus

SATURDAY

6:00 rage; 7:00 Weekend Breakfast; 9:00 rage; 10:30 rage Guest Programmer; 12:00 ABC News At Noon; 12:30 Van der Valk; 2:00 Death In Paradise; 3:00 Scottish Vets Down Under; 3:30 TBA; 4:30 Landline; 5:00 The Truth About Getting Fit At Home
6:00 Back In Time For The Corner Shop
7:00 ABC News
7:30 The Larkins
8:20 Under The Vines
9:05 Grantchester
9:55 In Our Blood
10:45 Traces
11:30 rage Guest Programmer
5:00 rage

5:05 Curious George; 5:25 Children's Programs; 5:30 Kiri and Lou; 5:35 Interstellar Ella; 5:45 Love Monster; 5:55 Kangaroo Beach
6:05 Octonauts
6:20 Bluey
6:30 Peter Rabbit
6:40 Ben And Holly's Little Kingdom
6:55 Shaun The Sheep
7:05 Grace's Amazing Machines
7:20 Bluey
7:30 Spicks And Specks
8:00 Whose Line Is It Anyway?
8:25 Live From The BBC
9:10 Melbourne Comedy Festival
11:15 The Set
11:50 Doctor Who
12:50 Noughts + Crosses
1:50 Would I Lie To You?
2:20 The Young Offenders

6:00 NBC Today; 7:00 Weekend Sunrise; 10:00 The Morning Show; 11:30 Seven's Horse Racing; 4:00 Rnd 4: Adelaide v Fremantle
6:00 Seven News
7:00 Rnd 4: Sydney v Port Adelaide
10:00 AFL Post Game
10:30 Long Kiss Goodnight
1:00 Travel Oz
1:30 Harry's Practice
2:00 TBA
4:00 Get Arty
5:00 House Of Wellness

6:00 Getaway; 6:30 A Current Affair; 7:00 Weekend Today; 10:00 Today Extra; 12:00 Destination Wa; 12:30 The Pet Rescuers; 1:00 Living Proof; 1:30 My Way; 2:00 Talking Honey; 2:10 City Slickers; 4:30 The Garden Gurus; 5:00 Nine News; 5:30 Getaway
6:00 Nine News Saturday
7:00 A Current Affair
7:30 Space Invaders
8:30 Noah
11:10 Son Of God
1:40 The Pet Rescuers
2:00 The Incredible Journey Presents
2:30 Home Shopping
5:30 Helping Hands

6:00 Reel Action; 6:30 Leading The Way With Dr. MichaelYoussef; 7:00 Freshly Picked With Simon Toohey; 7:30 Escape Fishing With ET; 8:00 Everyday Gourmet With JustineSchofield; 8:30 What's Up Down Under; 9:00 Farm To Fork; 9:30 Good Chef Bad Chef; 10:00 Studio 10; 12:00 Taskmaster Australia; 1:00 All 4 Adventure; 3:00 Everyday Gourmet With JustineSchofield; 3:30 My Market Kitchen; 4:00 Farm To Fork; 4:30 Taste Of Australia; 5:00 10 News First
6:00 Bondi Rescue
6:30 The Dog House Australia Encore
7:30 Blue Bloods
8:30 CSI
9:30 NCIS
11:30 Fire Country Encore
1:00 Home Shopping

5:00 World News; 9:00 Cook Up With Adam Liaw Bitesize; 9:05 J Schwanke's Life In Bloom; 10:05 Love Your Home And Garden; 11:00 Expeditions With Patrick McMillan; 12:00 World News; 2:00 Super Surf Teams League 2023; 2:30 ISU Figure Skating World Champs Japan; 4:00 Cycling Road National Championships 2023; 4:30 Destination Flavour China Bitesize; 4:35 Mesopotamia 3D; 5:45 Lost Gold Of World War II
6:30 SBS World News
7:35 Charles
9:25 Wuthering Harlots
10:20 Planet Sex with Cara Delevingne
11:10 Outlander
12:10 The Father
1:55 Germinal
3:00 Mastermind
4:00 Bamay

SUNDAY

6:00 rage; 7:00 Weekend Breakfast; 9:00 The Pope's Easter Vigil 2023; 10:30 The World This Week; 11:00 Compass; 11:30 Songs Of Praise; 12:00 ABC News At Noon; 12:30 Landline; 1:30 Gardening Australia; 2:30 The Larkins; 3:15 Griff's Canadian Adventure; 4:15 Grand Designs New Zealand; 5:00 Art Works; 5:30 Antiques Roadshow
6:30 Compass
7:00 ABC News
7:30 Grand Designs Revisited
8:20 In Our Blood
9:15 Close To Me
10:00 Finding Alice
10:50 MotherFatherSon
11:50 Smother
12:45 Road To Now
1:40 rage

5:05 Beep and Mort; 5:25 Children's Programs; 5:30 Kiri and Lou; 5:35 Interstellar Ella; 5:45 Love Monster; 5:55 Kangaroo Beach
6:05 Octonauts
6:20 Bluey
6:30 Peter Rabbit
6:40 Ben And Holly's Little Kingdom
6:55 Shaun The Sheep
7:05 Grace's Amazing Machines
7:20 Bluey
7:30 Spicks And Specks
8:00 You Can't Ask That
8:30 Louis Theroux
10:10 TBA
11:00 Long Lost Family
11:45 George Clarke's Alaskan Adventure
12:35 ABC News Update
12:40 Programs Resume At 7.30pm

6:00 NBC Today; 7:00 Weekend Sunrise; 10:00 The Morning Show Weekend; 12:00 House Of Wellness; 1:00 Better Homes And Gardens; 2:00 Doc Hollywood; 4:00 Border Security; 4:30 The Crows Show; 5:00 Seven News Adelaide; 5:30 South Aussie With Cosi
6:00 Seven News
7:00 This Is Your Life
8:35 Code 1
9:35 Born To Kill?
10:35 Quantum Leap
11:35 Autopsy USA
12:35 The Rookie
1:30 Last Chance Learners
2:00 TBA
3:30 Million Dollar Minute
4:00 NBC Today
5:00 Seven Early News
5:30 Sunrise

6:00 Easter Sunrise With Wesley Mission; 7:00 Weekend Today; 10:00 Sunday Footy Show; 12:00 Sports Sunday; 1:00 Drive Tv; 1:30 Mega Zoo; 2:30 Rpa; 3:30 Space Invaders; 4:30 Building Ideas; 5:00 Nine News; 5:30 Hello Sa
6:00 Nine News Sunday
7:00 60 Minutes
8:00 Tina
10:30 Nine News Late
11:00 The First 48
11:50 Law & Order
12:40 Mega Zoo
1:30 Home Shopping
4:00 Believer's Voice Of Victory
4:30 Take Two
5:00 Nine News Early Edition
5:30 Today

6:00 Mass For You At Home; 6:30 Turning Point With David Jeremiah; 7:00 Joseph Prince; 7:30 Joel Osteen; 8:00 Everyday Gourmet With JustineSchofield; 8:30 Freshly Picked With Simon Toohey; 9:00 Luca's Key Ingredient; 9:30 Destination Dessert; 10:00 Studio 10; 12:00 To Be Advised; 1:00 Left Off The Map; 1:30 Bondi Rescue; 2:00 Luxury Escapes; 2:30 My Market Kitchen; 3:00 Pat Callinan's 4x4 Adventures; 4:00 Farm To Fork; 4:30 Taste Of Australia With HaydenQuinn; 5:00 10 News First
6:30 The Sunday Project
7:30 I'm A Celebrity...Get Me Out Of Here!
9:00 NCIS
11:00 FBI
11:00 The Sunday Project Encore
12:00 Home Shopping

5:00 World News; 9:00 Cook Up With Adam Liaw Bitesize; 9:05 J Schwanke's Life In Bloom; 10:05 Love Your Home And Garden; 11:00 The World From Above; 11:30 Expeditions With Patrick McMillan; 12:00 World News; 1:00 Speedweek; 3:00 Cycling; 5:30 The Italians; 5:40 Lost Gold Of World War II
6:30 SBS World News
7:30 Ray Martin
9:00 Jerusalem
10:05 Muhammad Ali
12:05 24 Hours In Emergency
1:05 The Chocolate Factory
4:15 Bamay
4:55 Destination Flavour Down Under Bitesize

MONDAY

6:00 Gardening Australia; 7:00 News Breakfast; 9:00 ABC News Mornings; 9:30 The Cook And The Chef; 10:00 Landline; 11:00 Antiques Roadshow; 12:00 ABC News At Noon; 1:00 Under The Vines; 1:45 Grantchester; 2:30 Back Roads; 3:00 Escape From The City; 4:00 Antiques Roadshow; 5:00 Anh's Brush With Fame; 5:30 Hard Quiz
6:00 The Drum
7:00 ABC News
7:30 7.30
8:00 Australian Story
8:30 Four Corners
9:15 Q+A
10:20 ABC Late News
10:35 Melbourne Comedy Festival
12:40 rage
3:30 Antiques Roadshow

5:00 Buddi; 5:10 Guess How Much I Love You; 5:20 Pins And Nettie; 5:25 Children's Programs; 5:35 Interstellar Ella; 5:45 Love Monster; 5:55 Kangaroo Beach
6:05 Octonauts
6:20 Bluey
6:30 Peter Rabbit
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6:55 Shaun The Sheep
7:05 Grace's Amazing Machines
7:20 Bluey
7:30 Spicks And Specks
8:00 TBA
8:50 George Clarke's Amazing Spaces
9:40 Long Lost Family
10:25 Escape From The City
11:25 Ghosts
11:55 Louis Theroux Interviews
12:40 Black Mirror

6:00 Sunrise; 10:00 The Morning Show; 11:00 The Stawell Gift; 2:00 AFL Pre-Game; 2:30 Rnd 4: Geelong v Hawthorn; 5:30 The Chase Australia
6:00 Seven News
7:00 Home And Away
7:30 TBA
10:55 Seven News
11:25 How To Look Good Naked
12:25 The Rookie
1:25 Kochie's Business Builders
2:00 TBA
4:00 NBC Today
5:00 Seven Early News
5:30 Sunrise

6:00 Today; 9:00 Today Extra; 11:30 Nine's Morning News; 12:00 Love, Fashion, Repeat; 1:45 9honey Hacks; 2:00 Pointless; 3:00 Tipping Point; 4:00 Millionaire Hot Seat; 5:00 Nine's Afternoon News
6:00 Nine News
7:00 A Current Affair
7:30 Lego Masters
9:10 Rpa
10:10 Nine News Late
10:40 Footy Classified
11:30 The Equalizer
12:20 Murder In A Small Town
1:10 Hello Sa
1:30 Home Shopping
4:00 Believer's Voice Of Victory
4:30 A Current Affair
5:00 Nine News Early Edition
5:30 Today

6:00 The Talk; 7:00 Farm To Fork; 7:30 Good Chef Bad Chef; 8:00 Everyday Gourmet With JustineSchofield; 8:30 Entertainment Tonight; 9:00 Judge Judy; 9:30 The Bold & The Beautiful; 10:00 Studio 10; 12:00 10 News First; 1:00 Dr Phil; 2:00 To Be Advised; 3:30 pm Judge Judy; 4:00 Good Chef Bad Chef; 4:30 The Bold & The Beautiful; 5:00 10 News First
6:30 The Project
7:30 I'm A Celebrity...Get Me Out Of Here!
9:00 Would I Lie To You?
10:00 Ghosts
10:30 Best Of The Sydney Comedy Festival
12:00 am The Project Encore
1:00 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert
2:00 Home Shopping
4:30 CBS Mornings

5:00 World News; 9:00 Destination Flavour China Bitesize; 9:20 Paddington Station 24/7; 10:05 Rick Steve's Europe; 11:05 Susan Calman's Grand Day Out; 12:05 World News; 2:00 Destination Flavour China Bitesize; 2:10 Portillo's Greatest Railway Journeys; 3:05 Mastermind; 3:35 The Cook Up With Adam Liaw; 4:05 Royal History's Myths And Secrets; 5:05 Jeopardy!; 5:30 Letters And Numbers
6:00 Mastermind
6:30 SBS World News
7:30 George Michael
9:15 24 Hours In Emergency
10:10 SBS World News Late
10:40 Reyka
11:40 Beforeigners
3:20 Mastermind
4:25 Bamay

