



## High alert

SAFETY concerns posed to locals and tourists by high River Murray flow levels have seen a stretch of Renmark’s river front and a local RV park closed to the public – as other Riverland towns eye rising water levels.

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FLOW MOTION: Renmark Paringa Mayor Neil Martinson inspects the rising river in Renmark, amid new safety restrictions introduced in recent days. PHOTO: Deirdre Graham

‘Energetic’ Ella’s mayoral bid to grow Berri Barmera

# CHANGING OF THE GUARD?

JOSH BRINE

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Ella Winnall has announced her candidacy for Berri Barmera mayor at the November local government elections. PHOTO: Deirdre Graham

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# User-friendly community centre opened

ALEXANDRA BULL

THE user-friendly \$2.68m Retirement Village Community Centre at the Loxton Retirement Village was officially opened yesterday by Loxton Waikerie Mayor Leon Stasinowsky and Barker MP Tony Pasin.

The project has seen construction of a multi-function room, semi-commercial kitchen, toilets, cinema, storage facilities and an outdoor entertaining area.

Mr Stasinowsky said village residents now have a state-of-the-art facility to enjoy.

“They can enjoy the comforts of just meeting here,” he said.

“The sky’s the limit as to what they can do and they don’t have to travel very far (because) it’s right next to the village, which is something I think they will really enjoy.”

The \$2.68m project received \$1.2m from the Coalition’s Building Better Regions Fund, while the remaining funds were sourced from the village’s capital reserve. Construction began in 2021.

Mr Pasin, who helped open the centre on behalf of the federal government, said the project would benefit older adults and retirees who are residents of the Loxton Retirement Village.



Barker MP Tony Pasin and Loxton Waikerie mayor Leon Stasinowsky officially open the Retirement Village Community Centre yesterday morning.  
PHOTO: Alexandra Bull

“The facility will create a greater sense of community for older residents in Loxton, promoting social interaction and wellbeing,” he said.

“The Building Better Regions Fund is just about that – building better, stronger regional communities now and into the future.”

The village is also in the process of building eight new units, with the slab already down for the first two.

## High levels halt Waikerie cruises

CHRISTINE WEBSTER

A WAIKERIE cruise operator could lose up to \$2000 a week in spring if River Murray levels continue to remain high.

Owner/managers of Rivergum Cruises, James and Sandra Schober, said passengers would have to wade through about a metre of water to access the ramp to the floating pontoon before boarding their boat.

The couple have postponed their cruises for at least the next six weeks and Mrs Schober said it was difficult to estimate how

much they would lose financially.

“We might only be doing one cruise a week in the winter months,” she said.

“Come September, October and November, normally we would do at least two or three a cruises week.

“If we are not cruising then, we might be losing \$1500 to \$2000 a week.”

Mrs Schober said while the cruises were in recess she would continue to promote her business, but admitted the uncertainty was difficult.

“We want to still keep that rapport happening, to let people know, ‘we will need you’,” she said.

Mrs Schober said the business would reopen once river levels subside, but admitted it was difficult to gauge when the river’s flow and levels will drop.

“It depends on how much snow melts upstream interstate at the end of winter,” he said

“Or how much rain will fall on the plains.”

The Department of Environment and Water said River Murray flows into SA last week reached about 53,000ML a day and



Rivergum Cruises has halted its cruises indefinitely until the river level drops at Waikerie.  
PHOTO: Christine Webster

were expected to fall to 50,000ML a day by this Friday.



















Mr Schober said in 2016 when the river level was higher he installed a bridge from the river bank to enable passengers to access the boat.

“During that year, the level went up three metres,” he said. “At the moment it is only a metre.”

Mr Schober said he may use the bridge again in October if the flows and the level of the river continue to flood the boat ramp.

The couple said they were fortunate they had other business ventures to focus on while the cruises were in recess. Mrs Schober said her husband would be able to focus on his carpentry and they also had loquats to harvest on their fruit property in October.

PAGE 4 Flowtracker

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‘Energetic’ Ella’s mayoral bid to grow Berri Barmera...

# Changing of the guard?

**JOSH BRINE**

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“Throughout my time as councillor and deputy mayor, I’ve had a growing sense that our community is looking for a new energy at Berri Barmera, for our community to grow and thrive into the future,” she said.

“Putting my hand up gives the community that chance of new leadership and a choice in the future they want for Berri Barmera – that’s important.”

Ms Winnall said residential growth was “critical” for the Berri Barmera district, which has lost almost 800 residents since 2001, as the population in neighbouring councils has grown.

“I’ve always been passionate about the potential Berri Barmera has to be an even stronger, more vibrant and exciting place to live and work,” she said.

“I think it is critical that the council facilitates residential growth opportunities.

“We need to make sure people who are looking to build in Berri Barmera can find land that appeals to them.

“This will help attract and retain the population, support our local businesses, and support our existing ratepayers in sharing the load of rates.”

Ms Winnall also pledged to consult more thoroughly with the community on council’s decision-making.

“I’ll be advocating for efficient, modern and professional practices in council,” she said.

“I think it’s important that the council really listens to the community and is able to take feedback on board and acts on the wishes of the community.

“This means making sure we ask the community for their thoughts at the right time, in ways that work for them.”

Despite her age, Ms Winnall has already accumulated years of experience in local government and community development,



Well-known Barmera 31-year-old, and current Berri Barmera Council deputy mayor, Ella Winnall, has announced she will run for mayor at the upcoming local government elections in November. PHOTO: Deirdre Graham

working at both Berri Barmera and Loxton Waikerie councils, before opening her own business as a strategic consultant for community and business clients this year.

Last September, Ms Winnall was also elected a vice-president of the SA Liberal Party.

“Having worked with multiple councils and community organisations, I’ve been able to see other ways of doing things and bring new ideas to Berri Barmera,” she said.

“I appreciate that I am younger than the current serving mayors in the Riverland, but I also have a significant amount of experience in local government (and) leadership roles, as well as community and volunteer service.

“I want the community to choose the best person for the job regardless of age or gender.”

Ms Winnall is so far the only candidate to publicly nominate for Berri Barmera Mayor, besides Mr Hunt, who has served in the role since November 2006.



● Margaret Evans

● Rhonda Centofanti

● Peter Hunt

## Long-serving due serve as challenger’s inspirations

TWO long-serving Berri Barmera councillors, including one of Australia’s longest-serving female mayors, have served as inspiration for mayoral candidate Ella Winnall in her four years as councillor.

Since being elected in 2018, Ms Winnall said she had a “raft of amazing women in leadership to look up to at Berri Barmera”.

“Being in the council chamber this term with women like former mayor Cr Margaret Evans and Cr Rhonda Centofanti – both with incredible accomplishments in council – has been inspiring,” she said.

“Being a councillor has been really rewarding and I have learnt a lot during my time on council.

“What I enjoy most about local government is how close to the community we are, and how quickly the impact of our decisions can be felt in the community.

“I encourage anyone that’s community minded to consider putting their hand up.”

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- Ella Winnall



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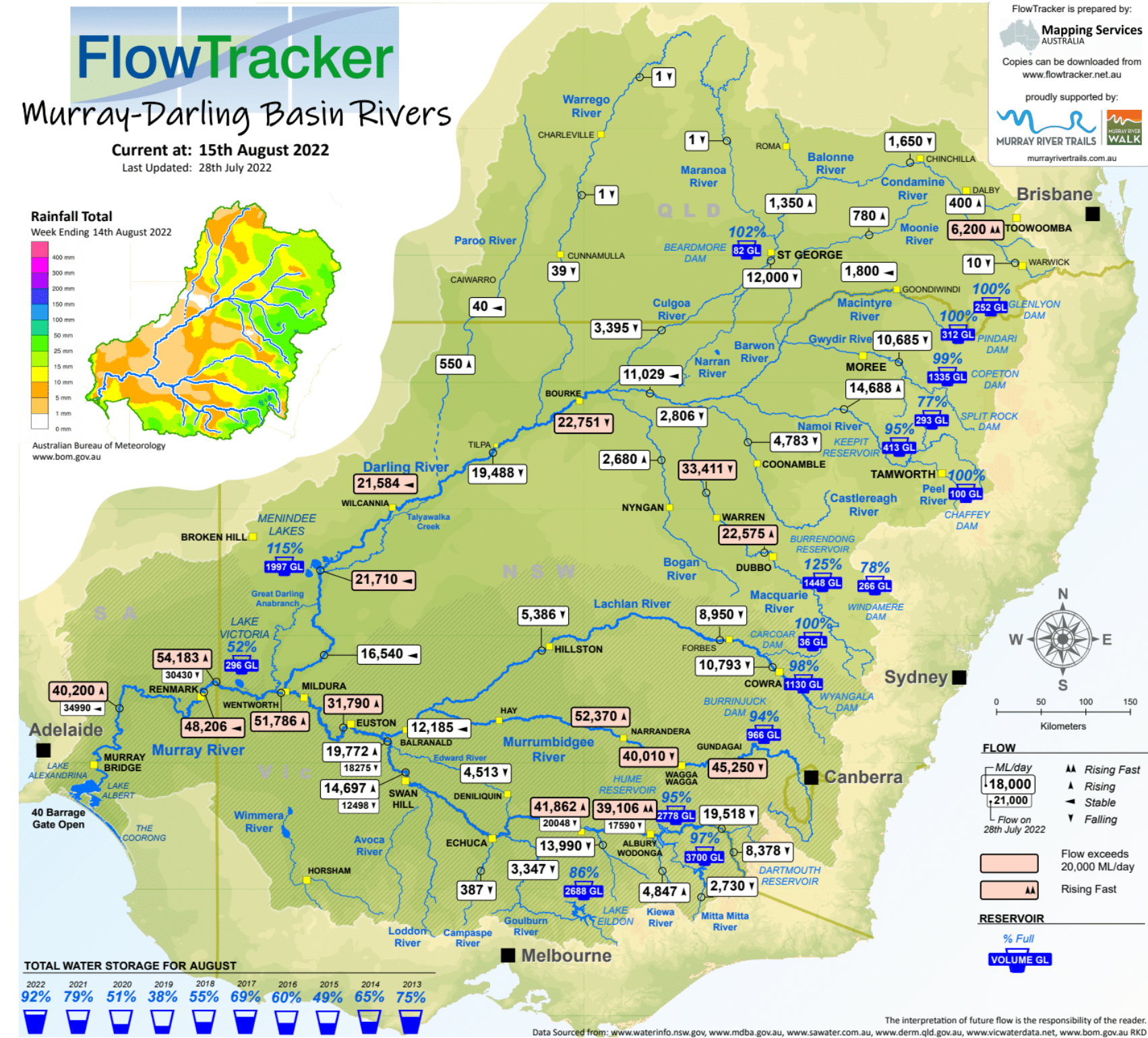


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## MD Basin storage hits 92 per cent

AS Riverland councils and residents deal with an unusually high river, Flowtracker shows that total water storage in the Murray Darling is at 92 per cent – its highest figure in the past 10 years.

Flowtracker, which tracks the river flow throughout the entire Murray-Darling Basin, also shows how the current August water storage compares to previous years.

“Flow into South Australia has been consistent at around 54,000ML per day over the past week,” said Justin Dixon, of Mapping Services Australia, which produces Flowtracker.

Flowtracker also shows that:

□ Hume Reservoir has increased to 2778GL or 95 per cent capacity.

□ Dartmouth Reservoir has increased to around 3700GL or 97 per cent capacity.

□ Menindee Lakes storage has been increasing over the past month and is now at 1997GL or 115 per cent capacity.

□ The Darling River continues to flow at around 21,500ML per day.

PAGE 11 Pontoons closed

## High river floods infrastructure in Loxton Waikerie district

LOXTON Waikerie council is advising residents that various infrastructure sites in the district have been impacted by high river levels and closed to the public.

It said these sites would re-open when deemed safe.

The pontoons last week were removed from the boat ramps at Rilli Reserve at Loxton North and Milich Landing at Pyap, but their boat ramps and car parks

were still accessible.

Council said the Loxton Boat Ramp pontoons were also unusable last week and the Snake Island carpark and footbridge was closed.

In the Waikerie area, various sections of the Hart Lagoon Walking Trail were closed, but some sections were still open to the public.

The Waikerie Riverfront Jetty was covered with water and was also closed

to the public.

Loxton Waikerie council also last week closed the Qualco Boat Ramp.

The council is urging people to be aware of submersible objects and permanent infrastructure along the river fronts and boat ramps in the district, whilst accessing high river areas.

For more information contact Loxton Waikerie council on 8584 8000 or at (council@lwdc.sa.gov.au).



The Waikerie river-front jetty has been submerged due to the rising river levels. PHOTO: Christine Webster

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Renmark Paringa Mayor Neil Martinson at the lower-level footpath between the Visitor Information Centre and Renmark Club, which has been temporarily closed due to high water levels. PHOTOS: Deirdre Graham



More than 48,000ML of water per day is currently rushing past Renmark.

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Nominations open from Tuesday 23 August and close at 12 noon on Tuesday 6 September.

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More information about nominating, including the candidate handbook that outlines the criteria and requirements for nominating, can be accessed at [ecsa.sa.gov.au](https://ecsa.sa.gov.au) or by phoning 1300 655 232.

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Returning Officer

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**Nominations close**  
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# It's flow-time in Renmark

SAFETY concerns posed to locals and tourists by high River Murray flow levels have seen a stretch of Renmark's river front, plus a local RV park, closed to the public.

Renmark Paringa Council on Saturday announced the lower level of the Renmark river-front footpath – between the Renmark Club and Visitor Information Centre – had been temporarily closed due to high river levels and submerged infrastructure.

Council previously announced bookings for Plush's Bend RV Park had also been suspended due to high water levels.

Renmark Paringa Mayor Neil Martinson said the walkway was closed to minimise potential safety risks.

"The pylons are there, but the water might even get past those

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anyway," Mr Martinson said.

"Obviously the safety of the community is our first priority, and this is to make sure people stay away from that particular area."

Flowtracker data – updated on Monday – indicated 48,206ML of water was flowing past Renmark each day.

However, Renmark Club chairman Sam Albanese said the venue's outdoor area was unaffected by the high water level.

"I've seen it a few times," Mr Albanese said.

"Usually it's the bottom walkway that gets inundated. When

it gets up to around 50,000 or 60,000ML a day coming over the border, that will lift the water level a bit.

"Everybody uses the top walkway instead, so you can still access the club.

"I imagine it's just a safety precaution from council's point of view."

Mr Martinson said current water levels would limit accessibility to and from Plush's Bend.

"The access to get into Plush's Bend has a creek," Mr Martinson said.

"With high water coming up council is concerned about people getting stranded in the area, plus water coming up from the river as well.

"We've had to close that off until we have a better idea of how much water is coming down, and

how long it will last for.

"The boat ramp is the same. It's going to inconvenience people but it's for their own welfare, and to prevent any damage to council's infrastructure that may happen if people are down there."

Alternative options are available at TM Price Rotary Park, in Renmark, and SS Ellen Park, in Lyrup.

**Meanwhile**, it is understood the Berri Wharf could become inundated if water levels increase further by approximately 10cm.

Further information regarding Murray River flows into South Australia can be found by visiting the MDBA website ([www.mdba.gov.au/water-management/regular-reports-murray-data-storages/weekly-reports](https://www.mdba.gov.au/water-management/regular-reports-murray-data-storages/weekly-reports)).

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- Neil Martinson  
Renmark Paringa Mayor

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## EDITORIAL

## THE YEARS GO BY

BY PETER AND CARLA MAGAREY

### Council election comes alive

IT’S on at Berri Barmera Council...or is it? Councillor Ella Winnall’s candidacy is a sudden game-changer for the Berri Barmera mayoral race.

Incumbent Peter Hunt recently indicated his intention to run for a fifth term as mayor, without giving a 100 per cent guarantee.

Clearly, Mr Hunt believes he has more to offer in the role, and broadly speaking he enjoys solid support across the district.

Whether Ms Winnall’s confirmed candidacy changes his mind remains to be seen. The two have served alongside each other on council for nearly four years now, with Ms Winnall his deputy mayor for the past three years.

It is often said a good government needs a good opposition, and many would extend that reasoning to council elections.

Mr Hunt was re-elected unopposed in 2014, but saw off challengers either side of that, namely Ralf Nobile in 2018 and Neville McPherson in 2010.

Both came from outside the council tent, a point not lost on Mr Hunt, who voiced his disapproval of that potential path to the mayor’s role during the most recent election campaign.

Mr Hunt believes mayors should have some local government background, a viewpoint that many will share, and some will question. Those in the latter category may well be regular council critics who favour a ‘disruptor’ in the top job. Mr Nobile would almost certainly have filled that role, had he been successful four years ago.

Regardless, Ms Winnall has four years under her belt as an elected member, plus professional experience with the Loxton Waikerie council, where she worked until earlier this year.

Mr Hunt has many more years of local government experience and – should he stand again – would count on locals considering him a familiar and safe pair of hands.

Conversely, Ms Winnall’s ‘new blood’ angle is bound to resonate with some locals, while her different age demographic could work for or against her.

Mr Hunt is among the most well-known people in the district, and has had interactions with almost all long-term adult residents. However, Ms Winnall has also been an active community member and would hope to win additional votes from younger demographics. Declaring age could influence voters, one way or another, may be an unfashionable statement, but it remains true.

It is worth noting that local government elections are more democratic than state or federal elections, where voting is compulsory. Those who vote in council elections do so because they care, not because they face fines for failing to show up.

A wildcard in the Berri Barmera race would be the presence of a third candidate, a possibility that cannot be ruled out.

Ms Winnall’s campaign launch included a point about striving to ensure more land is available for residential growth across Berri Barmera.

It is a strong and sensible start to her policy platform, paving the way for a fascinating few months ahead.

The best advice to voters at all council elections in the coming months is to listen to the candidates, assess what they are saying, make your judgments on their previous histories, and vote accordingly.



**Buggy in the 1920s:** Imagine! This photo of yesteryear’s common transport shows a buggy and ‘pair in harness’ in the early 1920s. Horse powered, yes, but only by two and not 180 to 200 horsepower-equivalents generated by an engine in a typical modern family car. Though with four wheels, the buggy lacked four-wheel drive. However, its motive power was very ‘green’, being fuelled by water, oats and hay – truly organically powered and, in its own way, outdoing modern electric vehicles. To the contrary, the pair needed to be fed and watered twice every day whether in use or not. The buggy lacked the speed and comfort of modern vehicles, though the retractable roof was easily adjusted for maximum flow-through ventilation for the travellers to enjoy the fresh air and sunshine freely available in the mallee scene depicted. Today it would be fun for a brief ride but imagine travelling in summer’s mid-day heat, in autumn’s early morning frosty chill, in the driving rain of winter, or the windy days of spring. Here the driver is said to be AJ Andrae in Fred Stanitzki’s buggy. It was better than walking, but imagine the differences between yesteryear’s buggies and modern motor vehicles. PHOTO: LHC

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### About the lake and our council rates

SINCE the last council elections, when I ran for Berri Barmera mayor, I have kept pretty quiet and let the council take its own course.

This was to see what it did, or didn’t do.

When you look at management, nothing much has changed.

The front of the Berri Hotel has been adjusted somewhat, but the entry point in front of the Vietnam Veterans is still the same. Isn’t this what ratepayers wanted changed?

Recently I drove around Lake Bonney and I was disgusted in what has happened. It’s like the lake has been shut off to tourists under the banner of nature.

What Barmera businesses need is a shot in the arm, not a shot in the back.

A forward-thinking person would have a bulldozer level everything, including the dead trees, unless they contain nesting hollows.

Then plant some salt-resistant native trees, put in numerous camping and caravanning locations, two or three more boat ramps for fishing or skiing, and several toilet blocks around the lake.

Donation boxes at camping sites would help with the upkeep.

A full crusher dust walkway the entire perimeter of the lake would be a good idea, until enough money could be raised to bituminize the path. This would open it up to potential marathons around the lake, which would draw in tourism.

This would complement Kym Manning’s hard work with the Carp Frency.

These are potential job-creating and income-earning ideas for Barmera and surrounding small businesses.

But back to the council.

I think Berri Barmera real estate prices have gone up by about 10 per cent, and the same with council rates.

This rate increase was questioned in this newspaper by readers and ratepayers, expressing their views. Council responded by sending the matter back to staff, for reassessment.

But if council staff are making decisions, what are the councillors doing?

The newest councillors might have an excuse, but the rest have been there long enough. I’m surprised they haven’t erected bronze monuments to themselves.

Interest rates could be between 7 and 10 per cent by Christmas 2023.

What would council do about rates then?

The smartest thing to do would be to leave council rates exactly as they are.

Given inflation, this would mean an actual rate reduction without losing any revenue.

The council needs to stick to what it has to do.

That is, to create an environment where our council rates are competitive. This in turn would create investment, which would create jobs.

Having rates much more expensive than Renmark Paringa Council is why Renmark is alive and Berri is dead.

You can’t kick a flat footy and expect to score a goal.

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Berri

But, as in every gym, it’s no pain, no gain.

Volunteering is part of my natural day. It’s good fun, and I never know what the day will bring.

But I am a little worried that so many volunteers are opting out. So, get onto Andrew Leigh, tell him what you think. I know I will.

**JAKOB GAMERTSFELDER**  
Morgan

### Remembering VP Day, 77 years later

SEVENTY-seven years ago on Monday, war ended in the Pacific, with Japan giving their unconditional surrender to the Allies, officially bringing an end to the Second World War.

Nearly 1 million Australians served during the war and around 40,000 did not return home to their families.

On Victory in the Pacific Day, we pause to commemorate the more than 17,000 Australians who lost their lives in the war against Japan.

We remember our valiant efforts on the Australian home front, in Malaya, Singapore, Papua and New Guinea, Borneo and elsewhere in the south west Pacific across those three years of war.

The war in Europe had ended three months earlier, but Japan fought on until the USA dropped atomic bombs on the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, and the Soviet Union declared war on Japan.

The threat of invasion seemed very real. It was a time when Australians worked hard and pulled together to defend our country.

This week, I encourage all Australians to remember the courage and sacrifice of those who served during the Second World War.

For more information about VP Day and the Second World War visit the Department of Veterans’ Affairs Anzac Portal.

**MATT KEOGH**  
Minister for Veterans’ Affairs

### 450GL more leaves little for farmers

RECOVERING an additional 450GL of water would be the equivalent of removing another 19 per cent the higher-reliability water remaining in the consumptive pool for growing food and fibre across the southern Murray-Darling Basin.

The new federal Water Minister Tanya Plibersek has already acknowledged that delivering the extra 450GL promised to South Australia will be difficult.

Our analysis demonstrates the substantial socioeconomic and water market impacts of recovering even more water from what’s left to grow food and fibre.

“It also shows the 450’s intended outcomes in the Lower Lakes and Coorong are already being met, even in the severe 2019 drought, with the 2100GL already recovered under the Basin Plan.

It highlights the need to change course on the Basin Plan, away from the focus on simplistic volumes of recovery as the only measure of success, towards whether the Plan is delivering what was intended, that is, more robust ecosystem resilience and sustainable diversion limits.

The Murray-Darling Basin Plan has already shifted more than 2100GL of water out of irrigated agriculture, over four Sydney Harbours.

This 2100GL is in addition to the annual average 18,600GL that was not diverted or intercepted under the Plan’s 2009 baseline. This water recovery has effectively dropped irrigation, town and industry’s share of total pre-Plan inflows from 35 per cent to 28 per cent.

The water minister in her recent State of the Environment report credited this water recovery with saving the Basin rivers in the severe 2019 drought. This is what the Plan is intended to do.

The second review of the 450’s Water for the Environment Special Account, which the



# “Having rates much more expensive then Renmark Paringa Council is why Renmark is alive and Berri is dead...”

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minister has promised to table in Parliament this session, is expected to reinforce the findings of the first.

The first review in 2020 found that recovering 450GL would cost at least three times more than the budgeted \$1.575bn.

The Productivity Commission in 2018 highlighted the 450GL could be recovered but be unusable due to delivery constraints, such as needing to negotiate voluntary flood easements with thousands of landowners.

Just adding more water does not address the greatest threats to native biodiversity in the Basin’s riverine systems, such as European carp accounting for 90 per cent of fish biomass in the rivers.

We are advocating for the 450GL funds to be reinvested into complementary measures, to directly address environmental challenges such as feral species and habitat loss, and improve biodiversity and conservation outcomes.

This can happen alongside a healthy agricultural sector. In fact, irrigation infrastructure operators, irrigation industries and landholders are already working with the state and federal environmental water holders to get more environmental water where it needs to go.

The analysis shows NSW’s 212.4GL share of the additional 450GL equates to recovering:  
□ 9.9 per cent of total remaining consumptive water (high security and general security entitlements) in NSW southern valleys; or, 14.3 per cent of total remaining consumptive water in the NSW valleys below the Choke.

