

IT'S ON: New trio enters race for vacant mayoral roles

Riverland councillors have formally nominated for mayoral positions. Deputy mayors Trevor Norton (Loxton Waikerie

THREE more current

Deputy mayors Trevor Norton (Loxton Waikerie council) and Henry DuRieu (Renmark Paringa Council) have jointly launched their respective campaigns via a pledge to share resources across council boundaries if elected in November.

In addition, former deputy mayor and ex-primary school principal Peter Hunter has confirmed his candidacy, challenging Cr DuRieu for the top job at Renmark Paringa, when Neil Martinson steps down.

Today's news means all three current Riverland deputy mayors have their sights set on higher honours, after Ella Winnall revealed in last week's Murray Pioneer that DAWN OF THE DEPUTES?

she would run against incumbent Peter Hunt in Berri Barmera.

Cr Norton and Cr DuRieu have already discussed plan-

ning issues together and agreed to "investigate and propose joint planning and shared resources" if successful in November. Cr Hunter has promised a "back to basics" approach if elected mayor, focusing on traditional council priorities, such as roads, footpaths, stormwater, waste water and "catching up on projects".

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Trevor Norton



Henry DuRieiu



Peter Hunter





Murray Pioneer AFL Footy Tippers 2022 champion Noah Warner, of Renmark, with Murray Pioneer journalist Alexandra Bull. PHOTO: Paul Mitchell

Noah's our top tipper of 2022

ALEXANDRA BULL

TWELVE-year-old football fanatic Noah Warner, of Renmark, has become the youngest ever winner of The Murray Pioneer's AFL Footy Tippers competition.

Noah finished this year's competition on 146, just one ahead of Frank Drougas, who finished runner-up for the second straight season.

Perennial contender Sam Koskinas finished third on

Noah was sitting in eighth position in round 10, but took the lead from Mr Drougas in the second last round, then hung on last weekend

"It feels awesome to have won," he said yesterday morning, before heading off to school.

Noah had a set routine each week while tipping, making sure to always check the AFL ladder, plus the

most recent meeting between the two teams, before doing his tips.

As well as being a smart tipster, Noah enjoys watching the Sydney Swans each week, plus playing for the Renmark Rovers in the RFL under 13s.

"I go for the Sydney Swans because my friend's cousin, Tom Papley, plays for them and my principal also goes for them," he said.

Like goalsneak Papley, Noah said he loves "kicking goals and winning"

For his 2022 tipping efforts, Noah won a fournight houseboat holiday valued at \$2600 on Moving Waters supplied by Renmark-based houseboat hire and accommodation business Boats and Bedzzz. He plans to take his family on a holiday during summer.

"Thank you to The Murray Pioneer for having the footy tipping competition and thank you for all the businesses for giving the prizes," he said.

"Well done to all of the other tipsters too."

Noah's mum, Emma Warner, said her son has always loved football.

"He is a diehard footy fanatic, he lives and breathes it," she said.

"As parents, we are very proud of him as he has been fully committed to his tips.

"He's the one that has done his tips every week and made sure that I have taken them into The Murray Pioneer office, although Noah would also take them in on occasion...'

The runner-up won a smart TV valued at \$1000 supplied by Berri Betta Home Living, while the third placegetter will receive a mega prize pack valued at \$500 supplied by Cadellbased Caudo Vineyard.



The detour some motorists will need to take at the Sturt Highway-Old Sturt Highway, just north of Berri. IMAGE: supplied

Temporary detour ahead, as roundabout closes highway

Berri will be temporarily closed from next week, as upgrade works - including the installation of a roundabout - continue.

Motorists will be forced to take a detour when the eastern junction of the Sturt Highway-Old Sturt Highway is closed, from Wednesday, August 31 until mid-September, weather permitting.

The Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) said yesterday upon reopening, the junction would operate as a single-lane roundabout, with speed restrictions in place.

"Works are being undertaken Monday to Friday between 7am and 5pm (and) some weekend work may also be required," DIT said in a statement.

"Road users are asked to please plan ahead, allow extra travel time and take care when workers are on site. Observe speed

A BUSY Riverland junction just outside limits, lane restrictions and traffic controllers when travelling through the area."

> The new roundabout is part of upgrades under way to improve safety and traffic efficiency at the junction. Other works include asphalt resurfacing and new line marking, upgraded LED lighting and improved drain-

> The eastern junction upgrade is expected to be completed in late 2022, weather per-

> The works form part of the Australian and South Australian governments' \$87.5m commitment to upgrade the Sturt Highway between Renmark and Gawler, as part of the Roads of Strategic Importance program.

> This commitment also includes an upgrade to the western junction of Sturt Highway and Old Sturt Highway, just outside Barmera, where works are continuing.

Rustons Distillery to reopen its doors

AFTER closing the doors to its restaurant, distillery and function centre in early July, Rustons has announced the distillery will reopen next week.

The announcement was welcomed by many on social media.

"After taking the muchneeded time to step back and evaluate our business model, we are extremely excited to announce Rustons Distillery will soon be open to the public," the statement read.

"To clarify any confusion, Rustons restaurant will remain closed. However, the garden is still being attended to, to ensure the standard is still being maintained and the property developments will continue.

"We are extremely grateful to everybody for their kind words and support while we navigated through some difficult decisionmaking processes."

Earlier this year, Rustons received a grant from the

South Australian Tourism Commission - which was paused during the temporary closure - to convert part of the building into the boutique distillery and providore.

Rustons Distillery will officially open its doors once again on Thursday, September 1, with guests invited to "pop in and refresh your memory and your tastebuds with Rustons Distillery gins".

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FLOWER OF YOUTH: The annual almond blossom season is coming to a rapid end, but *Murray Pioneer* journalist/photographer Deirdre Graham managed to get this photograph of Cooltong grower Jim Belehris's daughters Koula (left), Amalia and Penny. Mr Belehris said despite various challenges, local growers were still expecting a solid crop this year.

Local almonds in bee-utiful bloom

DESPITE "miserable" weather conditions at various times this year, local almond growers are still expecting strong crops this harvest as the annual bloom begins to wind

Cooltong grower Jim Belehris said his almond trees were "ticking along quite nicely" and he had avoided major problems with his orchard so far.

"(The weather's) been a little bit miserable this year, but I've seen worse conditions than this and we still get almonds, so I think it will be fine," he said.



"The crop is looking good, there aren't any problems there at all."

Mr Belehris said this year's bloom may be shorter than normal, but that recent weather had aided his crop.

"The cold helps a lot when it comes to setting the crop," he said.

"We've had good 'chill hours'. You need it to be under a certain temperature for a certain amount of time to get the trees to set, and fortunately we've had that."

Broadly, the almond industry is facing several challenges however, including decreased profitability and a smaller national crop due to the outbreak of varroa mite, which had impacted the movement of bees interstate.

In the Almond Board of Australia's quarterly newsletter, its chairperson Peter Hayes and its Riverland-based CEO Tim Jackson said the outbreak of varroa came at a difficult time for what was "looming as another challenging season" for the industry.

"Ever-increasing input costs, low global pricing, high freight costs and logistics congestion have all eroded the profitability of the industry in the past 12 months..." they said.

"A record (national) crop estimate of 145,000 tonnes of kernel has been reviewed to 138,650 tonnes sure to ongoing wet weather intakes.

"The outbreak of the varroa mite in northern NSW on June 22 has triggered a lockout of all NSW hives in other states and left Victorian orchards thousands of hives short.

"The timing of the varroa incursion could not have been worse. It has added a lot of anxiety and doubt..."

However, Mr Belehris said local growers had avoided the outbreak's impact on sourcing bees for pollination.

"South Australia has been all right with all that stuff," he said.

"It's mainly Victoria who have had a few problems with that simply because of the timing more than anything."

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- Jim Belehris



Local mayoral candidates plan to prioritise @

JOSH BRINE

TWO Riverland deputy mayors have announced their respective mayoral candidacies by promising to look into joint planning for the region's three councils if they are successful.

Deputy mayor Trevor Norton, from Loxton Waikerie council, and Henry DuRieu, of Renmark Paringa Council, met last week to discuss ways of improving planning in their respective districts and across the region.

Councillors Norton and DuRieu agreed that, if successful in November's local government elections, they would investigate and propose joint planning and shared resources.

"Shared planning would result in applications being processed quicker and consistent interpretation of planning rules across the region," Cr Norton and Cr DuRieu said in a joint statement.

"There could also be an opportunity to offer trainee staff jobs in a combined department.

"Builders, tradies, and developers will appreciate compatible rules and ratepayers will benefit from efficiencies and their savings.'

Renmark Paringa Council is currently without a planning officer, using consultants ERPS and Development Answers instead, while Loxton Waikerie council is engaging a consultant to back fill while a new planner takes maternity leave.

Crs Norton and DuRieu, in their roles as deputy mayors, have both served on the Riverland Local Government Forum, with the three current local mayors and CEOs.

"The time has never been more important for regional planning," the duo said.

Berri Barmera Council recently appointed a planning and develop-



Riverland deputy mayors - and newly announced mayoral candidates - Trevor Norton, from Loxton Waikerie, and Henry DuRieu, of Renmark Paringa, have agreed to explore joint planning and resource sharing if successful at this year's local government elections. PHOTO: Josh Brine

ment cadet, who is being supported with ongoing consultancy.

The appointment of a cadet came after a long recruiting process following the departure of the council's previous planning officer in July 2021.

Berri Barmera CEO Dylan Strong said the Riverland councils have an "established history" of sharing resources where necessary.

"Planning is one of a number of areas where there are some common needs and options for partnerships being explored," Mr Strong said.

Wine chief's Riverland warning: Next two years 'hardest ever'

HUGH SCHUITEMAKER

TWO senior wine industry figures have echoed recent concerns surrounding the 2023 vintage, with oversupply issues set to limit demand for two of the Riverland's most widely-grown red varieties.

Finlaysons Lawyers last week held the 30th annual Wine Roadshow conference at the Renmark Club, focused on intergenerational succession in familyoperated wine businesses.

Australian Grape and Wine chief executive Tony Battaglene – who presented at the event – said it was vital for Riverland grape growers and wineries to begin discussions about the 2023 vintage.

"There's a lot of future in the industry, but I think the next two years are probably going to be the hardest I've seen in my almost 25 years in the business," Mr Battaglene said.

"The domestic problem is the

big problem I don't think people have really come to grips with. A lot of the small producers I talk to don't think we're going to have a problem in the next 12 months, because it's been so good in the

"You don't get perfect solutions... there's not going to be a silver bullet for the industry.

"India is going to be good in the long-term, but it's never going to be another China."

Finlaysons Lawyers partner Will Taylor said a lack of export markets for red wine would eliminate any demand for Riverland shiraz and cabernet grapes next year.

"It's very much a red wine issue, and very much a shiraz and cabernet issue," Mr Taylor said.

"China was an outlet for a lot of that material, and that's now disap-

"Shiraz and cabernet are very difficult."

However, Mr Taylor said an

increasing demand for white varieties could provide some economic relief for local growers.

"White wines are still going very well, which is very important for the Riverland because there's plenty of good whites made up there," he said.

Mr Battaglene expected pressure on the global supply chain to continue impacting the Riverland wine industry throughout 2023.

"What we're seeing is an oversupplied world, being disguised by the fact you've got subsidised product, storage (and) exports," Mr Battaglene said.

"That means we're not going to be able to trade out of this quickly, because the world is in over-supply.

"This is not a blip... next year is not going to be better, next year is going to be worse.

"The fact we're not being outcompeted in some markets is because nobody else can get freight either.'



Australian Grape and Wine chief executive Tony Battaglene presenting at the 2022 Finlaysons Wine Roadshow, held last week at the Renmark Club. PHOTO: Hugh Schuitemaker

















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Mayoral candidate pledges 'back to basics' approach if elected



HUGH SCHUITEMAKER

BRINGING council's "focus back to the basics", and increasing cost-effectiveness and efficiency, are targets of the newest candidate for Renmark Paringa mayor.

Renmark man and current councillor Peter Hunter on Monday announced he would stand for the vacant Renmark Paringa Council mayor position at the upcoming local government election.

Cr Hunter said examining council's current operating processes would ensure it was functioning efficiently for the community.

"I feel strongly that there's a need for us to review what we do, and why we're doing it," Cr Hunter said.

"It is time to review what has been successful and discuss closely how we can improve our service to all ratepayers.

"I wish to challenge current practices, as I have tried to do so internally as a councillor and deputy mayor... building on current successes, but focusing on improvement.

"It's time for us to review and seriously look at where we want to be in the future."

Cr Hunter has served as a Renmark Paringa councillor for 12 years, including eight as the previous deputy mayor.

Current Mayor Neil Martinson has declined to run at November's election, ending his 12-year stint in the role.

Cr Hunter said all residents should have a consistent level of access to council's services

"We've got people in the Renmark township that are paying full rates, but don't have kerbing, bitumen, or stormwater," he said.

"I think we need to pause on some of the big-picture rush, and focus back on the basics.

"There's certainly areas where we can be

more efficient and cost effective, but that gets lost in doing big project after big project

"Our ratepayers deserve some basics for themselves."

Cr Hunter said it was necessary to improve the level of communication between council and the public.

"We don't consult with the community anywhere near as much as we should," he said.

"If people choose not to have input, then so be it, but to not give them the opportunity is wrong.

"We need to build an understanding regarding the rationale for council decisions."

Mr Hunter said environmental and water resource issues would also be a priority if he was successful.

"We don't have a strong policy on the environment," he said.

"We've got bits and pieces that need to be drawn together and focused clearly. We need it all collated together and strongly supported by budget, as well as council.

"We can have some influence through the groups we're members of, and it bothers me at times that we don't stand up at a state level for things that are important to us.

"There's an opportunity for us as a council to stand up... for some of these water-based

Cr Hunter is currently chair of Renmark Paringa Independent Living, a member of the Renmark Irrigation Trust Environmental Watering Committee, consumer representative for the Riverland Murraylands Coorong Local Health Network, coordinator of Friends of Riverland Parks - Paringa Paddocks, and public officer for the Riverland Cruising Boat Club.

The former school principal also serves on four Renmark Paringa Council committees.

Cr Hunter said possessing an understanding of various challenges facing the council would benefit residents.

"I bring a great deal of experience, knowledge and skills to the role, both as an elected member... as well as being closely and actively involved as a community volunteer for over 50 years," he said.

"As elected members we need to understand what's happening, and then make the best decision possible.

"We need to fully understand what it is we're voting on, because sometimes it's worth millions of dollars."

No nominee names until after deadline

IN a change for the 2022 SA local government elections, nominations will only be made public after the deadline closes.

Nominations for councillor and mayor opened across South Australia yesterday and will close at midday on September 6, however unlike previous years, 'progress reports' will be unavailable to locals.

An LGA SA spokesperson confirmed yesterday that councils would no longer be able to display nominations as they come in, and that nominee names would not be available publicly, including online.

The change means nominations are essentially secret until after September 6, unless the candidate alerts media of their candidacy.

It also raises the possibility of more council positions going unfilled, initially at least, as in the past undecided possible contenders were more likely to put their hand up if nomination numbers were below vacancy numbers nearing the deadline.

The Murray Pioneer was unable to gain comment from the LGA SA about its motivation for making the change, however it is believed that the new conditions are aimed at councils still operating under the wards system. The Pioneer understands being able to monitor nominations during the nomination period had led to some people putting themselves forward as candidates, despite not residing in that particular ward.

Minister for Local Government Geoff Brock encouraged "a diverse group of council members who can represent a wide variety of people" to nominate.

"Deciding to stand as a candidate is personally rewarding and provides an opportunity to shape decision making at a grassroots level," he said.

The 2022 elections will be held in November.

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THE YEARS GO BY

BY PETER AND CARLA MAGAREY

Deputy mayors open floodgates

OFFICIAL nominations for South Australia's 2022 local government elections only opened yesterday, but already mayoral contenders are emerging across the Riverland.

Berri Barmera Mayor Peter Hunt was first cab off the rank locally, all but confirming his candidacy when The Murray Pioneer conducted a 'ring around' to the three local incumbents nearly three months ago.

His two fellow long-serving colleagues at Loxton Waikerie and Renmark Paringa confirmed their intention to step down, but Mr Hunt indicated he was likely to stand for a fifth term

Since then, Berri Barmera deputy mayor Ella Winnall has officially announced her candidacy for the top job. Mr Hunt is yet to publicly lock in his position and it remains to be seen whether Cr Winnall's decision will impact Mr Hunt's

Loxton Waikerie council has its first official mayoral candidate, with deputy mayor Trevor Norton today confirming the district's worst-kept secret, that he will run for mayor in November.

Given that council's particular geographical dynamic, Cr Norton will be unsurprised if a candidate emerges from Riverland West to potentially replace Leon Stasinowsky.

Renmark Paringa has at least two candidates to replace Neil Martinson, with Henry DuRieu competing the treble of current deputy mayors running for mayor in 2022.

His first confirmed opponent is fellow current councillor Peter Hunter.

Under the council's election rules, the face-off means at least one of the two men will be lost to local government, as candidates must elect to run for either council or mayor, not both.

In the unlikely event a third mayoral candidate steps up in Renmark, both men could be on the

Down the road, an interesting mayoral battle looms at Mid Murray Council, where the deputy mayor - continuing the trend - has nominated for mayor, and has launched her campaign in most effective style. Cr Simone Bailey says she will forego the ratepayer-funded phone and car provided to mayors, if successful.

In the grand scheme of things, her pledge may be more symbolic than substantial, but it has undeniable cut-through factor.

It remains to be seen if local candidates campaign on big-picture issues, or instead attempt to connect on a more one-on-one basis with local voters. Choosing the right strategy may well decide their election fate.

RFL's risk and reward decision

THE Riverland Football League's decision to change its under 18 competition to an under 17 competition from 2023 offers both risk and

The risk is that even more teenage boys may be reluctant to step up to senior competition, given their bodies are less developed a year earlier, and less capable of withstanding the rigours of competing against hardened adults in a fullcontact sport. That factor may also concern some

The potential upside is a boost in player numbers for the B grade competition. By making this change, the RFL has effectively conceded clubs are struggling to fill B grade teams. It also suggests the under 18s are in a much better state, given the competition will have one less year of eligible players from 2023 onwards.

This decision is no thought bubble, having been kicked around for several years, and the switch brings the local league in line with some others across the state.

Again, its success will be judged purely on numbers: Will the six RFL clubs have fewer or more males playing football next season?



Rail display: Fifty seems to pass more quickly 'as the years go by'. Here on August 16, 1972, 50 years ago this month, is the former South Australian Railways locomotive Rx 55 on its way to becoming a major display in the Loxton Historical Village. Work on the Village began in February 1969 with the relocation of a settler's hut. The red roof partly hidden to the left of the Rx funnel is the former Alcock's Shop (relocated in June 1972) and to its right is a glimpse of the Village's school room (December 1970). The red roof, white-gabled building above the cab of the engine is the former Yinkanie Railway Office (September 1970) and to its left are two orange cranes waiting to unload the 60-ton locomotive for its current resting location. The engine had lain abandoned in the Loxton railyards since early-November 1965 and, to the relief of those involved, was here, nearing the end of its precarious but successful relocation journey down the steep inclines of East Terrace. At centre-right is the Institute under construction. The Village was officially opened in September 1973 and it – as a local tourist attraction – will celebrate its 50th anniversary next year. PHOTO: LHV

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

It's time to move forward, please

THERE are thousands of Australians who are refugees after Australia's disastrous bushfires and floods; and waiting for government decisions.

They are homeless, due to the rental and affordable-housing crisis, plus the instability of short-term park stays.

We are overloaded in the paramedical, hospital, health, education, age care, child and disability welfare sectors.

We are struggling with rising living costs, food, petrol, council rates, insurance premiums and repair costs.