TUESDAY

6:00 News Breakfast; 9:00 ABC News Mornings; 10:00 Foreign Correspondent; 10:30 Weird; 11:10 Countdown To War; 12:00 ABC News At Noon; 1:00 Shakespeare And Hathaway; 1:45 Gruen; 2:30 Back Roads; 3:00 Escape From The City; 3:55 Antiques Roadshow; 5:00 Anh's Brush With Fame; 5:30 Hard Quiz
6:00 The Drum
7:00 ABC News
7:30 7.30
8:00 Great Australian Stuff
9:00 TBA
10:00 Stuff The British Stole
10:30 ABC Late News
10:45 The Business
11:00 Four Corners
11:45 MotherFatherSon
12:50 Shakespeare And Hathaway

5:00 Buddi; 5:10 Guess How Much I Love You; 5:20 Pins And Nettie; 5:25 Children's Programs; 5:30 Kiri and Lou; 5:35 Interstellar Ella; 5:45 Love Monster; 5:55 Kangaroo Beach
6:05 Octonauts
6:20 Bluey
6:30 Peter Rabbit
6:40 Ben And Holly's Little Kingdom
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7:05 Grace's Amazing Machines
7:20 Bluey
7:30 Spicks And Specks
8:00 Would I Lie To You?
9:00 Ghosts
9:30 Fisk
10:00 QI
10:30 Friday Night Dinners
10:55 The Young Offenders
11:30 High Fidelity

6:00 Sunrise; 9:00 The Morning Show; 11:30 Seven Morning News; 12:00 TBA; 1:30 Surveillance Oz; 2:00 Highway Cops; 2:30 Border Security; 3:00 The Chase; 4:00 Seven News At 4; 5:00 The Chase Australia
6:00 Seven News
7:00 Home And Away
7:30 TBA
9:15 We Interrupt This Broadcast
10:15 The Good Doctor
11:15 Seven News
11:45 Police Custody USA
12:45 What The Killer Did Next
2:00 TBA
4:00 NBC Today
5:00 Seven Early News
5:30 Sunrise

6:00 Today; 9:00 Today Extra; 11:30 Nine's Morning News; 12:00 Lego Masters; 1:45 Talking Honey; 2:00 Pointless; 3:00 Tipping Point; 4:00 Millionaire Hot Seat; 5:00 Nine's Afternoon News
6:00 Nine News
7:00 A Current Affair
7:30 Lego Masters
8:50 David Attenborough's Frozen Planet II
10:00 Nine News Late
10:30 Chicago Med
11:25 Court Cam
11:50 Suspect Number 1
12:40 Tipping Point
1:30 Home Shopping
4:00 Believer's Voice Of Victory
4:30 A Current Affair
5:00 Nine News Early Edition
5:30 Today

6:00 The Talk; 7:00 Farm To Fork; 7:30 Good Chef Bad Chef; 8:00 Everyday Gourmet With JustineSchofield; 8:30 Entertainment Tonight; 9:00 Judge Judy; 9:30 The Bold & The Beautiful; 10:00 Studio 10; 12:00 10 News First; 1:00 Dr Phil; 2:00 To Be Advised; 3:30 Judge Judy; 4:00 Good Chef Bad Chef; 4:30 The Bold & The Beautiful; 5:00 10 News First
6:30 The Project
7:30 I'm A Celebrity...Get Me Out Of Here!
9:00 NCIS
11:00 The Project Encore
12:00 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert
1:00 Home Shopping
4:00 Football

5:00 World News; 9:00 Destination Flavour China Bitesize; 9:10 Legacy List (US); 10:15 Paddington Station 24/7; 11:05 Grayson Perry's Big American Road Trip; 12:00 World News; 2:00 Destination Flavour China Bitesize; 2:05 Portillo's Greatest Railway Journeys; 3:00 Mastermind; 3:30 The Italians; 3:45 The Cook Up With Adam Liaw; 4:15 Elizabeth; 5:05 Jeopardy!; 5:30 Letters And Numbers
6:00 Mastermind
6:30 SBS World News
7:30 Who Do You Think You Are?
8:30 Insight
9:30 Dateline
10:00 SBS World News Late
10:30 Great British Railway Journeys
11:05 Manayek
12:00 Dignity

Word search

How many words can you find?

- ACCUSE

AGED

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BELTS

BRAKE

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BUDS

CALL

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CENTIMETERS
- CRACK

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FILL

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- GIFT

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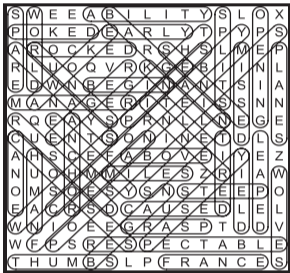
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Last Week's Solution



Crossword

ACROSS

3. Advise

8. Forest patrol warden

9. Fiery

11. Gift

14. Send out

17. Roam

19. Epoch

20. Entreaty

22. Verbal noun

24. Bake

26. Watered silk fabric

28. Pertaining to the nose

31. Cancelled

32. Number

34. Deny

36. Orient

38. Filleted

41. Lever in a hand-printing press

42. Dominion

43. Boasters

DOWN

1. Small nail

2. Soon

3. Lasso

4. Making a mistake

5. Key

6. Measure

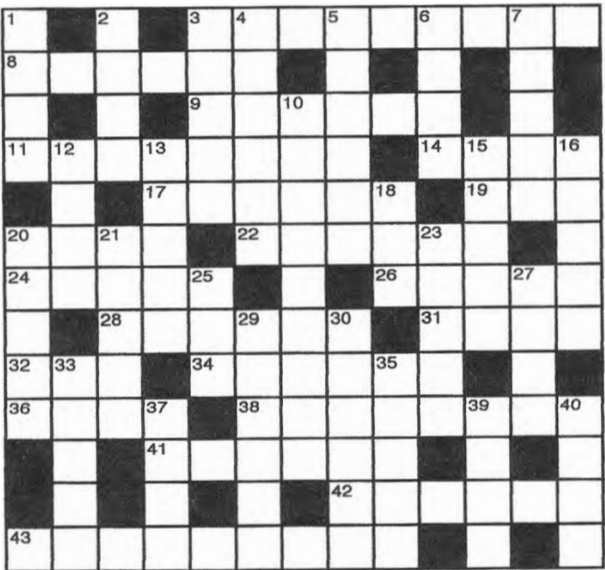
7. Lowest point

10. Twelve-sided figure

12. Norwegian capital

13. Afloat

15. Source of information



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ARIES (March 21st - April 20th)
If you are not careful, you will waste a lot of energy just rushing around, without actually getting much done. A minor accident later in the week may slow you down. **Romance.** A comment made by your partner could make you angry. Try not to overreact, and do your best to see it in context.

TAURUS (April 21st - May 21st)
A friend who has let you down in the past is just about to do so again. Don't be too trusting the second time around. **Romance.** An incident at the beginning of the week could sour your relationship for a while: do your best to put it to one side and focus on all those things which have gone right.

GEMINI (May 22nd - June 21st)
You might be a little less conscientious about your work than you are normally. This would be a good time to take a break. **Romance.** A new way of looking at an old problem may help you to find a way of solving it. Don't be afraid to consider an option which may seem strange at first.

CANCER (June 22nd - July 23rd)
An unexpected visit will help to improve your social life. Don't be afraid to take up an offer from this person, even if you are not quite sure where it will lead. **Romance.** Don't give up, just because you have had a small set-back. Your luck is about to turn and you need to take advantage of this while you still have the chance.

LEO (July 24th - August 23rd)
A change which is not in your best interests should be forgotten about. You want to make a change in your career - but this is not the right time. **Romance.** Make sure you are completely clear about what has been going on behind your back. You won't be able to deal with an issue effectively if you don't know the full story.

VIRGO (August 24th - September 23rd)
So long as you ignore other people's advice, you are unlikely to go very far wrong. **Romance.** You may feel like retreating from a problem which has been worrying you recently. This is not the best solution. You need to think through an important decision and address the issues which it raises head-on.

LIBRA (September 24th - October 23rd)
A concession will help you to get what you are after. Don't be afraid to give up something of value. **Romance.** You will be seeing a lot more of a friend whom you were close to in the past. This person has changed in several ways since you last saw them, but still likes you as much as they did before.

SCORPIO (October 24th - November 22nd)
A remark which you make to a colleague could easily be misinterpreted. Clear this up before it gets you into trouble. **Romance.** Don't allow your thoughts to be dominated by other people. You might benefit from some time spent by yourself, especially around the beginning of the week.

SAGITTARIUS (November 23rd - December 21st)
Your intuition will be much more powerful than usual this week. You will be able to see events in a very different way. **Romance.** You might be feeling a little bit unloved. Let your partner know that you would like more support before this issue starts to create tension between you.

CAPRICORN (December 22nd - January 20th)
A tense situation will not be resolved unless you do your best to see the other person's point of view. **Romance.** Your partner will appreciate the energy you have put into a project which will help both of you. You must be careful to get their input, however. You need to take their needs into consideration.

AQUARIUS (January 21st - February 19th)
A coworker may have some useful ideas about what you should do next. Listen to what they have to say, but make up your own mind. **Romance.** You may be feeling quite frisky this week. Don't be surprised if your partner is rather slow to respond. A romantic get-away later in the week will put you both in the right mood.

PISCES (February 20th - March 20th)
It would be better to concentrate your energy on making practical changes rather than trying to analyse your situation. **Romance.** Your love-life will soon be taking a turn for the better. A phone call from a stranger will be the first sign that things are beginning to look up.

SUDOKU

No.422

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

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

Level of Difficulty: Hard

1 5 7

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7 5

3 2

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A combined team of SES and MFS members staged road crash rescues at an open day in Renmark in March. Pictured are Mark Jones, Will Slee, Trent Hyland, Clayton Bond, Callum Benda, Scott Anderson, Cameron McNaughton, Ervin Martinez and Chris Ylia. PHOTO: Deirdre Graham

MFS greets visitors with open arms

HUGH SCHUITMAKER

RENMARK residents were given an insight into the operations of their local emergency service crews at a recent community event. The Renmark MFS, in co-operation with the CFS, SES and SA Ambulance Service, held a public open day earlier this month at the Renmark MFS Station.

Renmark MFS senior firefighter Zac Matulin said the event allowed attendees to view equipment and vehicles used by all local emergency service agencies. “We estimated more than 400 people came through... and gave very good feedback,” Mr Matulin said. “We had all the emergency services there and I think everyone

was excited to see the road crash demonstration. “We co-ordinated with all the agencies. “The CFS did their drills and had their appliances to show everyone what happens in a bush-fire situation. The SES had some activities for people to do, and the ambos had the stretchers out in their vehicles for people to go

through as well. “Everyone got an insight into what we do.” A road crash rescue demonstration highlighted the day, however Mr Matulin said the Deefa the Dog MFS mascot was also popular with locals. “As always he was walking around taking photos all day,” he said.

Mr Matulin said future open day events would be an opportunity to demonstrate continually developing equipment. “If we do it every couple of years it might keep that interest from people,” he said. “We’re getting a new water carrier this year, so hopefully we can show that off to people in a couple years’ time.”

the quiz



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| 1. Which is the tallest steel arch bridge in the world?
..... | 8. In which English city was singer Robbie Williams born in February 1974?
..... | 15. In the 2011 film , Captain America is 'The First 'what'?
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| 2. In humans, Daltonism is better known by what name?
..... | 9. 'Through Thick and Thin' is a 2011 autobiography by which UK television presenter?
..... | 16. The city of Budapest occupies both banks of which river?
..... |
| 3. Airedale cheese comes from which country?
..... | 10. Which is the only insect that can turn its head 360 degrees?
..... | 17. Chim Chim Cheree, I Love to Laugh and Feed the Birds are all songs from which film?
..... |
| 4. In 1985 the Fayed brothers purchased which London-based department store?
..... | 11. How high, in metres, is the London Eye?
..... | 18. The 1992 Summer Olympic Games were hosted by which European city?
..... |
| 5. A puli is what type of animal?
..... | 12. Which playing card is known as 'The Devil's Bedpost'?
..... | 19. What is the name of the boy in Rudyard Kipling's 'The Jungle Book'?
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| 6. Singer Dan Reynolds is the frontman of US band 'Imagine' what?
..... | 13. Who wrote the 1977 novel 'The Thorn Birds'?
..... | 20. In the US animated television show 'The Simpsons' which actress voiced Maggie's first word, which was 'Daddy'?
..... |
| 7. During which month of 1963 was US President John F Kennedy assassinated?
..... | 14. Agnus Dei is a figure of which creature as an emblem of Christ?
..... | |

BONUS QUESTION: What is the name of Barbie's father?
Answer in next week's Quiz.