Irrigated agriculture has been hit hard by water reforms, and we’ve got to seriously look after what’s left. We need to be working with industry and Basin communities to deliver the Basin Plan’s intended environmental outcomes.

The 450GL was meant to have socio-economic neutrality, but it’s simply impossible to take such a large amount of water out of communities and not have an impact.

This shouldn’t turn into an agriculture vs environment



debate. Official reviews such as the Productivity Commission have shown the Basin Plan’s focus on volumetric targets is increasingly detached from environmental outcomes, too.

**CLAIRE MILLER**  
CEO  
NSW Irrigators’ Council

## I’m happy Somo isn’t my member

MP Scott Morrison says he’s not “engaged in any day-to-day politics” since his election defeat.

Mr Morrison was elected to represent the division of Cook; he receives an annual base salary of \$211,250, an electorate allowance of \$32,000-\$46,000 a year (depending on the size of the electorate), and payment for other expenses, such as travel, internet, phone and a private-plated vehicle.

Mr Morrison’s remuneration puts him in the 98th-99th percentile of taxable income. And, according to his own words, currently, he’s not “engaged in any

day-to-day politics”.

If he ain’t doing his job, he should resign and give the seat to somebody who will “fully engage” in day-to-day politics.  
**JUDY BAMBERGER**  
O’Connor, ACT

## Republicans want the pledge gone

THE Australian Republican Movement has just conducted a survey through the polling company Essential Media.

It asks the following question: “As you may be aware, elected members of the Australian Parliament are required to make a pledge of allegiance. Who do you think they should be required to pledge to serve and bear allegiance to?”

They claim that 75 per cent of Australians voted that the pledge should be to Australia and the Australian people. This is blatantly wrong.

It would be better to say 75 per cent of republicans, because on closer inspection it appears

that only 1075 individuals actually responded.

The Australian Monarchist League has casually internally polled its members, with 1128 immediately responding and all supporting the retention of allegiance to the Queen.

They know full well that when a member of parliament swears or affirms allegiance to the Queen, they are doing so to the Crown, which is integral to the Australian Constitution and which represents all people and not just a section of elitists.

The point is, unless there is widespread polling by an independent pollster, no results can be taken as being indicative of the “Australian people’s” wishes.

Even then, there is no poll so final as the referendum itself, so the ARM and Essential Media should stop playing these silly games, and the press should stop promoting them.

**PHILIP BENWELL**  
National chair  
Australian Monarchist League

## Looking back...

10 years ago August 17, 2012



**COUNCIL’S TRASH TALK:** Riverland councils remain undecided on a long-term waste management strategy despite discussing their community education strategies at a meeting this week. Council representatives met in Berri on Tuesday to share their ideas about informing locals about their kerbside recycling programs, which begin in December and January. Renmark Paringa Council director of infrastructure and environmental services Paul Day proposed that a regional waste education officer be appointed to co-ordinate the councils’ campaign.

20 years ago August 16, 2002



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TEXT LINE

'Scubaru', great headline ( <i>Murray Pioneer</i> , 10/8/22).			
<b>JO Renmark</b>	<b>RED T Renmark</b>		
Great decision by the RFL to play all finals on a Saturday ('Query over finals flip', <i>Murray Pioneer</i> , 10/8/22). It means some players/kids no longer have to decide if they play soccer or footy if footy finals are on a Sunday.	Regarding fuel prices ( <i>Murray Pioneer</i> , 10/8/22), on Monday, August 8, I returned from Yorke Peninsula. Unleaded 91 was \$1.58 at both servos.		
<b>CHRIS Berri</b>	<b>PETER Renmark</b>		
RFL finals draw makes no sense at all.	Pensioners drive slower and are extra careful. So why don't we give these people an 'R plate', just like a 'P plate' or an 'L plate' to alert the confident, time-short or angered younger generation who don't realise that these people are probably the reason they are alive today.		
<b>ROB Berri</b>	<b>GARY Waikerie</b>		
How thoughtful of the RFL to consider the Independents regarding finals. It's the same competition the RFL wanted to eliminate for many years because of their burden. Nothing is "pretty	\$27,500 to paint light poles in		
		<b>DAVID Berri</b>	
		<b>BOB Loxton</b>	
		Labor saying that water buybacks wouldn't damage river communities is akin to saying that removing government departments from Canberra wouldn't impact the Canberra community. Removing major asset- generating resources from any community has the undeniable outcome of damaging that community. In this case, the flow-on affect would impact the entire country, as the ability to grow food is also directly affected. Aren't food prices already high enough?	
		<b>DAVE Renmark</b>	
		Will there be an upset in a couple of weeks' time, or will it be another Renmark vs Waikerie GF?	
		<b>KK Glossop</b>	
		The Liberals stand for nothing anymore, as pointed out in your editorial (10/8/22). I'll be dead by the time they win another election.	
		<b>GRA Berri</b>	

**INTO THE LION’S DEN:** The biggest users of water in the Murray Darling Basin visited the Riverland this week. Nearly 200 rice farmers saw firsthand the impact their water-intensive flood irrigation has on the River Murray. The New South Wales farmers used the visit as an opportunity to learn about the irrigation techniques being implemented by grape growers in the region.

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Ag Town of the Year Finalist

Congratulations to Waikerie who has been voted as one of the top five finalists in the South Australian Agricultural Town of the Year Awards. Waikerie will now be up against four other SA towns including Crystal Brook, Kapunda, Mypolonga and Orroroo to take out the award. A panel of independent judges, comprising a mix of ambassadors, well-known identities, and experts from South Australia's primary industries and regions, will now visit each of the finalist towns for the final stage of the judging process.

Berri Bridge Celebrations

It's hard to believe that it has been twenty-five years since the first car travelled over the long-awaited Berri Bridge, permanently connecting Berri and Loxton and we farewelled the ferries on the Murray in Berri. Last month we saw the community come together to celebrate the silver anniversary to acknowledge this significant event in our community history.



Dame Roma Mitchell Grants

Applications are now being accepted for the Dame Roma Mitchell Grants. Dame Roma Mitchell Grants provide opportunities for eligible children and young people who are or have been, under the guardianship of the Chief Executive or Minister for Child Protection in South Australia for at least one full year. Eligible applicants can apply for Grant Round 2, which opened on Monday, 15 August 2022 and closes on Friday, 23 September 2022. The grants can be used to assist achieve personal goals, contribute to health and wellbeing, and provide developmental opportunities. To view the eligibility criteria or to apply visit [www.childprotection.sa.gov.au/children-care/support-children-care/dame-roma-mitchell-grants](http://www.childprotection.sa.gov.au/children-care/support-children-care/dame-roma-mitchell-grants)

Active State Collaboration Program

The Active State Collaboration Program is now open, with the aim of this program to provide financial support to projects that align with the ORSR 2021-2025 Strategic Plan. The Active State Collaboration Program helps those eligible with up to \$500,000 per project and up to three years of funding. For more information and to apply please see visit: [www.orsr.sa.gov.au/grants/active-state-collaboration-program](http://www.orsr.sa.gov.au/grants/active-state-collaboration-program). Applications close on 30 September 2022.

Experience Nature Tourism Fund

Applications for the Experience Nature Tourism Fund will open at 9 am on 5 September 2022 and close at 5 pm on 21 October 2022. Grants from \$10,000 to \$50,000 will be available for new and improved nature-based tourism products and experiences in or near a national park, reserve, wilderness protection area or marine park. Grants are available via two funding streams; Stream 1 – Quick Activation Projects, grants from \$10,000 to \$20,000 for projects that are ready to be activated and Stream 2 – Innovative Development Projects, grants from \$20,001 to \$50,000 for bigger projects which may have a longer duration and multiple elements. For more information visit [www.tourism.sa.gov.au/support/experience-nature-tourism-fund](http://www.tourism.sa.gov.au/support/experience-nature-tourism-fund)

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# RRAP says no to new billboard

**HUGH SCHUITEMAKER**

OBJECTIONS from Renmark residents have ended any plans for a modified electronic billboard to be installed in the town.

The Riverland Regional Assessment Panel (RRAP) – at a meeting held on July 28 – denied an application from Fitzroy-based company Gawk to modify the electronic billboard located at Lot 91 Eighteenth Street, in Renmark.

The application sought to reduce the sign to a one-sided display, to replace moving advertisements with static imagery, and increase the overall area of the sign by approximately five square-metres.

Gawk director Luke Course said the modifications were proposed in order to reduce any potential negative impacts on the closest residents.

“We were ultimately disappointed at the outcome...” Mr Course said.

“Obviously we were hoping to get this billboard approved, and believed it would have a positive economic impact in Renmark.

“There were a small handful of objections, on the back of which we made some changes to the proposed sign to address their concerns.

“We felt the final design was an acceptable outcome.”

Renmark Paringa Council initially issued development approval for the sign in 2015.

An Eighteenth Street resident, who provided one of four submissions during the application’s public consultation period, said “the last TV billboard was bright and reflected flashing light into the house, especially at night”.

“It was very annoying,” the resident wrote.

“This is way larger and as a result will be a lot more intrusive.

“I definitely do not wish to be kept awake at night again.



The RRAP last month rejected an application to modify the electronic billboard previously located at Lot 91, Eighteenth Street, in Renmark. PHOTO: Hugh Schuitemaker

“Please don’t allow this to go ahead.”

However, the development application stated the proposed billboard would have been “manufactured to meet all the relevant standards and requirements applicable in terms of luminance and glare”.

“The concerns... in relation to the glare and impact of the existing signage is noted,” the application read.

“The proposed alterations are such that the advertisement will be operated to a much higher standard than the previous sign, with a two-way brightness sensor installed.

“The luminance level will be reduced at night to be only 5 per cent of the daytime level and will comply at all times with the maximum allowable veiling luminance.

“The inclusion of this technology will

ensure that the proposal does not impact upon any surrounding properties any more than the streetlights would.

“The digital display will only be located on the southern side facing the approach from Paringa, directed away from residential properties.”

Mr Course said Gawk still hoped to contribute toward Renmark’s future economic growth.

“While we wish the outcome was different, we respect the decision of the Assessment Panel,” he said.

“We are committed to being a part of the Renmark business community in the future, and are already working on some alternative locations for the proposed digital billboard.”

## Mardi Gras returning to February date

THE Loxton Mardi Gras will return to its original February date in 2023.

Due to Covid-19 concerns and restrictions, this year’s Mardi Gras was held later than usual, in April.

However, organisers have announced a return to the traditional ‘last Saturday in February’ date, coinciding with the Nippy’s Loxton Gift athletics carnival.

Next year’s event will be held on Saturday, February 25 at the Loxton Oval, with the theme of ‘Harvest’.

## Which way will the new toilets face?

THIS month’s Loxton Waikerie council meeting on Friday will determine which way the new public toilets on East Terrace in Loxton will face.

Council will either decide on the toilets facing north towards the water fountain, or south towards the roundabout.

The library is being demolished and the toilets will be constructed in its place, with the toilets having a budget allocation of \$695,000.

The original concept designs had the toilets situated on the



The design of the proposed toilets that will be constructed on East Terrace. IMAGE: Loxton Waikerie council

south side of the library building in the centre of East Terrace.

Council staff have recently engaged a design team to deliver professional services, and the orientation of the toilets must be agreed for the design to progress.

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# Local RSL wins race against time to unveil Bert Whitmore Sculpture... Lasting tribute to a Barmera legend

IT was a race against the clock, but a memorial to the last-surviving member of Australia's famed Light Horsemen was erected and unveiled to his relatives – and dozens of community members – in Barmera on the weekend.

The Albert ('Bert') Whitmore Memorial Sculpture stands proudly on the lawned area outside the Barmera RSL Hall, honouring the late soldier, who died 20 years ago after serving with distinction in World War I and going on to become a community and civic leader in Barmera.

The Barmera RSL invested months of planning into both the initiative and the unveiling event, which drew relatives from across Australia – and even abroad.

However, sub-branch president Peter Johnson revealed that completing the sculpture in time for Sunday's presentation, which coincided with Mr Whitmore's birthday (August 14), was a close call.

"We were a bit worried whether we were going to get it on time, but it all fell into place," he said.

"We had the plinth done on Monday, and the memorial sculpture put in yesterday (Saturday), just in time.

"But we're very happy with it and Kerry (Henstridge, sub-branch secretary) and I worked very hard in the background on it."

After being approved by the sub-branch committee, the sculpture proposal was put to Mr Whitmore's family, who quickly endorsed the idea.

"Bert's family member



A painting of Bert Whitmore that hangs in the Barmera RSL.

(Barmera man) Peter Schramm got in touch with other people in the family and they gave us permission," Mr Johnson said.

"They were quite proud and honoured that we'd do something like this."

Mr Schramm – who was among speakers at the official ceremony – plus a long list of Mr Whitmore's descendants were on hand for the unveiling. Riverland-based family members were joined by others from Adelaide and interstate, including Mr Whitmore's great-grandson, Corporal Robert Whitmore, who serves in the Australia Army.

Corp Whitmore flew from an overseas posting to Canberra, then to Adelaide, especially to attend Sunday's event.

"That goes to show Robert honours his great-grandfather greatly," Mr Johnson said.

"And I think his great-grandfather would be proud of Robert for being in the service and carrying on the name."

Barker MP Tony Pasin and Corp Whitmore carried out the official unveiling, after Mr Pasin



PLAQUE PHOTO: Belinda May, Barmera RSL

had given an outline of Bert's military career.

Mr Johnson said the sub-branch was adamant Mr Whitmore deserved such a permanent and visual recognition.

"We thought this was the best way to honour Bert for his tremendous effort in World War I and for everything that he did around here for the community," he said.

"He was instrumental in getting the RSL going, plus he was our secretary/treasurer and made an honorary member.

"It was to honour him for everything he did through the wars for this country, including his work out at the Loveday camp, when he re-enlisted for World War II."

The sub-branch started fundraising for the project early this year, and was helped along by

some community contributions.

"Santos donated the concrete plinth, MARS Transport Equipment drew (the sculpture design) up, plasma cut it and donated all that to us," Mr Johnson said.

"Carp Frenzy put a donation towards it and the council waived the planning permit fee and helped us along the way."

Solar lighting will be installed around the sculpture in the coming weeks.

"In the evening, as darkness falls, the lights will come on," Mr Johnson said.

"They'll shine through (the structure) and it'll look like he's sitting there with the rising sun."

Berri Barmera Council members, plus Carp Frenzy organiser Kym Manning were among those in attendance on Sunday.

- PAUL MITCHELL

At the official unveiling of the Bert Whitmore Memorial Sculpture at the Barmera RSL on Sunday were Barker MP Tony Pasin, Barmera RSL sub-branch president Peter Johnson, Mr Whitmore's grandsons Peter Schramm, of Barmera, and Ian Whitmore, of Melbourne, and great-grandson, Corporal Robert Whitmore, of the Australian army.

PHOTO: Paul Mitchell



Former Barmera mayor Peter Caddy and current Berri Barmera Mayor Peter Hunt prepare to lay some rosemary on the sculpture. Barmera RSL sub-branch secretary Kerry Henstridge is in the background.

## BERT'S SERVICE TO AUSTRALIA

BORN in Tea Tree Gully, Albert ('Bert') Whitmore joined the Australian Army in 1917, aged just 16. His unit, the 28th reinforcement unit for the 9th Australian Light Horse, landed in Egypt, where it trained before crossing the Suez Canal and meeting the Light Horse near the Gaza Strip.

The Light Horse joined the 3rd Brigade for trench warfare near the city of Jericho, before Mr Whitmore's unit moved into the Jordan Valley.

Mr Whitmore was taught desert warfare before joining the campaign at Gaza, just west of Beersheba, which his countrymen had just captured.

The 9th Light Horse then liberated Gaza from Turkish and German occupation to open the way to Jerusalem. Mr Whitmore rode into the fray for the successful third battle for Gaza.

Riding north along the Mediterranean coast, they occupied Jaffa, Bethlehem and finally Jerusalem.

"It was like riding through the Bible," Whitmore told *The Australian*.

Mr Whitmore was struck down with malaria and spent three months in hospital, before re-joining his unit near the Turkish border.

Mr Whitmore eventually returned home after the war in 1919 and just four weeks after setting foot back in Australia, joined a survey team, establishing a soldier settlement in Barmera.



Mr Whitmore's proud family members at Sunday's unveiling. They converged from the Riverland, across SA, Interstate and even overseas. PHOTOS: Paul Mitchell



The youngest descendent of Bert Whitmore present at Sunday's ceremony, Layla Hutchinson, 12, of Loxton, at the memorial sculpture.

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# Rose and Garden Festival returns bigger and better

ELYSE ARMANINI

THE upcoming Riverland Rose and Garden Festival is shaping as one of the biggest in the event's 28-year history, according to committee president Richard Fewster.

This year's festival will run from Friday, October 14 to Sunday, October 23 and will feature an opening night dinner at Mallee Estate in Renmark, a gala dinner hosted by Salena Estate's Cucina 837 in Bookpurnong – the first gala dinner held outside of the Renmark district – and 31 open gardens across the region.

"Running for 10 days, the Riverland Rose and Garden Festival is now the largest open gardens event in Australia," Mr Fewster said.

"With the official opening being performed this year by the president of the World Federation of Rose Societies, Ms Henrienne de Briey, the event is sure to attract worldwide recognition and attention.

"What has been most pleasing this year is the increased support from all of the Riverland towns, both in the form of volunteers and businesses.

"The growth of the festival has seen a significant increase in the workload for each of the members of the organising committee



who collectively put in many hundreds of hours of voluntary time and energy.

"Thanks to Neutrog – a new major sponsor for the festival – we are upgrading all of our open garden signs with more robust and larger steel A-frame signs. This will make it easier for visitors to find each of the 31 open gardens featured throughout the Riverland this year."

Mr Fewster said the Festival Fair – to be held on Saturday, October 15 – is also an event of note this year, with the return of a number of interstate stall holders, thanks to the lifting of Covid border restrictions.

The Riverland Rose and Garden Festival 2022 Official Program – with details of open gardens, attractions, festival activities and more – will be included for free in next week's Murray Pioneer.



MATES in Construction case manager and field worker Patrick Kukla talking to Michael Kregar Building workers and contractors at a general awareness training session at the Berri Riverside Holiday Park last Wednesday. PHOTO: Josh Brine

## MATES helping fight back against suicide

JOSH BRINE

FACILITATING discussions about mental health in the construction industry and reducing the prevalence of suicide among workers were the goals of a training course organised by a local business last week.

Michael Kregar Building (MKB) conducted a general awareness training course with MATES in Construction for its workers and contractors at the Berri Riverside Holiday Park last Wednesday.

The on-site training is aimed at preventing suicide in the construction industry, with workers currently six times more likely to die by suicide than in an accident and a construction worker dying by suicide in Australia every second day.

MATES field officer Matt Carter, who helped lead the training, said construction was a male-dominated industry and the "stigma around reaching out for issues related to poor mental health"

contributed to the high rates of suicide.

"Male stoicism – the idea we're meant to harden up and push through our pain – and that culture is a big factor," he said.

"Around commercial construction there's also a transient nature.

"Out here in a regional area, people are just going from job to job, so there's that sense of job insecurity as well.

"It's a big part of why we do it in this way. (We) try to make it more relatable and model the idea it's okay to talk... particularly alongside the blokes you work next to.

"If we expose more people to these ideas, hopefully we can chip away at breaking that culture down."

Mr Carter said he could see the way workers think about mental health changing, particularly among the younger generation.

"Some people are caught in the old-school mentality that men behave one way

and women behave another and that's the way it should be," he said.

"Suicide is not something that is talked about. The stigma around it is very strong and we're all conditioned to turn a blind eye to it.

"But it's shifting and the more young people we expose to this, the more it'll help start that generation off on a better footing."

MKB site safety officer Hugo Kregar thanked MATES in Construction for the training.

"It was excellent to hear presenters from MATES in Construction educate the MKB team and contractors about mental health," he said.

"Many people with poor mental health are involved in the construction industry, so it was great to open the discussion and provide support if needed."

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# Waikerie hub a \$6m boost

**CHRISTINE WEBSTER**

WAIKERIE's proposed community hub has been forecast to generate more than \$6m for the region's economy.

An updated development application was lodged last month with PlanSA by the Waikerie Football Club and SA urban and regional planning firm, Planning Studio.

In its planning assessment report, Planning Studio said the project would accelerate economic growth by injecting a forecast \$4.85m into the Loxton Waikerie district's economy during the construction and post construction stages.

The report said an additional \$2m in economic benefit would also be generated for the broader community.

It said the Waikerie Riverfront Community Hub would offer a "new modern and quality venue" for sporting groups, conferences, trade fairs and social events.

The Waikerie Football Club's previous development application, submitted in 2020, involved knocking down the existing building and replac-

ing it with new club-rooms.

However, after seeking advice from a consultant, the club decided to explore building the new facility on the riverfront end of the oval.

The project received \$1.5m from the Federal Government's Building Better Regions Fund last year.

The state government also provided \$1.5m towards the community hub after Loxton Waikerie council provided a loan to the football club, which has also committed funds.

The latest development application proposes constructing a community facility and spectator-viewing structure in association with the use of a portion of land for recreational and community pursuits.

The proposed community hub development still requires building consent for all five stages of the project.

More details about the proposed application can be found at the website ([plan.sa.gov.au](http://plan.sa.gov.au)).

The public have until 11.59pm on Friday to make a representation about the proposed project.

## High river closes pontoons

HIGH Murray River flows have led to the decommissioning of the Morgan upriver and Swan Reach pontoons.

Mid Murray Council CEO Ben Scales said these measures were still in effect on Friday.

He said Old Murbko Road near Morgan and Old Cadell Road were also closed. Mr Scales said council was providing regular updates to residents and shack owners about the high river flows and levels.

"At the moment it is

only a high flow advice given the flow of water over the border into SA," he said.

Mr Scales said if Murray River flows increased from the 50 to 55GL a day that was reached last week, to more than 60GL a day, the SES would issue a flood advice for shack owners. He encouraged river communities to monitor the Department for Environment and Water's Murray River flow updates.

- **CHRISTINE WEBSTER**



Kylee Swart, from PIRSA, conducting a fruit fly survey with Loxton business operator Mel Albrecht. PHOTO: Alexandra Bull

# PIRSA wants your fruit fly opinions

RIVERLANDERS have been encouraged to provide their thoughts and understanding of fruit fly for a survey that will support upcoming eradication efforts.

Fruit fly surveys will be conducted in Loxton, Berri and Renmark next week by independent market research company McGregor Tan.

PIRSA general manager of the fruit fly response Nick Secomb said responses to the survey would help inform the upcoming fruit fly prevention marketing campaign, set to be launched from October.

"Understanding what

the local community knows and cares about will help develop a creative campaign that connects, educates and hopefully inspires all community members to do everything they can to prevent fruit fly," Mr Secomb said.

"We want people to know why it's so important to keep the Riverland fruit fly free and understand what motivates them to support with this.

"Fruit flies will become more active over spring and summer so residents and growers will need to be more vigilant by collecting or correctly treating

fallen fruit, not moving restricted fruit and vegetables and correctly disposing of fruit waste.

"The creative campaign will help make preventative actions such as these front of mind for the whole community at a critical time in the fruit fly life cycle."

Participants will be entered into a draw to win \$200 at the end of the month, and McGregor Tan's annual cash draw with a \$1000 prize.

The survey can also be completed online until Tuesday (bit.ly/3SMNsM8).

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## "Snippets"

by Loxton Garden Club

The Loxton Garden Club hold monthly meetings on the 4th Sunday of the month. The next meeting will be held at The Loxton Club - Woolshed Room at 2pm. For further information contact Jacque Schulz 0402 158 759 or Ian Cass 0428 876 220. Email: [loxtongardenclub@gmail.com](mailto:loxtongardenclub@gmail.com)

### Gnats in indoor plants

Fungus gnats are mosquito-like flies that love moist potting soil. Gnats in houseplants are annoying. They are actually small flies about 1/8-inch long that are drawn to moist potting soil and decaying plant material at the base of indoor plants. While they look similar to mosquitoes, they don't bite. Gnats are often confused with the common fruit fly but the two insects are completely different.

Gnats in houseplants typically result when the potting mix contains too much moisture, the best way to prevent gnats from taking over your home is to avoid over-watering in the first place.

### How to identify gnats in indoor plants

One way to tell if you're about to run into a gnat problem is to look for eggs. Fungus gnats lay eggs in the soil and these eggs become larvae, which feed on fungi in the soil of plants. The fungus gnat larvae are around 1/4-inch long with a shiny black head and an elongated, whitish to transparent body.