We are stressed by the big banks' push to make us a cashless society, yet the 'bail-in' law means banks can empty bank accounts. If they all bail-in at the same time, it'll be a case of 'what can government guarantee?'.

It's time for a public post office bank to keep deposits safe. It would be fully government guaranteed.

I'm fed up with the media's feeding frenzy and the federal government's relentless pursuit of Scott Morrison, which will not change history.

Nor will a royal commission solve anything. It will just cost millions of taxpayers' dollars.

Remember the Royal Commission into Misconduct in the Banking, Superannuation and Financial Services Industry?

The big banks' carried on gambling with derivatives and their debt is now so huge it's estimated to be at least \$47.68 trillion. Unplayable.

Is it too hard for the government to get on and govern, and make the difference they prom-

> JEANETTE STAEHR Barmera

Fear for Riverland over building fund

I WOULD be confident in saying that the majority of Murray Pioneer readers have benefited from the Coalition Government's Building Better Regions Fund, either directly or indirectly.

More than \$15m has been

injected into communities across the Mid-Murray, Riverland and Mallee thanks to the Building Better Regions Fund since 2017.

Projects from Morgan to Renmark, Karoonda to Pinnaroo have been made possible thanks to a federal government funding contribution of up to 50 per cent to projects that have made communities across the region even better places to live work and raise a family.

From increasing the local tourism offering with river wharf upgrades, to Renmark, Pinnaroo and Lameroo town centre upgrades, to the exhibition centre at Riverland Field Days, a new sporting stadium in Loxton, the Len White reserve upgrade or Berri Cottage homes multi-function centre, in total, 28 projects across the Riverland and Mallee have benefited.

The prospect of the Building Better Regions Fund not continuing is devastating news for our region as is it for regions right across the country.

In particular, the many community organisations that have projects pending in Round Six of the program.

I understand the considerable time and effort taken to put together these applications and much of the co-funding is contingent on a successful outcome. In short, without this funding these projects simply will not happen.

The Building Better Regions fund is unique in size and scope.

Quite simply there is currently no alternative funding stream for sizeable regional projects, and I fear that the federal Labor government has no desire to continue the work of building better regions by continuing the good work commenced by the

> **TONY PASIN** Member for Barker

In response to waffle in Pioneer

IN response to the waffle presented as science by Viv Forbes of Washpool, Queensland ('Volcanoes, oceans... and the weather', Murray Pioneer, 3/8/22) I suggest he do some research of peer-reviewed research and not propagate lies

and misinformation generated by fossil fuel lobbies.

Mr Forbes states: "There is increased underwater volcanism in this region as evidenced by the volcanic eruptions near Vanuatu. Earth's climate history is written in the rocks. Anyone who cares to read that record will see that recurring Ice Ages, not global warming, pose the greatest threat to life on

According to the US Geological Survey (USGS), the world's volcanoes, both on land and undersea, generate about 200 million tons of carbon dioxide (CO2) annually, while our automotive and industrial activities cause some 24 billion tons of CO2 emissions every year

The facts speak for themselves: Greenhouse gas emissions from volcanoes comprise less than 1 per cent of those generated by today's human activity. These conclusions are based on carbon isotope analysis that can trace the source of CO2 in the atmosphere.

Carbon isotopes associated with burnt fossil fuels make up the vast majority of CO2 in the atmosphere.

ALF RAPISARDA Elwood, Victoria

Readers confirm climate propaganda

IF there was any doubt that "climate change" is an exercise in politics and propaganda, you need look no further than the critics of my previous letter on the topic published in The Murray Pioneer on June 1, 2022.

Alf Rapisarda (22/6/22) again displays his obsession with right wing politics.

Sue from Renmark (Text Line 8/6/22) states that "Labor is in charge now and things are going to change for the better".

These comments prove exactly my argument that "climate change" is more about politics than science. True science is based on tested and proven fact, not political bias.

Prior to the most recent federal election, the Labor party promised on no less than 97 occasions they would reduce electricity bills by \$275 per

household by 2025.

And yet just six weeks after the election they totally abandoned this promise and instead announced that they are disbanding the building industry watchdog, which they failed to mention one single time prior to the election.

Broken election promises and looking after their union thug mates in the CFMEU. Is that what you call things changing for the better, Sue?

Instead of answering a single question posed in my previous letter, the critics double down on the propaganda.

Australia contributes just over 1 per cent of global emissions, yet Sue makes the staggering claim that Australia is one of the worst CO2 emitters in the world.

Mr Rapisarda (22/6/22) makes the bizarre claim that all people employed by the CSIRO are somehow childhood geniuses, capable of doing year 12 maths while still in year 7, as if to imply that being gullible enough to believe that governments can magically control the temperature somehow makes you intellectually superior to the rest of the population.

Anyone who has done year 12 maths knows that this claim is so completely preposterous, it beggars belief that he could even seriously suggest it.

But that is the thing with climate change. If you can't provide factual arguments, just make stuff up.

If a company listed on the Australian stock exchange makes false statements about impending profits, they are subject to serious fines from ASIC for misleading the market. But if you are a believer of the climate change cult you can make up complete lies and never be held to account.

In the meantime while our health and education systems spiral downwards, based on these lies, our governments waste billions of taxpayers' dollars on ineffective climate policies in the deluded belief that they are somehow "saving the planet". Saving the planet from

Mr Rapisarda suggests I go to the CSIRO website and look at how the climate in Australia is

"But that is the thing with climate change. If you can't provide factual arguments, just make stuff up...

- COLLIS MARRETT

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predicted to change in the future.

I suggest to Mr Rapisarda that he look at the CSIRO website in 2005, back when the climate cultists were telling us "the science is settled". If he did, he would see that all the predictions back then were for hotter and dryer conditions by now, not cooler and wetter like we have seen for the past two years, including major flooding on the eastern coast.

Who can forget the government appointed Climate Commissioner, Professor Tim Flannery confidently predicting in 2005 that drought conditions would become "permanent in eastern Australia" and "even the rains that fall won't fill our dams and river systems".

I suggest Mr Rapisarda take a look at the Murray-Darling Basin Flowtracker, published in The Pioneer on 17/8/22, to confirm how totally inaccurate these predictions were at the time.

When interviewed on ABC radio recently, one of the flood victims stated that, firstly the region they live in is prone to frequent flooding, and secondly, that the properties affected were built on the flood plain.

And yet these floods were still labelled as further evidence of climate change, which exposes the hypocrisy of the climate cult followers. They don't alter their theory to fit the facts, they alter the facts to fit their theory.

Perhaps even more disturbing is Sue's statement that she couldn't believe The Pioneer would run my letter, which is not only an interesting take on freedom of speech, but also exposes the dark underbelly of the climate cultists.

They are so filled with self-righteousness, they genuinely believe that if you have the audacity to question the propaganda of climate change, not only are you wrong, but you also have no right to express your opinion.

I've read a lot of history books, and one thing I've learned is that the people who fight against free speech are never the good guys.

COLLIS MARRETT

Volunteer driving is not a career

HERE'S some involuntary math. Nine years of driving people

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You've gotta be joking! Cartoon comment by Tony Hersey NEW "IMBY" PUSH TO CURB FRUIT FLY WE'RE FROM PIRSA, WOULD YOU LIKE A NATIVE TREE TO REPLACE YOUR ? UNMANAGED FRUIT TREE? FRUIT TREE DIDN'T KNOW I HAD ONE. NO TIME LIKE NOW TO LOOK 'IN MY BACK YARD

for healthcare, with an 80km return trip to the nearest doctor.

A trip to the Royal Adelaide Hospital for chemo is 300km, and 10 hours. Here's a tip: access the free parking in nearby Bonython Park.

Over 50,000km driven. Some people paid me \$30, some noth-

Even when I worked full time, I drove people, because it's needed. When I was unemployed, Centrelink came to the party by saying if I provided a tonne of paperwork, they would hound me less often.

One brand name charity I worked with for a couple of years gave me a free coffee and a mistyped certificate when I left this year.

I got to know passengers. From when their illness started, until their deaths.

I like driving, I like chatting, and I like the light of the road; sometimes it's so clear you can almost see reality.

But I think I've had enough of being poor. So I'm going to set up with an organisation from Mannum to try and make a go of working out of the Morgan area with NDIS, MyAgedCare and sundry other NGOs (too many acronyms to make sense of).

I don't see a future for volun-

teer driving without a different system. The tyrannical distances are cutting down volunteers.

It's not malice, it's just math.

JAKOB GAMERTSFELDER Morgan

Reflecting on vets' bravery, endurance

VIETNAM Veterans' Day provides South Australians an opportunity to pause to remember and reflect on the experiences of the 60,000 men and women who served our nation throughout the Vietnam War.

It is commemorated on August 18 each year, on the anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan in 1966, where Australian soldiers fought their costliest battle of the war. By the end of the battle, 17 Australians had been killed and 25 were wounded, one of whom succumbed to his injuries a few days later.

The Vietnam War is recognised as the longest conflict in which Australians were involved during the 20th century and involved all three services of the Australian Defence Force.

On August 18 each year, we commemorate the service and sacrifice of all Australians who served in Vietnam, from largescale operations to platoon and section-level encounters. We

In this spiritual war of mind, body

and threats. I am very proud to be

Alan Joyce now says it wasn't the

public's fault for the inadequacy of

Australia's airline. So here is a \$50

voucher to apologise. Perhaps he

should talk to Scott Morrison. Not

ZARA

Loxton

and soul, many of us resisted

amongst this group of heroes.

against tyranny, force, coercion

remember the sailors of the Royal Australian Navy who supported land operations, and members of the Royal Australian Air Force who served in combat and transport roles.

More than 520 brave Australians lost their lives during the 10 years of Australia's involvement in Vietnam War, with a further 3000 wounded.

Thousands more were deeply affected by a hostile homecoming, with many still carrying the physical and emotional scars of their service today and that it is important that we also reflect on the impact of service on veterans' families.

Vietnam Veterans Day provides us with the opportunity to reflect on the bravery and endurance displayed by Australians during the war and show our respect for the sacrifices they made to protect the ideals we hold dear today.

As the brother of a Vietnam veteran, I have seen first-hand the effect the Vietnam War had on those who served and would like to acknowledge the important work of those South Australian organisations that provide dedicated services, support and friendship to Vietnam veterans and their families.

GEOFF BROCK SA Minister for Veterans' Affairs

Looking back...

10 years ago August 24, 2012









LOCALS FACE COURT FOR THEFT, DRUGS: Riverlanders faced court this week regarding two high-profile cases – the \$2 million theft of car parts from Holden's Elizabeth plant and the local seizure of 38 ecstasy tablets.

SIGNS TO REVIVE LOCAL CEMETERIES: Renmark, Paringa and Lyrup cemeteries are now easier to navigate, while also recognising the war service of more than 470 people, after the official opening of new signage yesterday.

20 years ago August 23, 2002









SHOW CANCELLED: Next year's Barmera Berri Show has been cancelled. Organisers decided at a recent meeting to go into recess after failing to appoint a secretary and treasurer. The move could spell the end for the event, which has been running for 74 years. Flagging community support saw the show almost fold four years ago but a revamped format, including rescheduling it from October to March, revitalised the event.

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

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TEXT LINE I totally agree with Ralf Nobile's

comments ('About the lake and our council rates', Murray Pioneer, 17/8/22). Lake Bonney has so much to offer, but cannot because of the ridiculous decisions being made about it.

> **GARY** Waikerie

The SA Premier should forget about enacting laws for those driving high-powered vehicles and focus on convicting those who kill innocent children while they walk home instead of letting them get away with it.

RON BUSSELTON SR Sunlands

Can't help but notice the deterioration of our prestigious lawns along Renmark Avenue (Sturt Highway). What's the deal? Are weeds now the in thing?

LINDA

Lake Bonney is the jewel of the Riverland. When you ride around it every week for over a decade you appreciate its great beauty and its sacredness.

REEKSY Berri

I wish to say that Mayor Peter Hunt is doing a great job for the Berri Barmera Council residents. He is very approachable and follows

up matters of concern to his constituents. I think when you're on a good thing, stick to it.

AB **Barmera**

Barmera

Mayor Hunt does a great job for Berri Barmera. I can't see any reason to change things at the top. BOB

Barmera and Berri both look wonderful at the moment, and Peter Hunt can take some credit for that. Tourists would love it here and there are more good things to

Berri

expecting any vouchers from the ex-PM, but an apology would be nice. It is the time to sack coaches, so let's keep the ball rolling. THEO S

Renmark



Date change for Nippy's Gift event

THE Nippy's Loxton Gift Carnival will be brought forward one week next year.

The highly successful local event is traditionally held on the last Saturday in February, but a scheduling clash with Athletics Australia has forced the SA Athletics League to change next year's

The decision has postponed the event's reunion with the Loxton Mardi Gras, which will return to its traditional date also on the last Saturday in February from next year.

Covid-related circumstances led to the 2022 Mardi Gras being rescheduled to

WAB correction:

A DETAIL in last week's story headed 'WAB recalls wedding days at Olivewood'

The Paringa branch of Women in Agriculture and Business was actually celebrating its 56th anniversary recently, not its 66th as printed in the paper.



Berri/Renmark cluster students Holly, Georgia, Ky, Willow and Charlie getting ready for this week's annual Riverland Primary Schools' Music Festival, at the Chaffey Theatre, PHOTO: Deirdre Graham

A choired taste of school music

ALEXANDRA BULL

PRIMARY school students from around the Riverland graced the Chaffey Theatre last night as part of the Riverland Primary Schools' Music Festival.

After seven months of rehearsals, last night saw the first of 300 year 4 to 6 students - from over 24 schools - take to the stage, performing a number of commissioned songs from South Australian composers.

Students will again perform tonight and Thursday as part of the festival.

Musical director and choral conductor Cindy Ridley said this year's festival is "a little bit different", due to the absence of year 7 students for the first time.

"Because we have no year 7s, a lot of schools have invited their year 4s, so it made quite the difference," she said.

"While we have lost those leadership skills and four years of singing experience, our year 4s make up for it with enthusiasm."

The repertoire for each night includes five songs written especially for this year's performers, including a body of work titled The Space Between Us, written by Dan Walker.

"(Dan) has sort of taken that to mean the distance between our galaxies, the distance between people who come to live in Australia and leave their other families behind, and also the social distancing we have been doing," Mrs Ridley said.

"Dan has written four songs in what we call the commission work cycle and the other

song we have commissioned is a song called Who Knows, by Annie Kowk. It's dedicated to our year 6s.'

Mrs Ridley said it was important to continue to provide musical opportunities for Riverland students.

"I think there is a lot of opportunities for sport and there has to be sport in every kid's life, but I sometimes wonder if we do enough singing," she said.

'You don't have to be fast, you don't have to be strong, you just have to want to belong.

"I want them to have that joy of performing when they meet up and celebrate with their parents after the show.

"For some of our kids this is the time when they get into the choir room and all they have to do is sing and want to belong..."

Festival goers will also be treated to a variety of other performances on each night, including a dance troop from Monash Primary School, the Waikerie High School Band and year 12 musicians from Loxton High School.

Tickets for the performances tonight and tomorrow are available via the website link: www.countryarts.org.au/venues/chaffeytheatre/#events-shows

Shop-bought fruit and vegetables restrictions ease



Fruit and vegetables purchased at Riverland shops

Produce must be sealed in a bag or container when transported and accompanied by an itemised receipt.

Home-grown fruit still cannot be moved from properties in red outbreak areas. It is a high risk for fruit fly.

Ongoing restrictions on bringing certain fruit and vegetables into the Riverland Pest Free Area still apply.



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Local groups left 'in limbo' over funding

ORGANISATIONS that have applied for funding under a federal scheme that has already delivered millions of dollars to the Riverland are now in limbo, according to a local MP.

Loxton's The Precinct, Berri Cottage Homes, the Riverland Field Days pavilion and the Renmark Town Centre revamp are among projects to receive funding under the Building Better Regions Fund (BBRF), and other local groups have since applied for the latest round of the scheme.

However, when in opposition, Labor accused the former Coalition government of pork barrelling, labelling the program "regional rorts".

Federal Minister for Infrastructure, Catherine King, has pledged to redesign the program, leaving Barker MP Tony Pasin fearful that community

Pasin calls for Riverland funding applications

RIVERLANDERS with business ideas to we have \$100 million of targeted support for boost the region's tourism potential have to be a support of the support of

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groups – now waiting for an announcement – could have wasted resources on applications, citing a local example.

"Calperum Station was one such organisation that has an exciting project to upgrade their head office and accommodation options," he said.

"This project could bring huge benefits to the Riverland (but) without a federal funding stream, the project now hangs in doubt."

Mr Pasin said after Round Six of the fund opened in December last year, more than 30 organisations across Barker had spent "considerable time and effort" submitting applications.

Since 2017, more than

\$15m has been injected into the Riverland, Mid-Murray and Mallee communities via the fund, which has contributed up to 50 per cent for projects aimed at improving life in Australia's regions.

If realised, Calperum Station's \$3.3m Calperum Connect project is tipped to funnel millions of dollars into the local community, both during and after the construction phase.

The project aims to deliver upgrades to current essential-service infrastructure at Calperum, such as water filtration and renewable energy, plus education and nature-based tourism infrastructure, including training spaces and an educational eco-garden. Upgrades to accommodation and conference spaces are also slated.

In defending the program's integrity, Mr Pasin said the previous five rounds of the program had delivered "competitive grants to the benefit of hundreds of local"

regional communities across

the country".

"Unsurprisingly, most of the funding has been spent in Coalition-held seats because the Coalition overwhelmingly represents regional Australia," Mr Pasin said

"That's what the 'R' stands for in BBRF – regions."

Under the program, grants of between \$20,000 to \$10

million to cover 50 per cent or more of eligible project costs were to be made available to incorporated, notfor-profit, local government agencies.

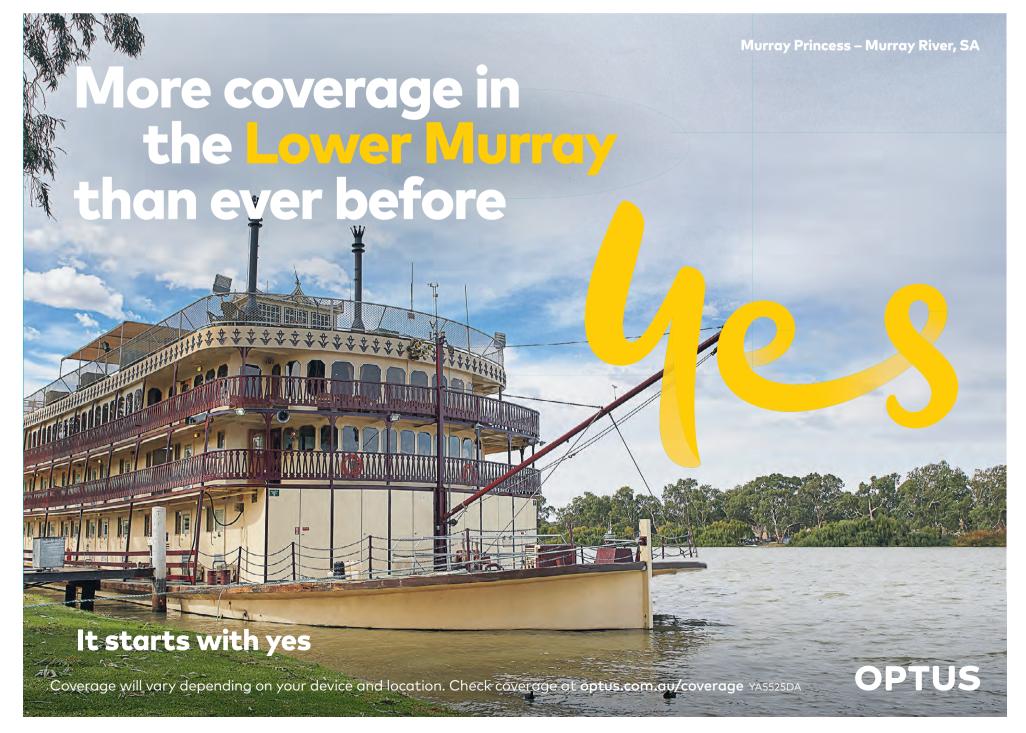
A total of \$250m was set aside for Round Six.