Answers on
page 29

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Country Arts SA's chief executive Anthony Peluso and newly appointed board chair Michael Lennon visited Waikerie's Rain Moth Gallery recently.
PHOTO: supplied



New arts chair's local visit

A NEW chairperson has been appointed to the helm of Country Arts SA.

Michael Lennon takes over from Michael Luchich, who was in the position since 2016.

After taking up the role recently, Mr Lennon met with Riverland artists and community members at Waikerie's Rain Moth Gallery.

The aim of his visit was to learn about the projects artists are creating in the region.

Scottish by birth, Mr Lennon arrived in Australia as a teen and has spent most of his life in South Australia.

Country Arts SA said the new chair was a leading figure in the Australian housing, urban planning, and related sectors, with almost four decades of experience in executive management, governance, and policy development.

His experience extends across both public and private sectors in Australia, New Zealand, and the United Kingdom.

Mr Lennon is the managing director of Housing Choices Australia (HCA), one of Australia's largest not-for-profit community housing providers.

Most recently he oversaw the introduction of South Australia's new planning system as State Planning Commission chair.

He was also recently appointed deputy chair of the new National Supply and Affordability Council.

As chair of the Riverbank Precinct Advisory Committee (REPAC), he advised on the complex renewal of Festival Plaza and environs.

Mr Lennon said his priority was "to work with other directors, staff and artists and, especially, regional communities to understand their aspirations for the organisation and its work."

"In our 30th year we are proud to contribute to the reconciliation process with the public release of our third Reconciliation Action Plan," he said.

"It's exciting to see the changing demography and growth economies of towns and regional centres retaining young people, attracting new investment and with such positive future aspirations."

"I look forward to contributing to Country Arts SA by working with the Arts Minister and the State government and focusing on the crucial contribution of arts and culture in regional communities."

South Australian Arts Minister Andrea Michaels congratulated Michael Lennon on his appointment.

"Mr Lennon brings with him a wealth of knowledge in infrastructure and a love for the arts which puts the future of the organisation in good stead in providing arts opportunities across regional South Australia," she said.

Country Arts SA chief executive Anthony Peluso thanked Michael Luchich for his leadership since 2016 through some challenging years.

"I look forward to working with Michael Lennon to ensure a sustainable future for regional artists and communities by growing employment for artists and diversifying programming for audiences."



Among those at the Morgan flood recovery event recently were Donna O'Hagan, of Morgan, Jenni Winter, Judy Maskell and Susan Santella, all of Waikerie, Di Hausler, of Morgan, and Mid Murray Mayor Simone Bailey. PHOTOS: supplied

Community spirit flooding through

CHRISTINE WEBSTER

MORGAN residents came together recently for a free community event in the CBD to provide support to one another after the River Murray flood.

More than 60 people of all ages enjoyed a sausage sizzle and live entertainment by Riverland West musician Peter Santella.

The event was organised by the Morgan Community Development and Tourist Association (MCDTA) with support from Mid Murray Council as part of the Mid Murray Our Town initiative.

The association's secretary Kathy Ley said a \$1000 grant from Wellbeing SA funded the gathering, while sausages, chips and drinks were donated by Morgan IGA Friendly Grocer and Hardware.

Ms Ley said the majority of attendees were residents, plus some Melbourne tourists staying at the Morgan Riverside Caravan Park.

"It was really nice to get together as a community, I think everyone enjoyed this," she said.

"Since the flood, nothing has really happened."

Pamphlets from Wellbeing SA about mental health support services were also handed out to attendees.

Ms Ley said the Morgan community was starting the process of flood recovery.

"Everyone has seen the flood, which was beautiful, but destructive," she said.

"It is nice to have it gone

FLOOD EVENT

and to return back to some normality."

Ms Ley said shack owners from outside the area were the main group of people in the town impacted by the flood.

She said a small percentage of shack owners were permanent residents and they had found alternative accommodation while flood damage to their properties were being assessed.

Ms Ley said with the caravan park now open after the floods, local businesses were hoping for a busy Easter.

"I think there will be quite a few people around,"



Helen Robinson (left) and Greg Thain, both of Morgan, enjoying the free entertainment at the Morgan flood recovery community event recently.

she said.

She said shack owners were expected to continue cleaning up.

"They may be in their shacks enjoying themselves or bringing friends up to work on their shacks."

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It's good to go to someone you know!

SOMETIMES someone or something special come into our lives or community – as it did last week when some Western Australia visitors travelling around Australia in their caravan stopped at Waikerie. This senior couple, William ‘Bill’ James and Shirley Shephard called into the Rain Moth Gallery and the volunteer at that time was pleased to have a chat with them. The history of Waikerie was important to them, and so they duly went to the Waikerie Districts Historical Society rooms – and fortunately volunteers Julie and Yvonne were there. Bill is an ancestor of the Shephard family who owned Waikerie Station and they built Waikerie Homestead at Holder. Bill and Shirley chose to extend their time in Waikerie and were shown some areas of the district. They said they were very pleased with the connections they made in Waikerie.

Well done and thanks to the Waikerie Football Club for the launch of the 2023 season on Saturday, when they played at the Waikerie Oval against Strathalbyn. This event is known as the Jason Lehmann Memorial Cup and it brought many former players back to Waikerie for the weekend.

The Waikerie Hospital Guild welcome you to its forthcoming popular card luncheon at the hospital day care centre at 11am on Friday, April 14. This one is the first for this year. Get a table of four, come along and enjoy your favourite game. Or just come and be included in a foursome. Or you can just enjoy lunch and have a chat with friends. Cost is \$12 for the two-course lunch. Tickets for raffles and lucky door prizes will be available.

The Men’s Shed movement are behind some of the most successful Riverland projects and we give thanks to those who have provided this facility. The groups cater for some who have been working for decades and have now retired, or may have health problems and were forced into early retirement. Staying at home is an option, however men need someone to chat with, or talk over the current news. Some may have lost a partner. Men’s Shed offers mateship and always a chat. It’s not all about participants using

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their skills and talents to repair, re-paint, or rebuild, on projects that many of the group enjoy. It is a warm welcome to someone, often with morning tea and a chat.

It will be a great night at the Cadell Club on Easter Saturday when an amateur talent quest contest takes place. Registrations have closed but make sure you get to the club to watch. Best wishes to all participating, with major prizes to be presented. Thanks to the generous sponsors who have made this night possible. For further details, or to inquire about the courtesy bus, phone Cadell Club (8540 3286).

The Showdown was a good game to watch and for those who didn’t get the score, the Adelaide Crows won! Next week sees the first time all AFL matches will be held in Adelaide. It’s the Gather Round and it will be a busy weekend.

Don’t miss Sandie Dodd and the Chasers at the Waikerie Bowling Club on Saturday, May 13, at 7pm. More details next week. Bookings with Susan Santella (0417 854 972).

As we approach Good Friday and the Easter weekend let us be mindful, acknowledge and remember the Easter story. Good Friday is also World Health Day. Whatever you and your loved ones are planning, take care, keep safe and look after each other. May peace be with you always.

Thought for the week:
“If you just take a step by faith to do the right thing, then God will do the rest –the things you can’t do.”

- Maria Fontaine

Loxton Waikerie Library Service update:

AUTHOR Dean Jamieson spoke at the Loxton and Waikerie libraries recently about his novel, They Called Me Lightning.

Audiences were entertained with stories of Dean’s early years working on out-back stations in Australia.

We thank the audience for their attendance.

Riverland historian Rosemary Gower will soon be talking at both libraries about the Loveday Internment Camp, formed in 1941.

Loveday was the largest site in Australia that housed internees and prisoners of war. She will provide interesting camp history and talk about the products and services provided to assist the forces during war time. These talks will take place in May during History Month.

The Loxton Library has Easter activity packs to give away to children between April 3-6. They will also be available at the Loxton Chamber of Commerce’s

free Easter picnic on 8 April.

The Loxton and Waikerie libraries have some great activities on offer for children during the school holidays. There’s something available for all ages.

The Loxton Library will have some great craft activities available, and the Waikerie Library is exploring ancient lands. Waikerie will be making a knight’s helmet and shield, hieroglyphic message and code breaker, Viking ship and a snakes and sticks game. Activities are available on each Wednesday and Thursday of the holidays for children of all ages.

The Children’s University will be visiting the Loxton and Waikerie libraries to run a DNA workshop where children, aged 7-10 years, will be extracting DNA from strawberries.

Riverland Youth Theatre (RYT) has a filmmaking workshop and creative club organised at the Waikerie Library on Thursday 20

April for teens aged 13-plus.

Bookings essential for all events. To find out more, phone Loxton Library (8584 8051) or Waikerie Library (8541 0720).

RYT – Filmmaking <https://www.trybooking.com/CHDVQ>

RYT – Creative Club <https://www.trybooking.com/CHDVV>

The Loxton and Waikerie libraries have introduced sensory support tools for children to use while in the libraries.

These squishy, bumpy, stretchy, tactile tools can help keep children’s hands busy so their mind can focus, which helps them to remain calm, reduce anxiety, promote touch, increase focus and concentration, and strengthen and develop fine motor skills.

Next time you’re visiting the libraries, ask for the sensory support tools so your child can have fun and relax with their library experience.

BOOK REVIEW

April

LOXTON WAIKERIE LIBRARIES

Top 10

LOXTON WAIKERIE TOP 10 NOVELS

23rd Midnight
by James Patterson

Burner
by Mark Greaney

One Illumined Thread
by Sally Colin-James

Shadow State
by Andy McNab

Storm Watch
by CJ Box

The Empire
by Michael Ball

The Last Kingdom
by Steve Berry

The Last Remains
by Ekky Griffiths

We’ll Meet Again
by Cheryl Adnams

Worthy Opponents
by Danielle Steel

TITLE:
Retribution

AUTHOR:
Sarah Barrie

BOOK REVIEW BY:
Katrina Webber

SET on the central coast of New South Wales, Retribution is a suspenseful thriller sure to enthral readers.
Protagonist Lexi Winter is a brilliant hacker, part-time vigilante, and ex-prostitute, now working for the police as a probationary constable. She’s a tough, headstrong woman who has trouble towing the line and doesn’t care what others think of her.
The book gets straight into the action with Lexi chasing a drug-dealing graffiti artist through a railway tunnel. Her partner and mentor commands her to stop, but Lexi knows she can chase this guy down, even though the trains haven’t been stopped.
Lexi survives the incident and captures the vigilante but is still in trouble with her boss. This doesn’t stop her from conducting her own investigation in her own time.
Through her hacking she



finds out the drug dealer is involved with a notorious drug dealing Sydney crime family, who just happens to be linked with her past.
Lexi uses her cyber skills to fight the major players in each level of crime to get to the kingpin while working with colleagues to solve a complex investigation. As the stories unravel, Lexi realises both cases are interwoven, and she needs to work with her team to untangle them.
If you enjoy reading stories about murder, shootings, violence and headstrong women, this fast-paced novel is one that you’ll have trouble putting down.
This action adventure is the second Lexi Winter novel but can be read as a standalone.



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Public Consultation

Code of Practice - Access to Council and Committees Meetings and Documents

Renmark Paringa Council is currently seeking feedback on the Code of Practice - Access to Council and Committees Meetings and Documents. This Code of Practice has been prepared in accordance with Section 92 of the Local Government Act, 1999.