### Get rid of gnats

If you notice signs of gnats, it's important to take steps to get rid of them right away. Create a DIY gnat trap using vinegar - Place a tablespoon of sugar in a bowl. Add 2-3 drops of sweet-smelling dish soap and a cup of white vinegar to the same bowl. Cover the bowl tightly with cling wrap. Poke several small holes in the cling wrap. Place the bowl close to the house plant and allow it to catch flies overnight.

### How to prevent gnats in indoor plants

While getting rid of adult gnats is a great first step, that's often only a short-term fix. More adults will appear from the larvae in the soil. A better approach is to target the larval stage of their life cycle by allowing the soil to dry out. Because gnats lay their eggs in the moist soil around plants, reducing excess moisture is a key to getting rid of these nuisances for good.

Avoid over watering - Allow the soil to dry between regular watering - not to the point that your plant begins wilting but enough that the soil isn't continually moist. The eggs and larvae usually die in dry soil.

Choose a pot with good drainage - A pot with good drainage will prevent gnats from laying eggs in the soil and will also protect your indoor plant against common problems such as root rot. Remember to drain any excess water that may have accumulated in saucers.

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The Constellation light show at Barmera's Bonney Theatre is one of several events planned around the region as part of the National Science Week Activities Trail. PHOTO: supplied

# Sweet science for Riverlanders this week

THE Riverland is the place to be for science lovers this week, with the region set to host numerous events as part of National Science Week.

Among the events is the Constellation light presentation at Barmera's Bonney Theatre, running each night throughout August.

The two brand-new feature

shows, part of a five-installation trail around the state, is a story in song that highlights connected ecosystems with a future sci-fi story of celebration and regeneration, told through the Murray cod.

In Waikerie, Rivergum Cruises is offering science-themed cruises all this month focusing on the cultural history, flora, fauna and geology of

the area and exploring innovations in irrigation and salt interception schemes.

Barmera fisherman Kym Manning will discuss his attempts to provide Murray cod with shelter, food and nesting sites, through the more than 100 'fish hotels' he has created in the past decade, as part of a special online event

called Fish Hotel Fetish tomorrow, August 18.

The Barmera library has partnered with Barmera Theatre Gallery artists to present a cultural workshop where young people can learn to make and exhibit koi fish kites and botanical prints on August 23, while the SALA Welcome to the Lands of the River

exhibition at Barmera's Hawdon Chambers is open from August 1 to September 4.

More information on the National Science Week Activities Trail, presented by illuminart and the Berri Barmera Council, is available on illuminart's website ([www.illuminart.com.au/projects-blog/constrail-detail/](http://www.illuminart.com.au/projects-blog/constrail-detail/)).

## STEM showcase brings students together

**ELYSE ARMANINI**

STUDENTS from Berri, Monash, Glossop and Cobdogla primary schools recently came together to present team projects as part of a water-based STEM challenge.

The two-hour Water Warriors Showcase event was held concurrently at Berri Primary School in the STEM building and livestreamed to the event held in the Marnirni-Apinthi building (start-up hub) in Adelaide on Tuesday, August 2.

The Water Warriors program is offered through South Australian company Makers Empire – which produces 3D design software used by children around the world – and SA Water.

Berri Primary School specialist science teacher and STEM co-ordinator Zack Plaquet said the project "introduces children to some of the real-world challenges that SA Water deals with

in managing and supplying water to South Australia".

"Students from each school chose real-world water-related problems around them to investigate, then addressed these problems through design thinking processes and 3D design/printing," Mr Plaquet said.

"It was a very exciting event and the students from all primary schools did an excellent job in their expo presentations. There were many creative and innovative student designs on display."

Moorook Primary School students travelled to Adelaide to be part of the showcase, with seven other primary schools also making the trip from across the state.

Special guests on the day included Berri Barmera Mayor Peter Hunt, Berri Barmera Council representative Rhonda Centofanti, Berri Primary School education director Brenton Chapman, principals, teachers and parents from the schools involved, and SA

Water and Makers Empire representatives, who travelled from Adelaide to attend and support the local expo.

Berri Primary School students shared their enthusiasm for the expo:

■ "The expo was fun and getting to meet kids from other schools was awesome as well." – Gracie Gover, 9.

■ "Making our design was really cool because I got to join different 3D shapes on the computer and extend them how I wanted to finish my model." – Jett Broughton, 8.

■ "We've been working on the Water Warriors project for a whole term and my group chose the problem of animals tipping over their water bowls. This is a big problem for me because I have a lot of pets." – Nardia Gilles, 9.

■ "The expo was really fun and it was cool meeting other kids and seeing the projects they designed in Makers Empire as well." – Ivy Campbell, 9.



Students from Berri, Monash, Glossop and Cobdogla primary schools recently joined together at Berri for the Water Warriors Showcase event and joined the concurrent event held in Adelaide via livestream. PHOTOS: supplied

Glossop Primary Community School students showing their 3D models during the Water Warriors Showcase.



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## It's go, go, go: My hectic weekend in the Riverland

WHEN sitting at the keyboard on a Sunday evening to write Conduct Becoming, I sometimes have a topic or idea ready to, while other times it can be a complete block.

If it's the latter and the inevitable struggle develops, I revert to the sage advice of the editor and write about myself or something I know.

This week it was a plethora of topics, all generated from a busy weekend of travel across the Loxton Waikerie district.

Friday night I was at the final minor round of the Riverland A1 netball season at The Precinct, Loxton. Finals-bound Loxton North was hosting Berri in a game that had no tangible ladder impact, but was all about pride in performance.

A high-quality encounter ensued, goal for goal to the final whistle, when a young Berri team finished a one-goal winner in its last game for 2022.

Home to bed.

Early Saturday morning, off to work at the Berri studio of 5RM for Sports Saturday. The usual two-hour, jam-packed program had some added spice, thanks to Riverland winter sports seasons culminating and heading to play-offs.

Then brunch at home on the way through to the 'match of the day' football broadcast in Waikerie. The home side hosted Loxton, with the winner qualifying for second spot on the ladder and a double chance in finals.

The Magpies were easy winners and the Tigers were subsequently relegated to an elimination final, to be played this Saturday.

Then it was back to Loxton – after collecting my darling wife from home on



the way through – to MC the St. Albert's Catholic School 'auction with a difference' fundraiser at the Loxton Club.

What a fantastic, well-organised event, featuring many volunteers, an entertaining auctioneer, and a generous crowd. It was a huge success, raising an exceptional level of funds for the small, boutique school.

Soon enough it was home to bed, ready to return to Loxton again in the morning.

This time it was to help judge the Junk Art Sculpture competition at Arts on Terrace in the main street. I saw some wonderful exhibits, all crafted with passion, inventiveness, and flare – if you haven't been put it in the calendar.

After a walk among the other attractions in East Terrace, it was off to my sister's for lunch.

This was much more than a normal Sunday lunch, as it was a celebration of her and my brother-in-law's 40th wedding anniversary. Long-time friends gathered to celebrate a wonderful partnership.

The cream was not only on the dessert, but the traditional wedding photo album: memories captured forever, particularly the haircuts.

Any or each of the above are perfect topics for a column, but sometimes too much is barely enough.

So, what's on next weekend?

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

# Nicola knee-deep in water war of words

THE 'water war of words' between the SA Labor government and the state opposition – including local politician Nicola Centofanti – has continued.

SA Water Minister, Dr Susan Close, claims the release of a new report illustrates the "capitulation" of opposition Leader David Speirs in the face of resistance to SA getting its fair share of River Murray Water.

Dr Close said the report reveals NSW has formally submitted just one of 20 water resource plans, which set out how states are using water across the catchment.

She also said the report shows seven key water-saving projects required for "the sustainability of the Murray-Darling Basin" are at risk of not being completed by the June 30, 2024 deadline to recover an additional 450GL of environmental flows, negotiated under the Basin Plan.

Dr Close said the report casts doubt on claims made by Mr Speirs, the former water minister in the Marshall Liberal Government that was ousted at the March 2022 State Election.

"This report shows that if the other states, particularly NSW, were pulling their weight, the 450GL agreed to by

all states for the health of the Basin would be on its way," she said.

"David Speirs must explain why his claims that he was achieving the 450GL for South Australia have been disproven by this report."

However, Ms Centofanti – the state opposition spokesperson for water and the River Murray – has defended the Liberals' action when in power.

"The former Liberal government inherited a fractious and dysfunctional relationship with other Basin jurisdictions, making the pathway for environmental water recovery harder than it should have been," she said.

"When we came to government not a single drop of the 450GL had been delivered from interstate because of Labor's previous approach."

Ms Centofanti also repeated her warning that the SA government's approach to environmental water recovery would be focused on reintroducing water buybacks, which several Liberal politicians believe would decimate irrigation-dependent river communities, like the Riverland.

"Minister Close's so-called solution to the Murray-Darling Basin Plan is to install the 'quick fix' of buybacks

which we know can devastate regional communities," she said.

"Labor have even claimed we are compromising our free-market principles by opposing buybacks which clearly demonstrates their lack of understanding of water and the market."

"What Labor don't understand is that irrigators and farmers are able to sell their commodity on the free market at any time for the market price."

"The government, by entering into the market to 'buy back' so much water in a short time, will drive up the price for water – distorting the market and leading to perverse outcomes."

However, Ms Centofanti conceded that NSW – where the Liberals are in power – needed to get its house in order.

"Basin communities support water resource plans and these communities expect water resource plans to be delivered," she said.

"There is a sense of frustration that this hasn't already occurred in NSW and now is the time for the NSW government to ensure they are working within the Basin's compliance framework, as per the plan."

- PAUL MITCHELL

**JUST A PRICK OF THE FINGER:** Hepatitis C testing – run by Hepatitis SA and SA Health – took place at pharmacies in Loxton, Berri, Renmark and Barmera last week. The free rapid testing used new fingerstick technology to draw a small amount of blood to be tested in a GeneXpert machine and produce accurate results. Riverlanders who tested positive were given immediate referral for treatment by local GPs. Pictured in the Barmera Pharmacy testing clinic last Friday are pharmacy staff member Kat Menz (left) being tested by viral hepatitis nurse Lucy Ralton, with Hepatitis SA outreach worker Sharon Drage looking on. PHOTO: supplied





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# Council eyes 'unlawful developments'

A RISE in illegal structural developments in the Mid Murray Council district has led to the appointment of a compliance officer.

The council presently has 199 "unlawful developments" listed on its register.

Mid Murray Council CEO Ben Scales said a 50 per cent increase in the rate of development in the area over the past 12 months meant more resources were needed to ensure properties were compliant with the law.

"These things need to be investigated," he said.

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"Some of them may be compliance, some may have put a development application in place and dealt with the issues."

Mr Scales said having a compliance officer in place would ensure the council could be more proactive in preventing illegal developments from occurring instead of being "reactionary".

He said information from the

public played a crucial role in boosting the council's awareness of unlawful developments.

"Neighbours are always willing to share information," he said.

"Community members and the public have previously raised concerns with us."

Mid Murray Mayor Dave Burgess said the size and remoteness of the district made monitoring illegal developments difficult.

He said the number of unlawful developments could be higher than council was aware of.

"Other unique factors include being home to over 2500 shack

sites," Mr Burgess said.

He said unlawful developments could pose potential dangers to the community through unsafe building methods or structures failing to meet required standards.

Mr Burgess said they also posed other risks such as harm to the environment, damage to the river bank and the forced removal of native vegetation.

Mr Scales said council worked closely with the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) when considering development applications.

"Subject to what is happening in

a new project or build, part of that process is referral to the EPA," he said.

A spokesperson for the EPA said if officers believed environmental harm had occurred, the organisation would provide advice to assist councils in taking action.

"The EPA is also able to issue environment protection orders and clean-up orders, which are legally enforceable, where councils are unable to achieve outcomes," she said.

"These require a person or company to remedy a risk or prevent further environmental harm."

## Helping to lift locals out of the dol-drums

PAUL MITCHELL

SHE admits the concept might be "a bit woo-woo" for some, but Anne-Marie Reeks says her rhythmic drumming sessions offer respite – even inner peace – amid a raft of bad news facing the Riverland.

"So much of our region and our communities are under stress and pressure at the moment," she says.

"There's a lot of negativity happening in people's lives, with fruit fly, bees, wineries, Covid, and all that stuff.

"It's one disaster after another, but this is something positive and uplifting, although it might not be everyone's cup of tea..."

Armed with years of experience in drumming and drum making, Ms Reeks hosts regular sessions – which she calls her "women's healing rhythms drum circle" – in Berri.

Articulating precisely how the benefits are achieved is

perhaps more challenging than attending a session.

"Drumming is really good to connect back to yourself – it's like a heartbeat," she says.

"We're resonating with who we are, and allowing ourselves to have a bit of fun as well.

"People who've had a tough week with their kids, or whatever, come along for a bit of a break from life, basically."

Every 90-minute session starts with participants declaring an "intention" and ends with each person summing up their dominant emotion.

"I ask people to share one word of how they're feeling after the drumming time that we've spent together," Ms Reeks says.

"People who want to, which is usually most people, will share one word, always positive.

"It's usually an emotion, like peaceful, or serene, or uplifted, or joyful or grate-



At last Saturday's women's healing rhythms drum circle in Berri were, back (from left): Hazel Wood, Kate Morrell, Jo Dixon, Amy Edson, Tracey Chilton, Jill Lingard, Chris Row and Jayne Wishart. Front: Vikki Morris, Anne-Marie Reeks, Alexis Sargeant, Toni Murray and Phillipa Moore. PHOTO: supplied

ful, or connected."

Group members range in age from 30s to 82 and are getting direction from a true expert. Ms Reeks – who often teams up with local Aboriginal elder, Uncle Barney – travelled to the USA in 2013 for an "inten-

sive sound healing course" and is currently involved with three global drum groups.

"I'm very aware and up to date with current practices and protocols," she said.

"And what we have here in the Riverland is right up

there, globally, across the world, with everything that's being offered."

Exclusively for women and held at Berri's Belmont Hall, on Denny Street, the healing sessions often incorporate the native American medicine wheel and the

5000-year-old Chinese drumming patterns known as I Ching.

Anyone interested in drumming – men, women, workplaces, community groups etc. – is invited to contact Ms Reeks (phone 0498 337 530).

## Survey says \$120 to fill our fuel tanks, while mortgage rates increase rapidly

A NEW survey into the rising cost of living in Australia shows that 33 per cent of people have reported it costs between \$91-\$120 to fill their car's tank, with 13 per cent saying it costs between

\$121-\$160.

Around 33 per cent of respondents to the Savvy survey said it costs \$61-\$90 to fill up their car.

Meanwhile Savvy also says a recent survey shows

that 77 per cent of mortgage holders have experienced some form of rate rise, with 25.7 per cent of those seeing their rates rise above 6 per cent in "a worrying trend of inflation impacting the cost

of living".

Just over 18 per cent of mortgage holders have experienced repayment rises from 6-10 per cent, 6.26 per cent have had to deal with a rise of 11-20 per cent, while

1.34 per cent have reported increases in excess of 21 per cent.

As for corresponding pay increases, Savvy says 34 per cent of all Australians surveyed said their pay has

not changed since 2021, the middle of the pandemic.

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# Scott Cam coming to Renmark

ELYSE ARMANINI

SPECIAL guests, product demonstrations, a fundraising sausage sizzle and family fun are set to delight when Wills & Co Mitre 10 celebrate the new-look Renmark store this weekend.

Mitre 10 ambassador Scott Cam will be the special guest of honour in Renmark this Saturday, from 9am to 11am, when he joins the team at Mitre 10 to celebrate the store's renovations.

Wills & Co marketing co-ordinator and group support Georgie Vermeeren said the Renmark store had been "overhauled".

"We've refitted the entire store," she said.

"It's got brand new floors, which were done by Custom Epoxy Flooring, new shelving, fixtures... new everything.

"We've been planning for a long time, but we officially kicked it all off in February. The planning and the outline were approved mid-February and we finished in mid-June."

The store's exterior has also undergone a facelift, with new signage completed and installed by the team at Rivergraphics.

The renovations come after a significant milestone was celebrated within the Wills & Co Group, with Sharee and Mike Wills – owners of Waikerie Mitre 10 – recently achieving 20 years in business.

Ms Vermeeren said the Waikerie



community showed "great support to Waikerie Mitre 10" by celebrating with the business for a weekend of specials, prize giveaways, kids' pot planting and community barbecues in May.

Similarly, fun for the whole family will be on offer at Renmark Wills & Co Mitre 10 from 9am to 2pm this Saturday, with face painting, an animal petting zoo and product demonstrations in store, plus a

sausage sizzle hosted by the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

Ms Vermeeren said Scott Cam visiting the store was the major drawcard for the event.



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A brand new tinny filled with tools and other stock available at Mitre 10 – worth over \$17,000 in total – is up for grabs with the Wills & Co Mitre 10 Mighty Rewards competition.

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# to celebrate new-look Mitre 10

New signage on the exterior of the Renmark Wills & Co Mitre 10, installed by Rivergraphics, brings new life to the store. PHOTO: supplied



"Having Scott coming in is a huge deal," she said.

"Obviously he's a huge part of The Block, which Mitre 10 is a major sponsor for. With The Block now having started

its new season, being able to have Scott in Renmark is pretty exciting."

The same could be said for the Dulux dog, which is another special guest sure to draw a crowd.

"Everyone loves a dog and a petting zoo but by having the Dulux dog here we hope the kids love coming in and getting a photo with him," Ms Vermeeren said.

Visitors to the store will also be able to

see the major prize up for grabs as part of the celebrations – a brand-new boat, purchased from Murray Marine Centre, full of stock.

The tinny comes with a 25hp Yamaha motor, boat trailer, and 12-months registration included, and Ms Vermeeren said the total prize amount was worth over \$17,000.

"It has all been supplied by our generous key suppliers, who are all wrapped on the side of the tinny," she said.

Some of the prize items include:

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# Renmark play time over...for now

A RENMARK playground unit has been closed in the interest of “community safety”, and the local council has yet to set a date for its reopening.

Renmark Paringa Council last week announced a section of the Jarrett Memorial Gardens playground would be temporarily closed for repairs.

A Renmark Paringa Council spokesperson said current supply and contractor availability issues would delay the works.



“As part of a recent playground audit and Renmark Paringa Council’s commitment to community safety, the playground cluster unit at Jarrett Memorial Gardens has been identified for replacement,” the spokesperson said.

“In the meantime, the unit will be temporarily closed for repairs and will reopen once these works have been completed. The replacement of the equipment will be scheduled at a later date.

“In the current climate and availability of new playground



The Renmark Paringa Council last week closed a section of the Jarrett Memorial Gardens playground for safety upgrades. PHOTO: Hugh Schuitemaker

equipment and qualified playground installers, the install date for any new piece of equipment

cannot be set.

“We will inform the community when a date is known

for the replacement prior to any additional works being undertaken.”

## It’s survey time for our local kangaroos

ANNUAL data collection surrounding wildlife in the Riverland and other SA areas will be undertaken this week.

The Department of Environment and Water (DEW) will conduct aerial surveys of kangaroo populations across the Riverland until Friday, August 26.

DEW senior kangaroo ecologist, Dr Amanda McLean, expected recent wet conditions to have increased the numbers of local kangaroos.

“The data collected will be used to estimate kangaroo populations in these areas to support the release of sustainable harvest quotas for the commercial kangaroo industry,” Dr McLean said.

“DEW supplements the aerial survey with predictive population models to determine kangaroo harvest quotas for the five harvest regions across the state.

“Surveying indicates that kangaroo populations largely respond to climatic conditions, with populations generally decreasing during droughts and recovering in good conditions.

“This year, we also used thermal imaging cameras in the lower south east where vegetation is particularly dense, so we can get a more accurate detection of animals that may be partially obscured by vegetation.”

Further information regarding kangaroo management can be found by visiting the website ([www.environment.sa.gov.au/topics/plants-and-animals/abundant-species/kangaroo-conservation-and-management](http://www.environment.sa.gov.au/topics/plants-and-animals/abundant-species/kangaroo-conservation-and-management)).

## Remember when we used to tell those classic old jokes?

I’M assuming everyone has heard the one about the grasshopper.

He went into a bar, sat down, and the barperson said, “Hey, we’ve got a drink named after you.”

The grasshopper replied, “What... Kevin?”

Jokes infiltrated our teenage years in the ’70s, almost on a daily basis. We’d latch onto new ones, such that by lunchtime the latest had circulated throughout the school.

Did we laugh? Yes. Hilariously? Probably not, though that also depended on the joke teller’s ability.

Jokes have vanished. I can’t remember the last time I heard a new joke, even a poor one.

The reason is Hamish Blake and Kitty Flanagan. My basic theory is that these days we’re leaving it to a bunch of comedians to make us laugh.

Perhaps joke-telling sprouted from a particular way of thinking, during times when people made their own entertainment, and joke-telling became a form of that.

Generally, they weren’t mean-spirited, though that could be a matter of perspective, especially as I found myself taking offense at the avalanche of blonde jokes.

“A blonde finally finished the puzzle in six months and got excited when she read that it was designed for 2-4 years.”

Lodged in our psyche is the Abbott and

Costello repartee about the baseballer on first, its genius lasting since the 1930s.

Abbott: “Who’s on first?”

Costello: “I’m asking you who’s on first.”

Abbott: “That’s the man’s name.”

Costello: “That’s who’s name?”

Abbott: “Yes.”

Then a different humour from the 1950s: “I’ll never forget the first time I saw him, standing up on a hill, his hair blowing in the breeze – and he too proud to run and get it.”

There were the Irish, Pommy and Aussie ones, making fun at ourselves and others.

Humour at the expense of the Irish in particular, cascaded for years.

“Did you hear about the Irish doctor who



tried to separate the Siamese cat?”

Or, Mick approaches the railway station ticket master. “I’d like a return ticket,” he says.

“Where to?”

“To here!”

The ones that were short and clean were best:

❑ “The barman says to the horse, ‘Why the long face?’.”

❑ “Two people walked into a bar. You would’ve thought one would’ve seen it.”

Then there were the chicken crossing the road jokes. And the knock-knock ones.

And the dad ones:

❑ “After dinner, my wife asked me to clear the table. I needed a run-up, but I did it.”

❑ Two cows are grazing in an English field. One says to the other, “This mad cows’ disease is a bit of a worry.” The second one replies, “Yeah, lucky I’m a tractor.”

Jokes that built an expectation, or anticipation, then went absolutely nowhere, were particularly appealing. For example:

“What’s green and if it fell out of a tree, would kill you? A billiard table.”

I remember telling this with glee dozens of times in my teens and being regularly booed.

The more ridiculous, the better.

Then this one:

There’s a knock at the front door and the man answers it.

The snail, with an encyclopaedia under its arm, says, “Hello. We’re selling these encyclopaedias, they come in complete sets, would you be interested in buying a set?”

The man, obviously agitated, picks up the snail and throws it against the front fence, closes the door and goes inside. six months later, there’s another knock on the door, the man answers it, and the snail says, “What’d you do that for?”

So many jokes and so little space.

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Performer Reece Mastin, in Renmark earlier this month, says he particularly enjoys performing in regional areas. PHOTO: Elyse Armanini

## Rocker Reece loves regional

ALEXANDRA BULL

REECE Mastin started his career on The X Factor in 2011 and 11 years on remains grateful he’s still doing what he loves.

The singer and musician, currently amid an Australia-wide anniversary tour, played a sold-out show at the Renmark Hotel earlier this month.

“I did come off a TV show (and) not a lot of people get to stick around for that long,” he said.

“I have worked really hard to establish myself as an artist, and it is great that I can come back 10 years down the road, still sell out shows and still get the reception we get now.

“I played in Renmark years ago and it is exciting to be back.”

Mastin said he has always enjoyed playing regional shows more than city shows.

“We have had a bunch of sellout shows, which have been awesome, and really after the two years of being in lockdown I think anything was going to be great,” he said.

“I think we have 48 shows booked at the moment until the end the year... “People want to come out, and not just see the show but have a bit of fun and stuff. That’s what we are there for...”

Reece, who lives in country Victoria in the Macedon Ranges, said he loves the camaraderie of towns like Renmark.

“You go to the footy every weekend, you can walk into the pub by yourself and you are bound to know someone there,” he said.

“I think people are grateful they don’t have to trek into those bigger cities (to see a show).

“A lot of the time when people are buying tickets, we can see they are in groups of five or 10, and I think that’s the best part. Everybody kind of already knows each other in the room to some degree.”

# Red noses for a good cause

THE Riverland celebrated Red Nose Day last Friday, August 12, with Waikerie resident Anne Wall continuing to raise awareness on just how important the day truly is.

Mrs Wall, whose son passed away in 1993, has been involved with Red Nose Day in the Riverland since 1994.