Labor's criticism of the plan was followed by a negative assessment of the program by the Australian National Audit Office, which found that two-thirds of funded infrastructure projects were "not those assessed as being the most meritorious".

A spokesperson for the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government, Catherine King, told ABC Riverland the minister was considering the Australian National Audit Office report and wanted to ensure that the grants system was transparent, and based on a clearly defined eligibility and merit-based criteria process.



Barker MP Tony Pasin (right) with former Coalition minister Keith Pitt earlier this year at Calperum Station, which is among local applicants for Round Six of the Building Better Regions Fund. Mr Pasin is concerned that Riverland applicants may have wasted resources applying for the latest round of funding under the program, currently being reviewed by the federal Labor government. PHOTO: supplied



The winning sculpture from the open category in the Junk Art Sculpture competition was by Cadel man Dennis Roberts, with his piece 'Reflections'. PHOTOS: supplied





Adelaide Hills teenager Luke Humphrys was awarded first place in the teen category in the Junk Art Sculpture competition, with his piece 'Olivia the Owl'.

Art takes over Loxton's street

ALEXANDRA BULL

ART successfully took over East Terrace in Loxton, with Arts on Terrace held on Sunday, August 14.

Loxton Chamber of Commerce business and events manager Sonya Altschwager said she was really pleased with the day.

"The turn out, the quality and number of competition entries for the Junk Art Sculpture competition were fantastic," she

"Entries came as far from Kadina to Brighton to the Adelaide Hills.

"Just the atmosphere on the day was fantastic, with the additional live music buskers, some food vans and some fantastic weather; it brought lots of people out and there was just a really good vibe around the town with everyone getting creative."



This Dodge truck, with artfully rusted 1938 DeSoto garden feature and rusty re-creations, was part of the display at Loxton's Arts on Terrace. PHOTO: M. Zimmermann

The Junk Art Sculpture competition attracted entries from around South Australia, with Dennis Roberts from Cadel winning the open category with his piece titled 'Reflections', and Luke Humphrys

from the Adelaide Hills taking home the teen category with his piece 'Olivia the Owl'.

Ms Altschwager added the artist workshops on the day were the most popular they

"The response to the workshops were fantastic, and we had three of them sell out," she

"We are just really grateful for businesses like Riverland Optical who opened their premises for the day and accommodated the workshops, as everyone really enjoyed them.

"There were a lot of visitors on the day which was excellent and people just getting out and about again in the community.

"Having such a unique event like Arts on Terrace that is very creative, and having a look in all of the shops at the art and the talented people we have got in the community, was really great as well."





Local flora big winner from our high river flows

CURRENT high river flows are resulting in "widespread improvements" for Riverland native plant species.

River Murray flows into South Australia recently exceeded 50,000ML per day for the first time since December 2016.

The Department of Environment and Water's Tony Herbert said approximately 3900 hectares of river red gums had been inundated as a result of the high flows.

The river red gums typically need water every one to four years on average to maintain condition so it's important for the local ecosystem to have water reaching the trees," he said. "Following inundation, river red gums significantly increase their rate of growth and there's an increase in leaf, flower and seed production.

"This is benefitting the whole ecosystem as native fauna rely on the resources that plants provide and the prey they support."

Mr Herbert said 500 hectares of black box trees, and 1500 hectares of lignum, were also inundated through high flows.

'Widespread understorey plant growth will occur as water levels recede from temporary wetlands and floodplain areas inundated by the high flow," he said.

Benefits of some council knowledge



THE coming council election will see long-serving Loxton Waikerie councillor and current Mayor Leon Stasinowsky retire after 40 years of service.

Leon began as a West ward councillor in 1982 in the former Loxton council, continuing after the amalgamation with Waikerie and Brown's Well. He served as deputy mayor before becoming mayor 12 years ago, in 2010.

His passion and dedication to local government and the sacrifice by him, wife Lynn and family is something our community should be forever grateful for. He has also been very generous, sharing knowledge and networks.

Mayor Stasinowsky will receive more acknowledgement and celebration in valedictory following this term.

Fortunately for the ratepayers of the District Council of Loxton Waikerie, long service is not uncommon.

Another former mayor received a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for her service.

Jan Cass OAM was first elected in 1975 and served as deputy mayor from 1981, before continuing to complete three terms as mayor.

Both built up an enormous knowledge of the district over their time on council and a huge network of contacts across community organisations and government departments, along with parliamentarians and elected members of councils, both neighbouring and across the state.

It is something not immediately noted when you join council, but you soon realise it is an important part of success in local government.

This experience can be accumulated in normal life, but the focus is sharpened when relationships carry the responsibility of representing ratepayers and the broader community. The quicker it is accumulated the more effective an elected member can become.

Aside from councillors continuing, new members are also necessary, and everyone must start somewhere.

Refreshment or regeneration of a council, committee or board should always be part of a succession plan, even more so for communities to stay the course.

But as mentioned above, existing contacts and developing networks in local, state and federal governments (and partner organisations) is invaluable.

A good knowledge across a council's district and experience of its operations and committees is also an advantage. A lot of this knowhow comes from service and commitment to the role as an elected member and it provides an excellent balance to new blood.

Retiring mayors and councillors, those wanting to continue their service and new nominees are what the coming elections are all about. Getting the balance to best achieve for the community remains the challenge

O 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.

This experience can be accumulated in normal life, but the focus is sharpened when relationships carry the responsibility of representing ratepayers...

Tree replacements our next defence

RESIDENTS of a Riverland town will have the opportunity to replace unmanaged fruit trees with drought-tolerant native species in the latest measure to combat fruit fly outbreaks across the region.

PIRSA last week announced a pilot program for the voluntary replacement of backyard fruit trees would be established for Waikerie.

District Council of Loxton Waikerie Mayor Leon Stasinowsky said it was necessary to improve the management of non-commercial fruit trees in order to minimise the risk of further fruit fly outbreaks.

"This voluntary pilot program is a great initiative and will give locals an easy way to deal with unwanted and unmaintained backyard fruit trees," Mr Stasinowsky said.

"If you find yourself unable to maintain your trees and no longer want them, this pilot program will be for you. "If you replace a fruit tree you no longer want with a drought-tolerant native suited to the Riverland area, you'll also use less water and have less garden maintenance.

"As the pilot project details are confirmed, we will be exploring how council can assist, such as turning any removed trees into wood chips and compost."

Fourteen fruit fly outbreaks are currently ongoing in the region, including one each in Waikerie and Loxton, and four in Loxton North.

It is understood the program will be made available for Waikerie residents in red outbreak areas later this year.

Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development Clare Scriven, who unveiled the program while in Loxton last week, said the program had potential to be implemented throughout the Riverland.

"A number of fruit fly outbreaks are starting from unmaintained backyard fruit trees so this is where



Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development Clare Scriven, with Loxton IGA deputy manager Steven Koch, following last Friday's announcement a voluntary fruit tree replacement program would be established for Waikerie residents. PHOTO: Alexandra Bull

the program will be able to help," Ms Scriven said.

"Residents want to do the right thing, but it may be that some find it difficult to pick, collect and check their fruit.

"Those residents will be able to choose to have their fruit trees removed without charge and replaced with more suitable species, reducing the amount of backyard work they need to do, and reducing the risk of fruit fly at the same time.

"The program will be completely voluntary – there will be no

removal of backyard trees unless the resident applies for the pro-

Further information regarding fruit fly in the Riverland can be found by visiting the website (fruitfly.sa.gov.au).

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Citrus growers learn fruit fly control techniques

CHRISTINE WEBSTER

RIVERLAND citrus growers have been provided with advice and techniques on controlling fruit fly.

More than 20 citrus growers from the Riverland West area attended a Queensland fruit fly management workshop at G.M. Arnold & Son's fruit property at Waikerie last week

A workshop on the same topic and with the same speakers at the Department of Primary Industries and Regions' (PIRSA) Loxton Research Centre also attracted about 20 citrus growers from the Riverland.

Other horticulture sector representatives attended both sessions.

The workshops were part of an integrated pest and disease management initiative for the citrus industry.

The project is funded by Hort Innovation using citrus research and development funds from the Australian Government.

Citrus SA chair Mark Doecke said the workshops provided valuable information about fruit fly to the region's citrus growers.

"It was information about how the flies work and the best ways to get rid of them and at what stage," he said.

"All the information, from egg to kill, is available."

Speakers at the workshop included former NSW Department of Primary Industries (DPI) fruit fly expert Andrew Jessup, now with Janren Consulting, PIRSA's fruit fly response general manager Nick Secomb and NSW DPI's Andrew Creek.

Queensland-based entomologist Dan Papacek, from Bugs For Bugs in Toowoomba, also spoke to growers.

Mr Papacek, who worked with citrus growers in the Central Burnett region for 40 years, demonstrated how to use a protein bait applicator to control fruit fly in the orchard.

He said the equipment would help growers manage fruit fly without having to use toxic cover sprays.

Mr Secomb said the workshops enabled growers to learn lessons from fruit fly experiences in NSW and Victoria.

He said growers in fruit fly-affected areas were advised to place traps and bait to capture the pests before spring, when breeding activity increases due to the warmer weather.

"We know right now they are coming out of winter really hungry," Mr Secomb said.

They are looking for protein, so we



Citrus SA chair Mark Doecke (left) and PIRSA's fruit fly response general manager Nick Secomb are urging growers in fruit fly- affected areas to start putting out traps and bait to stop spring time breeding. INSET: Nippy's grower services and horticulture manager Simon Lehmann (left) was among those listening to Queensland-based entomologist Dan Papacek at the Queensland fruit fly management workshop at Waikerie last week.

PHOTOS: Christine Webster

have bait and traps that they would go into because they want the food."

Mr Second said growers in 'red' outbreak areas could obtain free traps and bait from PIRSA to prevent the pest from breeding on their properties.

Fruit fly outbreak restrictions are currently in place in Waikerie, Loxton, Loxton North, Renmark, Renmark North, Renmark South, Murtho, Paringa, Pike River and Pike River West.

Mr Doecke said fruit fly outbreaks across the Riverland in the past year had cost citrus growers hundreds of dollars per tonne.

He said the costs incurred were for the logistics, cold treatment, and chemicals that the industry usually did not have to use to export their citrus.

For the most up to date fruit fly outbreak advice and other information visit fruitfly. sa.gov.au or call the Fruit Fly Hotline 1300 666 010.



Barmera legend celebrates a century

ALEXANDRA BULL

BARMERA legend Von Fletcher celebrated her 100th birthday last Thursday, bringing up the milestone surrounded by family and

Born in Cobdogla on August 18, 1922, Von has lived in the Riverland almost her entire life, apart from a short stint in

Last week's celebrations were held in her son Barry's home in Barmera, with family and friends flowing in the door all afternoon to celebrate the special occasion.

A highlight of Von's birthday was receiving a congratulatory letter from Queen Elizabeth II.

Von and her late husband Syd were the driving forces behind iconic South Australian transport business Fletchers Freighters.



HAPPY 100: Von Fletcher (centre) surrounded by family and friends at her 100th birthday celebrations last Thursday. PHOTO: Alexandra Bull

A keen lawn bowler, Von is a life member of the Barmera Bowling Club and has won numerous club championships, as well as having a stint as women's president in the early 2000s.

Von has four children, nine grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren, and eldest daughter Valerie Peake said the family felt "very lucky to have her".

"We wouldn't swap her for the world there are not enough words to describe her," she said. "She is a loving mother, and she would do anything for you.

"Mum has got a wicked sense of humour

and people just love her. She has not got a bad word to say about anyone."

As for the secret to living such a long and wonderful life, Von had a few words to share.

"Can I have a couple of hours to think about it?" she joked.

"Probably having the love of all my family and friends around me is the secret."

Note: The Pioneer will publish an outline of Von's life. penned by Rosemary Gower, in the coming weeks.

RUSSIA'S FUTURE MOVES FORETOLD BY THE BIBLE

On February 24th 2022, Russia stunned the world by invading the independent sovereign nation of Ukraine. This conflict has plunged Europe into its greatest crisis since the end of the cold war. The conflict continues unabated and Europe is being impacted both geo-politically and economically.

> What are Russia's long term plans? Will peace return to Europe?

The Bible has the Answers!

Free Presentation

Sunday 28th August, 5:00pm Waikerie Bowling Club, Sichler St Waikerie.

Sponsored by Riverland Christadelphians

Probably having the love of all my family and friends around me is the secret...

- Von Fletcher





CANCER SURVIVOR'S FUNDRAISER: Renmark woman and breast cancer survivor Helen Slade held a fundraiser recently for the Riverland General Hospital's chemotherapy unit. By agreeing to shave her hair, Mrs Slade raised \$1500, with the fundraiser coinciding with her 80th birthday celebrations. PHOTOS: Alexandra Bull





The Riverland Pride March, held for the first time in Berri last year, will be staged on the Renmark river front this Friday. PHOTO: Wild Tallulah Photography

Renmark to host second 'pride march'

DIVERSITY and inclusion will again be celebrated in the region, with the second Riverland Pride March scheduled this Friday.

The all-ages community walk, hosted by headspace Berri to coincide with Wear It Purple Day, will be held on the Renmark river front to celebrate and support local LGBTQIA+ young people.

The walk will commence at 4.40pm across the road from the Renmark Hotel, with all attendees invited to arrive from 4.30pm for photos and glitter before the walk commenc-

The walk will conclude in the Jarrett Memorial Gardens with speeches.

Attendees are encouraged to wear rainbow-themed costumes or to dress in the headspace colours of green or purple.

"Building on the inaugural Riverland Pride March held in Berri in 2021, headspace Berri is excited to host this year's Riverland Pride March in Renmark as part of our commitment to making this a truly Riverland event," said headspace Berri manager Gemma Nickolai.

"Riverland Pride March in 2022 has been organised by the headspace Berri hERO group – made up of young people aged 16-25 - with support from our community aware-

"Please show your support by attending on the day and spreading the word."

According to headspace, the march is an "opportunity to show young people in our community that they are loved and supported for who they are".

Later that day, Writers SA, Part of Things and the Riverland Youth Theatre (RYT) are also hosting a pride-themed open mic night and an opportunity to mingle at the RYT Hall in Renmark to extend the celebrations. The open mic will kick off at 7pm.

headspace has asked all attendees to register via their website (www.headspace.org.au/ headspace-centres/berri).

More information on how to support LGBTQIA+ young people can be accessed from the headspace Berri website.

Aussies back e-cigarette action

MOST Australians support action to regulate and enforce e-cigarettes to prevent a new generation from becoming addicted to nicotine, according to a new report.

Cancer Council Victoria's Centre for Behavioural Research in Cancer (CBRC) shows 83 per cent of Australian's back the

"Unlawful over-the-counter availability of e-cigarettes is threatening to undo decades of public health success in Australia, particularly among young adults, with a recent ANU report confirming most e-cigarette users are young people, who are both vaping and smoking," said Cancer Council Australia CEO, Professor Tanya Buchanan.



Last year's march, organised by headspace Berri, was hailed a success by both organisers and participants. PHOTO: Deirdre Graham

Fruit fly changes set to 'relieve a lot of pressure'

CHANGES to fruit fly restrictions are set to allow locals living in high-risk areas the freedom to travel throughout the region with fruit and vegetables once again.

PIRSA last weekend announced fruit and vegetables purchased from Riverland retailers could again be moved across fruit fly outbreak and suspension boundaries, providing an itemised purchase receipt was carried.

Riverland Fruit Fly Committee chair Jason Size said ongoing restrictions on the movement of fruit had impacted Riverland communities.

"Knowing you can shop freely will relieve a lot of pressure," Mr Size said.

"As all our combined efforts are thrown at eradication in the growing areas, we support this change allowing low-risk retail fruit to be securely moved around, with an itemised receipt, by Riverland shoppers."

Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development Clare Scriven said provided retail fruit was stored correctly, it posed an "extremely low risk for spreading fruit

"We know that retail fruit across South Australia is certified as free from fruit fly before it even hits the shelves, so this is an appropriate change to help local residents," she said.

However, Mr Size advised restrictions still applied to fruit grown in backyards within red outbreak areas.

"Home-grown fruit still must stay at home," he

"Residents, please do not move home-grown fruit or vegetables that fruit fly like - they are still restricted.

"Larvae continue to be found in home fruit trees, creating new outbreaks or extensions to existing ones."

Further information regarding fruit fly in the Riverland can be found by visiting the website (fruitfly.sa.gov.au).

Info session in Barmera

BARMERA Library will host a fruit fly information session on Tuesday, September 6, from 2pm.

Jointly staged by Berri Barmera Council and the Department of Primary Industries and Regions SA (PIRSA), the event

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will feature PIRSA's fruit fly co-ordinator Brett Kennedy, who will answer fruit fly questions.

A spokesperson said the event would allow locals to "get the facts and understand the restrictions". Booking are required (phone 8588 2872).

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Mid Murray mayor to run again

CHRISTINE WEBSTER

MID Murray Mayor Dave Burgess says his passion for the district is still strong and he will seek re-election in the November local government elections.

Mr Burgess, in his third term as mayor, is being challenged for the role by councillors Kevin Myers from Cadell and Simone Bailey from Mannum.

He said he welcomed the competition from Mr Myers and Ms Bailey.

"It is very healthy to have a competition," Mr Burgess said.

"Every election I have participated in over my five terms has been a contest."

Mr Burgess said he was "glad"

other people also had a passion for the Mid Murray district.

The former Walker Flat General Store owner of 20 years, who now resides in Mannum, has been an elected member for almost 20 years.

He was also a councillor for two terms before becoming mayor in 2010.

Mr Burgess owned a bed and breakfast in Walker Flat with his wife for 10 years and served as Walker Flat and District Progress Association chairman for a decade.

He said he would continue to do his best to ensure that all residents across the district received the services they needed.

"Improving footpaths, roads and connecting road networks like the Murraylands Road – all of these

things are important," Mr Burgess said.

Councillor Bailey has pledged to give back the mayoral car and phone allocated to the position if successful, however Mr Burgess said the cost of a car had a minimal impact on the council's annual budget and councillors also should be entitled to claim mileage for their travel.

He said he would hate to see people being discouraged from running for council if their travel costs were not covered.

Mr Burgess said he already owns the phone that he uses for his present role as mayor, however he said he would hand back the council's SIM card if he was re-elected and pay for his own mobile phone plan.



Mid Murray Council Mayor Dave Burgess (right) with CEO Ben Scales. Mr Burgess will run again for mayor, having served in the role since 2010.

Cadell councillor stands for top job

A CADELL-based Mid Murray councillor of 16 years will run for mayor at the approaching local government elections.

Kevin Myers said his goal in the role would be to lead a group of elected members to provide rate-payers in the district with "equality and respect".

Mr Myers has previously served as deputy mayor and as the chair of a large range of council committees.

"I have a large knowledge of council workings that I would wish to share with the newly elected members," he said.

Cr Myers said the size of a community should not reflect the services residents receive for their dollars they pay in rates.

"Our elderly residents should not be confined to their house, due to a lack of community transport, or poor infrastructure such as poor or non-existing footpaths," he said.

Cr Myers said youth need basic services in all towns to assist with their growth and development.

Cr Myers is the only elected member of Mid Murray Council who serves on the council assessment panel, a role he has held for almost eight years.

He said the position has enabled him to have extensive training in the new South Australian Planning System, describing that experience as a positive for the region.