Feedback on the Code of Practice will be presented to Council. A copy of the document can be obtained by visiting Council's website <https://www.renmarkparinga.sa.gov.au/council/consultation>.

Written submissions are invited from the public and should be directed to the Chief Executive Officer, PO Box 730 or emailed to council@renmarkparinga.sa.gov.au by close of business Wednesday 26 April 2023. For further information relating to this document, please contact:

Tony Siviour Chief Executive Officer
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Parliament of South Australia
Social Development Committee

Petition No. 96 of 2021
Funding for children and students
with additional learning needs
in public schools and preschools

As resolved on a motion in the House of Assembly, the Social Development Committee is conducting an inquiry into Petition No. 96 of 2021 —

Title:

Urgent Need to Fund Support for Children and Students in Public Schools and Preschools

Request:

Your petitioners request that your Honourable House will urge the Government to increase funding to schools and preschools to provide immediate support and intervention for children and students with additional learning needs through the employment of more support staff, specialists and allied health (including mental health) professionals and teachers.

Any person or organisation wanting to make a written submission to the inquiry is invited to do so by Friday 19 May 2023. Unless determined otherwise by the Committee, submissions are made publicly available on the internet. Please note, the Committee reserves the right to determine which witnesses will be invited to provide an oral submission.

Additional information on the Committee and making a submission to the inquiry is available at <https://www.parliament.sa.gov.au/committees/sdc> (select 'current inquiries')

Please address enquiries and submissions to:

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E-mail: sdc@parliament.sa.gov.au
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ROAD CLOSURE

ANZAC Day Commemoration
Service for Schools, Berri

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THE SCHEDULE

Location	From	To
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- 2) Exempt persons in these areas when they are closed to vehicular traffic from Road Rules 230 (crossing a road) and 238 (pedestrians travelling along the road).

For further information please contact the office on 8582 1922 or bbc@bbc.sa.gov.au

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BARMERA HARD WASTE COLLECTION
17-21 April 2023

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 DO I PUT MY ITEMS OUT?

Monday 10 April — Sunday 16 April 2023

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Individuals who reside within the Barmera township area.

NEED MORE INFO?

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NOTE:

This collection is being offered to **Barmera residents only** on a three-year rotational basis. This will be rotated through the district over three (3) years which will split the cost of this popular service to Council while still ensuring an equitable service for all residents.

2023/2024 collection will be for the connecting towns of: Cobdogla, Glossop, Loveday, Monash, Winkie.

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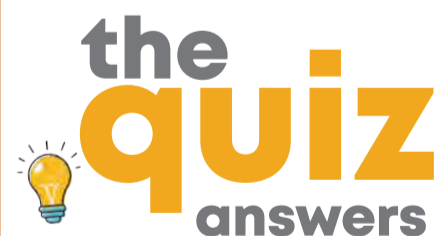
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15.Avenger 16.River Danube 17.Mary Poppins
18.Barcelona 19.Mowgli 20.Elizabeth Taylor




BONUS QUESTION ANSWER
(from last week): Liechtenstein lies between Austria and Switzerland

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95th BIRTHDAY

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Thank you for all the thoughtful care, guidance and assistance you've given us all over the years.
Enjoy your day!

SILVER ANNIVERSARY

LYNCH.
To my darling wife Nicole, happy 25th wedding anniversary. Lots of love always Ben XOXOXO.

THANK YOU

WAIKERIE.
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But now it's time for me to go home.



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DEATHS

ASHTON, Greta.
Passed away peacefully at home on Tuesday, March 28, 2023.
Aged 92 years.
Loved wife of Brian (deceased).
Loved mother of Michael, Garry, Annette, Mark, Jeff and their families.
Deep in our memories.
Greta's farewell will be a private family affair.
Friends who wish to share memories of Greta with her family are invited to the Barmera Club on Thursday, April 6, 2023 from 4pm to 6pm.



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DEATHS

TONEGUZZO, Joy.
Passed away peacefully, surrounded by her family, at home on Saturday, March 25, 2023.
Aged 67 years.
Loved wife of Oscar.
Never to be forgotten. Now at peace.
WALL, Edward 'Gus'.
Passed away in Loxton on March 28, 2023.
Aged 73 years.
Loved husband of Audrey.
Much-loved father and father-in-law of Kylie and Russ, Scott and Sam, Dallis, Callan and Natasha.
Adored grandpa of 7. Loved great-grandpa of 3.
Gatherings without your many stories will not be the same.
Rest in peace.

FUNERALS

TONEGUZZO.
The relatives and friends of the late Joy Toneguzzo are respectfully invited to attend her funeral service to be conducted at St Theresa's Catholic Church, 126 Ral Ral Avenue, Renmark on Friday, April 14, 2023 at 11am.
In lieu of flowers if desired, a donation to Asthma Foundation in Joy's memory would be appreciated.
Donations may be made at the service.
At the conclusion of the service the cortege will proceed to the Renmark Cemetery for the committal.



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MEMORIAL SERVICE

DOCKING, Kevin Douglas.
Relatives and friends are advised that Kevin's memorial service will be conducted at the Loxton Club, Bookpurnong Terrace, Loxton on Friday, April 14, 2023 at 10:30am.



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LOXTON North - 249 Edwards Road. Closed Friday, April 7, open Saturday 8th, Sunday 9th and Monday 10th, 10am - 4pm. Plants. Vegetable and flower seedlings \$4.25; selection of ferns from \$12; BioGro potting soil \$12. Phone 85841205.

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Riverland Youth Theatre

is seeking a suitably qualified and experienced person to fill the volunteer position of Secretary on the four-member executive of the RYT Board. They should have some experience in meeting organisation skills, corporate governance, administration and an understanding of the not-for-profit charitable sector regulatory frameworks and standards. If you have an interest in contributing to RYT's wonderful work, please email an expression of interest to board@ryt.org.au including your relevant qualifications and experience.

Loxton Show Society

Conveners needed for the 2023 LOXTON show to be trained for this year's Show in October for the following sections: Vegetables, Floral Art, Amateur Winemaking & Brewing and Scarecrows Please call 0497 147 890 for more information.

Wilabalangaloo (Berri Branch of National Trust)

are seeking able bodied volunteers to help with maintaining walking trails, weed control, pest control, revegetation & other projects. If you enjoy the outdoors please contact Gordon on 0427847896 for more information.



Riverland Easter CHURCH NOTICES



BERRI | BARMERA

Maundy Thursday

April 6

Berri 7pm Combined
Pastor S Trautwein

Good Friday

April 7

Barmera 9am Combined
Pastor S Trautwein

Easter Sunday

April 9

Berri 9am Combined
Pastor S Trautwein
All Welcome
Phone 0493021960

LOXTON

Maundy Thursday

April 6

St Peter's Concordia 7pm
7pm HC da Costa

Good Friday

April 7

St Peter's Concordia 10am
10am HC da Costa

Myrla & New Residence 9am

Lay Reading (New Res) 8.30am

Bookpurnong 8.30am da Costa

Easter Sunday

April 9

St Peter's Concordia 10am
10am HC da Costa

Myrla & New Residence 7am HC

da Costa (Myrla) 7am

Bookpurnong 7am

Rest Home Gurra Lakes Wed, Apr 12 10.30am HC

Unfortunately, until further notice, only residents can attend - no visitors.

Lutheran Ministry Centre Phone 8584 5522

Pastor Chris Georg (Concordia and outlying)

Pastor Jason Sander (St Peter's)

RENMARK | PARINGA

Maundy Thursday

April 6

Renmark 7pm HC

Good Friday

April 7

Paringa 10am

Easter Sunday

April 9

Renmark 9am HC

Paringa 10.30am HC

All Welcome

Pastor Roland Adams

Phone 0460 300 492

WAIKERIE

Maundy Thursday

April 6

Waikerie 7pm

Good Friday

April 7

Lowbank 8.45am

Ramco 8.45am

Waikerie 10am

Easter Sunday

April 9

Ramco 6.15am

Waikerie 10am

All Welcome

Phone 8541 2689



Holy Wednesday April 5

10am - Renmark

St Augustine's Eucharist

Maundy Thursday April 6

6pm - Renmark

St Augustine's

6pm - Waikerie St James

Good Friday April 7

9am - Barmera

St Edmunds

9am - Loxton The Resurrection

11am - Waikerie St James

1.30pm - Renmark Way of the Cross Jarrett Memorial Gardens

3pm - Renmark St Augustine's

Holy Saturday April 8

6pm - Monash St Oswald's

Easter Sunday April 9

6.15am - Renmark St Augustine's

Sunrise Morning Prayer

9am - Barmera St Edmunds & Loxton

The Resurrection Eucharist

11am - Renmark St Augustine's & Waikerie, St James

Eucharist

Contact: David Patterson 8586 3288



1025 Old Sturt Highway

Good Friday, April 7 9.30am

Easter Sunday, April 9 10am

Family Fun Night Easter Sunday 5pm to 7pm

Bring your own food and outdoor games. All Welcome

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Good Friday, April 7 9am-10am

Easter Sunday, April 9 9am-10am

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Ps Red Elliott 0439 507 096

Ps Sheryl Giles 0423 884 002



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UNITING CHURCH

BERRI / BARMERA

Good Friday, April 7

Barmera 9.30am

Berri 11am

Easter Sunday, April 9

Barmera 10am

Berri 10am

Berri, Denny Street Barmera, Nookamka Tce berribarmerauca.org.au



LOXTON

Good Friday April 7

10am

Ian Forsyth

Easter Sunday April 9

10am

Aub Mattner

Contact Rev Linda Forsyth 0401 815 488

RENMARK

Good Friday April 7

10am

Rev Linda Forsyth

Renmark West are joining with Renmark Avenue

Easter Sunday April 9

8.30am

Renmark West 10am

Renmark Ave

Rev Linda Forsyth

Rev Linda Forsyth Phone 0401 815 488

Catholic Church Mass Times

Our Lady of the River Catholic Parish

EASTER LITURGIES

Holy Thursday, April 6

Berri, Loxton & Waikerie 5pm

Good Friday, April 7

Stations of the Cross Jarret Memorial Garden

Renmark 1.30pm

Loxton 3pm

Passion at: Renmark & Barmera 3pm

Waikerie 5pm

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil, April 8

Waikerie 7pm

Easter Sunday, April 9

Morgan 9am

Berri 9am

Renmark 11am

Barmera 11pm

Loxton 6pm

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ALMONDCO
PREMIUM AUSTRALIAN ALMONDS

Receivals Forklift Operator – Afternoon shift

Almondco Australia Ltd is located in Renmark, South Australia and is one of the largest almond processing and packing facilities in Australia. With the almond industry currently strong, now is an exciting time to join our team as a Receivals Forklift Operator.

Duties include:

- Unloading/loading bins from trucks,
- Completing receivals paperwork,
- Marshalling raw materials for production,
- Stock rotation,
- Carrying out stocktakes,
- General housekeeping.

To be successful in this role, you will have:

- Valid forklift licence,
- Experience loading and unloading trucks,
- Be familiar with RF technology,
- MR class licence (an advantage but not essential),
- Fumigation licence or willing to complete training,
- Able to work within a team or autonomously when necessary.

Job environment:

- Predominately afternoon shift, but must be available to workday shift and overtime when required (to cover leave etc),
- Some weekend work required during peak periods.

Expressions of interest to be emailed to jobs@almondco.com.au

Applications close Sunday, 16 April 2023



RIVERLAND CATHOLIC SCHOOLS' PARTNERSHIP

Speech Pathologist- Full time 2 Year contract
Occupational Therapist Full time 2 Year contract
Beginning Monday 1st May 2023

Role description: Provide Collaborative Services across the 5 Riverland Catholic Schools to children and young people who need extra professional support. This role will be working with staff to support students in a classroom environment by providing in class support, coaching and advice to build teacher capacity to identify, plan and provide adjustments for students with complex developmental needs, presenting with speech/ language/communication delay and/or disabilities.