“Red Nose Day started in South Australia in 1988 by a group of grieving parents who I guess wanted to find some answers, and formed support groups to support other parents who had lost their children to SIDS,” she said.

“It has changed a lot over the years. Initially it was all about SIDS and I guess our focus has expanded a lot over the years to include families who have lost a child including anything from SIDS to stillbirth.

“Red Nose provides support and training to places like child-care centres, health services and maternity services around safe sleep practices.”

Safe sleep practices include:

- ❑ Sleeping your baby on its back
- ❑ Tucking blankets in firmly, or using a safe baby sleeping bag
- ❑ Keeping their head and faced uncovered
- ❑ Using a safe mattress: firm, clean, flat (not tilted or elevated), and the right size for the cot.

Mrs Wall encouraged people in the Riverland to get involved with Red Nose Day through donating



Thalia Boatswain, Bodee Lodge and Anne Wall raising funds for Red Nose Day at the Riverland Central Plaza last Friday. PHOTO: Alexandra Bull

and spreading awareness.

“Red Nose Day is a national campaign which supports our national office in funding research and bereavement programs,” she said.

“During the month of August, we run the campaign to provide education and awareness on SIDS and stillbirth.

“The best thing people can do is talk about safe sleep, as recommended safe sleep practices have changed a lot over the years.

“Educate yourselves, donate where you can, buy Red Nose Day products and pass on information to other people to continue to raise awareness.”

- ALEXANDRA BULL

## Long-serving teacher leaves to pursue allied health

CHRISTINE WEBSTER

WAIKERIE Lutheran Primary School recently bid farewell to one of its longest-serving teachers.

Michelle Burns, 45, taught at the school for more than 18 years and left last term to help her mum care for her 72-year-old dad who has a rare form of Parkinson’s disease.

The Eudunda-born teacher moved to the Riverland in 1999 to take up her post after graduating with a Bachelor of Education from the University of South Australia in Adelaide.

Mrs Burns’ career at the school spanned five different principals and many teachers.

She also did contract work at other schools in the Riverland West after having some time off to have children.

Her most recent role was as the school’s learning and teaching co-ordinator.

Mrs Burns said it had been “an honour and a privilege,” to have taught in such a community-orientated environment.

She said it was exciting to see the school grow and develop over almost two decades.

“I have seen lots of changes, not just building wise, but pedagogy wise,” she said.

“It was sad to walk out the door.

“But it was time for a change and time to spend more time with my family.”

Mrs Burns has enrolled in a 12-month allied health assistant course with a focus on occupational therapy.

“Hopefully it will benefit my dad who is not very well at the moment,” she said.

Mrs Burns said hopefully the course would better inform her about the type of health services her father will require.

She said her other goal was to perform occupational therapy work with children.

“It might benefit me in the future, either in the classroom or working individually with children,” Mrs Burns said.

“I am not putting teaching out of the big picture yet.”



Waikerie Lutheran Primary School’s former learning and teaching co-ordinator Michelle Burns left last term after more than 18 years’ service. PHOTO: Christine Webster

## 190 Covid cases now across the Riverland

LESS than 200 Riverland residents are currently infected with Covid-19 according to the latest data from SA Health.

As of Monday, 190 residents were classed as active Covid-19 cases across the region’s three council areas.

Loxton Waikerie led the way with 71 cases, followed by Berri Barmera with 69 and Renmark Paringa with 50.

Over the course of the pandemic, the region has reported more than 11,000 total cases – 3658 in Loxton Waikerie, 3578 in Berri Barmera and 3074 in Renmark Paringa.

South Australia reported 1194 new cases on Monday, with 10,192 active cases.



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## Riverland AGRI SERVICES



**WAB recalls wedding days at Olivewood**

At the Paringa branch of Women in Agriculture and Business' recent meeting at Olivewood Museum were, back (from left): Ruth Patten, Lorraine Pinyon, Jocie Cooper, Claire James, Ruth Christie, Marg Duggin and Jenny Curtis. Front: Heather Everingham, Elaine Leedham, Betty Heading and Valmai Goulden. PHOTO: supplied

**HEATHER EVERINGHAM**

THE July meeting of the Paringa branch of Women in Agriculture and Business was held at Olivewood Museum in Renmark in the area designated for wedding dresses.

The oldest dresses displayed belonged to Adelaide Robertson, of Chowilla Station (a silk once-flowered gown worn in 1878) and Elizabeth Smith, of Warrakoo Station (green silk worn in 1883).

Members were asked to bring their own wedding memorabilia and there was

a varied display of wedding gowns, veils, a cake layer, invitations and many coloured and tinted photos.

Stories were shared about traditions, bridal party gifts, flowers, receptions and a granddaughter's question as to what was a "going away dress" which led to memories of honeymoons.

There was an interesting mix of fabrics; one member's mother's elegant silk gown from the 1930s featured a remarkably small waist with a multitude of small silk covered buttons on the front.

The AGM was held

and principal office bearers remained the same: Jenny Curtis (president), Heather Everingham (vice-president), Jocie Cooper (secretary) and Ruth Patten (treasurer). A birthday cake was cut to mark the branch's 66th anniversary.

The branch was formed in 1966, with first president Jenny Sanders and secretary Gladys Stoeckel.

Next meeting will be held at Riverside Estate on Tuesday, August 23, at 10.30am, to hear guest speaker Ken Smith. Lunch will be ordered on arrival for midday.



On-air appearances from Sally Sara, Joy Ruston and Bruce Mellett (inset) helped mark ABC Riverland's 65th anniversary. PHOTO: Hugh Schuitemaker

**65 years of ABC Riverland****ALEXANDRA BULL**

THE ABC Riverland recently celebrated its 65th anniversary, with on-air celebrations marking the special occasion.

Starting out as 5MV 1305, the ABC first went to air in the Riverland on July 31, 1957, and has been a mainstay in the community ever since.

Journalist Matt Stephens said remarkable foresight was displayed 65 years ago.

"Back then it was obviously very different to what we do now," he said.

"But... the powers that be agreed (the) service needed to be set up in the first place."

The on-air celebrations were marked by appearances from former ABC employees Sally Sara, Joy Ruston and Bruce Mellett, who shared their own stories from their time at ABC Riverland.

"We had Sally Sara who currently hosts The World Today, who started back here in the early '90s. We also had Joy Ruston, who pretty much did every single job there was in the station," Mr Stephens said.

"We also had a chat to Bruce Mellett who has recently just left for the second time. He retired a few years ago back in 2016, and then came back for a brief stint in content making and is heading off again, so it is lovely to catch up with him one last time just to mark the occasion."

Mr Stephens said he enjoyed becoming more involved with the Riverland community.

"I have lived here for more than 10 years, but it wasn't until I really got into work at the ABC that I was able to dig into the community and meet a lot of people from a lot of different backgrounds..." he said.

"You cannot live somewhere and not be in the community, whether it is from a sporting aspect, or a cultural and artistic avenue. You want to get involved, meet the people, and know the people."

"It has been wonderful over the past seven years to have had that connection to the community."

Mr Stephens said ABC Riverland was pleased with the response from listeners to its 65th anniversary segments.

"We had so many different people telling us their stories, both on the phone and via text, and we love it," he said.

"When we have that interaction from people, it is fantastic. The community really embraced what we were doing and it was wonderful to hear some of the memories and the stories of the names of people who have been through."

"You sort of forget how many people have presented over the time but they have obviously made a lasting impression, which is fantastic."

**Council announces new Berri pool prices**

BERRI Barmera Council has announced a slight increase to most of its pool fees for the upcoming season, following a significant spike in pool usage during the past season.

Adult and child casual entry fees will rise by 10 cents, while family entry will rise by 40 cents.

Adult season memberships will cost \$130, child memberships will cost \$82

and family memberships will cost \$260.

Council said it remained "mindful of keeping entry fees to the facility at an affordable level to allow access to all users, particularly families, whilst also assisting council in maintaining the facility into the future".

According to a report to council on end-of-season data from the pool's operational managers Belgravia

Leisure, 13,736 attendees visited the pool over the five-month open season in 2021/22 – a 30 per cent increase from 2020/21.

Entries peaked in December with more than 4600 attendees visiting during the month.

The 2022/23 pool season is proposed to commence on October 29, 2022, and conclude on April 1, 2023.

- JOSH BRINE

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## Local wordsmith’s spot on bush balladeers CD

A NEW one from the Australian Bush Balladeers Association is *The Balladeers Volume 24* and as I always say, compilations are my first choice in music.

Among the 20 tracks it was good to see the **Frank Turton**-penned song, *To Live Before I Die and Give Before I Go*, get a run.

Other artists and songs chosen for this one are **Tom Chesterfield** – *Red Belly Black Snake*, **Jeff Brown** – *After January Rains*, **Dianne Lindsay** – *Just Let Him Be*, **Phillip Coad** – *The Ballad Of The Maryborough Mill*, **Angus Gill** – *The Easy Way*, **Kylie Adams Collier** – *The Willow Weeps For Me*, **Marcia Armfield** – *Doug Walters The Cricket Star*, **Terry Bennetts** – *The Dinner Tree*, **Patti Morgan** – *The Old Cattle Dog*, **B-Doubles** – *Tell Me Tonight That You Love Me*, **Ernie Constance** – *When There’s Water In Lake Eyre*, **Coad Sisters** – *Big Red*, **Lynette Guest & Rodney Walker** – *Like Rick & Thel*, **Geoff Williams** – *Ocean Fever*, **Ken “Chainsaw” Lindsay** – *Days Of Old Khancoban*, **Dawn Brydon** – *Waiting In Line*, **Malcolm Doyle** – *Little Boy Lost*, **Peter Coad OAM** – *Long Way Round*, **Peter Simpson & Charlie Boyter** – *Slim’s Were The Best*.

Thirteen of these tracks are either written or co-written by the singer. The CD can be purchased from the singer or through Australian Bush Balladeers Association (PO Box 90, Tamworth, 2340, NSW).

They are \$26 each (posted), and you can send a cheque or money order to the above address or go online to bushballadeers.com.au and follow links (as you can pay by the PAYPAL option in this way).



The past few weeks has seen a run

By  
**ROBYN MCINTOSH**

MY KIND OF COUNTRY



of losses in the country music/easy-listening music, namely the deaths of **Archie Roach**, **Judith Durham** and **Olivia Newton- John**. Our thoughts are with their families and friends.

Numerous posts from our country music family have shown up on Facebook showing their respect, as so many of our artists have chosen careers in music because of the influence these performers had on them from their early years.



**Angus Gill** co-wrote his bluegrass album *The Scrapbook* with American songwriters. He scores a bonus when **Jim Lauderdale**, his co-writer of *Whittling Away*, joins him on that track, as does **Jerry Salley**, one of the co-writers on *Let’s Have A Drink (To Not Drinking Again)*.

Released last year, the album is dedicated to his Nan, **Lynette Russell**, and as Angus said, “flicking through those pictures of me, it’ll be only her that I see every time I look in that, more than just a scrapbook”.

This album has become addictive for me, partly because of the lyrics, but also the perfection of the musicianship, because I’m also a bluegrass fan. It sure was worth waiting until I caught up with Angus at Tamworth to purchase it.

The first track, *Always On The Run*, is a perfect choice to lead into the album as it’s bright and bubbly. *Forget Me Not*, a touching song, is very suitable for the final track.

*Samson, Caught Between A Rock And A Heartache, Feet Of Clay, Put ’Er There, Still Missing* and

*Heartquake* are the other songs that make up this 11-track album, available on vinyl, CD, or by digital download (angusgill.com.au/shop).

Receiving critical acclaim in both Australia and the USA, the album reached #1 on both the ARIA Australian Country Album Chart, and also debuted at #19 on the ARIA Top 50 Albums Charts and the AIR Independent Albums Chart.

When released as singles *Whittling Away* and *Always On The Run* both went to #1.

The following are a few quotes from industry personalities:

“Angus is one of the most creative and talented people I’ve ever worked with. It was an honor to get to write and sing with him. I hope we can do much more down the road.” - **Jim Lauderdale**, a multi-Grammy-winning American singer/songwriter.

“Angus Gill is easily one of the most talented and hardest-working young men in the music business – anywhere.” - American Grammy Award winning songwriter and producer, **Jerry Salley**.

This is not his first solo album, as it follows on from *Nomad* and *Welcome To My Heart*, while he also recorded *3 Minute Movies*, a collaboration with members of **Paul Kelly’s** band, dubbed **Seasons Of Change**.

Numerous artists have recorded over 25 of his songs, but his most memorable experience to date was winning the 2022 Bush Ballad Golden Guitar, along with co-writer **Manfred Vijars**, for *The Easy Way*.

Angus, 24, is quite a comedian too. I first met him at a TSA awards night at Tamworth some years ago, when he was co-hosting with **Clair Hayes**.



Kyle Payne, 8, of Berri, enjoyed making damper at the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Children’s Day celebrations at Glassey Park recently. PHOTO: Deirdre Graham



**CANDLE MAKING:** The Barmera library recently hosted a successful **Grace & Rose** candle-making session with Molly Wishart (second from left) as part of adult information sessions it started earlier this month. Pictured with Molly and their candles are (from left) Beryl English, Heather Thomas and Ruth Gore. PHOTO: supplied

## Local high school’s cabaret show

SCHOOL musical performers will take centre stage at a local high school’s cabaret-style event this Friday.

Loxton High School students feature in an evening of music, live entertainment and canapes, at the Loxton Community Theatre this Friday, from 7pm.

Students prepared their acts and auditioned for a place on the program, with individual acts, small musical and vocal groups, plus big band numbers included.

Headlining the acts is year 12 student Joey Haenen, who recently performed at the Adelaide Cabaret Festival.

## COMMUNITY DIARY

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

### WEEKLY

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

### WEEKLY

Every Thursday and Friday 9:30am to 3:30pm, and Saturday 9:30am to 11:30am, the Barmera Theatre Art & Craft Gallery on Barwell Avenue is open for sales. 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

Meet, Greet & Eat at Loxcare Community Hub, 13 Drabsch Street Loxton, every Friday at 10am. Come and enjoy morning tea and a chat. Inquiries phone 8584 6954. Good food, good people, good times.

### WEEKLY

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

### WEEKLY

The Berri Community Men’s Shed is open Mondays and Thursdays, 9am to 12 noon.

### WEEKLY

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

### WEEKLY

Berri Seniors meet every Tuesday from 1pm–4pm at the club rooms at 4 Draper Road, Berri. Pool, cards, games, computer or just socialise. Everyone welcome.

### 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

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

### WEEKLY

Tea nights at Barmera RSL, Sturt Street, Barmera. Every Friday night, served from 6pm. \$12 for a two-course meal. For bookings contact Peter on 0408 813 882.

### 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

Tennis doubles at the Berri Tennis Club. Every Saturday afternoon at 1.30pm and also Thursday mornings at 9.30am during school terms 2 and 3. All welcome.

### WEEKLY

The SACWA Loxton District Branch meets every Thursday, from 10 am to 2 pm, at its hall on Kokoda Tce, Loxton. Come along and

enjoy a cuppa, companionship and craft.

### WEEKLY

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

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 16

Be part of the SALA Festival at Barmera Library with art workshops engaging local artists and celebrating children’s creativity. Make koi fish kites from 4pm. Bookings required, contact the library on 8588 2872.

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 18

Bingo at the Loxton Club. Raising funds for Loxton Scouts. Eyes down at 7pm. Supper and raffles available.

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 18

Justice of the Peace Riverland Group meeting and AGM at the Loxton Club, 6pm for a 6.30pm start. Guest speaker Donna Neale, Murray River Queen. Justices and friends welcome. RSVP to secretary Jacque.

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 20

Renmark Lions Club fundraising bazaar, 8am to 12 noon at Renmark No. 2 Oval - W. E. Wood Hall. Lots of bargains. EFTPOS, bar-becue, hot doughnuts. Contact Colin 0419 801 996.

### MONDAY, AUGUST 22

Riverland Stamp Club meeting at Berri Library from 10am.

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 23

SALA Festival art workshop at Barmera Library engaging local artists and celebrating children’s creativity. Botanical prints

workshop from 4pm. Bookings required, contact the library on 8588 2872.

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 25

Daffodil Day sites at Barwell Avenue, Barmera, East Terrace, Loxton, Woolworths Berri, and Riverland Central Plaza, Berri.

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 27 & SUNDAY, AUGUST 28

Riverland Orchid Society Annual Orchid Spectacular, Town Hall, 19 Wilson St, Berri, Sat 9.30am to 4pm, Sun 9.30am to 3pm. Orchids displayed, potting demonstrations, plant sales, raffle, fully catered. \$3 entry. Enquiries secretary 0439 688 483

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Music on the Deck, featuring nine-time Golden Guitar winner Lyn Bowtell, with Kelly Brouhaha and Gemma Tiller. From 2pm at 849 Taylorville Road, Waikerie. For further information phone Susan on 0417 854 972.

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21 and SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22

Cordola Rocks the River, Friday 7pm to 10pm and Saturday 11am to 6pm. Featuring The Sullivans, Highway One Band, The Brett Gray Band, The Chasers, Brett Gray and Samantha Penna. For further information phone Di on 0427 716 560.

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4

Music on the Deck, featuring Rodney Vincent and Tom Maxwell. From 7pm at 849 Taylorville Road, Waikerie. For further information phone Susan on 0417 854 972.



# Interesting insect in spotlight at Loxton

THE role local students are playing in a project to better understand native biodiversity will be showcased at National Science Week event in Loxton this weekend.

Students from years 4, 5 and 6 at Loxton North Primary School are taking part an Australia-wide citizen science project – known as Insect Investigators – that engages primary school students to collect and identify species of bees, wasps, moths and other flying insects.

Dr Erinn Fagan-Jeffries, from the University of Adelaide, said the students captured specimens over a four-week period.

“The students used a Malaise trap to gather insects, monitoring it each week and sending in the samples to the team at Insect Investigators,” she said.

“We’ve sorted the samples and chosen nearly 300 of their specimens to be DNA barcoded, which means sequencing a small section of the insect’s genome.

“This will give us an idea of how many different species there might be, and might help us detect new species.”

In addition to helping students find out more about local insects, the project will ultimately help ecologists better understand the roles that insects play in our environment.

“We estimate that only around 30 per cent of Australia’s insects are formally known to science and have scientific names,” Dr Fagan-Jeffries said.

“That means most insects in the country are not identifiable, and we don’t know where they live and what they are doing in the environment.

“If together we can help document our biodiversity, we will be able to better understand, protect, and manage our ecosystems.”

Dr Fagan-Jeffries will talk about the Insect Investigators project, its pilot study that involved both Ramco and Waikerie primary schools, and its latest results as part of a National Science Week event on Sunday, August 21.

The event will also feature a presentation about the National Malleefowl Recovery Team and its volunteers working locally and across Australia to conserve



Entomologist Dr Erinn Fagan-Jeffries, from the University of South Australia, will talk about the Insect Investigators initiative at the Interesting Insects and Mysterious Malleefowl event in Loxton this Sunday. PHOTO: supplied

the native bird.

Attendees will also be treated to a selection of videos from the SCINEMA International Science Film Festival, with activities for children and afternoon tea on hand.

More information and a link to register can be found

via the events section of the Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board’s website (landscape.sa.gov.au/mr).

The Interesting Insects and Mysterious Malleefowl event will be held at The Precinct, Loxton, this Sunday, August 21, from 2pm to 4.30pm.



## RYT seeks new secretary

RIVERLAND Youth Theatre (RYT) is currently seeking a local art enthusiast to fill the volunteer role of secretary on its board.

RYT chairperson David Langdon said the role was pivotal to the functioning of the organisation.

“They’ll need to have an understanding of the not-for-profit charitable sector regulatory frameworks and standards, and an interest in contributing to RYT’s wonderful work supporting Riverland youth arts”, he said.

“(The secretary) plays a vital function in the accomplishment of RYT’s mission of enriching the lives of children and young people in the Riverland and Mallee through engagement with the performing arts, theatre, and creativity.”

Locals interested in the role are encouraged to send an expression of interest – including their relevant qualifications and experience – to (board@ryt.org.au).

# Winter Show bodes well for Spectacular

A SUCCESSFUL entrée to the annual Riverland Orchid Spectacular was held in Barmera recently.

The Riverland Orchid Society’s Winter Show was staged at the Barmera Primary School, with members displaying 97 orchids in the school hall.

The event preceded the Orchid Spectacular, to be held in the Berri Town Hall on August 27-28.

Winter Show judging was done by two visiting judges.

“The decision for grand champion was so close between two of the champions that the judges asked that ‘reserve champion’ be reinstated and awarded to the champion paphiopedilum,” a spokesperson said.

Grand champion went to ‘dendrobium’, grown by Stephen and Marianne Lynch of Loveday.

Reserve champion went to Glenys Matthews of Barmera for her ‘paphiopedilum unknown’. Mrs Matthews also achieved three first places and six seconds, plus a rosette for ‘most points by a first-time exhibitor’.

Organisers were pleased with the interest shown by the public, many of whom travelled from Adelaide, Murray Bridge and Victor Harbor to compete.

“The potting demonstrations were popular with patrons, and the trading table was well supported,” the spokesperson said.

The spokesperson expected more plants to be on display at the Orchid Spectacular, moving closer to spring.

“Once again there will be potting demonstrations, plant sales, a raffle, full catering and disabled access,” the spokesperson said.

Inquiries can be made to the society secre-



Grand champion orchid at the Riverland Orchid Society’s recent Winter Show, at Barmera Primary School, was this dendrobium, grown by Stephen and Marianne Lynch of Loveday. PHOTOS: supplied

tary (phone 0439 688 483).

**RESULTS:**  
**Grand Champion:** *Dendrobium* (Dorian x [Australian Sunblessed x *teretifolium*] ) grown by Stephen and Marianne Lynch of Loveday.  
**Champion cymbidium over 90mm:** *Cymbidium* (Cronulla x Kakadu) owned by Nancy Murdock of Glossop.  
**Cymbidium 60-90mm:** Ann Greive, Daddy Long Legs, grown by Stephen and Marianne Lynch.  
**Cymbidium under 60mm morialta:** Morialta Falls, grown by Grahame Barnes and Janet Greenhalgh, of Glossop.  
**Champion laellinae:** *Brassocattleya* Glorius May ‘H & R’, grown by Stephen and Marianne Lynch, who also grew Australian native champion dendrobium (Gillieston Wow x *speciosum*).  
**Champion oncidinae:** *Oncidesa* Sweet Sugar grown by Peter Grieger of Waikerie.  
Grand champion dendrobium was also Champion orchid-other genera, plus champion specimen-any other genera.  
**Champion species:** *Epidendrum* ciliare, grown by Stephen and Marianne Lynch.



Glenys Matthews of Barmera with her well-deserved reserve champion and champion paphiopedilum.



Pam Rivers and Tini Keightley, both of Berri.



Barmera Primary School’s hall, full of orchids.

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# LOOKING BACK AT 130 YEARS

THE MURRAY PIONEER  
CELEBRATING  
130  
YEARS



**LEFT:** Lustily singing Auld Lang Syne as 1983 is rung in at Berri Hotel are, from left, Bob and Joan Hodgson and Bob and Di Speight, all of Renmark.

**BELOW: HEARTS OF THE RIVERLAND:** Giving the 'thumbs-up' sign on the Berri District Traders float at the Berri Easter Carnival are, from left, Emma Lowery, Jarrad Kurtz, Anthony Lowery, Derrick Possingham, and Brandon Kurtz, all of Berri.



**PIRATES:** Entering into the theme of 'Sail Away with Books' at the Waikerie Primary School recently are these 'pirates', Sharon Munzer, 10, left, and Melissa Langley, 10, with books they made for Children's Book Week.



**NEW YEAR'S EVE:** Enjoying the night at Chowilla Station's New Year's Eve party were Kate and Liz Graham, and Chris Andrews, all of Cooltong.



A group of Renmark Primary School Year 6 and 7 students were recently awarded orange belts in karate after a 10-week course directed by black belt Chris Pearce. Visiting karate grand master Tony Jackson took part in grading the students after their final lesson. Among the new orange belts were: Front from left: Thomas Wingfield, David Foweraker, Blair Dillon, Tyele Riddle, Jessica Menz. Back from left: Brock Neville, Dominic Albanese, Nick Schepel, Tom Sullivan, Nathan Gorman and Iain Colebeck.



**CLOWNING AROUND:** Teenagers Daniel McNeill and Mark Albanese in full colour at the Renmark Pageant.



At the Desire Boutique Melbourne Cup fashion show in Barmera were Kelsee Sard (left), Callie Davis, Soula Kanakaris and Tanya Formiatti.



**LEFT:** Looking as though they are enjoying themselves on a float in the Berri Easter Carnival pageant are, from left, Nicole Carter, Ryan Carter, Heidi Warwick, Susan Nicolai, Naomi Jude, Amanda Wood, Melissa Thiele, and Kathryn Nicolai.