Cr Myers said as he is retired he will be able to devote his energy to the Mid Murray ratepayers if successful.

"Family and community is what I value in my personal life," he said.

"This has spread to me being devoted to the Mid Murray ratepayers for the last 16 years."

- CHRISTINE WEBSTER

Mayoral hopeful's money-saving pledge to ratepayers: No council car or phone



Simone Bailey says she will forego allowances for a car and phone if elected mayor of Mid Murray Council later this year.

PHOTO: supplied

A LOCAL mayoral candidate says "giving back" the car and phone allocated to the position would save ratepayers money and help limit future rate rises.

Councillor Simone Bailey made the pledge while announcing her mayoral candidacy for Mid Murray, which recently adopted a 6 per cent rate rise for 2022/23.

Ms Bailey said during her current term she is yet to claim reimbursement for travel in her own car, despite it being available to her. She said if elected in November, she would lead by example in cutting costs to ratepayers.

"If every elected member and staff could find small savings like this, then rates could remain sustainable for ratepayers long term, as rate rises have been a concern... during (this) term," she said.

Cr Bailey has served on the Mid Murray Council for almost four years, after being elected as a councillor for the Shearer Ward in 2018. She was also elected deputy mayor in November

Cr Bailey said she felt it was time for change in Mid Murray.

"I often hear from local residents that council doesn't listen to them, and they feel that consultation is just a token event," she said.

Cr Bailey said she brings to council "strong financial management and leadership skills" from her career in business management and accounting.

Prior to being elected, Cr Bailey worked as council's accountant for two years, from 2016 to 2018. She resigned so that she could nominate in the 2018 LGA election, as legislation states that council staff members cannot nominate in elections for the same council.



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After four years, Waikerie couple wins one-way battle...

Streets ahead as business 'saved'

PAUL MITCHELL and ALEXANDRA BULL

AFTER a four-year battle, a council decision to dump its plan to make a Waikerie road one-way has "saved" a local business, the jubilant operator says.

Up to seven local jobs at McKay's Auto are now secure following Loxton Waikerie Council's decision to abandon its plan aimed at improving safety at an adjacent supermarket - to make Francis Street one-way.

In addition to a downturn in patronage via an anticipated drop in foot and vehicle traffic, Stuart McKay said the change would have created a new traffic hazard claims supported by a council-initiated engineer's report presented to elected members last week.

"I'm glad that common-sense prevailed," Mr McKay said.

"It's been a stress for four years, because I haven't been able to create any direction in my business,

"Now I'm looking to employ more people and expand.

"It just means that I can get on with life."

Joining Pflaum Terrace and the town's retail-orientated McCoy Street, the unusually configured Francis Street comprises a short one-way section and a longer twoway stretch. Council had planned to make the entire street one-way, reasoning that the change would allow trucks to park, reverse and unload more safely in Waikerie Foodland's loading zone.

However, long trailers and caravans are regularly towed into the McKay's Auto premises - which doubles as the district's RAA operator - from the Pflaum Terrace end of Francis Street, and Mr McKay said that particular right-hand turn into his property is wider and safer than attempting a left-hand turn from the McCoy Street end.

In his report to council, CEO David Beaton said investigations included "testing the validity of the McKay's Auto claims by a qualified engineer".

An assessment by Greenhill Engineers last month ultimately supported Mr McKay's claims, outlining a number of potential problems if the proposed changes were implemented. These included 19-metre semis turning into



Owners of McKay's Auto at Waikerie. Stuart and Linda McKay, taking down the prominent window signage that called for locals to protest against council plans to make **Francis** Street oneway. The plan was scrapped at Friday's council meeting. РНОТО: Christine

It's a Francis **Street fracas**



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McKay's Auto from the McCoy Street end being forced to encroach on the proposed loading bay and a second driveway, and running over a footpath.

In addition, the report found that turning left out of McKay's Auto yard through the existing driveway would be "infeasible".

"It is difficult for a 19m semi to do a sharp 90 degrees circulation around this corner," the report said.

Councillors voted to adopt Mr Beaton's recommendation to "not alter the alignment or direction of traffic flow" for Francis Street.

Mr McKay said while frustrated with the lengthy process, he was pleased Mr Beaton and council ultimately binned the idea.

"It felt like I didn't get much of a say in it until the end of it..." he

"But I'm glad the CEO approached me to have discussions with the engineer.

"Once the engineer backed up what I was saying, it was almost a no-brainer there. So credit to him

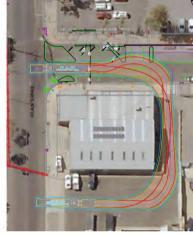
"It was pretty obvious that it wouldn't work for us and that it would restrict my business - and it would be hugely detrimental to the town as a whole if it closed our

Respondents to council's public consultation on the matter last year were overwhelmingly against the proposal.

"It seemed to be a waste of money to continue to explore the one-way street after that," Mr McKay said.

"There were so many strong voices against it, yet here we are 12 months down the track finally only getting a decision on it, when it could've probably been done 12 months earlier.





Images of McKay's Auto that illustrate the current exit/entry point (left) and how it could have been if a plan to make Francis Street one-way had gone ahead (right).

"But having said that, I am grateful it's happened."

Council said the engineer's report cost \$4320.

In its support of the council's initial plan, Eudunda Farmers, which operates Waikerie Foodland, stated that the provision of a dedicated loading zone and changing the street to one-way would improve pedestrian safety, as freight vehicles are "currently forced to park in the middle of Francis Street and forklift freight across to the supermarket".

In last week's report, Mr Beaton conceded that council faced "the dilemma of choosing between opposing businesses".

Meanwhile Mr McKay said he and wife Linda and his staff were "very appreciative of the support shown by the town community" throughout the saga.

Mr McKay said as the town's RAA operation, covering a 30,000 square kilometre expanse stretching to Burra, it was important his business remained open, for both locals and tourists.





OUT & ABOUT



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RAISING MONEY FOR THOSE IN NEED: As part of the Loxton Lutheran School's Christian Studies project, the year 5 and 6 classes were required to find ways to provide service to others. After hearing from Carolyn Trifinoff and Sue Dayman from the Riverland Salvation Army, students turned their focus to locals in need and created a fluoro disco fundraiser. Students planned the disco, designed posters to promote it around the school and worked throughout the event. A total of \$904 was raised, and recently presented to the Riverland Salvation Army. Pictured at Loxton Lutheran School last week were (from left): Carolyn Trifinoff (Salvation Army), Sienna Uren (year 5), Harrison Klose, Jordon Stephen (both year 6) and Sue Dayman (Salvation Army). PHOTO: supplied

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

WEEKLY

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

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.

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.

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.

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. \$15 for a two-course meal. For bookings contact Peter on 0408 813 882.

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

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 avail

able 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

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.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 25

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

THURSDAY, AUGUST 25

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

FRIDAY, AUGUST 26

Waikerie and Districts Cancer Support Group meeting at the Waikerie RSL, Thompson Street, Waikerie from 10am to 11.30am. Have a coffee and a chat. All welcome.

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, AUGUST 28

Barmera RSL traditional roast lunch with dessert, served at 1pm. \$15 per person, everyone welcome. Bookings essential. Contact Peter on 0408 813 882.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

Loxton Neighbourhood Watch meeting in the Pyap Room at the Loxton Hotel from 7.30pm. Guest speaker Tinus Hamman will talk about NHW in South Africa. All welcome.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Barmera, Glossop and Monash Centenary Finale, 5pm to 8pm, at Soldiers' Memorial Hall (adjacent Bonney Theatre). Book and brochure launch: free sausage sizzle: free tea, coffee and cupcakes; local choir; historical photo display; and illuminated screening on Bonney Theatre.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1

Barmera RSL car boot sale and market, 9am to 2pm at 21 Sturt Street, Barmera. Handmade goods, plants, bric-a-brac and more. For site bookings call Kerry on 0431 635

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29

Loxton Historical Village Alive Day, 10am TO 4pm. Working exhibits: shearing, blacksmithing, printing demonstrations and more. Food and craft stalls, kids entertainment, A great day out for the whole family. Phone:



ON THE TOOLS: Renmark youngster Riely. 13. with Mitre 10 ambassador Scott Cam, celebrating the completion of renovations at the Renmark Wills & Co Mitre 10 store on Saturday. The day also featured an animal petting zoo, a live broadcast from Magic 93.1, and a Royal Flying Doctor Service sausage sizzle. PHOTO: Hugh Schuitemaker



MITRE 10: Renmark siblings Sophie Heywood, Isaac Seekamp and Paige Seekamp were delighted to meet the Dulux dog at the family celebration day at Renmark Wills & Co Mitre 10 on Saturday. PHOTO: supplied



Loxton Lutheran School students Kailan Fielke, Mia Lloyd and Georgia Staben are excited to celebrate their school's 75th birthday. PHOTO: supplied

75 years of Loxton Lutheran School

ALEXANDRA BULL

LOXTON Lutheran School is celebrating 75 years since it opened its doors – in 1947 – with a series of events on Friday, September

The school will be open to the public for the event, which includes a school tour with principal Brad Williams and school captains, plus a whole-school service and afternoon

A two-course dinner celebration, including a fashion parade and history displays, will be held at The Precinct in Loxton.

Mission and ministry leader Andrea Athanasopoulos said school celebrations were "a fantastic time" to reunite with old friends and colleagues.

"There is a lot of history in 75 years and we want to celebrate this important milestone," she said.

"It is a chance to pay tribute to those who came before us and paved the way, and a time to celebrate all the achievements of our

"The worship service will be a standout activity during the day, as it gives us all a chance to come together, young and old, to celebrate our rich history.

"At the dinner, I am really looking forward to the fashion parade, as one of our committee members, Donna Manuel, has found Loxton Lutheran School uniforms (or replicas of) from the 1950s to now."

Budburst to mark new season

THE new wine season will be celebrated at a Riverland event this Saturday.

Riverland Budburst will see 17 Riverland producers come together to provide a tasting experience that showcases "classic and emerging" varieties.

Local fare and music will also be on offer. The event will be held at the Riverland Wine Centre, at Pike River, from 11am to 5pm.

School's SALA Friday

BERRI Regional Secondary College is holding a SALA (SA Living Artists Festival) event this

To be held on the school campus, in its Mortimer Building, the Berri Brushstrokes event is from 5.30pm to 8pm. Entry is free.

Council dives into trial extension of swimming season

HUGH SCHUITEMAKER

A LOCAL triathlon group is among those set to benefit from a Riverland council's decision to trial an extended swimming season.

Renmark Paringa councillors passed a motion at last month's general meeting to open the Renmark Swimming Centre two weeks earlier, and close the facility two weeks later, as a trial for the 2022-23 season.

Riverland Triathlon Club president Mark Pfennig said an extended swimming season would allow local triathletes more time to prepare for events.

"It will certainly benefit the people who swim in Renmark," Mr Pfennig said.

"It gives them a bigger pool to swim in than the (indoor pool) across the road.

"It will help people with their training and to transition into triathlons.

"When our (season) kicks off, the sooner we can get into a pool to get the ball rolling as quickly as possible really helps."

The Renmark Swimming Centre season traditionally commences on the fourth Sunday of October and closes on the fourth Sunday in March each year.

Use of the pool during the proposed extra four weeks would be for lap swimming only.

A Renmark Paringa Council report on the matter stated "the new method of operating the pool with the thermal blanket does have the potential to extend the length of the swimming season".



Riverland Triathlon Club president Mark Pfennig (left), with Renmark Paringa Mayor Neil Martinson, at the Renmark Swimming Centre, which will have its 2022-23 season extended after a recent council decision.

PHOTO: Hugh Schuitemaker

"While there is an operating cost to extend the swimming season, this cost is not prohibitive," the report read.

"Opening the morning lap swim-

ming season two weeks early and closing it two weeks later would incur an additional operating cost of approximately \$2320.

"However, it would provide an

opportunity to assess the popularity of an extended season, while also actively monitoring the water temperature, with the thermal blanket in operation."



Stephanie Brauer and her brother Shaun at the new memorial bench for their mother, Maureen. The memorial was recently installed at Murray Avenue by Renmark Paringa Council. INSET: Maureen Brauer was a prominent local volunteer, and three-time Renmark Citizen of the Year.

PHOTOS: Hugh Schuitemaker

Memorial to honour community-minded local

A RENMARK woman's significant contributions to her surrounding community have been highlighted through a new memorial.

Renmark Paringa Council recently installed a memorial bench and plaque at the Renmark river front to commemorate the life of the late Maureen Brauer.

Maureen's daughter, Stephanie Brauer, said volunteer work for the Renmark Show and Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS) highlighted her mother's contributions to the community.

"My mother was a very

community-minded person who spent many hours doing volunteer work for this community," she said.

"She was president of the Renmark Show for many years and spent many more as a committee person. She was also an office bearer for the local RFDS for many years.

"She was renowned for her cooking skills and over the years she baked thousands of cakes and biscuits for community groups and events."

"She was named Renmark Citizen of the Year three times, and was nominated for Riverland Citizen of the Year."

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Ms Brauer – who is set to run for Renmark Paringa councillor at the upcoming local government elections – said her family's connection to the location of the memorial, at 31 Murray Avenue, dated back nearly a century.

"This block of land has been in our family for 99 years," she said.

"This was the house my mother grew up in and the house she returned to when she retired, only leaving it to move into the aged care facility in Renmark in 2019."

- HUGH SCHUITEMAKER



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My mother was a very community-minded person who spent many hours doing volunteer work...

- Stephanie Brauer

Lakefront service for iconic Archie

A MEMORIAL service for the late Archie Roach will be held in Barmera on Friday, September 9, from 1pm.

The indigenous singer and songwriter, who once called the Riverland home, died last month, aged 66.

His family declined the Victorian state government's offer of a state funeral, in favour of a private funeral.

However, a Riverland memorial service for Roach (pictured) is being planned with the permission of his family, to be held on the shores of Lake Bonney.

"It will be a public memorial to honour this amazing man and allow his family and friends to participate," said spokesperson Rosemary Gower.

Ms Gower said the service would also commemorate his "reunion" with his late wife and fellow former Riverlander, Ruby Hunter

"The location was selected because a monument to Ruby and Archie was built there recently to acknowledge their international success as indigenous singersongwriters, and particularly because Ruby... had a deep spiritual connection with the river," Ms Gower said.

"They lived at Barmera when the children were small and spent a lot of time at the lake."



Riverland Vietnam Veterans Association president Max Binding speaking at last Thursday's Vietnam Veterans' Day surrounded by the Riverland Army Cadets catafalque party. PHOTO: Alexandra Bull

Honouring Riverland Vietnam Vets

ALEXANDRA BULL

THE Riverland paused last Thursday to recognise the men and women who served in the Vietnam War, 60 years after the first Australian troops were sent to South Vietnam.

Vietnam Veterans' Day is held on the anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan - the costliest single encounter fought by Australian troops during the war – and a memorial ceremony was held by the Riverland Vietnam Veterans Association at the Vietnam War memorial in Berri, led by association president Max Binding.

"To all veterans, each and every one of you, on this special day, be proud, walk tall and hold your heads up high," Mr Binding said in his

Association secretary Rod Kemp described the day as "very successful".

"We had over 80 people attend, and the veterans had a reunion afterwards which was great," he said.

"A lot of planning goes into the ceremony and this year it was really good.

"This year we had a small group which helped me with organising the ceremony and the group did very well."

During the ceremony Mr Binding read out an honour roll of 23 passed veterans.

Guest speakers at last

Thursday's event included Berri Barmera Mayor Peter Hunt and Lt Jay Denning from the 7RAR. Lt Denning spoke about the Battle of Suoi Chau Pha.

"You (veterans) have done a great service to Australia," Mr Hunt said.

"If it was not for the bravery and the gallantry of all the service men and women like yourselves, we would not be living in this great place of Australia as we do today."

Labour costs * 'top concern' for SA wineries

THE cost of labour is the top concern for South Australian wine businesses, according to a new survey.

The SA Wine Industry Association's annual member appraisal, conducted in July, show that 79 per cent of respondents listed "labour costs" in their top three issues for the coming year.

Competition, both interstate and internationally, is a top three issue for 55 per cent of respondents, while "energy costs and security" is a top three issue for 49 per cent.

"We know our members need support in these and other key areas, and we continually create resources, tools and events to help them," said SAWIA chief executive Brian Smedley.

"And we'll keep working hard to deliver the services and the ongoing support that South Australian wine businesses need to prosper in these challenging times."

The survey also showed that SA wineries rated SAWIA 87 out of 100 for "overall value of services and benefits".

"We know it's been a tough couple of years for wine businesses and we're pleased that we've been able to deliver highly valued services and support," Mr Smedley said.

Industrial relations was the most important service offered by SAWIA, with 40 per cent of survey respondents ranking it as their number one priority.

Industry and government lobbying and representation was listed as the most important service by 36 per cent of respondents, while 49 per cent of respondents listed work, health and safety in their top three.

Only 4 per cent of respondents listed market development as the most important service offered by SAWIA, while 17 per cent listed it in their top three.

Around 76 per cent of respondents want SAWIA's pop-up wine events to continue.

The survey response represents 24 per cent of SAWIA members.

Mid Murray Council's plan for better roads Mid

MID Murray Council has developed a draft road management plan to help it reduce costs, and ensure roads in the area are safely maintained

Community feedback is being sought on the proposed plan, which sets out the relevant standards and direction for council's road management works.

The document outlines how Mid Murray Council can maintain, renew and upgrade its roads in a cost-effective way.

The plan uses engineering principles and road use data to estimate surface wear and subsequently better plan for targeted maintenance to extend road life.

Mid Murray Mayor Dave Burgess said the proposed plan would allow council to more effectively and efficiently maintain its extensive rural road network, reduce costs and ensure safe road conditions.

"With 352km of sealed roads and 2418km of unsealed roads under our care, Mid Murray has one of the largest road networks of any council," he said.

"Transport asset maintenance is a continual focus for us and also an area of significant capital investment.

"Council is committed to continually reviewing its operations to find efficiencies and reduce costs, without impacting on the standard and quality of our infrastructure for our community.

"The Draft Road Management Plan ensures we're planning for the future maintenance of these roads as efficiently as we can."

Mr Burgess said the plan was essential for a road network with a replacement cost of more than \$105m.

"Managed effectively, a program of preventative maintenance works can significantly extend the useful life of our roads while still maintaining quality and safety,'

Mr Burgess said regular maintenance of roads in the district would potentially save the community millions of dollars by delaying the need for capital replacement works until they were genuinely needed.

"Importantly, this approach also ensures that our roads are maintained in a way that continues safe access and use for our residents and visitors so they can remain connected with school, work, sport, friends and family and our wider community in general,"

The plan has been released for commu-



nity feedback.

Mid Murray Council is also seeking feedback on its Draft Transport Assessment Management Plan, which sits above the Draft Road Management Plan and also incorporates its approach to the renewal and enhancement of transport assets.

Residents have until midday next Tuesday, August 30, to provide feedback on the two draft plans.

More information is available at the council's website (mid-murray.sa.gov.au).

Local Catholic schools open for tours

the doors to the community this week booking. for the annual Catholic Schools Open

The local schools involved include:

☐ St Francis of Assisi College, Renmark - principal's tour on Thursday, August 25, 11am and 12 noon. Book through the school website (https://www.assisi.catholic.edu. au/enrolment/college-tours).

☐ St Albert's Catholic School, Loxton – principal's tour on Friday, August 26. To book, call 8584 5110.

Principal tours are also available at St Joseph's School Renmark, Our Lady of the River School Berri and St Joseph's School Barmera. For more information visit the school

FIVE Riverland schools will open websites and contact directly for

'Catholic Schools Open Week is an opportunity for any parent considering a Catholic education for their family to meet their local Catholic school and discover what a Catholic education can offer their child," said Catholic Education South Australia director Dr Neil McGoran.