For more information and a Position Information Document please contact Michael Slagter, Principal of OLOR Berri, on 0433 291 009 or mslagter@olor.catholic.edu.au



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PRIMARY TEACHER

0.4 FTE, commencing Term 2, 2023
Class sizes capped at 20 students

We're looking for Christian teachers who are eager to engage with students, mentor their creativity, celebrate their strengths and scaffold their learning from a Christian worldview.

For a position description and to learn more about our College, visit rivergum.sa.edu.au/employment

Submissions should include a cover letter addressing the position description, complete application form (available online), CV and TRB SA certificate.

Application close 9am Tuesday 11th April



ALMONDCO
AUSTRALIA

SALES MANAGER – Australian Domestic Market

Almondco Australia Ltd is a well-established grower owned, regionally based business that has become a leader in the international market with its extensive range of quality almond based 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.

With the Australian almond industry rapidly expanding, now is an exciting time to join our team!

Almondco Australia is in a period of significant, planned growth and are looking to boost our Sales and Marketing team by recruiting a Domestic Sales Manager. The successful candidate will be based at our Renmark office and will bring an enthusiastic approach to this important role with a strong sales background, excellent people skills, a creative marketing flair and analytical mind.

Previous experience in a similar role would be well regarded.

In this role you will be responsible for:

- Managing, supporting and further developing the Australian domestic sales program to achieve sales budgets and growth targets,
- Account and contract management,
- Identifying and securing new domestic sales opportunities,
- Monitoring and managing domestic pricing parameters,
- Developing strong relationships with customers and agents,
- Key member and driver of the product development team,
- Member of the Almondco community & sponsorship panel,
- Be a key 'Almondco' brand ambassador at events.

To be successful in this role, you will:

- Be a collaborator with excellent communication skills,
- Be self-driven and motivated in securing sales opportunities,
- Have previous experience with commercial sales,
- Have a good understanding of marketing, branding and retail environments,
- Have a natural ability to negotiate to maximise pricing,
- Be able to develop relationships throughout the supply chain,
- Be competent in using MS Teams, Word, and Excel.

The position comes with an attractive salary package including a fully maintained company owned vehicle.

To apply for this position, send your resume and cover letter to: jobs@almondco.com.au

Applications close Tuesday, 11 April 2023.

For all enquiries, please contact the People & Culture Manager on 08 8586 8800.



ALMONDCO
PREMIUM AUSTRALIAN ALMONDS

HULLING & SHELLING SEASONAL CASUALS 2023

Production Process Operator – Lyrup Site

Almondco Australia Ltd is one of the largest almond processing and packing facilities in Australia. With the almond industry currently strong, now is an exciting time to join our team!

We are currently seeking **seasonal casuals** for an **immediate start** at our Hulling & Shelling facility located in Lyrup, SA.

Responsibilities include:

- Unloading and loading bins from trucks and warehouse,
- Operating primary processing machinery, forklifts, loaders, tractors, etc,
- Inputting data into console ensuring all products are correctly labelled,
- Conducting and recording of quality/moisture checks,
- Keeping accurate records of each grower's run,
- General cleaning and housekeeping of all work areas.

Job environment:

- 3 shift fixed roster including weekends,
- March to August season (may vary due to seasonal conditions).

Expressions of interest to be emailed to jobs@almondco.com.au

For all enquiries, please call 08 8583 8269



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We have a number of roles available located in Berri, Mt Gambier or Adelaide

Head to I Work for SA to read the role description and follow the instructions to apply. Applications will only be accepted through I Work for SA.

Initial enquiries to: Christine Fiebig, Manager, Customer Service and Regional Delivery, Christine.Fiebig@sa.gov.au

To apply and for more information visit the I WORK FOR SA website: www.iworkfor.sa.gov.au and search by vacancy number.

Applications Close:
Wednesday 19 April 2023, 11.45pm

The Department for Environment and Water 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 LGBTIQ+.

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You:

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**If this sounds like you then
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- 1x MC Driver for interstate/Melbourne

Resumes to be emailed:
admin@chrisevanstrans.com.au
OR ring 08 8586 4433



SECONDARY TEACHER

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Boscaro Farms is a progressive, family owned horticultural business located at Bookpurnong in the Riverland. We require an irrigation manager.

The role is a fulltime salaried position including company car, laptop and phone with shared weekend and out of hours responsibilities.

The successful candidate will potentially be trained in all aspects of managing the property in the longer term to provide relief for the existing manager while on leave.

This role would suit an experienced irrigation manager. Alternatively, it would also suit an energetic person wanting to develop a career in horticulture. All relevant support and 'on the job' training would be provided to the successful candidate.

The property consists of:

- 300 HA Almonds
- 62 HA wine grapes
- Fully automated, direct diversion irrigation system, all on dripline.

The successful candidate will:

- not necessarily be experienced in irrigation management.
- be provided on property training on the management of the irrigation system.
- able to oversee and maintain all irrigation infrastructure including irrigation lines, filters, valves, pumps etc.
- able to use basic computer programs to access electronic soil moisture probe data.
- have a positive 'can do' attitude and flexibility to work weekends during peak times.

The successful candidate will be well presented with good communication skills and a desire to be part of a team dedicated to best practice in horticulture.

Applications to:
Ben Taylor

bt@murraypioneer.com.au
MOB: 0419 833 517

\$10K for Berri Barmera Landcare's post-flood workshops



IN the wake of the River Murray flood, Berri Barmera Landcare will host six biodiversity education workshops, after being awarded a \$10,000 grant.

The Foundation for Rural Regional Renewal's Strengthening Rural Communities (SRC) program grant will go towards the Berri Barmera group's Environmental Connection program, which aims to strengthen community connections and engagement to the local environment after the 2022-23 flood.

Collaboratively funded by a number of donors, this program gives small communities across rural Australia access to funds for a broad range of initiatives that directly and clearly benefit the local area people.

The program is split into three streams: Small and Vital; Prepare and Recover; and Rebuilding Regional Communities. The Berri Barmera Landcare Environmental Program falls under the Prepare and Recover grants category.

Foundation for Rural Regional Renewal Place portfolio leader, Jillarena, said this record-breaking SRC round is a clear indication of the level of

support that remote, rural and regional Australia needs.

"What we saw in the applications this round, across each of the streams, was a strong emphasis on individual and community health and social wellbeing," she said.

"This reflects how the last few years have impacted remote, rural and regional areas.

"Back-to-back natural disasters, the pandemic and now the cost-of-living crisis have left limited resources when it comes to prioritising their wellbeing.

"We continue to see a demand for support in maintaining or upgrading community spaces, halls and hubs. This kind of infrastructure is so important when it comes to keeping small communities connected, particularly during the ongoing recovery and resilience-building process that rural Australia is currently facing."

The SRC always accepts applications, with local not-for-profits and community groups encouraged to review the program guidelines and apply.

More information about the SRC program is available online (www.frrr.org.au/src).



Riverland group Kool Strummings at the recent annual Great Adelaide Ukulele Picnic (from left): Jerlina Kingson, Anne Chase, Chrisilla Kingson, Joan Baker, Kerry Stanger (leader), Chris Schumann and Paulston Kingson. PHOTOS: supplied

Musical picnic? Uke can do it

TWO Riverland-based groups took part in the ninth annual Great Adelaide Ukulele Picnic, held in St Helen's Park, Prospect, on March 26.

About 400 ukulele players from 24 different groups played at the picnic, with some other country areas represented as well.

"Each group plays three songs of their choice while on a stage, with amplification," a

Riverland spokesperson said.

"Everyone else attending can join in, as a comprehensive song book is published with the chords and words.

"Some members of Kool Strummings perform every three weeks at St Catherine's (in Berri) while Bubble and Squeak practises at the Monash Hall on a Thursday evening (see note in Pioneer's community diary)."



Members of the Riverland's Bubble and Squeak ukulele group (from left): Veronica Raams, Pieter Raams, Anne Chase, Richard Raams, Chris Schumann, Karl Raams, Margot Kranich (leader), Robert MacLean and Barb Talbot.

‘We’re back in business’

BEN LENNON

THOUSANDS flocked to the banks of the Murray River across the weekend, signalling the return of one of the region’s most eye-catching motorsport spectacles.

Despite a delayed start due to the flood, the Riverland Dinghy Club returned with a bang hosting the traditional season opener, the Dash 4 Cash, on Friday night, before launching into the Dinghy Derby on Sunday.

Riverland Dinghy Club president Scott Jenke said the weekend was “the best it could’ve been” given the circumstances.

“We saw crowd numbers down a little bit around the area and entries were down a little bit, but there was a short lead time for registrations and it was the week before Easter,” Mr Jenke said.

“We had 10 to 15 teams out of Western Australia that said they’ll be back when it returns to the normal time next February, so you add those numbers back up and you’re around the regular number.”

But, the overwhelming message from the club is that dinghy racing is well and truly back, with the 2023 season now under way.

“It sends a strong message to river communities and visitors that we are open for business and we’re all able to do what we normally do, within reason,” Mr Jenke said.

“As long as the safety measures are there, you can get out on the river and do everything we could pre-flood which is really important for us as a community.

“It helps spread the message back to the tourists that we’re open for business.

“We’ll have to juggle a couple of events but definitely we’ve got the calendar ready. So, I think we’re back and the Riverland is ready to have these events in full swing, which is brilliant.”

On the water, the dinghy duo of Matt Thur and Shane Palat backed up an impressive 2022 season that saw them finish runner-up overall, with the pair picking up victories on both Friday and Sunday.

They stormed home in front of a strong crowd in the Dash 4 Cash, before taking advantage of ideal conditions on Sunday to

complete the double.

“It was probably the cleanest the creeks had been, so you knew it was going to be quick heading into the event,” Mr Jenke said.

“The top boats got out early and had a clean run, and just banked time in every sector.”

The club was also able to return to its roots, hosting a free event on the Renmark riverfront on Friday night for the Dash 4 Cash, something Mr Jenke said was front of mind for members.

“To see families stroll in and pop over for some food and sit at a free event, there’s nothing better,” he said.

“We would’ve seen over 3000 people sitting on the Renmark Club and the riverbank.

“We wanted to do something out the front that provides for families and for those that can’t go up the river, it means they get to see some racing.

“The committee did a fabulous job and we had up to 100 volunteers out there with about 19 duty boat locations and the four sweep boats.

“So it was awesome by them to get it done so smoothly.”

RESULTS

DASH 4 CASH

30hp sport: M. Thur/S. Palat 114.3, K. Morena/D. Mowbray 115.3, S.

Pogorecki/Z.Pogorecki 115.9.

30hp rookies: C. Price/L. Gordon 128.9, N. Gray/L. Sharrad 131.4, B. Hill/W. Miller 134.8.

30hp super standard: M. Pietrolaj/T. Whateley 134.21, C. Newman/C. Gillespie 137.3, J. Morena/D. Kershaw 137.4.

30hp standard: L. Robins/G. Robins 136.5, S. Peterson/S. Lampard 138.3, J. Haslett 139.9.

300cc modified: J. Creg/C. Shaft 168.7, J. Chigros/T. Pilgrim 162.6, N. Wilson/D. Weir 169.1.

25hp standard: S. Scott/W. Scott 156.1, O. Scarlett/C. Biele 144.3, N. Scanlan/T. Thorn 179.8.

15hp standard: A. Stevens/T. Curran 191.5.

DINGHY DERBY

30hp sport: M. Thur/S. Palat 1:08.5, S. Jenke/J. Porter 1:12.58, K. Morena/D. Mowbray 1:12.59.

30hp rookies: M. McKerie/L. Copeland 1:20.21, N. Gray/L. Sharrad 1:21.27, C. Zadow/M. Northcott 1:22.15.

30hp super standard: M. Pietrolaj/T. Whateley 1:23.00, J. Woodrow/N. Woodrow 1:24.15, Z. Lane/J. Lane 1:24.50.

30hp standard: S. Peterson/S. Lampard 1:25.04, A. Troake/T. Spooner 1:26.41, L. Robins/G. Robins 1:27.17.