At the Riverland Softball Association grand finals at Berri on Saturday were Riley Maturo (left), 7, Mitchell Maturo, 10, Lee Tape, 8 and James Smith, 9, all of Waikerie.

**LEFT:** At Gerard for NAIDOC week celebrations on Tuesday were back, Raymond Bromley, 13, of Barmera. Middle (from left): Dwayne Lindsay, 12, of Glossop, Eunice Abdulla, of Gerard, Warwick Singh, 5, of Gerard, Lillian Charles, of Gerard, Marcie Richards, 3, of Barmera, Shakira Abdulla, 5, of Gerard, Karlee Richards, 7, of Barmera, Tyson Lindsay, 8, of Gerard, Ashley Richards, 6, of Barmera, and Victor Singh, 9, of Gerard. Front row, Stacey Bromley, 13, Hayley Bridgland, 6, Andrea Sumner, 12 and Kyle Bromley, 9, all of Barmera.



**RIGHT:** Shane Cutting, 9, of Paringa, and his brother Russell, 12, looking over the Harley display at the Riverland Run, Rally and Rock held in Renmark.



## Morgan tourism comments ‘personal’, not council’s views

DETAILS of an article published in The Murray Pioneer recently about Mid Murray Council require clarification.

Comments by Morgan resident John Forrester in the article – headlined ‘Morgan toilet fix community-dependent’ and published on May 4, 2022 – about the council’s delay in painting and refurbishing historic railway carriages in Morgan were Mr Forrester’s personal views, and not expressed in his role as

a Mid Murray councillor.

Likewise, comments made by Mr Forrester about the Mid Murray Heritage and Maritime Committee’s establishment to replace the Port of Morgan Heritage and Tourism board and the Mannum Dock Museum board – contained in a story headed ‘Fears district-wide tourism body will neglect Morgan’ and published on May 11, 2022 – were also his personal views, not those of council.

## Australians’ love of boats on display

AN exhibition exploring Australians’ love of boats is on display at the Pendles Tea Rooms at Morgan this month.

Remarkable was created by the Australian Maritime Museums Council (AMMC) and the Australian National Maritime Museum.

The exhibition explores the ‘remarkable’ connections between people and their boats.

Thirty-four stories were nominated by maritime museums and heritage

institutions from around Australia, with 12 of the most compelling stories selected to feature.

On display are the milestones achieved by volunteers restoring the PS Canally at Morgan.

The paddle steamer is at present undergoing restoration work at Mannum.

Australian Maritime Museums Council CEO Daryl Karp said Remarkable gave communities affected by drought, bushfire, Covid-19, and most recently floods the



The Remarkable exhibition at Morgan explores the connections between people and their boats. PHOTO: supplied

chance to share their stories both locally and nationally.

“The exhibition provides the chance for regional communities to enhance a national exhibition with their own content,” he said.

Mr Karp said this provided “a great opportunity” to see the important role local stories play in national conversations.

All 34 submitted Remarkable stories can also be found on the blog posts at maritimemuseumsaustralia.com.

The exhibition is on an 18-month national tour across regional Australia and will be open at Morgan every Monday to Saturday, from 10am to 2pm, until August 25.

## Waikerie Ladies Probus members told to play the system

KIM Hosking, CEO of Country SA Primary Health (PHN) was guest speaker at Waikerie and District Ladies Probus Club last month.

Kim started his health career as an ambulance officer in 1981 and moved his way up through various systems to his current position.

Spending much of his time in country areas means he is aware of people’s health concerns and issues. He reminded members how privileged we are in Australia with our health system, as we’re not still struggling to provide fresh water, sewerage and basic care for our citizens – and our economy is in the top 20 per cent of countries despite our small population (while emphasising we can still do better).

The 31 PHNs (including two in SA) are funded by the Commonwealth government to top-up and fill gaps in health services, coordinate mental health support, assist clinicians and contractors in Aboriginal communities, support general practices, provide youth support and Telehealth services, and ensure physiotherapy, occupational therapy and podiatry services are placed where needed.

Country SA PHN has an annual budget of more than \$55m and aims to achieve savings in health systems by creating efficiencies in primary health, as people who are well stay out of hospital. Kim is proud of the fact that just 20 per cent of the PHN budget goes in admin and the rest in providing services, making it the most efficient in Australia.

He explained that mental health help has always been needed and that between 2 to 4 per cent of people need regular sessions with a counsellor. He said most people’s issues can be managed with one or two



Kim Hosking, CEO of Country SA Primary Health, addressing members at the Waikerie Ladies Probus Club’s recent meeting. PHOTOS: supplied

short interventions.

Engaging with others is one way we can all help, which is where groups like Probus prove their value. We all need to be responsible for our health and maintenance and when there are issues, we can exert an influence.

Kim explained that most people in authority tend to want to do the right thing, but don’t necessarily have the wisdom and experience to run things. We all need to be advocates and to play the system in all levels of government, especially now state and federal governments have changed. Aged care and palliative care are things to get vocal about before we need the services.

Members from Loxton Ladies, Berri Combined and Barmera Probus also attended the Waikerie Club meeting, which included a tasty morning tea, poetry reading by member Joy Vaughan of John David ‘Taffy’ Gordon’s poem, The Yabby Competition, which brought back memories, and an enjoyable lunch.

The club will next meet on August 23, back at the bowling club, at 10am and mem-



Kim Hosking with Waikerie Ladies Probus Club member Joy Vaughan and secretary Maxine Morley.

ber Cheryl Angove will speak about the Waikerie Pony Club’s past and 60th birthday.

Guests and displays of memorabilia are welcome. Doug Rogers, community manager of Waikerie’s Lifestyle Village will also be a guest.

Spaces are still available on the October 4 Senior Citizens cruise on the Captain Proud (phone Vene on 8541 2313) and October 11 Monarto Safari Park trip (phone Chris 0428 412495). Non-members welcome.

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HOW was your weekend? We asked for some rain and yes, it came. I trust you were able to continue with your sporting activities at the weekend. I have had many residents tell me this year has been one of the coldest winters they experienced. Is it that we are getting older or do others feel the same?

Did you remember that Monday, August 15, was VP Day, known as Victory Day in the Pacific in 1945. I recall I was eight years old and my memory is that Waikerie had a big party at the Waikerie Oval. Everyone in our town came to celebrate the war being over. Tomorrow, August 18 the Riverland Vietnam Veterans Association is commemorating 50 years since the last troops came home from the Vietnam War. We give thanks to those young soldiers for their service to

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our country.

It was two weeks ago I mentioned that SA Country Arts was bringing the film Euphoria to regional SA. It was disappointing for organisers that the event had only a small attendance, given its subject matter is a community concern in regional areas. The two actors were amazing. The topics were the tale of good days, bad days, and everything in between. The facilitators were informative and understanding. It is possible the film may return at a later date. It was also pos-

sible that some people may have been able to go to the showing of the film at Blanchetown on Friday morning.

As we are aware the River Murray is flowing fast and rising, with some restrictions already in place on roads and walking tracks near lagoons and the river. We understand and share the concerns with those in the tourist industry – particularly boats and cruises – who have recently been forced to close bookings due to safety concerns. Residents have been advised to take care.

Friends of Mrs Edna Pfitzner (formerly Menzel) extend sincere sympathy to her family upon her recent passing at the Tanunda Lutheran Home at the age of 97 years. Edna was a most active person in our community and is fondly thought of, especially

as Queen Edna. She has taken pride of place, especially at our Christmas Pageants, with son Robin driving.

Sincere sympathy is extended to the family of Mrs Leah Grieger (nee Kuchel), wife of Dudley (dec.) upon her recent passing at Pioneer Haven. Our thoughts are with her much-loved children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Have you noticed the soft colours on the wall of Soul Essence in White Street? Those colours and the design are so appropriate for that business and it does enhance the street too. Thanks to Susan Skujins for her artistic talents. Well done, Jo.

Thanks to Sue and Ian Light who welcomed family and friends to the Waikerie Bowling

Club to help Sandra Franke to celebrate her 80th birthday. It was a special day for her, her family and friends. Sandra came to live in our community after leaving her Adelaide friends, moving to a town she didn’t know. Sandra’s celebration acceptance speech said it all: “It was the best thing ever. I’m so happy here.” Thanks also to Trendy and his team for the lunch enjoyed by all.

80th birthday celebrations were held on Saturday for Robert Lochert, who welcomed family, friends and colleagues to the Waikerie Community Club to share his special occasion. Happy birthday, Robert.

Thought for the week: Think positive, it’s good for your health.

- Maria Fontaine



# Barmera with one hand on the title

BARMERA edged closer to securing the league title with a convincing 7-2 win over Loxton last Sunday in round 13 of Riverland open men’s soccer.

The all-conquering United side waltzed to victory, thanks largely to four goals from Jacob Trudgian who has been in impressive form of late.

Marty Barber, Josh Pintilie and James Wallace joined him on the scoresheet for the home side, while Jasper Hoffman netted twice for the visitors.

Barmera sits two wins clear of Renmark on top of the table and with just two rounds remaining in the season, Olympic will need a miracle to overcome the table-toppers.

The two sides go head-to-head this Sunday, with Renmark needing to win by a significant margin to keep the dream alive.

Barmera holds the advantage in goal difference by a margin of 25, meaning Renmark will need to overcome that, win its last two games and hope that Barmera loses in the last round against Berri to win the title.

It’s a tall task for Ali Altundag’s men, but they continued their winning run on Sunday with victory over Berri.

Chris Miller put on a masterclass up front, netting three times to claim best-on-ground honours, while Thomas Pipinis starred for Berri in the loss.

Barmera picked up yet another win in the women’s division, conquering Renmark by two goals.

Barmera star Tessie Mitchell scored both and was named best in the victory, with her side just one win away from completing a clean sweep.

Kevin Barber’s side has conceded just once this year and scored 71 times on its way



Thomas Pipinis whips in a corner during Berri’s 4-2 loss against Renmark on Sunday.

to nine straight wins.

Meanwhile, Barmera continued its domination of the under 16s, with a 4-2 win over Loxton, while Renmark overcame Berri by one goal.

Olympic suffered just their second loss of the season in the under 14s when they went down 2-1 to Loxton, but remain comfortably clear of second-placed Berri on top of the table.

## RESULTS

### Open men

#### Barmera 7 d Loxton 2.

Best: Barmera – J. Trudgian, J. Wallace. Loxton – J. Hoffman, C. Mitchell.

Goals: Barmera – J. Trudgian 4, M. Barber, J. Pintilie, J. Wallace. Loxton – J. Hoffman 2.



Renmark star Chris Miller netted three times in his side’s 4-2 win over Berri in Barmera on Sunday. PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff



Jacob Trudgian wheels away in celebration in front of the Barmera faithful after netting one of his four goals during Barmera’s 7-2 rout of Loxton.

### Renmark 4 d Berri 2.

Best: Renmark – C. Miller, K. Collinson. Berri – T. Pipinis, T. Schrapel.

Goals: Renmark – C. Miller 3, own goal. Berri – D. Hronopoulos, T. Pipinis.

### Open women

#### Barmera 2 d Renmark 0.

Best: Barmera – T. Mitchell, K. Tsorotiotis. Renmark – J. Kahlon, A. Pavlomanolakos.

Goals: Barmera – T. Mitchell 2.

### Under 16

#### Barmera 4 d Loxton 2.

Best: Barmera – K. Kenefick, C. van der Woude. Loxton – J. Bertram, S. Martin.

Goals: Barmera – N. Boucher, J. Bourton, K. Kenefick, K. Beames. Loxton – J. Perram, M. Perre.

### Renmark 2 d Berri 1.

Best: Renmark – N. Adam, J. Callery. Berri – W. Heuzenroeder, Z. Hronopoulos.

Goals: Renmark – N. Adam, A. Son. Berri – D. Hronopoulos.

### Under 14

### Barmera 3 d Loxton 1.

Best: Barmera – B. Kimberley, M. Rayner. Loxton – E. Dalzell, J. Perram.

Goals: Barmera – M. Bourton, K. Ogle, J. Sweet. Loxton – A. Flavel.

### Berri 2 d Renmark 1.

Best: Berri – L. Kassulke, A. Kent. Renmark – E. Altundag, J. Callery.

Goals: Berri – Z. Hronopoulos, A. Kent. Renmark – J. Callery.

### Under 12

#### Barmera 3 d Renmark White 1.

Best: Barmera – K. Ogle, J. Sweet. Renmark White – J. Curtis, I. Aatsaves.

Goals: Barmera – J. Sweet 2, J. Hunter. Renmark White – J. Curtis.

### Loxton 5 d Renmark Black 1.

Best: Loxton – L. Perram, J. Ingerson. Renmark Black – L. Clark, J. Parker.

Goals: Loxton – L. Perram 3, J. Ingerson. Renmark Black – J. Parker.

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Winners of the Andy Michael Memorial Doubles, Stephen Kruger (left) and Peter Kennedy, alongside runners-up John Harding and Lynette Barker. PHOTO: supplied

## Lyrup hosts eightball doubles

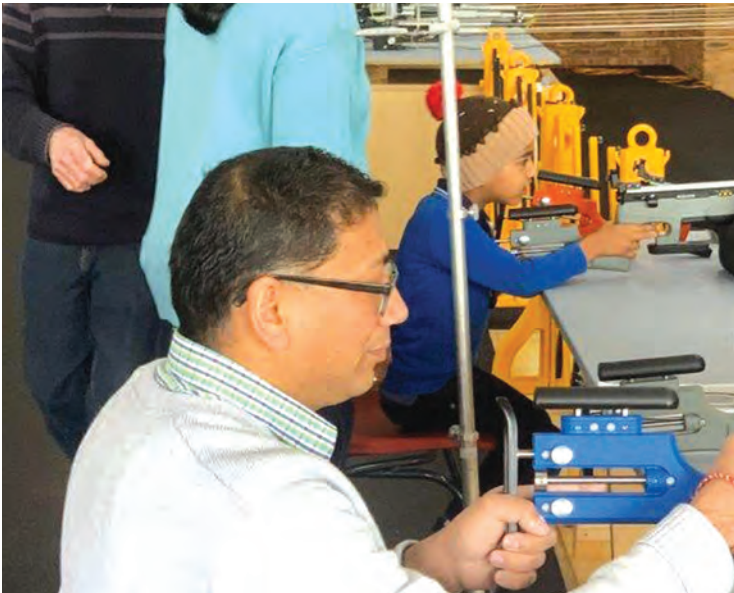
WEDNESDAY night saw the Lyrup Club host the Andy Michael Memorial doubles eightball tournament, with 32 pairs in action.

The final saw two clubmates go head-to-head, with Stephen Kruger of Cobby Roos and Peter Kennedy of the Barmera Pelicans taking on Lynette Barker (Lyrup Club) and John Harding (Barmera Pelicans).

The match was a thriller that went down to the wire, with Kennedy and Kruger eventually emerging 2-1 victors.

Meanwhile, Matthew Recchia, of Paringa Bushy, and Dane Carroll, of the Monash Rascals, took out the consolation plate prize, edging ahead of Cobdogla duo Daniel Jansen and Aiden Pedersen in the final.





Morgan Small Bore Rifle Club recently launched its new clubrooms by hosting a come and try day in partnership with Scouts SA Target Sport Group. PHOTOS: supplied

# Morgan the ‘northern hub’ for air rifle

**BEN LENNON**

THE Morgan Sporting Complex clubrooms have undergone a plethora of changes in recent months, with the Morgan Small Bore Rifle Club setting up shop for good ahead of a busy few years.

The clubrooms were once inhabited by the now-defunct Morgan Cadell Football Club, but 13 years later, the club is home to an air rifle range.

Rifle club secretary David Klemm said the changes would allow the club to become the state’s “northern hub” for air rifle action.

“There’s one down south at Reynella and one in Adelaide at

Wingfield, so we want Morgan to be the northern hub,” Mr Klemm said.

“Anyone from Renmark right through to Kapunda or ‘Nuri’ can come here and learn air rifle, which is an Olympic sport. Previously they would need to head down to Adelaide for that.”

The club took its first step towards introducing the sport to the region when it hosted a come and try day recently, in conjunction with the Scouts SA Target Sport Group.

Over 60 people turned out to try their hand at various target sports, with Mr Klemm “over the moon” at the amount of interest shown by visitors.

“The weekend was really

geared towards having a bit of fun and trying out something new,” Mr Klemm said.

“The Scouts brought up an inflatable archery range and some laser rifles as well, which were brand new.

“With those, you just point and shoot and it’s good for training because you can use them anywhere, there’s no bullets or lead involved.

“We progressed the ones that were old enough on to air rifles from there.

“I couldn’t believe the response we had.

“I was doing the coaching on the air rifles and once I started, I didn’t stop, it was that busy.

“When I sat down after it was

all over I had the biggest smile on my face.”

Mr Klemm believes that, with these new facilities, the club will be able to offer an alternative to the mainstream sports for young people in the region.

“There’s no football or anything here for the kids, but also there’s kids everywhere that maybe don’t want to play football or other sports like that,” Mr Klemm said.

“Coming up in the new year we’re hopeful that Target Rifle SA will bring up their elite squad for some training.

“The Scouts as well definitely want to come back next year, which is great.”

# Eagles take out top-two darts clash

LAST week’s round of Riverland darts saw the competition’s top two sides go head-to-head, with Cobby Eagles taking on RC Ones.

Cobby went into the clash as favourites, having occupied the top of the table for most of the season, and was able to claim the victory over RC Ones in a tight affair.

The final scoreline of 13-2 failed to reflect how close the contest was, with nine games going the full three legs.

Eagles’ star Ray Stemp picked up the highest peg-out of the night with 140 and managed a high average of 21.41.

His teammate, Darren Parfitt, also put in a strong showing, finishing the night with an average of 20.20.

Meanwhile, Monash Wanderers were able to hold off Expendables to pick up a 13-2 win.

Calib Martin top-scored for the night, registering two maximum 180s.

**RESULTS**

Cobby Eagles 13 (A. Hargreaves 140 x 2, 100 x 4, D. Ray 140 x 2, 135, 100 x 5, R. Stemp 140, 137, 131, 125, 120, 140 peg out, J. Broekers 133, 125, 101, 100 x 5, G. Dyer 133, 121, 114, D. Coombe 125, 121, 100 x 6) d RC Ones 2 (no results supplied)

Monash Wanderers 13 (C. Martin 180 x 2, 140, 100 x 2, D. Martin 140 x 2, 100, K. Hayes 121, 100, A. Martin 101, 100 x 3, W. Bonham 100 x 3) d Expendables 2 (A. Barnes 101, S. Lockwood 100, G. Norman 100)

# the quiz

1. What country's "Althing", established in 930 A.D. is the world's oldest surviving Parliament?  
.....
2. What was Henry Hudson looking for when his crew mutinied and sent him adrift, never to be seen again?  
.....
3. What is the female equivalent of a duke?  
.....
4. What animal do the Germans call Schwein?  
.....
5. What yellow bird is named after a group of islands in the Atlantic Ocean?  
.....
6. Which house at Hogwarts was led by Severus Snape?  
.....
7. What 2005 animated movie is named after an island in the Indian Ocean?  
.....
8. What word starts with a V and has two consecutive U's?  
.....
9. What type of sugar gets its name from the Latin for "fruit"?  
.....
10. What is the largest country that doesn't share a land border with any other country?  
.....
11. What is something with a pH over seven called?  
.....
12. What animal is very common in European heraldry, despite being extinct in Europe for at least 1000 years?  
.....
13. What is the longest mountain chain on Earth, not counting underwater ranges?  
.....
14. Whose summer retreat is located at Castel Gandolfo, about 25 km southeast of Rome?  
.....
15. What is another name for the Strait of Gibraltar?  
.....
16. Which two iconic female Australian singers passed away recently?  
.....
17. According to Guinness, what is the best-selling book of all time?  
.....
18. What do the stars on the U.S. flag represent?  
.....
19. What country's largest ethnic group are known as Magyars?  
.....
20. What word means to sail all the way around something, such as the world for example?  
.....



**BONUS QUESTION:** In what month of 1815 was the Battle of Waterloo fought? Answer in next week's Quiz.

Answers on page 33



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RIVERLAND A GRADE

RENMARK		BARMERA-MONASH				
						
ROVERS	5.6	7.8	13.10	20.14	134	
ROOS	1.1	1.3	2.4	4.8	32	

**BEST:** Renmark - T. Woolford, Z. Gartery, R. Garrett, M. Woolford, G. Obst, T. Blight. Barmera-Monash - B. Kassulke, B. Drogemuller, S. Butterworth, M. Middleton, T. Packer, J. Smith.  
**GOALS:** Renmark - R. Garrett, G. Obst 3, T. Blight, T. Charlton, Z. Gartery, A. Haynes, T. Woolford 2, J. Rowe, W. Stockman, T. Thorpe, M. Woolford. Barmera-Monash - T. Bantolas, S. Butterworth, R. Lehmann, T. Packer.



WAIKERIE		LOXTON				
						
MAGPIES	3.1	5.2	8.6	11.9	75	
TIGERS	0.2	2.4	3.6	3.8	26	

**BEST:** Waikerie - B. Moon, S. Braun, J. Burgemeister, T. Bevan, D. Gordon, J. Grieger. Loxton - L. Evans, L. Harder, J. Fisher, C. Lange, J. Bates, L. Salmon.  
**GOALS:** Waikerie - D. Gordon, T. Bevan, B. Moon, J. Spencely 2, J. Bee, J. Colbert, C. Miller. Loxton - H. Campbell, J. Fisher, J. Will.



LOXTON NORTH		BERRI				
						
PANTHERS	0.4	5.6	8.8	10.11	71	
DEMONS	3.0	3.1	5.4	7.5	47	

**BEST:** Loxton North - J. Worsfold, T. Kent, B. Beswick, M. Eckermann, C. Voumard, B. Grieger. Berri - M. Hodge, T. Finlay, W. Frankel, J. Egel, A. Langford.  
**GOALS:** Loxton North - C. Voumard 3, T. Kent 2, B. Grieger, J. Proud, A. Shapley, S. Steer, J. Worsfold. Berri - T. Jolly, R. Moroney 2, T. Finlay, J. Grieger, L. Teasdale.



INDEPENDENT

BROWN'S WELL		PARINGA				
						
BOMBERS	3.4	5.6	9.8	14.12	96	
SWANS	1.0	4.4	5.5	8.5	53	

**BEST:** Brown's Well - B. Victor, J. Shannon, D. McNeil, B. Edmonds, L. Abraham, T. McKenzie. Paringa - H. Sanford, F. Peters, I. Frahn, C. Gardner, D. Roesler, S. Wood.  
**GOALS:** Brown's Well - H. Chandler 4, D. McNeil 3, J. Abdulla, L. Abraham, A. Bullard, B. Dubrich, B. Edmonds, M. Fitzgerald, T. McKenzie. Paringa - D. Hill, B. Morey 2, C. Baptie, I. Frahn, C. Gardner, S. Menz.

SEDAN-CAMBRAI		RAMCO				
						
MAGPIES	6.2	9.6	14.13	18.20	128	
ROOSTERS	3.2	6.5	11.5	13.7	85	

**BEST:** Sedan-Cambrai - C. Thompson, J. Grace, J. Le Couteur, R. Loffler, B. Nicolai, J. Voigt. Ramco - J. Moxham, M. Baddack, A. Burckett, B. van der Biezen, R. Carter, N. Hart.  
**GOALS:** Sedan-Cambrai - J. Grace 5, J. Le Couteur, J. Roesler 3, C. Thompson 2, B. Hutchings, S. Kain, R. Loffler, A. Redden, J. Schulz. Ramco - M. Baddack 3, C. Hawke 2, B. Briscoe, A. Burckett, R. Carter, B. Fridd, D. Kalusche, D. O'Gorman, J. Parfitt, B. Watkins.

BSR		WUNKAR				
						
REDBACKS	1.2	5.3	6.5	8.7	55	
BULLDOGS	0.1	1.5	2.9	5.9	39	

**BEST:** BSR - J. Orr, M. Clark, A. Sparks, D. Gribble, J. Martinson, J. Mapstone. Wunkar - T. Dejager, J. Bobilak, A. Kelly- O'Sullivan, N. Henschke, T. Schulz, K. Petch.  
**GOALS:** BSR - M. Clark 2, A. Bajszi, D. Gribble, N. Laver, J. Mapstone, J. Medhurst, J. Verrall. Wunkar - H. Kelly 2, L. Biele, J. Jeffery, C. Schutz.