"As an educational sector we are committed to providing excellence for every child and young person whose learning and education is entrusted to our care.

"Our learning experiences are grounded in Catholic values and beliefs. We want every student to experience success according to their unique characteristics and talent."

New Novita orthotics clinics set to open in Berri

ONE of the state's largest orthoses (AFOs) to helmets for their local community," he said. disability service providers is set babies. to expand its Riverland offering via new orthotics clinics in

Novita's assistive technology business unit NovitaTech has established the clinics in Berri, with plans to expand into other regional communities.

The clinics, which will be delivered on a fly-in fly-out basis using a mobile workshop, will provide externally applied devices designed to support function and mobility for people living with physical disability.

The devices – often made using 3D printing technology - range from ankle and foot

Orthotics can be required for a range of reasons and across a range of physical disabilities such as cerebral palsy, spina bifida, muscular dystrophy, and motor neurone disease (MND).

CEO Greg Ward said Novita had a commitment to deliver services and supports to people living with disability in their own community.

"One of our most important strategic aims is to 'get local', and by establishing orthotics services in regional centres such as Berri we are ensuring existing and potentially new clients can access the services they need in

"By establishing these orthotics clinics, we are giving people living with disability in regional South Australia more consistency and regularity for their services as well as helping to remove the stress of having to travel to Adelaide to receive orthotics services."

The clinics will be held in Berri on August 31, September 1 and 2, and November 2 and 3.

The services are available to both NDIS and self-funded cli-

For more information about the clinics, call 1300 668 482 or email enquiries@novitatech.

Flowering for a good cause

ALEXANDRA BULL

CANCER Council SA is urging Riverland residents to donate to the Daffodil Day Appeal to fund life-saving cancer research.

The Daffodil Day Appeal has been taking place all throughout August, culminating with Daffodil Day tomorrow.

People will be able to purchase daffodils and merchandise tomorrow from the following places:

- ☐ Atonik Hairdressers
- ☐ Berri Woolworths
- ☐ Riverland Central Plaza
- ☐ Loxton Country Bakehouse

Secretary of the Cancer Council Riverland branch Nancy Murdock urged people to buy a bunch of daffodils tomorrow to support Cancer

"I encourage people to support Daffodil Day, as without the accommodation the Cancer Council has provides, a lot of country people cannot have treatment," she said.

"It kind of helps save their lives as well with the treatment in Adelaide, but who can afford six weeks in a motel?

"I think the main thing for the country people is the accommodation and it is not supported by the government, it is all the fundraising that we have to do.

"Just come along and support the Cancer Council. If you can't buy a bunch of daffodils for \$10, you can make a donation or we could split the bunch and sell it to you for \$5."

This year marks 36 years of Daffodil Day, with all funds raised supporting vital cancer research.

With 31 new cases of cancer diagnosed in South Australia every day, Cancer Council SA chief executive Kelly Rowlands urged the Riverland community to donate this Daffodil Day.

"More than 3800 South Australians lose their life to cancer every year, which is more than the population of Ceduna," she said.

"The daffodil is the international symbol of hope for everyone impacted, which is why this year we are calling on South Australians to give hope for better treatments and early detection and ultimately, giving hope for a cancer free future.'



Cancer Council Riverland branch secretary Nancy Murdock.



Scenes from the 2021 annual Orchid Spectacular.



Riverland Orchid Society president Trevor Mayfield at the 2021 Annual Spectacular with his orchid that won the Grand

Champion award. PHOTOS: supplied

Judges converge for Riverland Orchid Spectacular this weekend

AUSTRALIAN Orchid Council judges will descend on the Riverland this weekend for a popular annual show.

The two-day Orchid Spectacular promises to live up to its name, featuring the best orchids from right across the

Riverland. Conducted by the Riverland Orchid Society and staged at the Berri Town Hall, the event will follow on from the successful Winter Show, held in Barmera recently.

Society president Trevor Mayfield said he was "determined to put on a show for the public and the members to enjoy".

"I have been working on my plants, getting them ready for the big event," he said.

'(The Society) is keen to show the public what can be grown in the Riverland.'

Society members will bench their plants on Friday, to be judged by visiting Australian Orchid Council judges that

"There is a large variety of orchids that are grown throughout the Riverland, and this is a great opportunity to view them and learn about them," Mr Mayfield said.

The event will feature potting demonstrations around 11am and 1pm each day, including oppor-

tunities to ask questions during each session.

"People will, or can learn how to grow orchids from experienced growers," Mr Mayfield said.

The event will also feature a raffle, trading tables with floral arrangements, plants, pots, and fact sheets for sale. Full catering, including tea, coffee, cakes and slices, soups, sandwiches and other savouries, will be available.

The show is on at the Berri Town Hall this Saturday, from 9.30am to 3pm, and Sunday, from 9.30am to 4pm.

Inquires to the society secretary (phone 0439 688 483 or email: riverlandorchidsociety@ hotmail.com).

The Riverland Orchid Society meets every month. Its next meeting is in the Berri Uniting Church's Belmont Hall on Sunday, September 11, at 1.30pm. All are welcome.

Meanwhile a detail in last week's story about the Winter Show was incorrect.

The story, headed 'Winter Show bodes well for spectacular', said the event included entries from outside the Riverland. In fact, all entries were from the Riverland, and all entries for this weekend's Orchid Spectacular will also be from the Riverland.



Riverlanders face the danger of being swooped by magpies in spring. PHOTO: Laurie Boyle

Beware: swooping season has arrived

THE Department of Environment and Water (DEW) has warned locals to be wary of magpie swoopings during the bird's breeding season.

DEW pricipal ecologist Dr Karl Hillyard said magpies become protective of their nests and young chicks during spring.

"Some male magpies defend their nests from the time the eggs are laid until the young birds are ready to fly," Dr Hillyard

"This is normally around four to five weeks after hatching, and they will attack anything they consider to be a threat.

"Magpies are a very intelligent bird and have an excellent recall of faces and very long memories, so if you've been swooped before, or even if you just look like someone they swooped last year, you're likely to get the same treatment again."

Dr Hillyard advised changing routes, travelling in groups, carrying an umbrella, and avoiding aggressive actions, to minimise the potential of being swooped.

They typically only defend their nests within about a 100m radius, so the best way to avoid getting swooped is to take a detour around known nest sites if you can," he said.

"Local councils often install signs in areas where swooping is regularly taking place, so keep a look out for them and try to avoid those places for a few weeks if you can."

Probus club ladies' blossoming interest in almonds

RENMARK Ladies Probus Club members enjoyed a local almond blossom tour last

A busload visited Omega Orchard to "savour the sight of 450 hectares of almond trees in full bloom".

"August 15th is the date to keep in mind when planning to view almond blossom at its peak," a club spokesperson said.

"On arrival we were welcomed and joined by owner Andrew Martin who then came on board to share information as we drove around the property."

Mr Martin then answered questions and explained how the property operates.

He described pollination as "the big event" and said and the bees are "doing a great job".

The property uses up to seven hives per hectare.

"The hives are all being monitored by the beekeeper for healthy happy well-fed bees to ensure a good set of almonds for next harvest," Mr Martin said.

Mr Martin also demonstrated the difference between pollinated and unpollinated

During the visit, the group had the opportunity to view the various machines involved in the production of almonds although they were not being used at the time.

'The professional care of the property is evident along with the intent to market a natural product that has been carefully monitored throughout harvest," the club spokes-



Andrew Martin addressing Renmark Ladies Probus Club members. PHOTOS: supplied

The spokesperson said the Probus group strives to have an interesting and fun program throughout the year, meeting on



Andrew Martin shows Chris Flint and Helena Whitman pollinated flowers.

the first Monday morning of each month, except long weekends, to enjoy "fellowship, friendship and fun", with visitors always



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Interested in appearing on Buddy's Birthday list? Contact: Murray Pioneer Don't forget that if your name appears on my 8586 8000 birthday list then you can pick up a voucher from the Murray Pioneer, for a FREE Popcorn Chicken & Orange Juice, compliments of KFC in Renmark!

August 2022 Horoscopes: week 4

ARIES (March 21st - April 20th)

A trip later in the week will help to put you back in touch with an old friend. You might be surprised at how much this person has changed since you last saw them! Romance. A favourable aspect to Mercury later in the week will help you to communicate your feelings clearly to your partner.

TAURUS (April 21st - May 21st)

A friend's change of plan may put you in a difficult spot for a while. Don't be afraid to make your feelings clear to this person. Romance. A conversation later in the week may sap your confidence for a while. You need to take the remarks in context, however, and not over-react.

GEMINI (May 22nd - June 21st)

Don't make any major changes in your life for the time being. You may be feeling a little insecure at the moment: when you have consolidated your recent gains you will feel more confident about moving forward. Romance. Your emotions will be especially strong this week. Make sure that you take things easy.

CANCER (June 22nd - July 23rd)

Chores will be taking up a lot of your time at the moment. A burst of energy later in the week will help you to get everything out of the way in record time! Romance. A favourable aspect to Venus will help your relationship to run especially smoothly this week. This will be an excellent time for getting to know your partner a little better.

LEO (July 24th - August 23rd)

A disagreement with a colleague at work will help you to clear the air. There are a number of issues which you need to sort out. It will take a lot of courage to deal with everything directly. Romance. A favourable aspect to Venus will help a new relationship get off the ground. Take things slowly

VIRGO (August 24th - September 23rd)

A challenging aspect to Pluto could bring up energy from the past which is painful. You need to deal with these issues properly, however, and this is a good time to do that. Romance. If you don't know your own mind you may end up being too easily influenced by other people.

LIBRA (September 24th - October 23rd)

A positive aspect to Pluto will help to bring negative energy to the surface to cleanse your system. Deal with each issue thoroughly as it comes up. Romance. A casual remark could be misinterpreted. Be especially careful when you are dealing with an issue which has caused tension in the past.

SCORPIO (October 24th - November 22nd)

Give yourself a chance to unwind. You have been very stressed out recently and will not be able to keep going at this pace for much longer without a good break. Romance. A powerful aspect to Mars will help to make your emotions especially powerful. At times you will be too hot to

SAGITTARIUS (November 23rd - December 21st)

Feedback from a close friend will help you to understand yourself a little better. You might be upset by what this person says but you should take note and act on it. Romance. Don't let pressure from other people affect your love-life. This will be a good week for both of you so long as you get to spend enough time alone together.

CAPRICORN (December 22nd - January 20th)

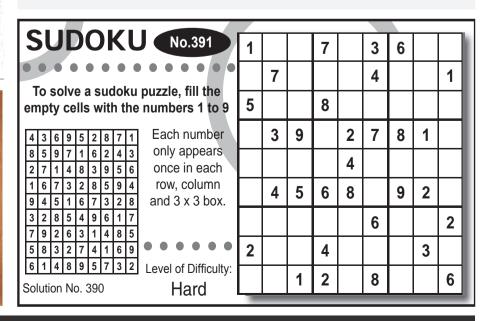
A mystery which has been puzzling you for a while will finally unfold this week. Romance. Your partner may get jealous if you want to spend more time with your friends. However, if you feel a little more independent this will strengthen your relationship, not weaken it.

AQUARIUS (January 21st - February 19th)

A small mistake may embarrass you in front of your friends. Do your best to move on - this is not the best time for recriminations. Romance. Your lovelife may be going through some ups and downs at the moment. You may be a little insecure, and will worry over too much about an incident which won't have any long-term significance.

PISCES (February 20th - March 20th)

An easy start to the week won't prepare you for what is coming next: you will need to keep your feet on the ball and make the right decisions without thinking. Romance. Your energy levels will be very high at the moment. If you can transfer some of this energy to your partner you will be dynamite!



LOOKING BACK AT 130 g





WAKING up each day with sunlight coming through the windows – yes, that's the sign that spring and summer are just a few weeks away. It has been a long, cold winter and residents say they are looking forward to the longer daylight hours.

The Waikerie community congratulates Rollbusch Quality Meats upon its sixth birthday celebrations in Waikerie. We give thanks for such quality meats and excellent service from the friendly and efficient staff, especially when they extend opening hours. In 2020 they opened their second store in Barmera. Well done.

The Waikerie and Districts Cancer Support Group advises its September 1 meeting has been postponed as visiting guest speaker Karlene Maywald is unable to attend. Supporters are welcome to the coffee and chat this Friday, August 26 at the Waikerie RSL clubrooms from 10am to 11.30am.

Are you proud, passionate and care about your local community? Many people volunteer and take active roles in community projects, sporting groups, schools and many other groups. Nominations for 2022 local council elections opened yesterday and close on September 6.

As of today, the Riverland Rose and Garden Festival committee is pleased to have available and ready for distribution the official



2022 program, included in today's Murray Pioneer. This exceptional event will bring local communities together from Friday, October 14, until Sunday, October 23. Check out all the open gardens and events included in the program and plan your visits for those days.

Do you want to have a quiet and relaxing time with like-minded people? Jo-anne Cain has something special planned this Saturday, August 27, at Soul Essence in White Street from 10.30am until 4pm. Jo-anne welcomes you to an open day with coffee, chat and crystals. Call Jo-anne (0456 769 146) and she will explain the day's plans.

The Waikerie community extends sincere sympathy to the family of Brian Kleemann upon his recent passing. Our thoughts are with his wife Desma, their children and extended family members. This much-admired and respected gentleman gave so much to our community, including Waikerie Rotary Club, Kleemann's Funeral Service, Waikerie Lutheran Church, Warrawee Retirement Village, Waikerie Districts Historical Society and so much more.

Music on the Deck presents nine-time Golden Guitar winner Lyn Bowtell on Sunday, September 18, on her Wiser Album tour, with special guest Kelly Brouhaha, at 849 Taylorville Road Waikerie. It will be a pleasant Sunday afternoon event. Doors open at 2pm for a 2.30pm start. Bookings/inquiries to Susan Santella (phone 0417 854 972).

On the same day (September 18), if you and your family want an event with music and plenty of comedy, take a trip to Loxton for the 2022 Little Town Production of Kick Off ya Boots. The matinee performance at the Loxton Peace Hall is from 2.30pm-6.30pm. Cost is \$20 plus \$20 for the bus. Tickets and bookings with Jan (0448 893 055). BYO snacks and nibbles. Bar available. Strictly no BYO alcohol.

A couple of weeks ago I advised that the Waikerie RSL had programmed – with the support of Open Arms Veterans and RSL Australia – a two-day free workshop on mental health at the Thompson Street clubrooms today and tomorrow, August 24-25. If you are interested, even if you can only attend one day, phone the RSL (8541 3988) or Open Arms (1800 011 046).

Thought for the week: "Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless."

uly endless. - Mother Teresa www.murraypioneer.com.au Wednesday, August 24, 2022 **NEWS 25**



At the Rag Rug Making workshop at the Rain Moth Gallery at Waikerie recently were: Susie Skujins (left) and **Helen Cook** both of Waikerie. PHOTOS:

Recycled rug-making at Rain Moth

CHRISTINE WEBSTER

A WAIKERIE textile artist has been teaching others to make rugs from recycled fabric at workshops at the local Rain Moth Gallery.

Run by Liz Chidlow, the sessions attracted 16 participants on July 31 and 14 on August 14.

Rain Moth Gallery committee member Rosslyn Evans, who organised the two classes, said participants were each provided with a ball of recycled fabric and a large crochet hook.

She said their task was to make sampler rugs. She said some were keen to continue with the craft at home.

"It depended on their skills how big they made it on the day," Ms Evans said.

She said knowing how to crochet was an advantage.

Ms Chidlow makes rugs, carry baskets, and bowls from the recycled material she prepares.

Ms Evans said before commencing crocheting Ms Chidlow has to prepare the ball of material.

"She recycles the fabrics, gives them a hot wash, cuts them up, stitches them



Sharon Thompson (left) and Luisa Falcinella both of Waikerie making rugs out of recycled fabric at the Rain Moth Gallery.

together and makes large balls out of them," she said.

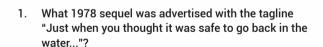
Ms Evans said the first workshop coincided with the end of an exhibition last month by Berri textile artist Glenys Leske.

Leske also uses recycled materials and fabric in her embroidered works featuring Australian landscapes and birds.

Ms Evans said she advised the Rag Rug Making workshop participants to look at Leske's work to see how recycled materials can be used.

"It is inspiring to know that you can make other things out of items that you may otherwise throw out."

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5. What Venetian explorer travelled to China and met Kublai Khan?

6. What board game's name is formed from the ancient Greek words for "alone" and "many"?

7. What, according to cliché, is a dish best served cold?

8. On what part of the body would you be most likely to find an epaulette?

What part of the world is nearly encircled by the "Ring of Fire"?

10. The disorder formerly called ADD is now often called ADHD. What does the H stand for?

11. What U.S. civil rights activist is said to have "taken a stand by staying seated"?

12. What is the smallest province in Canada?

13. What Italian peak is the tallest active volcano in Europe?

14. Who wrote a popular science book called "A Brief History of Time"?

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15. Who was the first Baby Boomer to be elected President of the United States?

16. The Inspector Montalbano series of books and TV adaptations are set in which region of Italy?

17. Which country has a flag with an eagle biting a snake over a cactus?

18. What consists of areas of "grey matter" and "white matter"?

19. What is the Russian word for "no"?

20. What footballer scored 91 goals in 2012, the most anyone has ever scored in one calendar year according to Guinness?

BONUS OUESTION:

Which European Queen became a widow at the age of 18? Answer in next week's Quiz.

Answers on page 29

QUIZ MASTER
TOM TRIFONOFF



Barmera's Tahlia Dillon (left) and Loxton North's Georgia **Brown went** head-to-head at the centre position in last Friday night's A1 first semi-final. **Loxton North** emerged victorious in overtime after a thrilling contest. **PHOTOS: Grant** Schwartzkopff

Loxton North keeps its season alive in overtime

A PAIR of preliminary final hopefuls needed a fifth quarter to separate them last Friday night, with Loxton North narrowly prevailing over Barmera in extra time in the A1 netball first semi-final.

It was do-or-die for both sides, resulting in a goal-for-goal contest down the stretch, with neither side able to pull away.

Scores were level at the end of the third quarter and again at full time, before Loxton North's superior fitness saw it over the line by eight goals.

Georgia Brown starred for North and was able to stand tall in the midcourt when her side needed it, upping the ante in the extra quarter.

Tahlia Dillon returned to the Barmera line-up after missing the previous week against Renmark and went toe-to-toe with Brown in the centre position.

She was named as Barmera's best and will continue to compete for the under 17 A side.

Accurate shooting from Ashleigh Haigh and Hannah Boylan allowed Barmera to stay in touch with Loxton North, but the eventual victors were able to outlast the young opposition.

In action on the other side of The Precinct was Loxton and Renmark, with a spot in the grand final on the line for the winner.

Loxton came into the clash as the form team of the competition and started the match strongest, capitalising on some uncharacteristic errors



Shenae Rucioch (left) and Zoe Siviour were named in the best players as Renmark ran out 12-goal victors over Loxton in the second semi-final.

from the reigning premier.

But, Renmark was able to work its way back into the contest, thanks largely to the expert play of wingattack Shenae Rucioch.

She was able to link up well with star goalie Lauren Collins, with the two creating plenty of scoring chances for Renmark.

Meanwhile, at the other end of the court, Zoe Siviour was putting in a strong performance against Loxton shooter Mackella Hogan.

Hogan had been in impressive form in recent weeks, but Siviour was able to limit her scoring opportunities, making a number of interceptions and launching Renmark into attack.

Aimee Holmes was able to provide an option for Loxton in the front third, with Hogan substituted out of the game in the final quarter, replaced by Brooke Durdin as shooter.

Loxton fought back, but star midcourter Emily Beaton went down with a calf problem in the final quarter and Renmark upped its pressure, eventually running out 12-goal win-

Beaton left the match on crutches and will be a massive loss for Loxton if she is to miss this Friday's preliminary final against Loxton North.