25hp standard: O. Scarlett/C. Biele 1:32.05, G. McConnell/M. McConnell 1:36.25, S. Scott/W. Scott 1:36.26.

300cc modified: N. Wilson/D. Weir 1:29.35, J. Chigros/T. Pilgrim 1:37.45, T. Forbes/B. Groves 1:48.25.

15hp standard: A. Stevens/T. Curran 1:28.47.

DASH 4 CASH PLACEGETTERS



30hp sport runners-up Douglas Mowbray (left) and Kodi Morena alongside winners Matt Thur and Shane Palat. Absent: Scott and Zac Pogorecki (third). PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff



25hp runner-up Owen Scarlett alongside winners Will and Steve Scott, and third placegetters Nick Scanlon and Travis Thorn. Absent: Carter Biele (second).



300cc modified winners Jackson Greg and Cam Shaft alongside runner-up John Chigros, and third placegetters Nathan Wilson and Dylan Weir. Absent: Thomas Pilgrim (second).



30hp standard runners-up Sophie Lampard and Sean Peterson, winners Luke and Grant Robins, and third placegetters James Haslett and Monty Wall.



30hp super standard runners-up Cooper Newman and Che Gillespie, winners Max Pietrolaj and Toby Whateley, and third placegetters Jesse Morena and Declan Kershaw.



30hp rookies runners-up Luke Sharrad and Nick Gray alongside winners Cameron Price and Luke Gordon. Absent: Bailey Hill and Will Miller (third).



Thousands flocked to the Renmark riverfront as dinghy racing returned in 2023.

DINGHY DERBY PLACEGETTERS



30hp sport runners-up Shaun Jenke and Joel Porter, winners Matt Thur and Shane Palat, and third placegetters Kodi Morena and Douglas Mowbray.



25hp standard runners-up Garry McConnell and Marley McConnell alongside winner Owen Scarlett, and third placegetters Will and Steve Scott. Absent: Carter Biele (first).

Playing to learn, learning to play at SAPSASA

IT was another day of ‘learning to play and playing to learn’ for 450 primary school students as they competed in the Riverland SAPSASA Athletics Carnival at Loxton High School on Wednesday, March 29.

Loxton Primary School took out the large schools’ category, finishing on 391 points for the day, just ahead of Loxton Lutheran School (349 points).

Our Lady of the River (Berri) finished first in the medium schools’ category on 184 points, while Ramco Primary School took home the small schools shield on 135 points.

Loxton Lutheran was also awarded the most improved shield ahead of St Joseph’s Renmark and Loxton Primary School.

Two records were broken on the day, with Emy Ahmed (Ramco Primary School) running a time of 5:54.36 in the 12yo girls 1500m, breaking the previous record of 6:02.52 set in 2019.

Hunter Danton (Morgan Primary School) broke the record in the 11yo boys shotput record, putting with a distance of 9.98m, beating the mark of 9.79m set in 2002.

Ramco/Morgan were the tug-



Over 450 students from primary schools around the Riverland competed at the 2023 Riverland SAPSASA Athletics Carnival.

of-war champions of the day, with the four-way tug-of-war event an addition to the past two carnivals.

A Riverland team will be selected to compete at the state championships on Friday, September 18, at the Adelaide Athletics Stadium.

Final school standings

LARGE SCHOOLS:

- Loxton Primary School: 1st (381 points)
- Loxton Lutheran: 2nd (349 points)
- St Joseph’s Renmark: 3rd (295 points)

- Berri Primary School: 4th (250 points)
- Waikerie Primary School: 5th (241 points)
- Renmark Primary School: 6th (162 points)
- Barmera Primary School: 7th (159 points)

MEDIUM SCHOOLS:

- Our Lady of the River: 1st (184 points)
- Monash Primary School: 2nd (144 points)
- Cobdogla Primary School: 3rd (128 points)
- Waikerie Lutheran: 4th (119 points)
- St Joseph’s Barmera: 5th (107 points)
- Renmark West Primary School: 6th (95 points)

- points)
- Renmark North Primary School: 7th (86 points)

SMALL SCHOOLS:

- Ramco Primary School: 1st (135 points)
- St Albert’s Loxton: 2nd (126 points)
- Kingston-on-Murray Primary School: 3rd (82 points)
- Morgan Primary School: 4th (75 points)
- Rivergum Christian College: 5th (57 points)
- Loxton North School: 6th (20 points)
- Blanchetown Primary School: 7th (13 points)



Hunter Danton from Morgan Primary School broke the 11yo boys shotput record, posting a distance of 9.98m.



Emy Ahmed from Ramco Primary School broke the record in the 12yo girls 1500m, running a time of 5:54.36.



Year 12 Loxton High School sports studies students were officials at field events on the day and are pictured with Jeff Knispel (left) and Nicola Centofanti MLC (right). PHOTOS: Facebook



DINGHY DERBY WINNERS: 300cc modified: Runner-up John Chigros with winners Nathan Wilson and Dylan Weir, and third-placegetter Thomas Forbes and Brodie Groves. Absent: Thomas Pilgrim (second).



30hp super standard: Runners-up Joel Woodrow and Nathan Woodrow, winners Toby Whateley and Max Pietrolaj and third-placegetter Zach Lane. Absent: Jordan Lane (third).



30hp standard: Runners-up Andrew Troake and Tahlia Spooner, winners Sean Peterson and Sophie Lampard, and third-placegetters Luke Robins and Grant Robins.



Rookies: Runners-up Nick Gray and Luke Sharrad, winners Mark McKerlie and Lindsay Copeland, and third-placegetters Cameron Zadow and Matt Northcott. PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff

2023 Riverland Interschool Athletics Carnival results:

- 100m**
 - Under 13 boys: J. Briant (WHS)
 - Under 13 girls: O. Gartner (RHS)
 - Under 14 boys: G. Morgan (RHS)
 - Under 14 girls: K. Harman (LHS)
 - Under 15 boys: T. Harrison (RHS)
 - Under 15 girls: S. Sampson (LHS)
 - Under 16 boys: B. Rashleigh (BRSC)
 - Under 16 girls: S. Smith (LHS)
 - Under 20 boys: T. Ogle/H. Koehne (LHS)
 - Under 20 girls: A. Fenwick (BRSC)
- 100m hurdles**
 - Under 15 boys: S. Ramos (BRSC)
 - Under 16 boys: M. Perre (LHS)
 - Under 20 girls: A. Fenwick (BRSC)
 - Under 20 boys: J. Koehne (LHS)
 - Under 13 girls: A. Lehmann (WHS)
 - Under 13 boys: R. Johnson (BRSC)
 - Under 14 girls: E. Burgemeister (WHS)
 - Under 14 boys: M. Johnson (BRSC)
 - Under 15 girls: H. Paull (LHS)
 - Under 15 boys: O. Lang (RHS)
 - Under 16 girls: S. Gibbs (LHS)
 - Under 16 boys: L. White (RHS)
 - Under 20 girls: Z. Schutz (LHS)
 - Under 20 boys: B. White (RHS)
- 200m**
 - Under 13 girls: O. Gartner (RHS)
 - Under 13 boys: J. Briant (WHS)
 - Under 14 girls: K. Harman (LHS)
 - Under 14 boys: G. Morgan (RHS)
 - Under 15 girls: B. Hahn (LHS)
 - Under 15 boys: J. Wooldridge (LHS)
 - Under 16 girls: S. Smith (LHS)
 - Under 16 boys: B. Rashleigh (BRSC)
 - Under 20 girls: S. Beames (LHS)
 - Under 20 boys: B. White (RHS)
- 100m relay**
 - Under 13 girls: Renmark
 - Under 13 boys: Berri Regional
 - Under 14 girls: Loxton
 - Under 14 boys: Berri Regional
 - Under 15 girls: Loxton
 - Under 15 boys: Renmark
 - Under 16 girls: Loxton
 - Under 16 boys: Loxton
 - Under 20 girls: Loxton
 - Under 20 boys: Loxton
- 800m**
 - Under 13 girls: A. Lehmann (WHS)
 - Under 13 boys: T. Nettle (BRSC)
 - Under 14 girls: H. Brattoli (LHS)
 - Under 14 boys: M. Johnson (BRSC)
 - Under 15 girls: S. Gibbs (LHS)
 - Under 15 boys: O. Lang (RHS)
 - Under 16 girls: S. Smith (LHS)
 - Under 16 boys: L. White (RHS)
 - Under 20 girls: S. Beames (LHS)
 - Under 20 boys: T. Mitchell (LHS)
- 80m hurdles**
 - Under 14 girls: S. Glen (BRSC)
- 90m hurdles**
 - Under 14 boys: A. Kent (LHS)
 - Under 15 girls: S. Sampson (LHS)
 - Under 16 girls: H. Carter (BRSC)
- Discus**
 - Under 13 girls: C. Loffler (WHS)
 - Under 13 boys: L. Bowers (BRSC)
 - Under 14 girls: A. Edwards (WHS)
 - Under 14 boys: C. Gibbens (LHS)
 - Under 15 girls: B. Hahn (LHS)
 - Under 15 boys: L. Koop (LHS)
 - Under 16 girls: E. Petch (LHS)
 - Under 16 boys: W. Nitschke (LHS)
 - Under 20 girls: M. Katsaitis (BRSC)
 - Under 20 boys: C. Ebert (LHS)
- High jump**
 - Under 13 girls: S. Whitbourne (BRSC)
 - Under 13 boys: R. Johnson (BRSC)
 - Under 14 girls: S. Glen (BRSC)
 - Under 14 boys: D. Marks (BRSC)
 - Under 15 girls: B. Geraghty (LHS)
 - Under 15 boys: T. Harrison (RHS)
 - Under 16 girls: I. May (LHS)
 - Under 16 boys: I. Morgan (RHS)
 - Under 20: S. Schulz (LHS)
- Vallelonga (BRSC)**
 - Under 20: S. Vallelonga (BRSC)
- Javelin**
 - Under 13 girls: O. Johnson (LHS)
 - Under 13 boys: H. Keynes (RHS)
 - Under 14 girls: O. Johnson (LHS)
 - Under 14 boys: B. Serafin (LHS)
 - Under 15 girls: A. Kafexholli (WHS)
 - Under 15 boys: L. Koop (LHS)
 - Under 16 girls: L. Moore (BRSC)
 - Under 16 boys: K. Serafin (LHS)
 - Under 20 girls: R. Files (RHS)
 - Under 20 boys: P. Leang (WHS)
- Long jump**
 - Under 13 girls: O. Gartner (RHS)
 - Under 13 boys: J. Briant (WHS)
 - Under 14 girls: K. Harman (LHS)
 - Under 14 boys: G. Morgan (RHS)
 - Under 15 girls: S. Sampson (LHS)
 - Under 15 boys: T. Harrison (RHS)
 - Under 16 girls: L. Loffler (WHS)
 - Under 16 boys: D. Zdanowicz (LHS)
 - Under 20 girls: P. Lawrie (LHS)
 - Under 20 boys: B. Salmon (LHS)
- Shot put**
 - Under 13 girls: S. Angeleski (LHS)
 - Under 13 boys: C. Klingbiel (BRSC)
 - Under 14 girls: K. Goldspink (BRSC)
 - Under 14 boys: C. Stuetzel (RHS)
 - Under 15 girls: A. Teakle (RHS)
 - Under 15 boys: L. Keynes (RHS)
 - Under 16 girls: A. Teakle (RHS)
 - Under 16 boys: K. Serafin (LHS)
 - Under 20 girls: M. Katsaitis (BRSC)
 - Under 20 boys: A. Hodgson (BRSC)
- Triple jump**
 - Under 13 girls: S. Kroehn (WHS)
 - Under 13 boys: R. Johnson (BRSC)
 - Under 14 girls: K. Harman (LHS)
 - Under 14 boys: B. Duthie (LHS)
 - Under 15 girls: K. Harman (LHS)
 - Under 15 boys: T. Harrison (RHS)
 - Under 16 girls: M. Tzanavaras (LHS)
 - Under 20 girls: A. Fenwick (BRSC)
 - Under 20 boys: B. Salmon (LHS)

WAIKERIE FOOTBALL CLUB SEASON LAUNCH:



Waikerie and Strathalbyn joined forces to contest the Jason Lehmann Memorial Cup on Saturday at Waikerie, with the visitors running out victors. PHOTO: Facebook



A new-look Waikerie side took to the field, including experienced recruit Anton Gerardis. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff



Waikerie youngsters took part in a kick-and-catch at the club's season launch. PHOTO: Facebook

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Round 4

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ROUND 3 RESULTS

Colleen Lutze	(7)17	Mick Durdin	(7)16
Anthony Lennon	(7)17	Grant Taylor.....	(6)16
Chris Evans.....	(6)17	Clive Fisher.....	(5)16
Josie Spriggs	(6)17	Thiel Boys.....	(5)16
Mark Kilmartin	(5)17	Trevor Flint	(5)16
David Brindley.....	(5)17	Paul Frangoulis	(5)16
Rozemary Campbell.....	(5)17	Frank Drougas	(5)16
Adele Johnson	(4)17	Duani Vowles	(5)16
Katelyn Lynch	(4)17	Jim Baldock	(5)16
Gaylee Drogemuller	(4)17	Sarsho Elliott	(4)16

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Setting the Cats amongst the Magpies



Female footy's fixture shake-up

BEN LENNON

LOXTON'S last-minute departure from the RWFL ahead of the upcoming season has caused a scheduling headache, with the competition now just four teams strong.