OTHER GRADES

B GRADE

**Loxton 16.11 (107) d Waikerie 2.4 (16).**  
**BEST:** Loxton - N. Uren, N. Flight, B. Falting, M. Reichstein, M. Guidolin, B. Oxlade. Waikerie - T. Campbell, J. Hahn, F. Twigden, A. Lo Iacono, J. Sutton, A. Lean.  
**GOALS:** Loxton - N. Flight 9, J. Hoffmann, B. Oxlade 2, R. Liddle, R. Nickolls, N. Uren. Waikerie - A. Lean, A. Lo Iacono.

**Berri 11.8 (74) d Loxton North 5.7 (37).**  
**BEST:** Berri - C. Smith, M. Grosser, J. Staunton, J. Marr, B. Tanner. Loxton North - J. Vowles, K. Worsfold, J. Nelson, S. Meneghetti, M. Lidgerwood, Z. Nitschke.  
**GOALS:** Berri - M. McRae 3, A. Dayman, J. Staunton 2, T. Newton, B. Rosenzweig, J. Marr, M. Toogood. Loxton North - K. Worsfold 2, S. Meneghetti, S. Morena, J. Nelson.

**Renmark 16.9 (105) d Barmera-Monash 2.1 (13).**  
**BEST:** Renmark - M. Edwards, R. Menz, S. Kahlon, T. Austin, D. Johnson, M. Smith. Barmera-Monash - D. Whitbourne, J. Stemberger, T. Schrapel, B. Watson, J. Kilsby, Z. Hamood.  
**GOALS:** Renmark - D. Johnson 5, S. Kahlon 4, M. Smith 3, N. Stockman, D. Strongman, M. O'Loughlin, T. Williamson. Barmera-Monash - A. Scordo, N. Richardson.

UNDER 18

**Waikerie 8.10 (58) d Loxton 2.4 (16).**  
**BEST:** Waikerie - N. Andrew, Z. Wood, B. Burgemeister, C. Daniels, J. Trandafil, R. Turner. Loxton - B. Salmon, D. Rothe, L. Zdanowicz, T. Blaser, N. Katsaitis.  
**GOALS:** Waikerie - R. Turner 4, C. Daniels, A. Liebich 2. Loxton - N. Kitsaitis, B. Salmon.

**Berri 9.13 (67) d Loxton North 2.7 (19).**  
**BEST:** Berri - D. Greer, H. Johns, S. Johns, L. Lawrie, R. Moroney, M. Foulds. Loxton North - D. Petch, J. Wooldridge, J. Meaney, S. Uzzell, T. Hobby, L. Stephens.  
**GOALS:** Berri - R. Kruger 3, D. Westley 2, K. Bishop, H. Campbell, C. Hill, R. Moroney. Loxton North - N. Paull, D. Petch.

**Barmera-Monash 10.8 (68) d Renmark 5.10 (40).**  
**BEST:** Barmera-Monash - J. Whitbourne, J. Sullivan, A. Scordo, R. Moore, L. Marks, M. Pietrolaj. Renmark - J. Lloyd, J. Rothe, J. Kroemer, H. Papageorgios, R. Curtis, C. Greer.  
**GOALS:** Barmera-Monash - J. Whitbourne 3, R. Moore, I. Richardson, A. Scordo 2, L. Marks. Renmark - A. Herrador, N. Stockman 2, T. Johnson.



\*ALL RESULTS MUST BE POSTED ONLINE BY MONDAY MORNING TO BE INCLUDED

LADDERS

A GRADE	W	L	D	F	A	P	%
RENMARK	14	1	0	1395	530	28	263.2
WAIKERIE	10	5	0	1017	786	20	129.4
LOXTON	10	5	0	1004	865	20	116.0
BERRI	7	8	0	987	1026	14	96.2
BARMERA-MONASH	3	11	0	723	1297	6	55.7
LOXTON NORTH	1	14	0	667	1289	2	51.7

INDEPENDENT

BSR	W	L	D	F	A	P	%
SEDAN-CAMBRAI	15	0	0	1419	596	30	238.1
WUNKAR	11	3	1	1475	822	23	182.7
BROWN'S WELL	8	7	0	1050	952	16	110.3
RAMCO	4	9	2	884	1136	10	77.8
PARINGA	3	11	1	794	1389	7	57.1
	2	13	0	721	1448	4	49.8



B GRADE	W	L	F	A	P	%
LOXTON	13	2	1246	476	26	261.8
BERRI	12	3	1062	444	24	239.2
RENMARK	9	6	872	592	18	147.3
LOXTON NORTH	8	7	913	657	16	139.5
WAIKERIE	3	12	470	1107	6	42.5
BARMERA-MONASH	0	15	219	1506	0	14.5

UNDER 18	W	L	F	A	P	%
LOXTON NORTH	10	5	981	627	20	156.5
WAIKERIE	10	5	804	600	20	134.0
BERRI	9	6	797	687	18	116.0
BARMERA-MONASH	8	7	696	746	16	93.3
RENMARK	7	8	755	731	14	103.3
LOXTON	1	14	411	1053	2	39.0

UNDER 15	W	L	F	A	P	%
BERRI	14	1	894	350	28	255.4
RENMARK	11	4	1060	458	22	231.4
BARMERA-MONASH	7	8	660	631	14	104.6
LOXTON	7	8	593	661	14	89.7
LOXTON NORTH	6	9	609	690	12	88.3
WAIKERIE	0	15	197	1223	0	15.1

UNDER 13	W	L	F	A	P
BARMERA-MONASH	15	0	1332	85	30
RENMARK	11	4	837	230	22
WAIKERIE	8	7	606	498	16
LOXTON NORTH	8	7	648	676	14
BERRI	3	12	263	1004	6
LOXTON	0	15	130	1323	0



MURRAY PIONEER WRITERS' AWARD

PLAYER	CLUB	TW	TOTAL
M. Hodge	B	2	34
D. Woolford	R	0	32
T. Woolford	R	5	31
W. Gutsche	L	0	29
Z. Gartery	R	4	27
M. Spencely	W	0	23







The Riverland Rose and Garden Festival will be supported with a \$5000 grant from the SATC Regional Event Fund.

PHOTO: Chad Vigar

# Riverland events backed for 2022-23

ELYSE ARMANINI and BEN LENNON

TWO annual Riverland events are set to receive \$5000 boosts, thanks to a regional tourism funding scheme.

The Riverland Rose and Garden Festival and the Riverland Dinghy Derby will be supported through the 2022-23 Regional Event Fund – managed by the South Australian Tourism Commission (SATC).

Rose and Garden Festival committee president Richard Fewster said while the committee was “disappointed” to miss the \$20,000 in funding it applied for, the \$5000 grant would be “put to good use”.

“Sponsorship is vitally important for the running of the Festival as there are few areas where revenue can be generated to meet the costs of running the event,” Mr Fewster said.

“We are lucky that our regular major sponsors have continued their support, with \$5000 coming from both Renmark Paringa and Berri Barmera Council and \$3000 from the Loxton Waikerie Council, plus \$3500 from new sponsor, Neutrog.

“(However), trimming our budget will mean we will not be able to go ahead with our planned upgrading and new street banners in each town, or a more aggressive interstate advertising program.”

Riverland Dinghy Club secretary Sue Jenke said the funding would be used to promote the club and the Dinghy Derby.

“Last year we invested in an event information marquee so that we had a visible presence at all race events,” Ms Jenke said.

“Just as important as the amount of funding you receive is the information and opening of avenues of speaking to like-minded people.

“The assistance from organisations like Tourism SA... can provide other opportunities to link into other training options.”

Ms Jenke said the data evaluation of this year’s Dash/Derby weekend reflected 9363 beds and just under \$1.35m in new state expenditure.

A second round of 2022-23 applications for the Regional Event Fund is now open and closes on Friday, September 30 at 5pm.

For more information visit the SATC website (<https://tourism.sa.gov.au/support/regional-event-fund>).



The Riverland Dinghy Derby will be supported through the SATC Regional Event Fund, with the money to be used to help promote the club and the Dinghy Derby event. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzopff

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3.Duchess 4.Pig 5.Canary 6.Slytherin  
7.Madagascar 8.Vacuum 9.Fructose  
10.Australia 11.Base 12.Lions 13.The Andes  
14.The Pope 15.Pillars of Hercules  
16.Judith Durham & Olivia Newton-John  
17.The Bible 18.The 50 states  
19.Hungary 20.Circumnavigate

**BONUS QUESTION ANSWER (from last week):** The cast member of the original version of The Magnificent Seven movie who had a scene enacted at his wedding during filming was Yul Brynner.

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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

To be held on Monday 29th August 2022 at 7.00pm at the Berri Hotel Complex in the Toyota arena.

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- Possess or willing to obtain necessary employment clearances
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- Possess or willing to obtain necessary employment clearances
- Excellent interpersonal & problem-solving skills
- Strong literacy & computer literacy skills
- Honest, accountable & able to work within a diverse team
- Proven experience in managing business phone systems
- Familiar in stock control, database & spreadsheet use
- South Australian Drivers Licence & good driving history

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- Familiar with social media & or digital marketing platform(s)
- Experience with bookkeeping or accounting software
- Experience with customer relation management software
- Demonstrate touch type competency

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Berri Barmera

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Visitor Information

Centre Coordinator - Berri

PERMANENT • FULL TIME

Our vibrant Visitor Information Centre provides an essential service to our many visitors, providing information on places to see, things to do, where to stay and must see local events.

This role requires significant focus on delivering exceptional customer service, showcasing our product offerings and increasing repeat visitation to our centre and region.

You will be someone who shares our love for the Riverland and wants everyone to discover what we have to offer. You will have an outgoing personality to effectively promote tourism activities to the general public and quality administrative skills to successfully carry out the day to day operational functions of the Centre.

Our ideal applicant will have suitable qualifications and experience in administration, customer service, tourism or marketing and ideally an understanding of social media and online booking platforms. Good knowledge of local tourism attractions and willingness to use your initiative is a must.

Applications close 12:00noon, Monday 29 August 2022.

If you are ready to make your mark and be part of the future success at Berri Barmera Council, download the position description and apply online at [www.berrribarmera.sa.gov.au](http://www.berrribarmera.sa.gov.au).

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For all enquiries, please call  
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To apply, please provide a response to "why this position suits me" in one paragraph and submit your response and resume to:  
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Berri Barmera

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Executive Assistant

PERMANENT • FULL TIME

We are seeking an executive assistant who demonstrates initiative, exemplary business acumen, strong written communication and exceptional prioritisation skills.

The EA ensures the CEO is prepared and informed, with the highest ethical standards, exercising and maintaining a high standard of confidentiality. This role requires a resilient, proactive and natural influencer, who pays attention to detail and champions best practice.

In this permanent full time role, you will have the necessary drive to bring about process improvement, a strong record in the use of multi media platforms, and a talent for building professional relationships.

The role also provides high level administrative support to the Mayor to execute their responsibilities effectively, contributing to a favourable corporate image of the organisation. Prior local government experience and relevant tertiary studies will be highly regarded.

Applications close 12.00noon, Wednesday 31 August 2022.

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- Knowledge & appreciation of WHS

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- Holds and maintains a satisfactory police check no more than 3 years' old
- Working knowledge and experience in the use of Microsoft Word, Excel, internet explorer, and email programs
- Must have 3 x COVID-19 Vaccinations and 2022 Flu Vaccination

Desirable

- Previous customer service and phone answering experience

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## Direct Care Worker, Community

Temporary Part Time  
Riverland Mallee Coorong  
Local Health Network  
Waikerie  
Job Ref: 804699

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## Home Care Package Case Manager

Temporary Full Time  
(up to 30 June 2023)  
Riverland Mallee Coorong  
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Country Health Connect  
Riverland  
Job Ref: 804499

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## Services Assistant

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(multiple positions available)  
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Waikerie  
Job Ref: 805144

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PREMIUM AUSTRALIAN ALMONDS

Almondco Australia Ltd is located in Renmark, SA 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!

## LEADING HAND – BLANCHED KERNEL PACKING

Almondco has recently built a new state-of-the-art blanching and value add facility and we are seeking a hands-on Leading Hand to coordinate the day-to-day activity and output of the blanched work team.

This position would suit an existing Leading Hand/Team Leader or an experienced production operator wishing to progress their career and step-up into a leadership role. Training and development is available for the right candidate.

This is a **full-time** and **permanent** position.

### As a Leading Hand, you will:

- Coordinate the overall blanched kernel packing process, from supply of bulk stock through to finished goods,
- Troubleshoot machinery breakdowns and liaise with the maintenance team,
- Troubleshoot nonconforming product and liaise with quality control,
- Ensure facility is clean/hygienic and adheres to food safety standards,
- Coordinate and participate in the cleaning of production machines,
- Run daily toolbox meetings,
- Escalate any safety issues that require priority action,
- Arrange/conduct in-line training for new employees,
- Conduct incident-based drug and alcohol testing,
- Act as an Emergency Warden,
- Act as a First Aider.

### The successful applicant will have the following skills and experience:

- Experience working in a production environment,
- Experience with leading and motivating work teams,
- A continuous improvement mindset,
- Ability to remain calm under pressure,
- A good understanding of WHS and food safety,
- Forklift and EWP licence (training provided),
- Certificate IV in Leadership & Management (an advantage but not essential),
- Certificate III in Food Processing (an advantage but not essential).

### Job environment:

- Shift work – day/afternoon rotating roster,
- Some weekend work required during peak periods.

**Applications close Sunday, 21 August 2022.**

## LEADING HAND – RECEIVALS LOGISTICS

This position reports to the Group Logistics Manager and is responsible for coordinating, planning and managing the receivals of almonds into our processing facility, the transport and storage of raw almonds between multiple storage locations, and supervising a small team.

This position would suit someone with Logistics experience and a passion for improvement in a changing environment.

This is a **full-time** and **permanent** position.

### In this position you will:

- Coordinate the day-to-day activity of receivals staff including any offsite work,
- Coordinate the unloading/loading of bins/pallets from delivery trucks,
- Maintain receivals and delivery records,
- Liaise with hulling and shelling facilities, bin suppliers and transport companies for timely deliveries,
- Organise delivery of product ensuring sufficient stock for production is available,
- Coordinate the destination of bulk almonds to appropriate sites,
- Organise fumigation of product in conjunction with production requirements,
- Act as an Emergency Warden.

### The successful applicant will have the following skills and experience:

- Experience working in a fast-paced, hands-on logistics role,
- Experience with leading and motivating work teams,
- A continuous improvement mindset,
- A good understanding of WHS,
- Excellent attention to detail,
- Familiar with Microsoft Word, Excel, Outlook and Teams,
- A valid forklift licence.

**Applications close, Sunday 28 August 2022**

To apply, send your resume and cover letter to  
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stating which job you wish to apply for in the subject heading.

For all enquiries, please contact the  
People & Culture Manager on 08 8586 8819

## Volunteers Notice Board FREE SERVICE

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### 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.

### Meals on Wheels

There's a volunteer in all of us! Meals on Wheels have a variety of Volunteering opportunities in kitchen, delivery and administration, at a number of locations across the Riverland. If you have some time to put to good use, please contact Rozz on 0409928248 (or the Renmark kitchen on 85866040) and see if Meals on Wheels tickles your volunteering tastebuds!

### The purpose of the Wheelchair Access Vehicle

is to strengthen people's capacity to participate in community life, maintain or regain independence. Volunteers are required to pick up and transport clients in accordance with the daily schedule. They will ensure a safe, courteous and respectful on-board client experience keeping in mind their health, well-being, cultural background, life experiences and social connection. Please call Deb 1800 334 882 or [dmuller@redcross.org.au](mailto:dmuller@redcross.org.au) for more information

### Interested in working in an environment steeped in history?

Olivewood (Renmark Branch National Trust) is looking for volunteers to help with reception duties, gardening, cleaning and dusting. Thursday to Monday, hours to suit between 10:00 am and 4:00 pm Email [olivewood.renmark@gmail.com](mailto:olivewood.renmark@gmail.com) or phone Olivewood 8586 6175



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**FLETCHER**, Von.

Congratulations on reaching your 100th birthday, Mum, Nanna and Great-Nanna with much love and admiration from all of your family.

You are an inspiration and we are so grateful that we can celebrate this milestone birthday with you.

We enjoy spending time with you and appreciate your wicked sense of humour.

Thank you for being an incredible role model. We love you.

Love from your children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.  
xoxo

THANK YOU

**PETTIGREW**.

A big 'O' thank you to all those who celebrated my birthday with me, making it a special time. Celeste.

DEATHS

**BABANIOTIS**, Helen.

Passed away peacefully at Renmark Paringa District Hospital on Saturday, August 13, 2022.

Aged 89 years.

Adored wife of George (deceased).

Cherished mother of Con, Peggy and Greg, and Jim.

Loving yiayia of Jake, Lewis, Helen, Penelope, and Georgia.

Deep in our hearts, you will always stay, Loved and remembered every day.

DEATHS

**BRAND**, Annabel Kay (nee Hastings).

1/12/1957 – 6/8/2022

Passed away at home with family by her side.

Loved wife of Greg. Mother to Samuel and Chelsea. Mother-in-law to Jason. Friend to Hayley. Special nan to Evie, Parker and Olive. Loved sister to Stewart and Katherine.

Special thanks to Dr Stanton and palliative care ladies. Privately cremated as per her wishes.



**BUTCHER**, Malcolm Vivien.

23/9/1957 – 4/8/2022

Malcolm passed away peacefully in Largs Bay with his daughter Cindy and son Matthew by his side.

Forever a battler.

Memories of special times with friends and family will continue to be treasured.

Malcolm was privately cremated according to his wishes. Malcolm's ashes will be buried in the Ramco Cemetery at a later date.

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DEATHS

**GRIEGER**, Leah Edna (nee Kuchel).

Passed away at Pioneer Haven, Waikerie on August 8, 2022.

Aged 92 years.

Loving wife of the late Dudley.

Loved and loving mother and mother-in-law of Peter, Margaret and Robert, and Evan.

Grandmother and great-grandmother. Reunited with her loving husband.

**KLEEMANN**, Brian Arthur.

Aged 88 years.

Much-loved and loving husband of Desma.

Precious dad and father-in-law of Stephen and Bev, Robyn and Mark, Karen and Kym.

Groovy grandpa of Kaitlin and Michael, Megan, Jared, Elisabeth and Hayden, Tim, Nathan and Kali.

Great-grandpa of Eva, William and Thomas.

With our Lord.

**PINNEGAR**, Tanya Jean.

In loving memory.

22/4/1973 – 22/7/2022

Loved mother of Tonia, Madison and Abbi.

Loving partner of Michael.

Beloved nan of Mia, Lexie, Braxton, and lylah.

Forever in our hearts.

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Facebook/Riverland Funerals

DEATHS

**SCADDEN**, Dorothy Joyce 'Dot'.

Passed away peacefully in the Barmera Hospital on August 10, 2022.

Aged 76 years.

Loved wife of Roy.

Loving mother and mother-in-law of Wayne and Sonya, Tracey (deceased) and Tony.

Adored nana of Nathan, Alana and Tyson; Jaryd and Jess, Jordan and Katherine, Georgia and Adam.

Nana Dot of Lewis and Liam.

Reunited with her daughter Tracey in the gardens of the sky.

Those we love don't go away, They walk beside us every day.

Dorothy will be laid to rest in a private burial as requested by her family.

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**VOYSEY**, Norman Rowland.

Passed away peacefully at Regis Ontario on Monday, August 8, 2022.

Aged 90 years.

Loved father of Brenton, Sharon, Gail, Mark and Alan.

Loving grandpa/Poppy Norm to his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

In keeping with Norm's wishes a private service has been held.

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DEATHS

**VOYSEY**, Norm.

Passed away peacefully on July 8, 2022.

Aged 90 years.

Much-loved father of Gail.

Greatly loved grandpa of Todd, Sean and Danielle.

Adored great-grandpa of Elija.

Thank you for all the wonderful memories. You will always be in our hearts.

**WILHELM**, Ronald Edward.

4/1/1937 – 12/8/2022

Aged 85 years.

Loved brother of Joan (deceased) and Beryl.

Loved uncle of many.

Thanks to the caring staff of Resthaven, Renmark Medical Clinic, and Renmark Paringa District Hospital.

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**WILHELM**, Ron.

Loved uncle of Shane, Robyn, Alana, and George.

**WILHELM**, Ron.

Loved brother of Beryl and Don (deceased).

Loved uncle to Steven, Michelle, Fiona, and their families.

**YALDREN**, John Harry.

Passed away peacefully on August 8.

Loved brother, brother-in-law and uncle of Janet, Harry, Susan, Margaret, David and Belinda, and their families.

Rest in peace.

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FUNERALS

**BABANIOTIS**.

The relatives and friends of Helen Babaniotis are respectfully invited to attend her funeral service to be conducted at St Constantinos and Eleni Greek Orthodox Church, Renmark on Thursday, August 18, 2022, at 11am.

In lieu of flowers, if desired, a donation to the Renmark Paringa Hospital Auxiliary in Helen'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 Lawn Cemetery for the committal.

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**GRIEGER**, Leah Edna (nee Kuchel).

Family and friends of the late Leah Grieger are welcome to attend her funeral service which will commence at 10.30am on Friday, August 19, 2022 in the Waikerie Lutheran Church, 4 Cates Avenue, Waikerie. This service will conclude with a burial in the Waikerie Cemetery.

Leah's funeral will be livestreamed for those who are unable to personally attend. To view the livestream please use the link below: (<https://tinyurl.com/eg190822>).

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FUNERALS

**KLEEMANN**, Brian Arthur.

Brian's family and friends are welcome to attend his funeral service commencing at 10.30am on Monday, August 22, in the Waikerie Lutheran Church, Cates Avenue, Waikerie.

This service will conclude with a committal in the Waikerie Cemetery.

Donations in memory of Brian to Australian Lutheran World Service 1300 763 407 / PO Box 488 Albury NSW 2640 would be appreciated.

Envelopes will be available at the service.

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IN MEMORIAM

**VOIGHT**, Patricia (nee Sweeney).

Passed away 20 years ago on August 17, 2002.

Deep are the memories, Precious they stay; No passing of time, Can take them away.

Forever in our hearts and thoughts.

Love Mum and family.

RETURN THANKS

**JONES**, Bettie.

Lyn, Brian and families wish to thank everybody for their flowers, cards and phone calls of support and for attending Mum's funeral, it was really appreciated.

And a special thank you to Dr McLeod, Dr Eske, Dr Hollie Wickstein and nurse Amanda for all your care. Thank you to Resthaven nurses, palliative care team and hospital nurses, Veteran Affairs and staff, Meals on Wheels and volunteers, and any other people who supported our dear Mum.

Please accept this as our personal thank you.

RETURN THANKS

**KOHRT**, Darrin Lynn (Pastor).

It's impossible to find adequate words for times like these, but to the Concordia and Outlying church group, St Peter's, Brad and the Lutheran school children and community, Riverview Resthome, the wider Christian community, to Dr Searles, the palliative nursing team, the Loxton hospital staff, the pharmacy staff, the Altschwager team and everyone involved with the funeral, the RSL catering team, the wider Loxton community, friends and neighbours, and oh so many behind the scenes who showed us so much love and kindness, please accept my heartfelt thanks for the prayers, the cards, flowers, and the overwhelming outpouring of support and sympathy, in the passing of my beloved Darrin. I will cherish it all forever. Darrin and I were beyond grateful that he was ending his days in such a loving community. A special thank you to my brother, Alex, who was with us in the final weeks, and to the very end. Darrin loved living here, and was proud to call it his home. With love and gratitude, Vanessa Kohrt.

**ROGERS**, Margaret.

Thank you to everyone for all the beautiful cards, flowers, gifts, phone calls, personal messages, text messages and messages left on Facebook. Your expressions of sympathy, messages and prayers have given us comfort in this time of sorrow.

Please accept this as our personal message of thanks. Ann-Marie and Anthony.

**WEAVER**, Bob.

The family of dear Bob would like to thank everyone for their love and support following the passing of their loved husband, dad and Poppy Bob.

Thank you for all the cards, messages, phone calls, flowers and personal visits. Thank you all for your thoughtfulness.