Renmark will enjoy the week off as it prepares for yet another grand final appearance.

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Loxton Black 15 d Waikerie 11. BEST: Loxton Black - M. Cozens, A.

Bullock. Waikerie - C. Zarmbalas, N. Cartledge.

Loxton Gold 12 d Renmark White 8. BEST: Loxton Gold - A. Williams, C. Andriske. Renmark White - H. Dillon, A. Tassios.

Berri 14 d Cobdogla 4. BEST: Berri - M. Butson, E. Knight.

Cobdogla - L. McKinnon, K. Sharkev.

Barmera 12 d Loxton North 7. BEST: Barmera - C. Parrotta, J. Edwards. Loxton North - A. Cass, A.

Riverland netball ready for preliminary finals

week's round of Riverland netball finals fixtures, with Loxton and Loxton North going head to head in the A1 division in Berri on Friday night.

Loxton comes into the match having lost its first game in two months last Friday, going down to reigning champion Renmark.

Now it will have to get through local rivals Loxton North in order to make the grand final, something it has already done twice

But, North will go into the clash full of confidence, having knocked off last year's grand finalist Barmera after a prolific

A LOCAL derby headlines this final quarter in the goal circle.

Georgia Brown will be a key in the midcourt for North, while Loxton may be without star wing attack Emily Beaton after the former Thunderbird went down with a calf issue late in last week's

Berri and Barmera will play off for a spot in the A2 grand final, also against Renmark next week.

Barmera posted a win on Friday night against Loxton North, while Berri will need to pick itself up and go again after a nail-biting one-goal loss to Renmark last time out.

Renmark and Barmera play off in the under 17s preliminary final, with Berri qualifying for the grand final after a win over Barmera last Friday.

SCHEDULE

North v Waikerie.

Friday, August 26 @ Berri 7pm: A1 - Loxton v Loxton North.

8.30pm: A2 - Berri v Barmera.

Saturday, August 27 @ Barmera 10.30am: 11Ā - Loxton v Renmark. 11B - Waikerie v Loxton Gold. 11C -Cobdogla v Barmera. 13C - Renmark

Blue v Loxton North. 12 noon: 13A - Loxton North v Loxton. 13B - Loxton North v Renmark. 15A -Loxton v Berri. 15B - Renmark White v

- Berri v Loxton North, C2 - Renmark v Barmera. 3pm: 17B - Renmark Blue v Berri, B1 - Loxton North v Cobdogla. B2 - Loxton

1.30pm: 17A - Barmera v Renmark. C1



Loxton could be without former Thunderbird **Emily Beaton** for this Friday's A1 preliminary final against Loxton North. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

Tigers knock out Demons in thriller

BEN LENNON

A BUMPER crowd at Panther Park witnessed one of the most entertaining games of the RFL A grade season, as Loxton prevailed over a determined Berri in last Saturday's first semi-final by eight points.

The Tigers entered the clash after narrowly missing out on second spot to Waikerie the week prior, but looked to immediately bounce back against the Demons, who were also coming off a loss.

The first quarter couldn't have gone better for Dillon Millard's side, with the Tigers coach making a positional change in the starting line-up that immediately paid dividends.

"We probably thought they were all going to look at Luke Harder, so we put Jesse (Will) down forward," he said.

"Jesse just played a great quarter...

"We've been trying to throw around Che (Lange) and Drew Kassulke a bit this year as well and we had them in the back line, which has given us some bounce."

Will made an instant impact, booting four straight goals in the first term to give Loxton a commanding lead.

Berri coach Clint Ridgway admitted that having Harder start in midfield threw a spanner in the works, but one his side was able to correct as the game went on.

"Loxton came out and I thought that would be Harder sitting in the goalsquare, so obviously that threw our plans pretty quick-

"The kid we had on Will probably didn't have the pace to go with him from the goalsquare.

"Eventually we put Archie Holtham on him and Archie stopped him completely which was good."

Berri managed to slowly work its way back into the game, but Loxton remained in front as the midfield battle intensified between two of the best in the competition.

Loxton's Will Gutsche was able to get his hands on the ball with ease, while Matt

Loxton skipper

played a

in the win,

in the first quarter for his side.

Hodge and Luke Teasdale began to influence the contest for the Demons.

At half time, Loxton remained three goals ahead, but the Demons refused to go away.

After the main interval, the Demons made inroads into the Loxton margin, with ruckman Brody Thompson turning the tide in the middle of the ground.

He was able to give Berri first use of the ball out of the middle and managed to pick up plenty of touches of his own around the ground.

At the end of the third term, the Demons were within seven points and by midway through the final quarter Ridgway's side had levelled the score.

The resurgence was led by the young brigade, with under 18s star Rory Moroney booting two crucial goals in the final term to bring his side to within touching distance of the lead.

But, Loxton's experience came to the fore when the game was on the line, and Will added another in the last quarter, regaining the ascendancy for his team.

Still, Berri pushed, but with the clock ticking down, Loxton made it difficult for the Demons to score, with Millard and Harder standing up across half back and deep in

The siren sounded after a lengthy final term and brought an end to Berri's season, while Loxton rejoiced after a hard-fought

Millard was pleased with his side's effort, particularly after losing to Waikerie the week

"We saw a bit of an effort increase from last week and everyone came into the game switched on," he said.

"I think we probably could've done a bit more after half time but I was really happy with the first half and I think there's only things to be pleased about.

"I think we took the pedal off and if we want to go against Waikerie or Renmark we will need to improve on that, but it was defi-

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A pack flies for the footy, with Berri defender Hugo Kregar spoiling the ball over the back of Loxton's Luke Harder when the two sides met in last Saturday's first semi-final. **PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff**

"Berri's midfield was really good, particularly in the second half.

'Guys like Hodge and Teasdale are really classy, so obviously we had to battle against them.

Ridgway was disappointed to bow out, but said his side's improvement from last year shows that the team is heading in the right direction.

'Comparing us to Loxton, they've had an extra 12 months with that group, so hopefully we can be in that same position next year," he said.

"Everyone's on board for next year. Anything can happen over the summer but at this stage they're all keen to go again.

"We've got a lot of depth at the club, with the B grade in the finals and the 18s second.

"Even looking at someone like Tom Finlay, who's only 21, or Jason Westley who ran out and kicked a goal in the third quar-

"Rory Moroney one-out in the 50 and

kicking a couple of goals at the end as well, the young fellas are a really great group."

Millard's men now reap the rewards of the new RFL finals fixture, as his side enjoys a week off while Waikerie heads to Renmark to battle the reigning premier.

The Tigers will face off against the loser of that clash in a preliminary final the following week, but says he has "no preference" on who his side meets at Waikerie.

"I've been asked that question a lot, but I don't think it really matters," he said.

"If we want to win a grand final, we need to beat them both anyway. Whoever it is, we'll plan for that."

Loxton 11.8 (74) d Berri 10.6 (66).

BEST: Loxton - C. Lange, L. Evans, J. Will, W. Gutsche, J. Fisher, D. Millard. Berri - B. Thompson, J. Egel, M. Corbett, R. Moroney, J. Grieger, S. Hawkins. GOALS: Loxton - J. Will 5, W. Gutsche, R. Romeo 2, T. Eagle, L. Harder. Berri - R. Moroney 3, J. Egel 2, M. Corbett, S. Hawkins, S. Milburn, B. Thompson, J. Westley.





Berri youngster Rory Moroney came to life in the latter stages of the match, but his two-goal final term failed to get Berri over the line.





KART CLUB CHAMPS: Loxton Kart Club held its club championship event last weekend, with over 150 drivers in action in perfect conditions. PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff



Sedan-Cambrai became the first side to defeat BSR in 2022 when the Magpies ran out victorious over the minor premiers in the second semifinal on Saturday. PHOTO: Facebook

BSR dealt maiden loss in second semi

AFTER an unbeaten RFL Independent home and away season, BSR has tasted defeat for the first time under Alan Harvey, going down to Sedan-Cambrai in last Saturday's second semi-final at Cambrai.

The Redbacks entered the clash on a 15-match winning streak but failed to match it with the Magpies on their home turf, losing by 21 points.

The home side got off to a flyer, kicking away to a 27-point lead at half time, with the Redbacks needing to play catch-up for the rest of the match.

Trailing by 26 points at the final break, BSR was able to outscore Sedan-Cambrai in the last quarter, but not by enough to make up the deficit.

Harvey said that he was largely at fault for the loss, having gone away from his side's gameplan from the minor rounds.

"I put my hand up in that sense because we made a few positional changes that didn't really need to be made," he said.

"That definitely worked against us and we need to just go back to our structures and what works for us.

"I probably looked into the opposition too much which is something I haven't done all year. "For us now, it's just going back to what

Sedan-Cambrai is now on its way to another grand final and will be looking to avenge last year's defeat against Ramco.

Jack Grace led the way up forward, booting three goals against the Redbacks, but it was the intensity and experience of the Magpies that made the difference, Harvey said

"The difference in the game really was the tempo and we were still stuck in a minor round game, but they rocked up ready to play finals," he said.

"Their experience made a huge difference. I think we've only got two or three guys in our team that have played finals footy.

"They've obviously been a powerhouse for five years now, so they know what it takes to get done.

"Their mentality was a lot stronger and they were a lot more willing than us.

"But, credit to our boys because we were down by seven goals at one stage but we got it back to within a couple of goals at one point"

The Magpies will now enjoy a week off, while the Redbacks will need to bounce back against Wunkar if they are to avoid a

straight-sets exit.

The Bulldogs were able to hold off a spirited Brown's Well comeback to emerge victorious in the first semi-final on Saturday, played as the first of a two-match finals double-header at Cambrai.

Talismanic forward and club legend Shane Schulz returned to the Bulldog line-up and booted two goals in the win, while Alex Kelly-O'Sullivan and Bailey Hill made a difference in defence.

Wunkar led by just shy of 40 points at the final break, before the Bombers made one final effort at keeping their season alive.

Brown's Well was able to reduce the deficit to under a goal, but Wunkar held on to secure victory as the final siren sounded.

Blake Edmonds led the charge for Aaron Bullard's side, while Maxwell Fitzgerald kicked three goals from centre half forward.

Tom Wood's Wunkar now heads home for a preliminary final against Harvey's Redbacks, with the BSR coach hoping his side's superior fitness can help them return to the winner's list.

"Having the privilege to watch them before our game, I was able to jot down a few notes," he said.

"Their thing is they run out of legs a little

bit which is really to our advantage because I think we're the fittest side in the competition.

"They move the footy really well and they get it out wide as much as they can which lets their younger, quicker fellas run.

"I think it comes down to a midfield battle this week. I think our midfield got bullied a bit last weekend so whether or not they respond is going to be where it's won or lost."

RESULTS

FIRST SEMI-FINAL

Wunkar 9.13 (67) d Brown's Well 9.8 (62). BEST: Wunkar - O. Winen, A. Kelly-O'Sullivan, T. Schulz, Z. Lawrence, B. Hill, K. Riley. Brown's Well -B. Edmonds, S. Cocks, B. Hampel, M. Fitzgerald, T. Braun, D. McNeil.

GOALS: Wunkar - B. Hill, S. Schulz 2, L. Biele, T. Dejager, J. Jeffery, T. Schulz, C. Schutz. Brown's Well - H. Chandler, M. Fitzgerald 3, T. Braun, T. McKenzie, D. McNeil.

SECOND SEMI-FINAL

Sedan-Cambrai 13.5 (83) d BSR 10.2 (62).

BEST: Sedan-Cambrai - H. Graetz, J. Le Couteur, J. Schultz, S. Kain, A. Falkenberg, J. Voigt. BSR -C. Horstmann, J. Orr, J. Mapstone, N. Mueller, J. Martinson, A. Sparks.

GOALS: Sedan-Cambrai - J. Grace 3, B. Nicolai, J. Roesler, C. Thompson 2, A. Falkenberg, P. Hefford, J. Schultz, N. Schulz. BSR - J. Martinson 3, M. Armstrong, J. Coleman, D. Gribble, C. Horstmann, J. Medhurst, A. Sparks, J. Verrall.

Podium placings for Riverland representatives

LAST week saw some of the Riverland's future sporting stars take to the pitch, with the region fielding two teams in the SAPSASA state soccer carnival at West Beach.

Both sides were able to claim podium places, with the boys managing a silver medal and the girls coming equal third alongside Lower Eyre Peninsula.

The two teams competed against the best of the best from other country regions, with both entering in the division one competition.

The boys, coached by local star Marty Barber, won six of their eight games across the three-day event, including an 18-0 rout of Whyalla on day

They dropped points on just two occasions, with a 1-1 draw against Port Pirie in the first game of tournament and a 2-0 loss to eventual champions

Barker on day two.

Nicole Roberts took charge of the girls team, which managed to win three of its six games and draw once on its way to third place.

RESULTS

BOYS

Riverland 1 drew with Port Pirie 1.
Best: E. Basomb, J. Peltz, K. Webb.
Goals: J. Ingerson.

Riverland 17 d Whyalla 0. Best: J. Ingerson, L. Perram, K.

Goals: J. Ingerson 4, N. Meimetis, E. Bascomb 3, K. Krendl, L. Perram 2, W. Marsden, E. Vincent, K. Webb.

Riverland 10 d Barossa and Light 2. Best: K. Krendl, N. Meimetis, E. Vincent.

Goals: K. Krendl 4, N. Meimetis 2, W. Marsden, J. Ingerson, L. Perram, own goal.

Riverland 3 d Gawler 1.
Best: J. Sweet, J. Peltz, N. Meimetis.
Goals: J. Sweet 2, K. Ogle.
Riverland 0 lost to Barker 2.
Best: J. Peltz K. Ogle, W. Marsden.

Best: J. Peitz K. Ogie, W. Marsden. Riverland 3 d Lower South East 1. Best: E. Bascomb, K. Krendl, K. Ogle. Goals: K. Ogle, J. Sweet, K. Krendl. Riverland 5 d Lower Eyre Peninsula



Eli Bascomb (left), Jake Peltz, Kobe Krendl, Jake Sweet, Emerson Vincent, Harry Eatts and Jake Ingerson at last week's tournament. PHOTO: Facebook

Best: E. Bascomb, J. Sweet, L. Perram. Goals: N. Meimetis, J. Sweet 2, L.

Riverland 3 d Southern Fleurieu 2. Best: J. Sweet, N. Meimetis, K. Ogle. Goals: J. Sweet 3.

GIRLS

Riverland 1 drew with Barker 1. Best: A. Whiting-Walker, E. Passmore, S. Angeleski.

Goals: I. Antonopoulos.

Riverland 2 lost to Hills 4.

Best: A. Dalzell, A. Teschner, C. Muller. Goals: A. Dalzell, A. Teschner. **Riverland 4 d Southern Fleurieu 0.** Best: S. Angeleski, E. Tsakarellos, C. Muller, own goal. Goals: A. Dalzell, C. Muller, E. Passmore.

Passmore.

Riverland 1 d Lower Eyre Peninsula

Best: S. Pittman, A. Dalzell, A. Teschner.

Goals: I. Antonopoulos.

Riverland 1 lost to Barossa and
Light 2.

Best: S. Searle, S. Christodoulou, L. Perrin.

Goals: I. Antonopoulous.

Riverland 4 d Lower South East 2.

Best: details not provided.

Goals: details not provided.

Cobby Eagles produce a Riverland darts demolition

ROUND 15 of the Riverland darts season saw Cobby Eagles continue their hot run of form, comfortably defeating Expendables

Danny Coombe put in a strong showing for the victors, while Expendables' Dieter Roessel produced the highest peg-out of the night with a 114.

Meanwhile, two evenly matched sides went head-tohead, with RC Ones defeating Monash Wanderers in a tight contest.

Wanderers star Calib Martin continued his stellar season, producing a maximum 180, but RC Ones were able to snatch victory, thanks largely to the form of Neil Flack.

RESULTSR C Ones 10 (L. Rasheed

140 x 3, 100 x 2, N. Flack 140, 132, 122, 121, 120, 100 x 5, W. Schwartzkopff 135, 100 x 5, T. Josephs 124, 100 x 3, L. Platten 121, 100 x 4, C, Wagner 100 x 2, T. Stoneham 100) d Monash Wanderers 5 (C. Martin 180, 140, 125 x 2, 118, W. Bonham 140 x 2, 121, 100 x 4, D. Hayes 111, 101, K. Hayes 100) Cobby Eagles 14 (R. Stemp 140, 125, 100 x 3, J. Broekers 140, 123 x 2, 100 x 2, D. Parfitt 140 121, 119, N. Peatey 133 x 4, 121, D. Coombe 125, 123, 122, 100 x 4, 102 peg out, A. Hargreaves 100 x 2, G. Dyer 133) d Expendables 1 (S. Lockwood 130, 125, 116 100, G. Norman 120, 111, T. Daelmann 134, A. Barnes 133, A. Greenham

PUBLIC NOTICES

RIVERLAND

BASKETBALL

ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

To be held on Monday 29th August

2022 at 7.00pm at the Berri Hotel

Complex in the Toyota arena.

For apologies please contact

Michelle Lueth on 0409 329 721

President: Mick Trussell 0427 813 502

Secretary: Michelle Lueth 0409 329 721



NOTICE OF 2022 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Time: Date:

1.00pm 10th September

3 Trussel Terrace, Cobdogla Location:

(National Trust Building -Cobdogla Irrigation & Steam

Museum)

Reports from Chairperson and Treasurer will be given and all other general business will be discussed. Election of committee of management for the year ending 30.6.2023.

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Secretary Kent Barney 0428 843 240

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COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

2022 ELECTION RESULTS

Public Notice is hereby given that at the close of nominations, at 12 noon on the 19th August 2022, only three (3) valid nominations for the position of Committee Member had been received.

As a consequence of the nominations equalling the number of vacancies on the Committee, I have declared that Ms Glenys Benda, Mr Stephen Jaensch and Mr Tarik Wolf have been successfully elected to the Committee for the next three years.

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Government of South Australia Department for Energy and Mining

Mining Act 1971

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Section 56H of the *Mining Act 1971*, that an application for a Mining Lease over the undermentioned mineral claim has been received:

Applicant: Claim Number: 4528

Clay & Mineral Sales Pty Ltd

Location:

CT 6251/350. Waikerie area

approximately 10km southwest of Waikerie

Area: Purpose: Reference:

21.4 hectares approximately Extractive Minerals (Sand) 2021/000279

To arrange an inspection of the proposal at the Department for Energy and Mining, please call the Department on 08 8463 3103.

An electronic copy of the proposal can be found on the Department for Energy and Mining website: https://www.energymining.sa.gov.au/industry/minerals-and-mining/mining/communityengagement-opportunities

Written submissions in relation to this application are invited to be received at the Department for Energy and Mining, Mining Regulation, Attn: Business Support Officer, GPO Box 320 ADELAIDE SA 5001 or dem.miningregrehab@sa.gov.au by no later than 7 September 2022.

The delegate of the Minister for Energy and Mining is required to have regard to these submissions in determining whether to grant or refuse the application and, if granted, the terms and conditions on which it should be granted.

When you make a written submission, that submission becomes a public record. Your submission will be provided to the applicant and may be made available for public inspection.

J Martin

Mining Registrar as delegate for the Minister for Energy and Mining

Department for Energy and Mining

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Wednesday 7th September 2022 ONLINE AUCTION

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Friday 2nd September 2022 at 7pm Inspection Day Saturday 3rd September 2022

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BONUS QUESTION ANSWER

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Riverland Winegrape Growers' Association

Nomination of Candidates for Election to the Committee

Public Notice is hereby given that nominations for candidates to fill five committee member vacancies, for the Riverland Winegrape Growers Association (RWGA), will be received at Riverland Wine up to 5pm on Wednesday, September 7, 2022.