After consulting the clubs involved, the RFL has made the decision to continue with the fixture already in place, with matches scheduled against Loxton to become a bye.

The decision means that the majority of weeks will see just two women's teams take the field, but RFL women's football co-ordinator Drew Nelsson remains open to suggestions as the league continues to push its new club-first mentality.

"A lot of teams have got their social calendars sorted out for the year," Mr Nelsson said.

"The girls that help with a lot of those things have already organised events around dates when they know they've got the bye which is fair enough.

"The girls will be playing a six-game season and I'll be offering if they'd like to play another fill-in game in between.

"Most weeks there will only be the two teams playing so we will have a chat about that and see if they can fit another round in if that's what they want.

"All teams will be playing in the first round of finals, so at the moment it's essentially seven games plus a grand final. We will talk about it and it's definitely something up for discussion."

The change means that Barmera-Monash will endure a month-long stretch without a match in the current set-up, something Mr Nelsson concedes is "not ideal".

However, the league remains open to suggestions and change, with a delegates meeting scheduled next fortnight for the clubs to have their say on what works best for them.

An idea was put forward from the SANFL to move the senior women's competition, as well as the under 15 girls, to Sundays for the upcoming year, however the clubs declined the offer.

WAIKERIE'S female footballers will join forces with a rival Riverland club this season in an attempt to ensure the region attains maximum participation levels in the RWFL.

After months of deliberation and a push for extra numbers, Loxton has conceded it will not have enough players to field a side in the 2023 competition.

However, Waikerie has opened its doors to the remaining players, allowing the former Catters to play under the black and white banner for the upcoming season.

The move is a temporary fix to a long-term numbers problem, but RFL women's football co-ordinator Drew Nelsson is hopeful it will be a one-season arrangement.

"At the moment (Loxton) just don't have enough numbers and Waikerie was more than happy to grab those girls," Mr Nelsson said.

"Everyone worked together to make sure we've still got the four-team competition.

"At the moment the Loxton girls playing for Waikerie is just for this season. I'm hoping that there will be a few

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girls that want to jump on either way."

The influx of players is a boost for Waikerie, with the club also struggling for numbers ahead of the season, which is set to begin later this month.

The change will allow the women's competition to consist of more full-sized games with teams of 16-a-side, something Mr Nelsson holds in high regard.

"I think it should work well," he said.

"The most important thing is if they've got 10 players each or thereabouts then they've got a side of 20, so they get out there and have a game on a full-sized field which is what it's all about.

"It helps create a competition where everyone's even and each team has plenty of players.

"Last year we played a lot of games with nine or 10 players, but it's a lot better to have 16-per-side on the field."



Loxton and Waikerie will join forces under the Magpies' banner this RWFL season after the Catters were unable to muster the numbers for a full side.
PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

Under 15 girls key to footy's future

BEN LENNON

A SERIES of 'come and try' sessions for female footballers under the age of 15 concluded at Renmark on Monday night after being held at Barmera and Waikerie in the weeks prior.

Waikerie, Berri, Renmark and Barmera-Monash all entered teams, with numbers largely the same as last year's inaugural season.

RFL women's football co-ordinator Drew Nelsson

labelled the sessions a success and believes the under 15s hold the key to the future of the senior women's competition.

"The girls have been fantastic," Mr Nelsson said.

"At Waikerie in the first week they played two nine-a-side games going across the field. The voice and everything was fantastic and it was really good to see. I got there and the girls had the guernseys on and were rar-

ing to go.

"Then at Barmera the teams combined and they played on a full-sized oval with about 16-a-side which worked well. Some of those girls would've never done that before.

"Getting as many under 15 girls out there as we can is a good start (to helping the senior competition).

"If we can get a lot of juniors out there and start making the senior women fight

for their spot on the field that would be great.

"I think there's four or five girls that are in their last year of under 15s at Waikerie, so there's an example of what things might look like next year."

The first bounce for the official under 15s season remains up in the air, with club delegates set to meet with Mr Nelsson later this month to discuss a potential start date.

Options currently on the table include mirroring the RWFL and RFL seasons, as well as potentially following the AFLW season later in the year.

"I'll be encouraging delegates to come and speak for both the women and the girls, or I'm happy for people to just speak for one or the other," Mr Nelsson said.

"We can have a chat and decide what the season will look like.

"We all need to work together. I'm not there to tell anyone what they have to do, it's up to the clubs to put the feedback in. We just need to work out how many people we've got and see how we go.

"It's another night of football for people and there needs to be oval space as well. We can also talk about the AFLW season later in the year which could be an option as well."

5RM RFL commentary returns to the airwaves

LOCAL footy will return to the airwaves in 2023, as 5RM's RFL commentary team gears up for another season behind the microphone.

The station went back to its roots last year, commentating a local game, after a number of seasons receiving calls of AFL fixtures each weekend.

The return was a hit, and presenter Lachlan Winnall is raring to go for another campaign.

"We had a lot of support last year which was fantastic," Winnall said.

"We had a lot of years of doing AFL games and while we would keep up to date around the grounds and stuff, a lot of people missed it.

"There was plenty of support for it from the league and the clubs



Sports Saturday co-hosts Trevor Norton and Lachie Winnall will be behind the microphone again in 2023, calling one RFL match per round live on 5RM. PHOTO: supplied

and just people that can't get to the games at all.

"It adds some value and content to the people that are there as well, obviously with people listening in

their cars."

Returning alongside Winnall will be Loxton Waikerie Mayor and Sports Saturday host Trevor 'Nobby' Norton, but aside from

the duo, the rest of the line-up will have a different feel to last year's team.

"Myself and Nobby are locked in. Sadly we've lost 'Doobs' (Travis Dubrich). He's failed to give us two draft picks as part of the trade," Winnall joked.

"We're still on the lookout for a few new faces. We might have the services of Ben Lennon; we're just figuring out how to fit him under the salary cap.

"For anyone that's keen on getting into it, you can kick back and have a bit of fun. We train people up and we don't chuck them in the deep end, so it's not quite as daunting as what people might expect.

"You don't need to know everyone straight away and it's not one of those things where you need

to rock up with names and numbers and know who's who straight away. You pick it up quickly.

"Painting the picture is what I like to think of it as."

The RFL season kicks off later this month, with 5RM set to cover one game every Saturday.

"(Commentating) is a bit of a rush and you do get caught up in the emotion and the theatre of it," he said.

"You stay neutral of course, but you know there's listeners who are supporting both ways. It is rewarding when you get someone bail you up in the street.

"We've had a few calls from some aged care places in the past that want to know what games we're doing when they're going to be tuning in."

Riverlanders soar for the Eagles

A NUMBER of Riverland youngsters featured prominently in the under 13 state hockey championships at Mate Stadium in Adelaide last weekend.

The Southern Eagles zone team, made up of players from Mount Gambier, Tatiana, Naracoorte and the Riverland, was one of the best performing sides across both genders for the weekend.

The under 13 girls dropped just one game in the round-robin matches and won their way through to the grand final against Southern Storm.

A close contest resulted in a Southern Eagles win, with the Riverlanders involved walking away with a state championship medal following the 1-0 victory.

Berri Hockey Club president Brett Stokes was on hand to witness the “history-making” performance.

“With the first time this competition has been held for this age group in this zone format, the girls have cemented themselves in history,” he said.

“This should be even more special given the fact that this group had never trained together and even in the last game of the weekend were still trying to remember each other’s names.

“After this result I think they will always remember each other and the amazing achievement they share.”

The boys also put in a strong showing, surviving the round robin without suffering a loss until the Sunday morning match against Western Pirates.

The 1-0 loss against the Pirates was



A number of Riverlanders starred for the Southern Eagles zone side at last weekend’s state under 13 hockey championships in Adelaide, with the girls team walking away with premiership medals. PHOTOS: supplied

quickly forgotten after a 2-1 semi-final win, setting up a rematch in the grand final, again against the Pirates.

The two sides couldn’t be separated after regular time, with the match coming down to a penalty shootout. The Pirates eventually stole the gold in a 5-4 sudden-death shootout win.

It was a familiar feeling for the boys, who suffered the same fate in last year’s decider, but Mr Stokes remained proud

of the efforts of the young Riverlanders.

“Our players only had one opportunity to make the teams, with trials held in the Riverland two weeks ago,” Mr Stokes said.

“They did not have the same opportunity as the metropolitan teams in terms of trainings and preparations, with some metropolitan teams meeting up to three to four times for trainings prior to the champs.”

RIVERLAND SENIOR & JUNIOR TENNIS PRELIMINARY/GRAND FINAL RESULTS

SENIORS DIVISION ONE PRELIMINARY FINAL

Renmark 6-61 d Berri Blue 6-54
Doubles: D. Strongman/D. Schumann d P. Reid/P. Cresp 9-6; W. Hill/J. Pick d S. Mcpherson/S. Vallelonga 9-4; H. Poulish/S. Haslett lost to G. Tzanavaras/E. Reid 6-9; D. Strongman/D. Schumann d P. Reid/S. Vallelonga 6-1; W. Hill/H. Poulish lost to P. Cresp/G. Tzanavaras 4-6; J. Pick/S. Haslett lost to S. Mcpherson/M. Tzanavaras 4-6.
Singles: D. Strongman d P. Reid 6-0; D. Schumann d P. Cresp 6-1; W. Hill lost to S. Mcpherson 3-6; J. Pick d S. Vallelonga 6-3; H. Poulish lost to G. Tzanavaras 1-6; S. Haslett lost to M. Tzanavaras 1-6.

GRAND FINAL
Cobdogla 7-61 d Renmark 5-61
Doubles: S. Butterworth/H. Carter d D. Strongman/D. Schumann 9-5; C. Battams/W. Swinstead d W. Hill/J. Pick 9-8; S. Nettle/L. Nettle lost to O. Hughes/H. Poulish 4-9; S. Butterworth/C. Battams d D. Strongman/D. Schumann 6-2; H. Carter/S. Nettle lost to W. Hill/O. Hughes 3-6; W. Swinstead/H. Drogemuller d J. Pick/C. Martin 7-6.
Singles: S. Butterworth d D. Strongman 6-1; H. Carter lost to D. Schumann 0-6; C. Battams d W. Hill 6-0; T. Nettle d J. Pick 7-6; S. Nettle lost to O. Hughes 0-6; E. Carter lost to H. Poulish 4-6.