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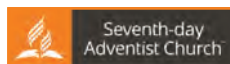
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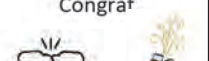
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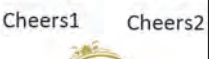
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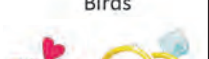
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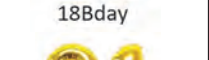
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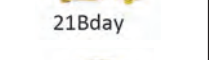
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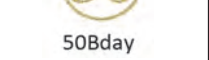
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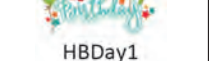
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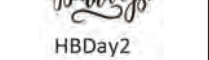
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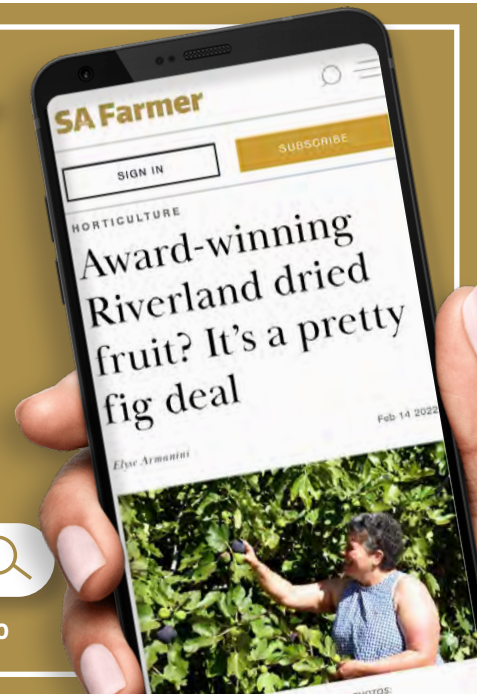
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# And then there were four...



THE final round of the RFL Independent home and away season is in the books, with two sides pulling on the boots for the final time this season last Saturday.

Ramco and Paringa, which finished fifth and sixth respectively, both failed to qualify for finals after a testing year, while BSR, Sedan-Cambrai, Wunkar and Brown's Well will all take the field this weekend.

The Swans bowed out for 2022 against Brown's Well at Paruna as part of the third double-header of the season.

Peter Siddall's team fell behind early before pulling the margin back to just eight points at the halfway point of the fixture.

But, with their finals spot on the line, the Bombers were able to pull away once again in front of a boisterous home crowd.

The home side booted nine second-half goals to secure the points and ensure it would finish the season in fourth place.

Club president James Shannon was instrumental in the victory after putting in a strong performance from the back pocket, while Harrison Chandler did the damage at the other end, booting four goals.

Haimish Sanford and Fraser Peters were able to get their hands on the footy thanks to the strong work of Isaac Frahn in the ruck for the visitors, but the trio failed to drag their side over the line.

Dean Hill and Brock Morey kicked two goals each in the loss, with the former finishing with 43 majors for the season after making the switch from Wunkar earlier in the year.

Meanwhile, Ramco finished its season with a 43-point loss against Sedan-Cambrai.

The reigning premier has struggled with player numbers and availability for much of the year and, despite some promising signs, never truly threatened the top three sides in the competition.

Max Baddack finished off a strong personal season with three goals in the loss, while Sedan-Cambrai's Jack Grace kicked another bag, finishing the day with five majors.

Grace finished the season just five goals shy of BSR's Jake Medhurst in the race for leading goal-kicker honours, but played two games less than the Redback.

Cameron Thompson was named best for the Magpies, who will take on BSR next weekend for a spot in the grand final.

The Redbacks finished off their season in style, securing their undefeated home and away record with a win over Wunkar.

Midfielder Matt Clark shone in difficult conditions, booting two goals in a low-scoring affair that saw BSR emerge victorious by 16 points.

Thomas Dejager battled hard for Wunkar, as did Jack Bobliak and Alex Kelly-O'Sullivan in defence, but the class of the minor premiers showed across the four quarters.

Ruckman Jack Orr was able to give his midfielders first-look at the footy, while James Mapstone curtailed many Wunkar attacks at half-back, while launching plenty of his own.

The season is far from over for the Bulldogs, with Tom Wood's men set to tackle Brown's Well this weekend in a do-or-die semi-final at Cambrai.

- BEN LENNON



Sedan-Cambrai finished the RFL Independent regular season in style, knocking off Ramco by 43 points at Cambrai. PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff



Paringa's year, by contrast, ended in disappointment, with the Swans going down to Brown's Well at Paruna by 43 points.

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# Renmark runs riot against Roos

RENMARK has ended its RFL A grade home and away season on a high, comfortably defeating Barmera-Monash by 102 points at the Lakeside last weekend.

Both teams entered the match with little to gain, with neither side able to move up or down the ladder regardless of the result.

Renmark secured the minor premiership the week prior, while Barmera-Monash has been locked in to fifth spot on the table for some time now after a disappointing year.

Corey Gilgen's side has failed to beat anyone outside of Loxton North and the trend continued in emphatic fashion in the side's final game of the year.




Renmark started fast, booting five first-quarter goals to Barmera-Monash's one, before adding another two in the second term to go into half time with a 41-point advantage.

Little changed in the second half, with Renmark kicking a further 13 majors to Barmera's two.

The visitors' midfield established early dominance, with ruckman Zac Gartery able to get his hand on the ball first and feed the experienced Rover midfielder.

Tim Woolford was one of the beneficiaries, with the reigning Whillas Medallist able to gather a number of possessions and even make a dent on the scoreboard, booting two majors in the victory.

Ben Drogemuller and Sam Butterworth battled hard in the Barmera engine room, as they have done all year, but Renmark was relentless as it charged towards finals football.

			
134		32	
5 Tim Woolford	R		
4 Zac Gartery	R		
3 Ricky Garrett	R		
2 Grady Obst	R		
1 Drew Kassulke	BM		

Ricky Garrett and Matt Woolford also profited from Gartery's expert work, with Garrett also making a difference up forward, kicking three goals.

The Barmera-Monash backline struggled to repel the Renmark onslaught, with youngster Blake Kassulke offering the most resistance.

In a breakout game, he was named best on a difficult day for Barmera, while Renmark forwards Tim Blight and Grady Obst were included in the best players for Josh Vater's side.

Vater has spoken of his side's need to bring its best form into finals in recent weeks and will be happy with the four-quarter performance from his troops.

The reigning premier will take on Waikerie next week in the second semi-final, with a spot in the grand final guaranteed for the winner.

The Roos, by contrast, will not suit up again in 2022 in both the A grade and reserves competitions, with the latter failing to win a game all season.

Gilgen's group lacks depth, but the good news for supporters is that all three junior teams were able to secure a spot in the finals, with the under 13s particularly impressive, having not dropped a game all season.



Tim Woolford (middle) was named best for Renmark on the weekend, while brothers Matt (left) and Dan featured prominently in the win over Barmera-Monash. PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff



Tim Blight kicked two goals in the side's victory and was named in the best players, after an influential performance up forward.

## AROUND THE GROUNDS

### B GRADE

AFTER losing just two games for the year, Loxton was able to secure top spot in the RFL B grade after defeating Waikerie last weekend.

The Tigers finished the season on 26 points with an impressive percentage of 261.7 and boast a plethora of experienced RFL A graders within their ranks.

Nathan Flight has been a dominant force up forward since coming down from the firsts, kicking 59 goals in his seven B grade appearances.

Snapping at their heels is Berri, with the pair set to do battle in just over a week in the second semi-final.

Renmark and Loxton North will go head-to-head in this Saturday's first semi-final, with the Panthers boasting a home-ground advantage despite finishing lower on the ladder.

Aaron Camplin has had fewer players at his disposal than years gone by and will have to do it the hard way if the Rovers are to retain the premiership.

Waikerie finished the season in fifth spot, with its only wins coming against Barmera-Monash, as the Roos completed the unwanted achievement of going an entire season without a victory.

### UNDER 18S

The top junior grade is arguably the most competitive of the bunch, with all four finalists a genuine chance at premiership glory.



Nathan Flight has been unstoppable for the Loxton B grade since dropping down from the A grade earlier in the season, booting 59 goals in just seven games. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

Loxton North finished on top of the table after a strong season, despite losing its last two matches against Waikerie and Berri.

Still, the Panthers will be tough to beat and will be out for revenge when they take on Waikerie in the second semi-final.

The Magpies stormed home to

clinch second position, finishing ahead of Berri in third by just two points.

The Demons will need to defeat Barmera-Monash this Saturday if they are to retain the premiership and the Roos will go into the clash confident, having defeated Berri when the two last met in round 12.

Loxton finished the season in last place, winning just one game for the year, while Renmark missed out on finals in dramatic fashion.

The Rovers occupied a spot in the top four for most of the campaign but lost their last four matches in a row, which saw them slip to fifth position, missing the finals completely.

### UNDER 15S

It would take a bold tipster to predict anything but a Berri premiership in the under 15s, but stranger things have happened.

The Demons enter the finals with a stellar home-and-away record, winning 14 out of a possible 15 games.

The side's only loss came all the way back in round eight when it was bested by Loxton by seven points.

Renmark occupies second spot on the ladder, finishing the season with an 11-4 record.

The two sides will meet in the second semi-final, after Berri emerged victorious by 39 points when the two last locked horns.

Barmera-Monash and Loxton will do battle this weekend in the first semi-final, with the pair finishing third and fourth respectively.

The loser will bow out for the 2022 season, while the winner will enjoy a week off before facing the loser of Berri and Renmark.

Loxton North can count itself unlucky to not be playing finals, after it finished the season with a

6-9 record, while Waikerie ended the campaign without a win.

### UNDER 13S

The Barmera-Monash under 13s have been the most dominant force in RFL football this year, mathematically speaking.

The side boasts the best record of all the RFL grades and comfortably holds the best percentage (1567.06 per cent, 1332 for, 85 against).

Still, it all counts for nothing when the side matches up against Renmark in just over a week.

The Rovers have been the second best side in the competition throughout the year, losing just one match outside of their clashes with the Roos.

Waikerie and Loxton North finished the year in third and fourth, with the two clubs locked on 16 points heading into this weekend's first semi-final.

Berri picked up three wins for the season and finished the year in fifth, ahead of the Tigers, who were unable to register a win in 2022.

### THIS WEEKEND @ LOXTON

#### NORTH:

##### Under 13s

Waikerie vs Loxton North

##### Under 15s

Barmera-Monash vs Loxton

##### Under 18s

Berri vs Barmera-Monash

##### B grade

Renmark vs Loxton North



# Harvey's heroes: How the Redbacks went from easybeats to invincibles

WHEN Alan Harvey took over as BSR coach late last year, he inherited a team that hadn't played a finals match in over half a decade.

Fast forward nine months and the Redbacks have finished the 2022 season as minor premiers, with an impeccable record of 15 wins and zero losses.

They now stand just two wins away from achieving the ultimate and only the brave would tip against them on current form.

Harvey, who has spent time coaching at various levels across South Australia, predictably stated that the success of the minor rounds this season has "exceeded all expectations".

"It's not just the playing group but the club in general," he said.

"I go into each new job with a lot of research done on the year before, so from last year's scores compared to this year, there's been a rapid turnaround.

"I'm extremely happy."

When Harvey took over the reins he preached a strong fitness-first stance, which is something he believes has made a "massive difference" throughout the campaign.

"The fitness has been the key for me," he said.

"Talking to opposition coaches over the last few weeks, they're now pointing that out as the difference as well.

"We were struck down with a lot of injuries last year. Matt Clark I think only played three or four games because he was

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constantly doing calves and hamstrings.

"So, my focus was to get us really fit and I made that statement early on.

"The other thing has been our brand. We always look to attack and then defend sides depending on how they play, so the fitness and the game brand has made the difference."

Along with Harvey came a host of recruits, including mercurial midfielder Cam Horstmann and the ever-reliable Mapstone brothers.

But, Harvey heralded the players that weren't initially penciled in to get a game each week in the early stages as the major improvers of the year.

"The group has improved out of sight," he said.

"There were probably five or six blokes that would lock themselves in to that side at the start of the year but as we've gone on, it's the blokes that maybe aren't as talented but have plenty of heart and motivation that are getting picked before those blokes.

"Chris Giles is one of our older heads and is one that has had a sensational last six or so weeks.

"He was starting on the bench as our rotating backman and now he's actually starting



After missing the finals for over half a decade, BSR will head into the 2022 post-season as heavy favourites, having won every game of the minor round. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

week in and week out.

"Shannon Tanner is another one because we all know he's got the ability and all the rest of it, but he's a really quiet bloke.

"In the last month I've seen him come out of his shell like there's no tomorrow and it's really showing in his footy."

It hasn't been all plain sailing for the Redbacks, with the past month bringing a host of challenges and some close encounters on the field.

"To be totally honest, the last month has

been the most challenging of the whole year and even in previous jobs I've had, it's still up there in terms of difficulty," Harvey said.

"It's been tough trying to motivate the boys and get everyone to training and all the rest of it and numbers dropped off a little bit.

"They're back up now though with finals and now it's just a new challenge for us."

BSR takes on Sedan-Cambrai in the second semi-final this weekend, with a spot in the grand final guaranteed for whichever side comes out on top.



MOTOCROSS MAGIC: Morgan played host to the region's latest instalment of motocross action last week, as a large number of competitors took to the track at the Morgan Motorcycle Club. PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff



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Waikerie beat Loxton in a do-or-die clash for second spot in last Saturday's round of RFL A grade football at Waikerie. INSET: Club champion Tim Bevan being chaired off after his 200th game.

# Double chance for the Magpies

**BEN LENNON**

WAIKERIE has managed to hit form at the right time, running out comfortable winners in one of the most important matches of the RFL A grade season last Saturday.

The 49-point win over Loxton saw the Magpies leapfrog their opponents into second spot, securing the double chance once again as the competition moves into its final four weeks of action.

The Tigers will now have to do it the hard way if they are to break their premiership drought, with an elimination semi-final against Berri this Saturday facing Dillon Millard's men.

The afternoon started with plenty of promise for the Tigers, with the travelling side dominating the early stages despite failing to hit the scoreboard.

Waikerie's back six held firm in the midst of a plethora of Loxton forward entries and the Magpies soon turned defence into attack, with midfielder Brendon Moon opening the scoring for the day with a major.

Millard was left to rue these missed early opportunities, as the Tigers struggled to make a dent in the attacking half for the remainder of the opening term, finishing the quarter with just two behinds.

"It was really just a couple of goals," he said.

"Had we scored a bit more early it might've shifted momentum a bit, so (the loss) had a lot to do with that."

Waikerie was beginning to hit its straps, with coach Shayne Stevens finally able to play his desired starting 18 after a topsy-turvy season on both the injury and availability front.




Jack Burgemeister and Dustin Gordon were working well as a forward tandem and provided plenty of options up forward for the midfielders to pick out.

The sides broke even in the second term, before Waikerie edged away in the so-called 'premiership quarter', kicking three goals to Loxton's one.

Still, in a low-scoring contest, the Tigers were far from out of the match but needed to start the final quarter strongly.

However, it was all Waikerie in the early stages of the last quarter and before long, Loxton had conceded defeat, with a number of senior players headed for the bench.

"I think we can put it down to a bit

			
75		26	
5 Brendon Moon	W		
4 Jack Burgemeister	W		
3 Luke Harder	L		
2 Steven Braun	W		
1 Che Lange	L		

of a down day and obviously there's a few things there for us to look at and get better at as well," Millard said of the loss.

"We just want to start fresh this week and take a couple of things out of it to see if we can get back on top.

"We'll have a look at the tape, see what Waikerie do and then we'll work out what we can do different next time."

Luke Harder and Lachie Evans were named best for the Tigers, with the former playing predominantly through midfield in the contest, as well as spending some time as the main forward target.

Evans gathered a number of disposals on the wing but, along with the Loxton midfield, was unable to create enough scoring chances for his side.

Youngster Harley Campbell came on midway through the first term and added a touch of class for the visitors, rarely missing a target and slotting one of Loxton's three majors for the match.

Stevens will be pleased with his side's resilience in the early stages, with Steven Braun and Stephen Hausler excelling inside the back 50.

Youngster Jack Colbert jumped well throughout the contest in the ruck and was a significant part of Waikerie's midfield dominance.

Tim Bevan celebrated his 200th game in style, putting in a workman-like shift in the middle of the ground and even sneaking forward to kick two late goals, while the Spencely brothers, Matt and Jake, were busy accumulating touches all day.

The win means Waikerie now has a week to recuperate before taking on familiar foe Renmark for a spot in the grand final, while Loxton's season hangs by a thread ahead of its clash with Berri on Saturday.

But, a win for the Tigers will give them a much-needed rest ahead of a preliminary final showdown against the loser of Waikerie and Renmark.



Brendon Moon (right) beats Luke Salmon to a loose ball in last Saturday's contest. Moon opened the scoring for Waikerie, before adding a second goal late in the day. PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff



Loxton youngster and West Adelaide junior Harley Campbell (celebrating after kicking a goal) impressed in his first game back from a month off with a broken jaw.





Loxton North finally ended its winless run last weekend, defeating Berri by four goals in coach Brett Tschirpig's last game in charge. The Panthers' previous win was against Barmera-Monash 1077 days earlier. PHOTOS: Tracy Proud

# Panthers end winless streak

BEN LENNON

THE longest winless streak in Riverland footy came to an end last weekend when Loxton North triumphed over Berri in Brett Tschirpig's final game as RFL A grade coach.

Loxton North was approaching the three-year mark without a victory, with its previous win coming in the first semi-final of 2019 against Barmera-Monash, 1077 days earlier.

The win followed a string of encouraging but ultimately disappointing performances from the Panthers, with the side snatching defeat from the jaws of victory multiple times in the past month.

So, when the home side had the lead at Panther Park at the final change, the North faithful were predictably anxious, as was Tschirpig.

"I was sitting there when there was 15 minutes gone in the last and just thinking 'hurry up'," Tschirpig said.

"We came out at half time and I said to them that you just need to kick the first one and not let them get a run-on, which we were able to do.

"Then, at three quarter time, I just told them to continue to play the kind of footy that we are and to not go back into our shells.

"With about 15 or so gone, the runner

went out to say that we need to keep to the boundary and play it smart to hold on and win, which we were able to do."

North's veterans starred in the victory, with Joel Worsfold putting in a man-of-the-match performance.

He and fellow star Tyson Kent were able to win the midfield battle and ensure that the Panthers tasted success for the first time this year.

But, the duo was not alone, with a host of youngsters aiding the veterans throughout the contest.

"Getting Codi Voumard back into the side after he was out for the majority of the year was good, because it just gave us another focal point at half forward and he works really hard," Tschirpig said.

"Joel Worsfold's last month and a half has been almost his best form for the year.

"Obviously, Tyson (Kent) missing four weeks or so didn't help us, so it was good to get that bit of speed back.

"The young kids have got a bit of game time under them now, so it all helps. Matthew Hampel went down in the first 10 minutes so we had to shuffle it around and threw Judd (Tschirpig) in the ruck as a 19-year-old and he did a good job.

"We even had Ben Grieger in his last game of A grade footy in the ruck as

71		47	
5 Joel Worsfold	LN	<b>MURRAY PIONEER WRITERS' AWARD</b>	
4 Tyson Kent	LN		
3 Codi Voumard	LN		
2 Matt Hodge	B		
1 Maison Eckermann	LN		

well, so it was good."

Berri coach Clint Ridgway was full of praise for the home side and admitted that his group "didn't come to play".

"They were definitely on and it was one of those days where we were probably just worried about getting through unscathed," he said.

"We gave a few different blokes a run and left guys like Jason Westley out of the side so they could stay fresh but, we didn't come to play, to be honest.

"They played really well and you look across their side, it's probably the best team they've fielded all year.

"Joel (Worsfold) is probably hitting his straps now and that's the first time I've seen them with Grieger in the side, so they looked a different team out there."

Mercurial midfielder Matt Hodge was named best for the Demons, while Tom Jolly

and Rory Moroney booted two goals each in the loss.

Although he won't be returning for the 2023 season, Tschirpig is full of hope for North's future and is keen to play his role in ensuring the club moves up the ladder in 2023.

"We've got a recruiting committee as well that I started last year to help," he said.

"We're already onto that and it's working and we're trying to secure anyone coming into town, or figure out if there's someone else we need to get in the future.

"That's all going to be there for whoever comes in to take on the role, so it will be a big help.

"It's just good for the group to get that win and if we've got 12-15 blokes that want to stick around, it's something we can build on over the next few years.

"We've got some good under 18s coming through that will be able to play A grade footy if they put their mind to it, so the club is in a reasonable spot."

Celebrations at the club went well into the night and understandably so, with the win North's first since before the pandemic hit.

"It was really good and honestly it's just a relief for everybody and for myself to be able to get that win in our last game," Tschirpig said.



North recruit Bradman Pfitzner gets a kick away under pressure from Berri's Isaac Woolston.



Coach Tschirpig's son Judd (pictured competing against Berri's Tom Finlay) was thrust into the ruck in the early stages of the match after an injury to Matthew Hampel.



# Cut-throat encounter at Panther Park

WHILE the new RFL A grade finals structure has been a talking point in recent weeks, this Saturday the talking stops, as Loxton and Berri lock horns in a do-or-die first semi-final.

Both sides enter the clash off the back of disappointing results, with Loxton going down to Waikerie and Berri losing to Loxton North, both away from home.

The sides have met on three occasions this year, with the Tigers coming out on top twice, but all three fixtures were decided by less than two kicks.

It looks to be an even contest around the ground and Loxton coach Dillon Millard is "looking forward" to the challenge.

"I'm kind of liking that we're going into a do-or-die situation for us," he said.

"Had we won against Waikerie we would've been thinking that we can afford to lose a game, but now we know we have to win, so we need to be on top of our game.

"That's what we're really relying on.

"We want to be our best and we know that Berri is going to come out and it's going to be tight. So, we just need to make sure we get everything we've been working on right and try to play our best footy."

His opposite number Clint Ridgway also expressed his excitement and believes his side "matches up well" against the Loxton outfit that spent most of the season inside the top two.

"Like I've always said, we're pretty confident



UP FOR GRABS: Loxton and Berri will clash in the RFL A grade's do-or-die first semi-final at Loxton North this Saturday. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

against Loxton," Ridgway said.

"It's do-or-die, so we just have to back our game in.

"It's probably going to be interesting on a bigger oval out at Loxton North...

"It's probably a bit different, but I think our matchups are pretty even across the board.

"There's not really any quick forwards and we have a pretty tall defence, especially with Brody

Thompson back in the side, it allows (Tom) Finlay to go back after playing in the ruck recently.

"Even up forward we match up pretty well. Dillon Millard is probably their tallest defender and we don't really have a big, tall forward, so it works out well."

Loxton midfielder Will Gutsche has been red-hot this year and has been named in the best players in

11 of his 14 outings.

He, alongside veteran Luke Harder and skipper Jesse Will, pose a great threat to Berri, but Ridgway is confident his side has the formula for victory.

"If we can stop Harder then I think we're a good chance, because he's the key to Loxton in our eyes," he said.

"He doesn't spend much time in the midfield against

us, he usually gets the whole 50 to himself.

"In the first game we dropped Peter Safralidis in front of him and then the second time we put Evan Penaluna in front of him, so we've always done our best to double-team him and cut off their supply to him as best we can."

Berri boasts some stars of its own, with midfielders Matt Hodge and Luke Teasdale both producing stel-

lar home and away seasons.

Ridgway said Whillas Medallist Safralidis would be the only regular to miss the clash, while Millard remains hopeful of having a full list to choose from.

"We've got a couple of question marks, but we just need to see come the end of the week how guys have pulled up," Millard said.

"But, we're going into the match at roughly full strength."

## Mouth-watering Independent semi-finals loom

A PAIR of mouth-watering contests headlines the first week of finals football in the RFL Independents, with two semi-finals to be played at Cambrai on Saturday.

BSR, Sedan-Cambrai, Wunkar and Brown's Well are all set to take the field, with the latter two in action in a do-or-die first semi-final.

True to their name, the Bombers have come from the clouds to storm into the top four and go into the clash having won their last outing against Paringa last Saturday.

Aaron Bullard's side picked up its first win in almost three years in round eight when it defeated Ramco by 139 points.

The Bombers then won three of their next seven matches which, along with two Covid-cancelled clashes, was enough to see them leapfrog Paringa and Ramco into the top four.

At the heart of their resurgence has been talismanic half forward Maxwell Fitzgerald, who has been named in the best players in eight of his 13 appearances, booting 37 goals along the way.

Complementing him well has been the midfield combination of Digby McNeil and Blake



Wunkar forward Tyson Renshaw.

Edmonds who, alongside ruckman Brian 'Rowdy' Hampel, have been able to control games from the inside.

They pose a major threat to an inconsistent Wunkar side that will be ruing missed opportunities from earlier in the year.

Tom Wood's men have looked like a force to be reckoned with at times, particularly against the lower sides, but have failed to match it with the top two, going down at every attempt against Sedan and BSR.

The Bulldogs even suffered defeat against their opponents this weekend when they were shocked by Brown's Well in round 11.

Still, they possess a number of threats and a strong defensive half.

Skipper John Wiseman has enjoyed an impressive season, as has vice-captain Marc Worsfold.

In Lee Verrall they have arguably the most reliable centre half back in the competition and Tyson Renshaw packs a punch up forward.