In accordance with Rule 7.5.2, the following committee

Sheridan Alm, Brett Rosenzweig, both are eligible for re-election Two further vacancies exist on the committee

Nominations for all vacancies are invited from RWGA members.

Contact Riverland Wine by phone 0456 845 817 or email (admin@riverlandwine.com.au) for a nomination form. All forms must be signed by the nominee and two seconders each being financial members of the RWGA in accordance with Section 5 of the Constitution.

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Thank you to the many people and organisations who recognised my 100th birthday on August 18.

I was overwhelmed with the flowers and cards I received and am still enjoying them.

My family arranged a lunch where I was able to see most of my children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren and have another family group photo taken.

I enjoyed my birthday celebrations and thanks to those who contributed to the day.

> It was a wonderful day. Von.

DEATHS

GREEN, Gloria Dawn.

Passed away peacefully at the Renmark Nursing Home on Sunday, August 14, 2022.

Aged 91 years.

Loved wife of George (deceased).

Loving mother of Carol, Jenny, Jill, Mandy and Paul (deceased).

Treasured nanna of 9 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

Deep in our hearts you will always stay, Loved and remembered every day.

Gloria was privately buried, reunited with George.



Berri and Renmark 8582 1333 Member AFDA

PITMAN, Aileen.

Passed away peacefully at the Renmark Nursing Home on Thursday, August 18, 2022.

Aged 85 years.

Loved wife of Don.

Loving mother and mother-in-law of Stan and Janina, Sue and Alex, Dean.

lan and Deb, Deb and Chris.

Second mum to Brian.

Dearly loved grandma, great-grandma and great-great-grandma.

Sadly missed.

FUNERALS

PITMAN.

The relatives and friends of the late Aileen Pitman are respectfully invited to attend her funeral to be conducted entirely at the Riverland Funeral Chapel, 231 Twentyfirst Street, Renmark on Friday, August 26, 2022 at 11am, followed by a private cremation at the Riverland Crematorium.

In lieu of flowers if desired, a donation to the Royal Flying Doctor Service in Aileen's memory would be appreciated.

Donations may be made at the service.



Berri and Renmark 8582 1333 Member AFDA

IN MEMORIAM

DROGEMULLER, Casey.

28/8/1988

34 years have passed with sad regret, It brings back a day I'll never forget.

I shed a tear when I speak your name, For without you Casey, It's not the same.

> All my love, Dad.

WURST, Neville Andrew.

> 8/5/1949 -21/8/2021

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Solar panels are expected to be installed on the Cadell Institute in about a fortnight. PHOTO: supplied

Solar power for Cadell facilities

MID Murray Council has approved a request to have solar energy installed at the Cadell Institute and the Cadell Camping and Recreational Ground's amenities block.

Cadell Community and Tourist Association chairman Jason Lukacs said the camping grounds' electricity bill was usually about \$1500 a month and accessing renewable energy should reduce this cost.

He said a Riverland company was expected to begin installing the solar panels at the two sites in about two weeks.

Mr Lukacs said the CCTA would fund the installation of the solar panels at the camping grounds to service the shower, toilets, laundry and barbecue area.

"We do fundraising and money is brought in through the running of the caravan park, so we are funding that totally ourselves," he said.

A not-for-profit organisation, the CCTA manages both the institute and the camping grounds, which are owned by Mid Murray Council.

Mr Lukacs said money received from Mid Murray Council to maintain the institute would cover the costs of its solar panels.

"In the long run we are the ones who pay the electricity bills," he said.

"As we know power is getting more expensive."

- CHRISTINE WEBSTER



Friends of the PS Industry president David Nattrass presents Sandra Daniel with life membership at the group's recent AGM. PHOTOS: supplied

Paddle steamer group bestows top honour

AT the recent AGM of the Friends of the PS Industry (FOTI), long-time member and volunteer Sandra Daniel was surprised with a life membership.

The honour recognised her "continuous and dedicated service to the PS Industry" since becoming a member in 2003.

"This acknowledgement of dedication was well overdue," said FOTI president Dave Nattrass.

Without volunteers like Sandra the PS Industry wouldn't be able to provide the public service it does in keeping the history

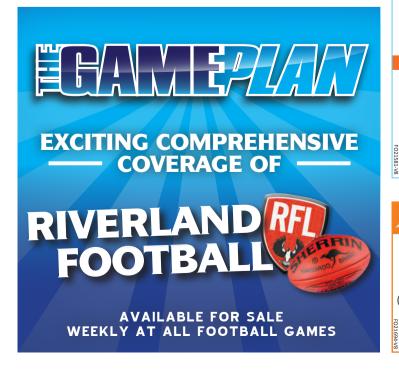
of steam vessels alive. Mrs Daniel was elected to the committee in 2005 and remained an active committee member and volunteer until 2021.

In 2009 she formed and tirelessly led a small team to organise a centenary celebration for the Industry, regarded as a major

Mrs Daniel also took on the role of promotions officer for the Industry and held the position until 2021.

"She passionately delivering posters to the various shops in Renmark and ensured advertising of upcoming steamings," Mr Nattrass said.

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Berri bull wins Pioneer award

BEN LENNON

BERRI star Matt Hodge has taken home The Murray Pioneer Writers' Award in his first season of RFL, polling 34 votes in his 15 games.

The big-bodied midfielder went into the final minor round needing to out-score Renmark's Dan Woolford and, despite his side going down to the Panthers, Hodge was able to secure two votes, while Woolford went voteless.

Hodge entered the competition with a great deal of hype, having represented SA Country at junior and senior level, with a host of zone and interleague games under his belt, having played predominantly at Victor Harbor and Morphett Vale.

Berri fell narrowly short of a preliminary final berth after losing to Loxton last weekend, but it was ultimately a successful season for first-year coach Clint Ridgway, and Hodge played a large part.

He hit the ground running in the red and blue, polling nine votes in his first three games, and said that the RFL's large ovals helped him fit in quickly.

"Before I put on a bit of size and changed my game a bit after my injury, I was less of an inside player and more of an outside player because of my foot skills and they're something I pride myself

on," he said.
"I don't mind throwing my body around nowadays to get the ball out to guys like 'Teaser' (Luke Teasdale), but with the big grounds in the RFL I do get to find the space more and use my kicking."

Hodge, 36, resides in Adelaide and travels up to the Riverland for matches, with Ridgway leaving the 300-plus-gamer to his own devices during the week regarding training.

But, thanks to the high level of communication within the Berri ranks, Hodge said he has been able to remain across the side's gameplan from week to week.

"I could only get up there once throughout pre-season and we had a heap of regular players missing, so I didn't even meet half of the guys to start with," he said.

"But between 'Saf' (Peter Safralidis) and 'Ridgy' and I, we've got the CoachNow app and everything is online, so I get given our gameplan and everything.

'So I was on top of all of that, I knew what was going on, but it was more at the start just having to build those relationships.

"It didn't take long though and now I feel like I've played here for a few years, and I've formed a real-



WRITERS' PICK: Berri's Matt Hodge (centre) has taken out the 2022 Murray Pioneer Writers' Award after a stellar first season in the Riverland. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

ly good relationship with Teaser as well, which is good."

After narrowly losing to Loxton, the Demons will be looking to go deeper into the finals next year, with Hodge keen to go around again, although the on-baller admitted it's still "pretty early".

"If everything goes well - I mean I'm not sure where the club is at the moment - but I'd like to go again," he said.

"Playing only one year at a club isn't really my style."

With the under 18s through to a preliminary final this season and a number of recent graduates from the junior program shining in the seniors, Hodge has embraced the role of mentor in his first season at

"I try and give as much feedback as I can and a few of the young guys look up to me a bit too," he

"A few of those younger guys, I text them during the week to see how they're going and stuff, even though I'm not there at training.

'We're nearly there and we've shown signs this year that we're capable of pushing every side."

As well as accumulating plenty of possessions during the season, Hodge was also able to hit the scoreboard, booting 20 goals for the year.

Rounding out the top five were Renmark's Tim Woolford (31 votes), Loxton on-baller Will Gutsche (29 votes) and Rovers ruckman Zac Gartery (27 votes).

Top Indies honour to be decided

GRAND finals are around the corner and with that comes the Riverland footy awards season, with the Duthie and Whillas medals for the RFL Independents and A grade competitions respectively set to be decided in the next few weeks.

This Sunday afternoon sees the Independents come together for the Duthie Medal, a day after BSR and Wunkar decide who will face Sedan-Cambrai in the following weekend's grand final at Ramco.

The Redbacks boast a pair of frontrunners for the award, with captain and vice-captain Jake Medhurst and Cam Horstmann primed for a run at the coveted prize.

Medhurst led all comers in the goalkicking stakes this season, booting 63 goals in 14 games during the home and away season.

Horstmann on the other hand proved to be a damaging recruit, with his taller frame a strong asset to Alan Harvey's midfield.

Fellow recruit James Mapstone is another smokey amongst the Redbacks, after the smooth-mover was a strong performer across the BSR half backline all season.

Wunkar's greatest hope will likely be talismanic Tyson Renshaw, with the utility booting 25 goals and featuring in the best players for his side in 10 of the 15 minor round games.

Backman Lee Verrall was also a regular feature in the team of the week, but may be hampered by the Bulldogs' lack of wins compared to the top two.

Teammate Jono Wood also enjoyed a strong year, playing in a variety of positions for the third-placed Bulldogs.

As for the grand finalists, Sedan-Cambrai has a number of players who could see their name in lights come Sunday afternoon.

Jack Grace and Jackson Le Couteur have formed a dangerous combination up forward, while many will have Cameron Thompson pencilled in as the frontrunner for the medal.

Blake Edmonds will be the main hope coming out of Paruna, with the Brown's Well on-baller named in his side's best players in each of his 14 games.

Veteran ruckman and former senior coach and Duthie Medal winner Brian Hampel also had a strong year as the Bombers returned to finals footy, and is one of a number of Duthie Medal hopes in the ruck ranks throughout the competition.

Perhaps the likeliest of the bunch is Paringa's Isaac Frahn, but he may see his chances hampered by a disappointing campaign from the Swans.

He has, however, historically polled well in the event



BSR midfielder Cam Horstmann will go into Sunday's Duthie Medal count as one of the favourites, alongside a plethora of RFL Independent stars. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

and finished third in last year's count.

Reigning premier Ramco bowed out in the minor rounds this season after a difficult year defending its

The Roosters boast four standout performers for the year, with Jack Parfitt, Max Baddack, Nathan Hart and Adam Burckett all likely to poll well despite the side's struggles.

It's an open count with plenty to look forward to on the night, with Loxton netballer and former Thunderbird Emily Beaton locked in as guest speaker.

It also looms as a fitting night to honour the memory of last year's winner Bradley Walkley of Sedan-Cambrai, who tragically passed away following the 2021 season in a car accident.

Riverland Superdogs prevail in one-point thriller

IN their final home game of 2022, Riverland Superdogs came from behind to score a one-point victory over AFL Masters SA newcomers Tea Tree Gully at Lyrup Oval

Illness and injury prevented both sides from fielding full sides, but the game went ahead, albeit with shorter quarters.

Superdogs led by nine points at quarter time, but just two at half time.

Tea Tree Gully won the third

quarter to lead by 12 points at the final break.

At three quarter time Superdogs coach Darren Tieste shifted the injured Greg Schloithe to centre half back and Darren Kennedy into the ruck and the move paved the way for the Superdogs to kick four goals to two in an inspiring final quarter comeback. Superdog Paul Glassey kicked a goal in the final minute to clinch victory.

Meanwhile an AFL Masters SA mini carnival will be held at West Adelaide Football Club on August 28 in preparation for the national carnival in September. The Superdogs' final game for the season will be away against East Hectorville on September 11.

RESULT

Riverland Superdogs 10.8 (68) d Tea Tree Gully 10.7 (67).

RIVERLAND BEST: D. Lellmann, J. King, M. Kruger, B. Wierda, D. Kennedy, G. RIVERLAND GOALS: M. Kruger 5; R. Johnstone, D. Lellmann, J. King, G. Schloithe, P. Glassey.

RIVERLAND EIGHTBALL RESULTS:

Division one/two Monash Club Bandits 11

d Loxton 5: Lyrup Club Muppets 13 d Loxton RSL BC 3; Barmera Balls in Holes 15 d Paringa Bushy 1; Monash Club 11 d Barmera Bowling Club 5: Mundic Yabbies 9 d Cobbers 7: Renmark Bowling Club 9 d Lyrup Odd Bunch 7. Points: Lyrup Club Muppets 33; Barmera Balls in Holes 32: Monash Club Bandits 24:

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Yabbies 18: Cobbers 15: Loxton 15; Loxton RSL BC 14: Lyrup Odd Bunch 14; Paringa Bushy 13; Renmark Bowling Club 10; Barmera Bowling Club 7.

Division three Cobby G.O.B 10 d Cobby Scorpions 6: Cobby Club 9 d Loxton Black 7; Barmera Pelicans 9 d Renmark Bowling Club 7; Titko Radlyanko 9 d Lyrup

Club 7. Points: Titko Radlyanko 32; Loxton Black 31;

Barmera Pelicans 26: Lyrup Club 15; Cobby Club 15; Cobby G.O.B 14; Renmark Bowling Club 10; Cobby Scorpions 1.

Division four Cobby Eagles 11 d Riverland Respite 5; Cobby Roos 8 drew with Bourbon Legends 8: Lyrup Club 11 d Lyrup Club

Blue 5. Points: Lyrup Club 32; Bourbon Legends 21; Lyrup Club Blue 20; Cobby Roos 18: Cobby Eagles 17; Riverland Respite 0.



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WEEKLY WINNERS

Top 2 tipsters plus 2 bonus meal vouchers drawn every week.

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

TOP TWO TIPSTERS

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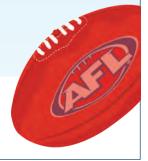














In a rematch of last year's RFL A grade grand final, Renmark will face Waikerie in this weekend's second semi-final, with a guaranteed grand final spot on the line. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

Second semi a grand final rematch

when the RFL A grade's top two sides of the minor rounds do battle in this weekend's second semifinal.

It's a rematch of the 2021 grand final, with Renmark hosting Waikerie on Saturday afternoon in front of what is sure to be a packed house at The Kennel.

Both sides enter the contest following a week off, while Berri and Loxton slugged it out for a spot in the preliminary final, but now the stakes are high for the Rovers and the Magpies, with a spot in the grand final on the line.

The sides haven't met since they contested the Gill-Lehmann Cup

FAMILIAR foes will meet again in round 12, with Renmark running out 10-goal victors away from home.

> Tim Woolford dominated that afternoon, amassing a number of disposals and distributing with typical efficiency.

> The Rovers won the other two encounters between the clubs during the year, with a three-goal win in round two and another 10-goal victory in round seven.

> But, Waikerie coach Shayne Stevens will take solace in the fact that he was unable to field a full complement of players on any of the above occasions, and now boasts a near full-strength side heading into Saturday's encounter.

His team dominated a do-ordie encounter against Loxton last time out, comfortably defeating the Tigers and claiming second spot in the contest.

Matt Spencely has recaptured his early-season form and has started to hit the scoreboard again after a lull in the middle of the year.

His brother, Jake, has been in terrific form since returning from suspension early in the year and, alongside Brendon Moon, has impressed in the Magpie midfield.

The midfield could need to be firing on all cylinders to match it with Renmark, as Josh Vater's side boasts arguably the most impressive quartet in the competition, with Zac Gartery, Tim Woolford, Vater and Ricky Garrett all putting together strong years on the ball.

Renmark's advantage will be its fitness and strength out wide, with the switch likely to be an important part of Vater's gameplan.

Conversely, Waikerie has looked its best in recent matches when utilising the height of Dustin Gordon and Jack Burgemeister up forward, with the latter a willing target for the Magpies' desired inboard kick to centre half forward from the

Jack Austin should return to action for Renmark after battling an achilles problem in the latter stages of the minor round, while

veteran Matt Woolford will have relished the week off after struggling with calf issues of late.

Both sides will be keen to avoid a loss, with a refreshed Loxton awaiting the loser in the preliminary final, after the Tigers received a week off due to the new finals structure.

Both coaches have openly lamented the re-structuring of the series, but Vater in particular has been vocal about the week off perhaps not being as advantageous as many think.

Still, the prize on offer is greater than the punishment, with a spot in the grand final up for grabs in what is sure to be a gripping encounter.

AROUND THE GROUNDS: FIRST SEMI-FINAL

B GRADE

Loxton North 14.8 (92) d Renmark 5.3 (33).

BEST: Loxton North - S. Meneghetti, J. Neumann, D. Proud, M. Akaso, R. Proud, M. Trezise. Renmark - J. Bonner, M. Smith, C. Gartery, T. Austin, D. Strongman,

GOALS: Loxton North - R. Proud 8, J. Nelson 2, M. Arnold, S. Meneghetti, D. Proud, M. Schinckel. Renmark - M. Smith 2, M. O'Loughlin, C. Gartery, S. Kahlon.

Rvan Proud showed how much talent he still has to offer with an eight-goal performance in last Saturday's RFL B grade first semi-final.

His prowess was on full display from the first bounce against Renmark, with Aaron Camplin's side struggling to find a match-up for the mid-sized forward. North established an early lead and held onto it for the entirety of the clash, with the home side able to nullify the athletic exploits of Renmark

The Rovers struggled to cope with the pressure of the home side, with tension boiling over from both teams on a number of occasions, and a yellow card brandished from the umpire to Renmark's Russell

Steve Kahlon converted a set shot in the final term to give the visitors some hope but it was ultimately in vain as Renmark fell by a comfortable margin.

UNDER 18S

Berri 9.13 (67) d Barmera-Monash 6.8 (44). BEST: Berri - M. Foulds, D. Greer, R. Moroney, H. Johns, D. Westley, S. Johns, Barmera-Monash -

details not provided. GOALS: Berri - H. Campbell, D. Westley 2, E. Bains,

M. Foulds, J. Kelly, R. Kruger, R, Moroney. A high-quality clash between two even teams saw Berri emerge on top in the under 18s, ending the season for Barmera-Monash.

Rory Moroney, who would later feature in the A grade match against Loxton, was instrumental in the victory. along with skipper Mitchell Foulds, with both register-



Loxton North defeated Renmark in a physical encounter at Panther Park to progress to the RFL B grade preliminary final. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

ing a major in the contest.

Dan Westley and Heath Campbell added two for the Demons, as the side edged ahead in the second half and ran out 23-point victors.

UNDER 15S

Loxton 5.8 (38) d Barmera-Monash 5.4 (34).

BEST: Loxton - details not provided. Barmera-Monash - F. Dillon, B. Scordo, J. Dymmott, T. Allder, W. Nuske, T. Drogemuller.

GOALS: Loxton - K. Evans, A. Giles 2, M. Sexton. Barmera-Monash - T. Drogemuller, J. Dymmott 2, H.

Loxton was able to overcome a nine-point deficit at the end of the third quarter to run out narrow victors over Barmera-Monash in the under 15s.

Two goals each to Tony Drogemuller and Fletcher Dillon saw the Roos gain the ascendancy early in the clash, before Loxton hit its straps in the final

Skipper Kaiden Evans led from the front, as he has done all year, booting two majors for the Tigers as they set up a date with the loser of Berri and Renmark at Waikerie in two weeks' time.

UNDER 13S

Waikerie 9.10 (64) d Loxton North 3.3 (21).

BEST: Waikerie - K. Taverner, C. Collins, H. Radolovic-Tripodi, R. Macey, J. Coombe, P. Singh-Sandhu. Loxton North - E. Dalzell, S. Williams, T. Meaney, C. Schwarz, A. Kent, D. May.

GOALS: Waikerie – R. Macey 4, J. Coombe 3, J. Taverner 2. Loxton North – W. King, T. Meaney, C.