DIVISION TWO PRELIMINARY FINAL

Berri Red 8-69 d Loxton Yellow 4-44
Doubles: B. Rogers/R. Mason d B. Reichelt/T. Griffin 9-3; R. Cresp/C. Staehr d N. Gibbs/J. Rubarth 9-3; J. Fulham/E. Mathews lost to J. Pearn/D. Gibbs 6-9; B. Rogers/R. Mason d B. Reichelt/T. Griffin 6-3; R. Cresp/J. Fulham d N. Gibbs/J. Pearn 6-4; C. Staehr/E. Mathews lost to M. Roberts/D. Gibbs 3-6.
Singles: B. Rogers d B. Reichelt 6-1; R. Mason lost to T. Griffin 4-6; R. Cresp lost to N. Gibbs 2-6; C. Staehr d J. Rubarth 6-0; J. Fulham d J. Pearn 6-0; E. Mathews d D. Gibbs 6-3.

GRAND FINAL

Barmera Hall Of Framers 9-73 d Berri Red 3-61
Doubles: M. Jericho/J. Bannear d B. Rogers/R. Mason 9-8; L. Marks/S. Jericho lost to R. Cresp/C. Staehr; S. Albrecht/K. Bannear d K. Hayes/E. Mathews 9-7; M. Jericho/M. Henwood lost to B. Rogers/R. Mason 3-6; J. Bannear/S. Albrecht d R. Mason/K. Hayes 6-2; S. Jericho/K. Bannear d C. Staehr/J. Fulham 7-5.
Singles: M. Jericho d B. Rogers 7-5; L.



JUNIORS: Green 1 champions Loxton Millman. Sebastiaan Erasmus (left) Cooper Kruger, Lucas Deren and Ashton Kruger. PHOTO: supplied

Marks d R. Mason 6-4; M. Henwood lost to R. Cresp 1-6; S. Jericho d C. Staehr 6-4; S. Albrecht d J. Fulham 7-6; K. Bannear d E. Mathews 6-0.

DIVISION THREE A PRELIMINARY FINALS

Moorook 5-42 d Cobby Crushers 5-39; Barmera All About That Ace 6-45 d Cobdogla 4-44.

GRAND FINAL

Moorook 7-55 d Barmera All About That Ace 3-31.
Doubles: C. Maxzkowiack/R. Thomson d T. Charlton/P. Szabo 7-6; F. Logos/O. Ackland lost to D. Gilgen/R. Harris 4-6; C. Maxzkowiack/R. Thomson d T. Charlton/R. Harris 6-2; J. Logos/D. Hill lost to P. Szabo/D. Gilgen 5-7; C. Maxzkowiack/D. Hill d T. Charlton/R. Harris 6-2; R. Thomson/J. Logos d K. Albrecht-Szabo/D. Gilgen 6-1.
Singles: C. Maxzkowiack d T. Charlton 6-0; R. Thomson d R. Harris 6-0; F. Logos lost to D. Gilgen 3-6; O. Ackland d K. Albrecht-Szabo 6-1.

**DIVISION THREE B
PRELIMINARY FINALS**
Renmark Sharks 8-55 d Renmark Dolphins 2-30.

GRAND FINAL

Cobdogla (3) 7-50 d Renmark Sharks 3-32.

Doubles: S. Nettle/L. Bowers d M. Cornelius/J. McGuire 6-1; B. Burton/unspecified player d J. Rucioch/unspecified player d unspecified player/J. McGuire 6-0; H. Bowers/J. Nettle lost to J. Rucioch/unspecified player 2-6; S. Nettle/L. Bowers d M. Cornelius/unspecified player 6-0; J. Bowers/J. Nettle lost to J. McGuire/J. Rucioch 1-6.
Singles: S. Nettle d unspecified player 6-1; L. Bowers d M. Cornelius 7-6; unspecified player lost to J. McGuire 4-6; B. Burton d J. Rucioch 6-3.

JUNIOR GRAND FINALS

Green 1
Loxton Millman 5-38 d Cobdogla 3-31.

Green 2
Cobdogla Falcons 4-31 d Waikerie Slammers 4-30.

Green 3
Berri 6-43 d Waikerie 2-28.

Green 4
Renmark Diamonds 6-45 d Loxton Deminaur 1-21.

Orange 1
Barmera 5-27 d Loxton Saville 2-21.

Orange 2
Barmera 4-25 d Renmark Possums 3-23.

Yellow
Renmark Sharks 5-37 d Barmera Power 3-32.

RIVERLAND GOLF RESULTS

BERRI WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29

Stableford: M. Heuzenroeder 41, S. Wade 36, C. Foreman 36, K. Wyman 36, R. Keightley 35, R. Knight 35, S. Smart 34, G. Mack 34, L. Berry 34, G. Morrison 33.

SATURDAY, APRIL 1

Stableford: S. Ormsby 46, B. Boon 39, L. Campbell 38, C. McKinlay 37, R. Day 37, A. Thurmer 36, R. Nagy 35, P. Efthimiou 35, M. Clifford 34, T. McHugh 33, S. Wade 33, D. Ramsay 33.

Sunday, April 2
Stableford: T. McHugh 37, K. Wyman 32, J. Brand 30.

LOXTON

SATURDAY, MARCH 25

Four-ball best ball

Men: First – T. Oxlade/J. Maczkowiack. Second – P.

Morris/A. Lodge.

Mixed: First – E. O’Callaghan/J. Cooney. Second – D. Pfeiler/J. Sawade.

Stableford

Men: J. Maczkowiack 42, T. Oxlade 40, P. Hopper 40.
Women: J. Coney 38, J. Sawade 37, S. Pendle 36.

Wednesday, March 29

Stableford

Men: G. MacInnes 37, A. Hume (+2) 36, D. Marsland 35.
Women: J. Sawade 33, M. Thomson 32, S. Grein 31.

SATURDAY, APRIL 1 Monthly Medal

Men: A grade – N. Uren 67, D. Sunman 72, S. Harris 73, P. Richardson 73. B grade – P. Hopper 67, G. Robinson 71, J. Sandland 71, P. Steele 72.
Women: J. Bullock 75, J. Sawade 79, S. Grein 81.

Stevens triumphant on Blade

CHRIS Stevens is the newest recipient of the Lake Bonney Yacht Club’s long-standing Eb Farmer Perpetual Trophy, following his win last weekend.

Stevens, aboard Blade, finished first, ahead of Beau DeLaine on Blue and Steve Thomas aboard

Just after navigating the long course in almost ideal conditions with consistent breezes on Saturday.

The trophy has been awarded since the 1972-73 season and is in memory of Eb Farmer, who was instrumental in founding the club in 1946.



Wehrmuller family members presenting the Philip Proud Memorial to Mitchell Hoyer (second from left), Maddie Wehrmuller (left), Jesse Wehrmuller and Harry Wehrmuller.



Loxton’s encouragement award winners. Ruby Paul (left), Sharla Edwards, Sebastiaan Erasmus, Angus Matthews. and Tara Custance.



YOUNG ACES: Loxton Tennis Club hosted its presentation night recently, with its best and brightest youngsters recognised.

PHOTOS: supplied

Football SA tackling school holidays

BEN LENNON

A NUMBER of school holiday soccer activities are set to hit the Riverland for the first time, as Football SA continues its participation push in regional areas.

Along with the already-announced development centre, set to open soon at Barmera, Football SA has announced three round-ball events for the region in the upcoming term 1 holidays.

Newly appointed regional development officer and Barmera local James Wallace will host the events, which include a futsal tournament, a three-day camp and a trifecta of single-day sessions across the region.

The futsal tournament, dubbed the ‘World Cup Carnival’, will give locals a chance to have some fun and enjoy a kick-about with their mates, Mr Wallace believes.

“With the World Cup coming up, we thought we’d put the name in there and the teams are going to be Australia and Brazil and things like that,” he said.

“That’s going to be at the Toyota Stadium in Berri on Monday the 17th. It should just be a fun tournament where it’s a \$10 entry and you can come down and join up with your mates.

“It’s still targeted at kids up to 16 and 17 years old.”

Mr Wallace will also be running the



A three-day soccer development camp for junior players will be held in Barmera this school holidays.

three-day camp at Barmera, with one of his Adelaide-based Football SA colleagues set to make the trip up the highway to lend a hand for a day.

“It’s an advanced three-day camp in Barmera for nine to 12-year-olds, and 10 to 16-year-olds,” Mr Wallace said.

“(It) is hopefully going to go deeper into principles and get a better understanding of why we’re doing exercises and when they’re used in a game, and really break down the skill a lot more.

“There’s also going to be three single-day camps around the region.

“There will be one in Renmark, one in

Loxton and one in Berri. Parents can come and drop their kids off for a day, with about six hours of soccer along with breaks and stuff like that.

“We wanted to make sure that there was something on offer because before there hadn’t really been anything on offer in the holidays for soccer before.

“It’s open from ages five to 16, so it’s quite open and we want to give these kids something before the season starts.

“We’ll be trying to focus on small sided games and have some fun and I wanted to make sure there was something in each town.”

Dates and registration details can be found on the Riverland Soccer Association Facebook page, while registrations for the development centre program have also been extended after initially being scheduled to close by the end of March.

“It runs from term 2 to the end of term 4, so it’s 30 weeks,” Mr Wallace said.

“I think we’re going to keep it open throughout the year so people can join mid-way through.

“We’ve got good numbers for that in the under 13s and under 11s, but the under 9s and the girls teams haven’t quite had as many sign up.

“We might end up having mixed squads for the girls because we don’t want anyone to miss out.”

Darts demolition job

A HAT-trick of one-sided darts contests headlined last week’s round of fixtures, with the competition’s top three sides picking up comfortable wins.

Cobby remains undefeated following its 15-0 triumph over Expendables, with Jeff Broekers and Ray Stemp in top form on the night.

Broekers produced a peg-out of 126 and had the top average of 20.6 for the Eagles, while teammate Allen Hargreaves pegged out at 112.

Monash Wanderers defeated Lyrup Lionhearts by 11 games, but Lionhearts gave a good account of themselves, putting up a fight in a number of games.

Calib Martin starred for Wanderers with a high-peg of 120.

RC Ones bounced

back from its loss against Cobby with a 15-0 win over Lyrup Cubs, with Darcy Crane continuing his strong form by producing a maximum 180 and a high average of 22.1

RESULTS ROUND THREE

Cobby Eagles 15 (J. Broekers 140, 125, 100 x 7, D. Coombe 137, 124, 100 x 2, A. Hargreaves 121, 100 x 5, 112 peg out, G. Dyer 121, 114, R. Stemp 121, 100, 126 peg out, N. Peatey 100 x 2) d Expendables 0 (G. Norman 127, 100, M. Seeby 121, 100, K. Bray 106, 102, A. Barnes 139).
Monash Wanderers 13 (A. Martin 140, 100 x 4, C. Martin 125, 100 x 4, 120 peg out, J. Willett 123, W. Bonham 100, K. Hayes 100, D. Martin 100) d Lyrup Lionhearts 2.
RC Ones 15 (D. Crane 180, 10 x 5, 100 x 5, L. Platten 140 x 2, 100 x 4, W. Schwartzkopff 140 x 2, 100 x 2, T. Stoneham 100 x 2, L. Rasheed 140) d Lyrup Cubs 0 (D. Heinicke 124, BJ Strother 100).



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Loxton's female footballers will play under Waikerie's banner in 2023 after the Catters were unable to muster the numbers for a full side. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

Catters scatter

BEN LENNON

LOXTON'S female footballers will join forces with a rival Riverland club this season in an attempt to ensure the region attains maximum participation levels in the RWFL.

After months of deliberation and a push for extra numbers, Loxton has conceded it will not have enough players to field a side in the 2023 competition.

However, Waikerie has opened its doors to the remaining players, allowing the former Catters to play under the black and white banner for the upcoming season.

The move is a temporary fix to a long-term numbers problem, but RFL women's football co-ordinator Drew Nelsson is hopeful it will be a one-season arrangement.

The change means that Loxton's original fixtures will now become a bye, with most weekends set to showcase just one game of RWFL this season.

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THOUSANDS flocked to the Renmark riverfront last weekend as high-speed dinghy action returned with a bang.

PAGES 34-35 RECAP

Dominant dinghy duo Matt Thur and Shane Palat stormed to victory in Friday night's Dash 4 Cash and Sunday's Dinghy Derby, as the Riverland Dinghy Club season roared into life following a delayed start. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff



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