That round 11 clash was the last time these two met, with Wunkar surely out for revenge in this elimination semi-final.

The second semi-final sees the competition's top two sides go head-to-head, with BSR taking on Sedan-Cambrai.

The undefeated Redbacks have had a patchy winter, with a number of close calls coming in the back-end of the minor round.

But, coach Alan Harvey believes this is something his troops will be able to draw on throughout the finals.

"The last few weeks, we've only just been getting over the line so I think it's actually got our mindset right coming in to finals," he said.

"We've beaten everyone we can in the minor rounds but it's essentially a new season of

footy for us now. We're re-setting."

Harvey said the team would be put through "a hard session" of training this week.

"It won't be hard gut-running or anything, more so just to make sure our structures and our game plan is on point and everyone knows what we're working towards," he said.

The Magpies have the most potent forward line in the competition, with Jack Grace, Cameron Thompson and Jackson Le Couteur combining for over 120 goals this campaign.

But, Harvey is confident his team has what it takes to get the win over the "seasoned professionals" of Sedan-Cambrai.

"They've played finals for a few years now and have even been there on the last day a few times, so they know how to get it done," he said.

"We expect them, on their home deck and in front of their home fans, to come out firing.

"I just think we match up on them really well. We seem to get them on the outside, whereas they like playing an inside game. So, if we can keep the ball out wide I'm very confident we can get over the line."



Sedan-Cambrai co-captain Jack Schultz will play a vital role in his side's 2022 finals campaign.

PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff



# Riverland kids kicking goals

A HOST of Riverlanders are set to hit the pitch this week, with the region entering two teams in the School Sport SA SAPSASA State Soccer Carnival.

A boys team, coached by Barmera star Marty Barber, along with a girls team coached by Our Lady of the River staff members Nicolette Roberts and Kayla Tsoriotis, will do battle with other schools across the state in division one.

Held in Adelaide, the carnival kicks off today and goes for three days, with each team playing eight matches under modified rules.

It is open only to year 5 and year 6 students, with squads of 12 competing in a nine-a-side format.

### BOYS

E. Vincent, K. Ogle, J. Sweet, K. Krendl, K. Webb, J. Peltz, J. Ingerson, H. Eatts, W. Marsden, E. Bascomb, L. Perram, N. Meimetis.

### GIRLS

S. Pittman, A. Dalzell, A. Whiting-Walker, E. Passmore, C. Muller, L. Perrin, E. Tsakarellos, A. Teschner, I. Antonopoulos, S. Christodoulou, S. Angeleski, S. Searle.

Meanwhile, Cobdogla Primary School student Ivan Ness has had success in the School Sport Australia 12 and under football carnival.

Ness was selected after impressing during trials ear-

lier in the year and played a starring role for the victorious SA side, kicking a goal in the final against Victoria.

His classmate, Tom Nettle, has also been recognised as one of the top young tennis stars in state, with his selection in the South Australian 12 and under team to compete in Canberra later this year.

But, it's not just the winter sports in action, with opportunities set to arise in the cricket sphere in September, as the SACA-run Primary School Master Blasters competition takes place next month.



Cobdogla Primary student Ivan Ness starred for South Australia at the recent national 12 and under football carnival. PHOTO: supplied

## Brent at his best in rifle club shoot

THE Renmark Small Bore Rifle Club hosted a 50-metre shoot last week, with five competitors braving the weather.

As the wind picked up, so too did the form of Brenton Lacey, whose straight-shooting earned him both the off-rifle and handicap honours.

He was closely followed by Mark Cresp, who finished in second place with a score of 199.

Rob Ward rounded out the podium, finishing the day with a 198.

### RESULTS

Thursday, August 11

50-metre shoot: B. Lacey 99.6, 100.9 (1), 200. M. Cresp 100.8, 99.7 (0), 199. R. Ward 100.8, 98.7 (0), 198. N. Lloyd 98.5, 99.5 (0), 197. C. Botting 65.0, 69.0 (18), 152.



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## ROUND 22 RESULTS

Noah Warner .....	(9)139	Tony Milgate .....	(9)133
Frank Drougas .....	(8)138	Deb Griffiths .....	(8)133
Sam Koskinas .....	(9)136	Chloe Brown .....	(8)133
Mark Kilmartin .....	(8)136	Duani Vowles .....	(7)133
Trevor Flint .....	(8)136	Brandon Martin .....	(9)132
Paul Reid .....	(8)135	Dianne Morgan .....	(9)132
Ross Campbell .....	(8)135	Baker Boys .....	(8)132
Cohen Battams .....	(8)135	Rosie Harrington .....	(7)132
Clive Fisher .....	(8)134	Karen Brown .....	(9)131
Marlene Schultz .....	(7)134	Barry Seagrim .....	(8)131

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# Waikerie returns to winners' list

WAIKERIE returned to winning ways after its last-start loss, welcoming back a number of key players for its clash with Berri in Riverland men's A grade hockey last weekend.

Rowan Hope netted a hat-trick in the 7-2 victory, while Daniel and Nathan Schmidt scored twice each in a convincing performance from the ladder-leaders.

Lachlan Stokes was named best for Berri, with the goalkeeper stopping the scoreline from reaching a double-digit differential.

Both of Berri's goals were scored by veteran Dan Shawyer, who was also named in the side's best players for the day.

Meanwhile, the goals were shared as Renmark stormed to victory in its clash with Loxton.

Singles from Nick Hocking, Josh Flemming, Shaun Crouch and Rydan Radloff were enough for Renmark to overcome a determined Loxton outfit.

Dan Schubert and James Haslett hit the scoresheet for Loxton, with the latter named best for his side in the loss.

Berri had more luck in the under 17s, defeating Waikerie by one goal on Friday night, with Kye Stokes on the scoresheet.

The team then had to back up the performance the following day with a match against the combined

Loxton/Renmark side, with the latter emerging victorious by two goals courtesy of Harrison Cooper and Cody Hennig.

In the women's division, Berri continued to take all before it, with the A grade side putting seven goals past Waikerie.

Amahli Kelly was the star of the show, netting five times in the contest, while Dakota O'Callaghan and Krista Schmidt added singles.

O'Callaghan found the net twice earlier in the day during the under 17s as she helped Berri secure a 4-0 victory over Waikerie.

### RESULTS MEN

**A grade**  
Renmark 4 d Loxton 2.  
Best: Renmark – T. Edlington, S. Crouch, N. Hocking. Loxton – J. Haslett, C. Hennig, C. Knoblauch.  
Goals: Renmark – R. Radloff, S. Crouch, J. Flemming, N. Hocking. Loxton – J. Haslett.  
Waikerie 7 d Berri 2.  
Best: Waikerie – details not provided.  
Berri – L. Stokes, D. Couzner, D. Shawyer, J. Roberts.  
Goals: Waikerie – R. Hope 3, D. Schmidt, N. Schmidt 2, L. Hocking.  
**B grade**  
Waikerie 5 d Berri 3.  
Best: Waikerie – S. Trager, J. Brewer, A. Nitschke, M. Wenske. Berri – K. Nugent, J. Passmore, A. Segui.  
Goals: Waikerie – R. Edwards, A. Nitschke 2, M. Wenske. Berri – L. Stokes 2, S. Moldovan.  
Renmark 2 d Loxton 1.



Renmark goalie Jacob Mackenzie kept Loxton to just two goals when the sides clashed last weekend.  
PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff

Best: Renmark – B. Harding, M. Shugg, D. Grenfell, D. Smart. Loxton – B. Hammerstein, S. Atkinson, R. James.  
Goals: Renmark – M. Shugg 2. Loxton – H. McCarthy.  
**Under 17**  
Berri 1 d Waikerie 0.  
Best: Berri – K. Stokes, F. Vallelonga, Z. Heinrich, L. Stokes. Waikerie – L. Ebert, C. Thiele, J. Gogoll, C. Gogoll.  
Goals: Berri – K. Stokes.  
Loxton/Renmark 2 d Berri 0.  
Best: Loxton/Renmark – D. Everett, J. Botten, C. Hennig, T. McDonald. Berri – S. Martin, F. Vallelonga, Z. Heinrich, K. Stokes.  
Goals: Loxton/Renmark – H. Cooper, C. Hennig.  
**WOMEN**  
**A grade**  
Berri 7 d Waikerie 1.  
Best: Berri – details not provided.  
Waikerie – J. Ebert, A. Matulick, J. Kroehn, B. Smith.

Goals: Berri – A. Kelly 5, K. Schmidt, D. O'Callaghan. Waikerie – O. Ebert.  
**B grade**  
Waikerie 3 d Berri 2.  
Best: Waikerie – V. Schmidt, A. Edward, H. Collins, M. Kroehn. Berri – C. Marsden, M. Kennedy, K. Schmidt.  
Goals: Waikerie – V. Schmidt, Z. Schiller, S. Schiller. Berri – J. Han, M. Watkins.  
Renmark 4 d Loxton 0.  
Best: Renmark – K. Beer, L. Fourie, K. Botten, K. Barton. Loxton – L. Pearson, E. Meagher, A. Oxlade, S. Smart.  
Goals: Renmark – J. Packer 2, K. Botten, K. Barton.  
**Under 17**  
Berri 4 d Waikerie 0.  
Best: Berri – details not provided. Waikerie – J. Kroehn, A. Edwards, Z. Schiller, T. Jolley.  
Goals: Berri – D. O'Callaghan 2, A. Herbert, L. Vallelonga.  
Loxton 0 drew with Renmark 0.  
Best: Loxton – H. Dubberley, N. Burgermeister, J. Row, R. McDonald.

Renmark – details not provided.  
**MIXED**  
**Under 14**  
Berri 6 d Waikerie 1.  
Best: Berri – details not provided.  
Waikerie – C. Gogoll, A. Edwards, Z. Plantaro, S. Borgas.  
Goals: Berri – L. Bowers 3, H. Martin, R. Ellis, C. Camilleri. Waikerie – C. Gogoll.  
**Under 12**  
Berri Red 6 d Renmark 2.  
Best: Berri Red – L. Bowers, C. Camilleri, J. Swinstead, E. Bascomb. Renmark – A. Preusker, M. Preusker, D. Everett, A. Schubert.  
Goals: Berri Red – L. Bowers 4, C. Camilleri 2. Renmark – A. Preusker, D. Everett.  
Berri Blue 8 d Waikerie 0.  
Best: Berri Blue – L. Gray, W. Stokes, K. Sweet, K. Krendl. Waikerie – details not provided.  
Goals: Berri Blue – L. Gray, W. Stokes 2, K. Krendl, H. Martin, L. Vallelonga, K. Sweet.



Renmark star Nick Hocking found the back of the net as his side ran out 4-2 victors.



Toby Macdonald produces a pass in last weekend's round of Riverland A grade men's hockey.

## RIVERLAND GOLF RESULTS

**BERRI**  
**Tuesday, August 9**  
**Ladies Open Day**  
A grade (stroke): Nett winner – W. Hocevar 74 (Berri GC). Gross winner – F. Hockings 86 (Barossa GC). Gross runner-up – L. Berry 87 (Berri GC). B grade (stableford): Winner (via countback) – C. Sheriff 33 (Mildura GC). Runner-up – A. Hyde 33 (Lameroo GC).  
C grade: Winner – G. Mack 40 (Berri GC). Runner-up – S. Thomas 34 (Barmera GC).  
Longest drive: A grade – F. Hockings (Barossa GC). B grade – J. Bullock (Loxton GC). C grade – S. Wickstein (Barmera GC).  
NTP: B grade – J. Patching (Loxton GC). C grade – G. Mack (Berri GC).  
**Wednesday, August 10**  
Stableford: P. Mudge 3, S. Wade 34,

R. Keightley 31, K. Wyman 30, K. Traeger 30.  
Saturday, August 13  
**Club championships – Quarter-finals Men**  
A grade: S. Wade d K Traeger 4/3, M. Howie d P. Mudge 5/4, P. Jealous d B. Eckermann 1up, R. Day d M. Boon 4/3.  
B. grade: W. Thiele d L. Kruger 2/1.  
**Women**  
AM. Crease d G. Mack 1up, L. Smith d J. Curren 3/1, A. Thiel d M. Heuzenroeder 2/1.  
Stableford: P. Martin 32 (cb), G. Tognon 32, N. Andonopoulos 31, K. Wyman 29 (cb), S. May 29.  
**Sunday, August 14**  
**Club championships – Semi-finals Men**  
A grade: S. Wade d M. Howie 4/3. R. Day d P. Jealous 7/6.

B grade: M. Clifford d R Keightley 3/1, A. Giles d W. Thiele 2up.  
C grade: D. Gregoric d G. Tognon 6/4.  
**Women**  
AM. Crease d L. Smith 5/4, A. Thiel d K. Wyman 4/2.  
**LOXTON**  
**Wednesday, August 10**  
**Men**  
Stableford: W. Wilson 35, S. Palat 35, C. Foreman 34, A. Hume 33.  
**Women**  
Stableford: J. Patching 31, M. Thomson 31, S. Pannell 29.  
**Saturday, August 13**  
**Men**  
Stableford: D. Sunman 35, M. Lange 34, J. Reynolds 34.  
**Women**  
Stableford: J. Cooney 28, J. Patching 28, J. Sawade 28.



Berri Golf Club recently hosted its annual Ladies Open Day, with plenty of action on the course. Pictured are Peter Jesser (Big River Tavern manager, left), Carla Sheriff (Mildura), Fiona Hockings (Barossa), Angela Hyde (Lameroo), Louise Berry (Berri), Wendy Hocevar (Berri), Glenys Mack (Berri) and Sharon Thomas (Barmera).  
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Renmark's Lauren Collins (right) jostles for position with Barmera's Paris Lawrie when the two sides faced off in last Friday's round of Riverland A1 netball. PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff

# Renmark, Loxton the teams to beat

WHEN the final round of the Riverland A1 netball home-and-away season ended last Friday, Renmark and Loxton solidified their spots at the top of the table.

Both teams registered convincing wins in the last round of regular season action, with Loxton particularly dominant against Waikerie at Waikerie.

The home side spent the entire season rooted to the bottom of the table in what has been a tough return to A1 action.

But, in its final match for the year, it went toe-to-toe with one of the competition's best and held its own throughout the first quarter.

Youngster Chelsea Helbig showed her ability, putting in a strong showing in the goal circle, while veteran Hannah Lehmann exhibited her class throughout the contest, despite the talented opposition.

The first break saw the home side trailing by just three goals, but Loxton upped the ante in the second term, restricting Waikerie to 10 goals while scoring 19 of its own.

Mackella Hogan dominated the goal circle for Loxton, as she has done for most of the season.

The sharpshooter registered 61 goals in the contest after Loxton continued to control the match following the main break.

Elise Foulds was named as the travelling side's best player after a strong performance, with the win solidifying the team's spot in second place, setting up a clash with Renmark this Friday night.

Renmark was able to overcome a resilient Barmera outfit last week to run out 13-goal winners.

Both sides welcomed back formidable players, with Lauren Collins returning to the Renmark line-up and Tahlia Dillon back from the ankle injury that has plagued her second half of the year.

Collins didn't miss a beat in her return, with her playmaking abilities on full display in the victory.

Ashleigh Haigh recovered from

## A1 LADDER

	W	L	D	P	F	A
RENMARK	12	3	0	24	939	708
LOXTON	10	4	1	21	886	727
BARMERA	9	6	0	18	845	757
LOXTON NORTH	8	7	0	16	811	652
BERRI	5	9	1	11	825	795
WAIKERIE	0	15	0	0	453	1120



Emma Stockman shone in the Renmark defensive circle and was instrumental in her side's win over Barmera.

a nasty knock the week prior to put in an impressive performance in the goal circle for Barmera, scoring 26 of her side's 45 goals.

At the other end of the court, teammate Paris Lawrie continued her strong form, with the youngster stepping up to take on arguably the most formidable attack in the competition.

Zoe Siviour was named best for Renmark after a strong defensive display, curtailing a number of Barmera attacks and setting up some of her own.

Meanwhile, Berri ended its season on a high, emerging victorious over finals-bound Loxton North by just one goal.

The match was neck-and-neck down the stretch, with neither side able to pull away and establish any sort of commanding lead.

Both teams made a number of changes throughout the contest, try-

ing different combinations in an attempt to edge ahead.

With just seconds to go in the match, Berri was able to hit the front and managed to slow down the Loxton North attack and claim a memorable win.

Lana Gregoric and Giorgia Whitehead were named best for the victors after a classy display in the goal circle.

Loxton North's Georgia Brown excelled in the centre position and was a major part of her side's attacking output.

Berri finishes the season in fifth place and will rue missed opportunities earlier in the season, with performances in the past fortnight showing it can match it with the competition's best.

Despite the loss, Loxton North will taste finals action this year as it takes on Barmera this Friday night in the first semi-final.

## A1 RESULTS

LOXTON	V	WAIKERIE
LOXTON	17	36
WAIKERIE	14	24
BEST: Loxton - E. Foulds, M. Hogan. Waikerie - C. Helbig, J. Golding.		

BERRI	V	LOXTON NORTH
BERRI	16	29
LOXTON NORTH	16	26
BEST: Berri - L. Gregoric, G. Whitehead. Loxton North - G. Brown, J. Barry.		

RENMARK	V	BARMERA
RENMARK	15	32
BARMERA	10	21
BEST: Renmark - Z. Siviour, L. Collins. Barmera - P. Lawrie, A. Haigh.		

**A2**  
Renmark 45 d Barmera 36.  
BEST: Renmark - K. Schumann, S. Wiese. Barmera - T. Dack, L. Hill.

BEST: Berri - J. Ridley, Z. Sims. Loxton North - A. Gilgen, C. Wooldridge.

**15A**  
BYE ROUND

**15B**  
BYE ROUND

**13A**  
Loxton 40 d Waikerie 14.  
BEST: Loxton - details not provided. Waikerie - C. Salt, T. Pfeiler.

**Barmera 60 d Renmark 14.**  
BEST: Barmera - S. Whitbourne, B. Gilgen. Renmark - O. Gartner, A. Tripney.

**13B**  
Loxton North 26 d Renmark 25.  
BEST: Loxton North - A. Simes, M. Williams. Renmark - M. Poole, J. Ormsby.

**Berri 42 d Cobdogla 16.**  
BEST: Berri - A. Heward, K. Harrington. Cobdogla - L. Bowers, E. Jordan.

**13C**  
BYE ROUND

**11A**  
Barmera 36 d Renmark 22.  
BEST: Barmera - J. Wright, M. Banks. Renmark - A. Roberts, T. Holmes.

**Loxton North 9 d Berri 6.**  
BEST: Loxton North - I. Miller, E. Williams. Berri - A. Sweet, K. Sweet.

**Loxton 56 d Waikerie 14.**  
BEST: Loxton - details not provided. Waikerie - I. Venning, G. Zarmbalas.

**11B**  
Waikerie 24 d Loxton 5.  
BEST: Waikerie - S. Golding, C. Zarmbalas. Loxton - details not provided.

**Renmark White 14 d Renmark Blue 6.**  
BEST: Renmark White - E. Hammond, S. Wutke. Renmark Blue - A. Lindner, I. Martinson.

**11C**  
Berri 31 d Loxton North 3.  
BEST: Berri - M. Butson, E. Seekamp. Loxton North - S. Edwards, E. Bradtke.

**Cobdogla 21 d Loxton Tigers 2.**  
BEST: Cobdogla - J. Sparkes, L. Sanderson. Loxton Tigers - E. Thiele, S. Staben.



Tahlia Dillon returned to action for Barmera last week and will play a vital role in her side's finals campaign.

## Riverland netball standings

**A2**  
Berri 26, Renmark 24, Loxton North 18, Barmera 10, Loxton 10, Waikerie 2.  
**B1**  
Loxton 24, Loxton North 24, Cobdogla 12, Waikerie 0.  
**B2**  
Loxton 24, Loxton North 18, Waikerie 16, Berri 14, Barmera 7, Renmark Blue 5, Renmark White 0.

**C1**  
Berri 28, Barmera 24, Loxton 17, Loxton North 9, Renmark White 8, Renmark Blue 4.  
**C2**  
Berri 24, Renmark 20, Barmera 16, Monash 10, Loxton North 8, Waikerie 6, Cobdogla 0.  
**17A**  
Berri 28, Barmera 22, Renmark 16, Loxton 12, Waikerie 8, Loxton North 4.

**17B**  
Renmark Blue 20, Renmark White 16, Berri 16, Loxton North 6, Waikerie 2.  
**15A**  
Loxton 18, Barmera 16, Loxton North 11, Berri 8, Renmark 6, Waikerie 1.  
**15B**  
Renmark White 17, Renmark Purple 12, Loxton North 12, Barmera 10, Renmark

Blue 9, Cobdogla 0.  
**13A**  
Barmera 22, Loxton North 20, Loxton 10, Renmark 8, Waikerie 0.  
**13B**  
Berri 30, Loxton North 18, Renmark 12, Cobdogla 0.  
**13C**  
Renmark Blue 22, Loxton 16, Loxton North 15, Berri 11, Waikerie 8, Barmera 7, Renmark White 5.

**11A**  
Berri 30, Loxton 24, Barmera 12, Renmark 9, Waikerie 9, Loxton North 6.  
**11B**  
Loxton Black 28, Waikerie 20, Renmark White 18, Loxton Gold 16, Renmark Blue 14.  
**11C**  
Berri 20, Cobdogla 14, Barmera 12, Loxton North 6, Loxton Tigers 2.



# Finals time for Riverland netball

AFTER 15 minor rounds, the Riverland Netball Association is set for a bumper finals series, with all grades in action this weekend.

The A1 division headlines Friday night, with two semi-finals set to be played concurrently at The Precinct.

Kicking off at 7pm, Renmark and Loxton will go head-to-head in a battle between the competition's two best sides of the regular season.

Loxton enters the clash with all the momentum and a distinct home-court advantage, but Renmark has been the benchmark of the competition for many years and will go into the clash full of confidence.

Since welcoming Emily Beaton back to the line-up midway through the year, Loxton has barely missed a beat, winning its past eight matches and storming into second place.

Meanwhile, Renmark has endured patchy form of late but the return of Lauren Collins in last week's round will give the reigning premier plenty of confidence heading into Friday evening.

The other court will host a clash between Barmera and Loxton North, with both sides coming off a loss in last week's round.

The return of Tahlia Dillon was not enough for Barmera to overcome a rampant Renmark, while Loxton North went

down in dramatic fashion against non-finalist Berri, losing by just one goal.

Georgia Brown has been the key to the majority of Loxton North wins this year and will again play a vital role in the mid-court for the fourth-placed side.

Barmera will be relying on its mix of youth and experience, with youngsters Paris Lawrie and Dillon leading the charge.

The two matches will be followed by the A2 finals, which sees Berri pitted against Renmark in a top-of-the-table clash and Loxton North and Barmera facing off in an elimination semi-final.

The competition then heads to Renmark on Saturday where the best two teams in each of the junior grades, as well as the B and C grade seniors, will face off in the second semi-finals, before third takes on fourth in each grade on Sunday at Loxton North.

**FINALS FIXTURE**

**Friday, August 19 @ Loxton**

7pm – A1

8.30pm – A2

**Saturday, August 20 @ Renmark**

10.30am – 11A, 11B, 11C and 13C

12pm – 13A, 13B, 15A and 15B

1.30pm – 17A, C1 and C2

3pm – 17B, B1 and B2

**Sunday, August 12 @ Loxton North**

10.30am – 11A, 11B, 11C and 13C.

12pm – 13A, 13B, 15A and 15B

1.30pm – 17A, C1 and C2



The A1 finals will begin in the same fashion as the minor round, with Renmark and Loxton going head to head. This time around, there is a spot in the grand final on the line.

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Loxton North and Barmera's seasons are on the line in the other A1 fixture, as the two face off in the first semi-final.

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THE longest winless streak in Riverland footy came to an end last weekend when Loxton North triumphed over Berri in Brett Tschirpig's final game as RFL A grade coach.

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Loxton North snapped its 1077-day RFL losing streak last weekend, with a four-goal victory over Berri at Panther Park. PHOTO: Tracy Proud



## Finals fever

AFTER months of weekly minor round fixtures, the best of the best will don their club colours to go head-to-head in Riverland finals action this weekend.

It all kicks off on Friday night in Riverland A1 netball, with two concurrent games at The Precinct set to shape the rest of the season.

Loxton North takes on Barmera in a do-or-die first semi-final, while Renmark and Loxton face off for a spot in the grand final.

As for footy, all eyes will be on Loxton North, where Berri and Loxton will clash to see which team's season ends and which team moves on to the preliminary final.

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## Riverland Draft hopefuls

BERRI duo Oscar Kregar and Darcy Minchella were named as two of the 68 youngsters invited to the AFL draft combine yesterday afternoon.





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