While undefeated Barmera-Monash and reigning premier Renmark took a week off, Waikerie stormed to victory over Loxton North in the under 13s

The Magpies flew out of the blocks to establish a commanding early lead, holding the Panthers goales until the third term

Jace Taverner starred in the win and was named best for Waikerie after his three-goal performance, while Ryan Macey booted four majors to brings his tally to 33 for the year.

The Panthers were aided by strong performances from Eira Dalzell and Sam Williams, while skipper Thomas Meaney was named third-best and kicked a goal, but it was not to be for the home side as their

season came to an end. **FIXTURES**

Second semi-final @ Renmark

Under 13 8.45am: Barmera-Monash vs Renmark

Under 15

9.55am: Berri vs Renmark

Under 18

11.20am: Loxton North vs Waikerie

B grade

1pm: Loxton vs Berri

A grade 2.40pm: Renmark vs Waikerie

Heated men's battle marks final round

BEN LENNON

AN incomplete game has marred the final Riverland A grade men's hockey minor round for 2022, with a verbal dissent incident leaving an umpire unwilling to officiate the match between Waikerie and Loxton.

No neutral umpire was available to take the place of the initial officiator, with both captains agreeing to abandon the game.

The Riverland Hockey Association is yet to announce what action it will take following the incident.

Meanwhile, Berri managed to narrowly defeat Renmark in a tight contest in the other A grade men's match of the round.

A goal from club legend Brett Stokes and singles to both Riley and Jordan Burgess were enough to sink a gallant Renmark side.

Shawn Couch and Jay Botten were named among the best for Renmark, as was goalkeeper Jacob Mackenzie, who kept the scoreline from blowing out further.

Maddy Spano was named in the best players for Berri after returning from the state country championships a fortnight ago.

In the women's division, Renmark prevailed over Waikerie thanks largely to two goals from Carla Reay.

Reay's double, along with goals from Mae Camporeale and Kylie Barton were enough to overcome a Waikerie side that refused to go away, with Justice Ebert, Jade Kroehn and Zali Schiller all netting for the Knights.

Berri defeated Renmark by four goals in the women's under 17 division, while the combined Loxton and Renmark side picked up two wins in the men's under

Renmark and Berri played out a physical encounter in the men's B grade, with three players shown green cards for physical contact.

Waikerie would go on to win the clash 5-0, thanks largely to a hattrick from Lachlan Stokes.

With the minor rounds now finished for the season, the competition looks to an exciting finals series, with the A grade sides set to hit the pitch on Saturday night in Berri.

SCHEDULE

Friday, August 26 @ Berri

6.30pm: B women - Berri vs Loxton 8pm: B men - Loxton vs Renmark

Saturday, August 27 @ Berri 9am: Under 12 - Berri Blue vs Berri Red; Waikerie vs Renmark. 10:10am: Under 14 – Berri vs Renmark.

11:20am: Under 17 men - Loxton/ Renmark vs Berri. Under 17 women -Loxton vs Renmark

12.40pm: Under 17 women - Berri vs Waikerie.

2pm: B men - Waikerie vs Berri. 3.30pm: B women - Waikerie vs Renmark.

5pm: A men - Waikerie vs Berri. 6.30pm: A women - Berri vs Renmark. 8pm: A men - Renmark vs Loxton.

RESULTS

MEN

A grade

Waikerie vs Loxton Match abandoned due to "umpire abuse". Berri 3 d Renmark 2.

Best: Berri - J. Burgess, R. Burgess, M. Spano, M. Gray. Renmark - J. Botton, J. Mackenzie, S. Crouch. Goals: Berri - J. Burgess, R. Burgess, B.

Stokes. Renmark - D. Smart, B. Cutts.

B grade

Loxton 1 d Waikerie 0. Best: Loxton - K. Hennig, B.



Waikerie will head into the Riverland A grade men's hockey finals this weekend as favourites for its clash against Berri. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

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Hammerstein, R. Gow, D. Schubert. Waikerie - M. Johnson, G. Matulick, K. Schiller, A. Nitschke. Goals: Loxton - R. Gow Berri 5 d Renmark O. Best: Berri - L. Russick, H. Eskie, A.

Stokes. Renmark - T. Berends, B. Harding, M. Shugg, K. Selga. Goals: Berri - L. Stokes 3, M. O'Callaghan,

S. Moldovan.

Under 17

Loxton/Renmark 4 d Berri 1. Best: Loxton/Renmark - J. Botten, T. McDonald, I. Schaefer, C. Morgan. Berri -S. Martin, K. Stokes, R. Ingerson. Goals: Loxton/Renmark - J. Botten 3, D. Everett. Berri - K. Stokes. Loxton/Renmark 1 d Waikerie 0. Best: Loxton/Renmark - J. Botten, F. Hayes, I. Schaefer, C. Hennig. Waikerie -C. Ridney, C. Thiele, L. Ebert, K. Schiller. Goals: Loxton/Renmark - J. Botten.

WOMEN

A grade Renmark 4 d Waikerie 3. Best: Renmark - K. Richardson, A. Spence, M. Camporeale, E. Pick. Waikerie T. Schmidt, J. Ebert, E. Sweet-Hite, J.

Goals: Renmark - C. Reay 2, M. Camporeale, K. Barton. Waikerie - J.

B grade

Waikerie 3 d Loxton 1. Best: Waikerie – A. Nitschke, A. Kroehn, N. Rayner, A. Edwards. Loxton – B. Geraghty, S. Robinson, K. Loskowski, A. Oxlade. Goals: Waikerie - V. Schmidt 2, A. Nitschke. Loxton - A. Oxlade. Renmark 1 d Berri 0. Best: Renmark – K. Beer, K. Barton, L. Hoffmann. Berri – R. Hronopoulos, K. Jury, L. Vallelonga, E. Vallelonga.

Goals: Renmark - K. Barton.

Loxton 2 d Waikerie 0. Best: Loxton - C. Smart, E. Schaefer, C. Elbourne, R. McDonald. Waikerie - J. Kroehn, T. Jolley, A. Nitschke, A. Edwards. Goals: Loxton - E. Schaefer 2. Berri 4 d Renmark 0.

Best: Berri - L. Vallelonga, A. Herbert, D. O'Callaghan, E. Rothe. Renmark - details

Goals: Berri - L. Vallelonga 2, M. Stokes, A. Herbert.

Under 14

Waikerie 7 d Renmark 1. Best: Waikerie - A. Edwards, Z. Plantado, K. Schiller. Renmark - J. Everett, A. Schubert, M. Pick, P. Richardson. Goals: Waikerie - G. Matulick 3, C. Gogal 2, Z. Plantado, K. Schiller. Renmark - J. Everett.

Under 12

Berri Blue 2 d Berri Red 0. Best: Berri Blue – J. Vallelonga, A. Dale, H. Martin, J. Sweet. Berri Red – E. Bascomb, C. Camilleri, B. O'Callaghan. Goals: Berri Blue - L. Vallelonga, A. Dale. Renmark 1 d Waikerie O. Best: Renmark - L. Cook, C. Vowles, L. Everett, H. Keynes. Waikerie - S. Kroehn, A. Lehmann, M. Ahmed, R. Collins. Goals: Renmark - H. Keynes.

Keen Callie's SA hockey selection honour

CHRISTINE WEBSTER

A JUNIOR Waikerie Hockey Club player has been selected in the SA 12 and under girls' team, competing in the School Sport Australia Hockey Championships in Canberra this week.

Callie Loffler, 11, plays for Waikerie in the under 12 girls and mixed competitions and sometimes in the under 17 girls teams.

Call, who also plays for the North East Hockey Club in Adelaide, said she was "really excited" to be picked for SA.

She has been preparing hard for the national competition, taking part in four training sessions in Adelaide and practising at home.

"We have a hockey pitch at our house and I often go down there and practice," she

Her father, George Loffler, a former Waikerie Hockey Club coach, said he was "proud" of his second youngest daughter.

Callie is following in the footsteps of her two older sisters, Aaliyah, 17, and Latia, 15, who have also represented SA at the nation al school hockey championships.

Aaliyah now plays in SA's Premier League.

Callie's mother Sheree, 43, has played hockey for 15 years for both Waikerie and North East.

Mr Loffler also played the sport for 30 years for Waikerie and coached many levels of hockey in the town including the men's and women's A and B grades.

Callie enjoys the competitive nature of hockey and hopes to also play for the Premier League, like her oldest sister.

The Waikerie Lutheran Primary School year 6 student also enjoys the friends she has made in Waikerie and from across SA through hockey.



Waikerie's Callie Loffler has been selected in the SA 12 and under girls team, which is competing in the School Sport Australia Hockey Championships in Canberra this week. PHOTO: Christine Webster

She said friendships have also been developed in her SA team competing this week.

"There are two or three in the team each from different clubs, so they don't really have a big team to hang out with," she said.

'So we all hang out together and we are all good friends."

Mr Loffler said young sportspeople like Callie, who come from regional areas, tend to learn commitment at an early age.

"Country hockey is good because it is nothing for us to drive an hour to play a game," Mr Loffler said.

He said the distance involved in also travelling to the city to compete and train was also a strong motivator.

"The commitment seems to be higher from country kids," Mr Loffler said.

"You have to be committed to be good at it because often the best facilities are not right here in the country."



Marg Lemmey Trophy winner Gloria Dyer (right) with runner-up Colby Knight. PHOTO: supplied

Women's eightball returns for new season

AFTER months on the sidelines following the 2021/22 season, Riverland women's eightball is back for another year, with round one kicking off last Monday night.

Monash Club DV8s shot to the top of the table, with a convincing 13-2 win over Barmera Bowling Club Cue-Ts, while Waikerie Club sits in second after defeating Lyrup Lion Cubs 11-3.

Prior to the start of the season, the association held the annual Marg Lemmey Trophy at the Lyrup Club.

Gloria Dyer of Barmera Bowling Club Bonnie Pelicans emerged victorious after 36 women took to the tables, with Colby Knight taking out the runner-up honours.

A consolation plate was won by Trish Stieler, after she defeated Christine Walton.

RESULTS

Waikerie Club 11 d Lyrup Lion Cubs 3. Monash Club DV8s 13 d Barmera Bowling Club Cue-Ts

Remark Roses 9 d Lyrup Club Blue 6. Barmera Bowling Club Bonnie Pelicans 10 d Lyrup

Pelicans back on top of the perch

BEN LENNON

A 4-2 victory over second-placed Renmark ensured Barmera would end the 2022 Riverland soccer season as of the open men's division.

The side has followed in the footsteps of its female counterparts, who secured the league title nearly a month ago in emphatic

The men's side has been similarly dominant and has looked the likeliest candidate for the title for some time, but had to see off a gallant Olympic outfit at Renmark in the penultimate game of the season.

Michael Cartwright netted twice for the home side, including the opener, but four individual goalscorers for the Pelicans saw the side over the line.

Barmera coach and president Neil Bourton was "relieved" to have finally secured the title after what was a topsyturvy season for all Riverland clubs.

"Trying to find places for all our senior players at the start of the year was tricky, but we were soon hit by injuries and Covid and things like that," he said.

"You'd think our numbers were an advantage, but we actually had to rely heavily on our under 16s sometimes because we didn't actually have enough players.

"It felt like we had a lot of players, but we had a lot of people missing. Once I think we had about five players missing in one week.

"We've only really now got our full squad available, which is an advantage going into the Top Four Cup."

The Pelicans won 12 of a possible 14 games throughout the campaign, losing just once to Renmark earlier in the season.

Bourton believes that the culture of the club played a major role in the men's side's success, and said it "applies to all the grades".

"It's our whole club really..." Bourton

"The way the committee wants the club to run is a real one-club policy.

"We all try and train the same way and our coaches have all got qualifications, so we all try and go about things the same way.

"For me, the culture at the club is probably the most important thing.

"If you've got a good culture, everything flows through from there.'

The Pelicans now have just one round

remaining in the regular season before contesting the Top Four Cup – the Riverland's traditional season-ending tournament.

Bourton said while the cup would be "the cherry on top", the league title has always been his priority.

"The premiership is the one you want to win, without a doubt," he said.

"I'm English so I think the way the Riverland soccer is set up is how all sports should be set up.

"The league is the cake and the cup is the cherry on top."

Meanwhile, with the open men's competition contested on Friday night, Sunday saw the women take centre stage, with Renmark recording a massive victory over Loxton.

Olympic ran out 15-0 winners, with star Amelia Koumbarakos netting 10 times in the victory.

The competition will now break for a week, with 55 Riverlanders in action at the country championships in Mildura.

The season will then recommence the following week for the final minor round, before moving into the Top Four Cup.

RESULTS

Open men

Barmera 4 d Renmark 2.

Goals: Barmera - D. Kanakaris, J. Trudgian, J. Wallace, T. Mitchell. Renmark - M. Cartwright 2.

Berri 9 d Loxton 3. Goals: Berri - D. Greer 4, G. Koutouzis 2, F. Vallelonga, J. Sawyer. Loxton - J. Bertram 2, L.

Psarakis. Open women

Renmark 15 d Loxton 0.

Goals: Renmark - A. Koumbarakos 10, A. Pavlomanolkos 4, C. Gadaleta.

Under 16

Berri 8 d Loxton 0.

Goals: Berri - C. Vallelonga 3, J. Krendl 2, A. Lange, I. Morgan, A. Nobile.

Barmera 1 d Renmark 0.

Goals: Barmera - J. Bourton. Under 14

Renmark 3 d Barmera 2.

Goals: Renmark - B. Altundag, J. Cartwright, J. Callery. Barmera - M. Mitchell, A. Liddell. Berri 5 d Loxton 0.

Goals: Berri - C. Vallelonga 2, I. Morgan, A. Lange, Z. Hronopoulos. Under 12

Renmark Black 3 drew with Barmera 3.

Goals: Renmark Black - N. Meimetis, J. Parker, S. Elliot. Barmera – J. Hunter 2, A. Perry.

Berri 3 d Renmark White 2. Goals: Berri - K. Krendl 3. Renmark White - L. Brown, J. Curtis.

Barmera captain James Wallace celebrates one of Barmera's four goals in his side's titleclinching win over Renmark. PHOTOS: Grant Schwartzkopff



Tony Mitchell found the back of the net in Barmera's win, his ninth goal of the season.

39 years between drinks for winning Wade

BEN LENNON

AFTER previously winning the Berri Golf Club championship in 1983, veteran golfer Stephen Wade has again raised the coveted trophy aloft after holding off Rob Day in a tight contest last Sunday.

Wade triumphed after the two had been neck and neck all afternoon in the final, with the now 62-year-old, who celebrated his birthday yesterday, triumphing on the 36th

"It was very tight all day," Wade said.

"I've been focusing on being more consistent, because over the years I've been quite up and down.'

Wade believes his 39-year gap between championship wins "might be a record" and says his most recent victory is the more satisfying of the two.

"This one definitely ranks higher," he said. "To win a second one at this age – I mean this body has a used-by date and it's probably pretty close.'

Despite the age factor, Wade says he is keen to "have another crack" at the title in 2023.

Meanwhile, Ann-Marie Crease edged out

Annette Thiel after 28 holes to be crowned the champion of the women's division.

Andy Giles took out the men's B grade division by defeating Matt Clifford 5-up, but it was the C grade that provided arguably the most drama of the day.

Dave Gregoric and Paul Efthimiou went head-to-head across 29 holes, with the former eventually triumphant over the up-and-

The club is still accepting entries into the Berri Open, with further information available on the club's website.

RESULTS

BERRI

Wednesday, August 17

Stableford: S. Palat 39, M. Heuzenroeder 37, R. Day 37, J. Bowers 36 (cb), A. Thurmer 36, G. Morrison 35 (cb), R. Knight 35, C. Foreman 34, J. Skinner 33 (cb), G. Mack 33, P. Mudge 33. Saturday, August 20

Stableford: L. Campbell 38, P. Martin 37, S. Marsden 34 (cb), A. Brand 34, J. Curren 34, D. Gregoric 34, M. Heuzenroeder 33 (cb), B. Eckermann 33, A. Giles 33.

Sunday, August 21 **Club championships**

Men

A grade: S. Wade d R. Day (36th hole). B grade: A. Giles d M. Clifford (5-up). C grade: D. Gregoric d P. Efthimiou (29th hole).



Andy Giles, Matt Clifford, Dave Gregoric, Rob Day, Paul Efthimiou, Stephen Wade, Ann-Marie Crease and Annette Thiel following the 2022 Berri Golf Club championships. PHOTO: supplied.

A grade: A. Crease d A. Thiel (28th hole).

LOXTON

Wednesday, August 17

Stableford: S. Semmler 36, D. Tyler 36, T. Arndt 36, G. MacInnes 36.

Women Stableford: D. Harman 33, S. Pannell 32, S. Grein 30, M. Thomson 26. Saturday, August 20

Men

Stableford: A grade - H. Kara-Ali 39, J. Goldsworthy 37, B. Proud 36. B grade - G. MacInnes 40, B. Frahn

37. S. Patching 35. Women

Stableford: J. Patching 32, M. Thomson 31, J. Ling 29.

18s out, 17s in

BEN LENNON

AS the RFL enters the pointy end of the season, the commission has announced a change to the junior football structure for 2023.

In a bid to solidify numbers in the B grade competition, the RFL has done away with the current under 18 competition in favour of an under 17s.

All other junior grades will remain the same, with a twoyear gap between competitions now consistent throughout all age groups.

RFL president Mark Wright said there was "no secret numbers are declining in rural football", and hopes that the change can help keep more kids in the game.

"There's a lot of fors and againsts and a lot of fluctuation of numbers from club to club and year to year, so what we're trying to achieve is to ensure consistency with numbers across the board," Mr Wright said.

"We've crunched the numbers with PlayHQ and SportsTG over the years and what we've found is that we keep 50 per cent of kids moving out of under 18 football.

"That's very consistent data over the last six or seven years, which is as far back as we've gone, but if we went further I think we'd find it exactly the same.

"We lose those kids because they finish year 12 and go to Adelaide or they go to university, or they don't find work or they simply don't play football anymore

"A lot of kids transition out of footy between 16 and 18, so that's sort of our trouble age group, and that's pretty consistent across the state."

Numerous RFL clubs have struggled to fill B grade teams over the course of the season, with Covid playing a major part in the difficulties.

Mr Wright hopes that lowering the age range of the under 18s will push more kids to play senior footy at an earlier age.

"We've got very highly declining numbers in the B grade and we have a lot of B grade footballers that are well over the age of 35," Mr Wright said.

"We're trying to get more younger kids playing B grade foot-

The RFL will change its junior structure next year, with an under 17s competition set to replace the current under 18s division. PHOTO: Grant Schwartzkopff

ball while they're still living here."

Another factor behind the decision was the RFL's desire to eliminate kids playing more than one game per weekend where possible.

"We've already got kids that play two games a week and we're trying to reduce that..." Mr Wright

"A lot of kids over the years play lots of footy when they probably shouldn't for development reasons or with injuries.

"The RFL still has a duty of care for all people playing sport, so if we can reduce that amount of kids playing two games per week, it'll benefit the game."

The opportunity remains for clubs to obtain permits for those who desire to play in a lower grade than their age bracket.

"There's still the ability to play up or down," Mr Wright said.

"If little Johnny is 17 going on 18 and doesn't quite have the ability to play B grade, there's still an opportunity to play as an over-ager.

"We're trying to do our best, from an RFL perspective, to improve the numbers game and improve the way we run the RFL system"



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Overtime needed in A1 netball semi

A PAIR of preliminary final hopefuls needed a fifth quarter to separate them last Friday night, with Loxton North narrowly prevailing over Barmera in extra time in the A1 netball first semi-final.

Scores were level at the end of the third quarter and again at full time, before Loxton North's superior fitness saw it over the line by eight goals.

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